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Tomáš Hertl of the Sharks

CZECH HOCKEY HERITAGE NIGHT FEBRUARY 15th, 2017
Sharks Stadium-SAP Center, San Jose, CA




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Pictures on page 2 are:

1/ Walking the sand dunes at Año Nuevo State Park to see the elephant seals at their breeding grounds. Sokol walk on January26, 2017.

2/ Elephant seals mothers and babies basking in a weak January sunlight at one of many Ano Nuevo State Park beaches.

3/ Freeway I-5 on February 18 at Williams. The line was ten miles long as cars were passing one by one through the deep water. It was a slow beginning of Sokol SF trip to Malin.

4/ Sunday Morning at Klamath Falls. Crisp air and light snow instead of California floods. We were at more than 4,100 feet elevation.

5/ Welcome to Malin. Kalina Hardware store shows it's Czech roots. In 1922 one of the family was elected the first mayor of a newly incorporated town of Malin.

6/ Ryan Bartholomew (on the left, under the Czech flag), President of Malin Historical Society, with a Sokol SF group. Trophies from many sport competitions on the Museum walls confirm that the small village always paid attention to athletics.

7/ Members of Sokol SF and the Krasna Budoucnost Lodge. Back row from left: Milos Zivny, Helena Kozler, Zdenek Vernak, Janice Wade, Zelmira Zivny, Karen Victorine Robison, Helena Vernak, Jara Dusatko. Front row from left: David Victorine, President of the Lodge, Jana Wichova, Pavel Soltys.

8/ Lot of good food, homemade jaternice, old fashioned Czech strudel, and a lot of people enjoying the gathering.



In the year of 1928 Mr. A. Kalina, Mayor of Malin, Oregon, received a diploma from Sokol in Malin, Czechoslovakia. We have admired the diploma original in Malin's Museum.

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"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney

Please pay attention to Sokol news and information on our unit website: http://www.sokolsf.org/

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SOKOL UNIT CORNER

Sokol San Francisco
has now 69 Members
39 females, 30 males

Sis. Libuse Sikl passed away
January 17, 2017

Donations 2017:
J. Wichova- $64; J. Prosr-$4; Z. & H. Vernak $20;
Ch. Rousset $14; V. Machacek $30; P. Burda $ 18;
Z. Zivny $13.97; H. Sredl $50

Total: $ 213.97

Dear Sokol members, donations are truly appreciated

SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO CALENDAR of EVENTS 2017 The dates are tentative and might be changed.

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
March 18, Saturday	Walk for Health, To Masaryk's bus	Golden Gate Park
March 23, Thursday	The Art of the Czech Easter Eggs Decoration	Orinda Community Center, 7-9 pm
April 1, Saturday	Spring Dinner and Dance	Tentative, will be publicized
May 6, Thursday	Walk for Health - Botanic Garden	Berkeley
June 10, Saturday	Spring Picnic and Children's Day	Lake Chabot, Castro Valley, CA
June 22 to 25	American Sokol XXIV. Slet and Festival	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
July 16-23, 2017	Family camp, one week	Dinkey Creek
September 10, Sun	Fall Picnic, Muzicka performance	Lake Chabot, Castro Valley, CA
September 29 to October 1	Festival, All weekend long festivities	Orinda/Tabor Sister City Orinda
October 14, Sat.	Walk for Health	Sibley Volcanic Preserve
November	Walk for Health Mushroom	(weather permitting)
December 2, Sat.	Sokol SF Annual Meeting	Tentative, will be publicized
December 3	Czech Christmas Cookies Demonstration	Orinda Community Center
Jan. 6 2018, Sat	End of the Year Dinner and Dance	Tentative, will be publicized

First Walk of 2017

You can visit some places again and again and they will always surprise you, they are changing, showing new things, offering new views. Año Nuevo State Park and Preserve is definitely one of them. The wild, ragged coast goes through changes every winter and its visitors and inhabitants, the elephant seals, might occupy the beaches in hundreds or thousands but they will always be an incredible show.

We went to Año Nuevo for the second time in three years and the huge elephant seals males and their large harems and cute babies did not disappoint.

It is a little more organized this year than we remember from January 2014 but considering how many tourists are coming here, it could not be done any other way. An adult elephant seal bull can be as heavy as 2 and ½ tons and interaction with people might be quite dangerous. You still get your good walk before meeting first single, half asleep and visibly bored animals in the dunes. Then there might be a small beach, a large family, then more of animals here and there and suddenly you are on the top of a cliff and in front of you just hundreds and hundreds of smelling and sun bathing pretty females, crawling pups and huge, dominant males. The Ano Nuevo coast is probably the world's largest colony of northern elephant seals and you can see many such harems on the beaches around. It is incredible the they were just 200 elephant seals left at the end of nineteen century. They were slaughtered for years for the oil rendered from their blubber and it seemed almost impossible that one day they might recover. What a wonderful comeback they made and what a pleasure it is to see Mother Nature to bring back what people have almost destroyed.

Zelmira Zivny

First Czech Heritage Night Exceeds All Expectations!

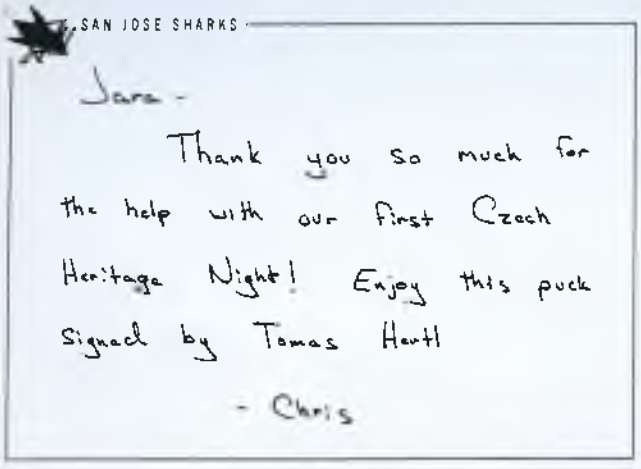
When in early August the Czech Honorary Consul General's Office received a phone call from the San Jose Sharks regarding the possibility of organizing a "Czech Heritage Night" in early 2017, the idea seemed worth exploring further, after all, nothing like it had been done in the Bay Area around a sporting event before.

When the Sokol SF Board met in September, everyone in attendance had a similar reaction - we liked the idea, but just weren't sure what the reaction from the public would be like. So we approached the event cautiously and joined forces with the Orinda/Tabor Sister City Foundation and purchased 50 tickets, 25 by each organization. The day we purchased those initial tickets - without doing any advertising whatsoever - they sold out. So we purchased another 20 tickets. By the next day, those were gone. And so it continued.
On February 15th, the Shark Tank at the SAP Center became home for the San Jose Sharks' first ever Czech Heritage Night. That night, Tomas Hertl (of the Sharks) played Jaromir Jagr (of the Florida Panthers) on Jagr's 45th birthday. Czech flags could be seen throughout the stadium, the Czech language was heard throughout the hallways, and the overall atmosphere was filled with Czech spirit. The game was exciting too, as Jagr registered his 1900th point and the Panthers won 6-5 in overtime. After the conclusion of the game, Czech fans gathered for a group photo on the ice with Hertl, which was a very special way to end the evening not just for the fans, but also for Hertl who thanked all the participants and even recognized Sokol with a #sokolsf on his Facebook page!

So if you're left wondering just exactly how many participants there were for Czech Heritage Night - the day after the game, the Sharks reported that a grand-total of 480 tickets were sold, 291 by Sokol SF and Orinda/Tabor, 150 by the Czech School, and the remainder by the Sharks. An unbelievable turn-out that exceeded all of our expectations! Thank you again to those of you who purchased tickets through Sokol SF, we hope this becomes an annual event!

Linda Janourova-Tang

Acknowledgment.(excerpts)
Executive Vice President, Chief Sales Manager and Marketing Officer, San Jose Sharks – Flavil Hampsten sent (posted) a letter to the Czech Honorary Consulate Office in San Francisco:
On behalf of the San Jose Sharks organization, I would like to recognize the Honorary Consulate's Office, specially Linda Janourova, as partners in our first Czech Heritage Night. Through* dedication of key members *of the local Czech community, we were able to create one of the largest single group outings in Sharks history. ... Rallying around NHL players and Czech icons – Jaromir Jagr and Tomas Hertl, we build and event, that attracted close to 500 (Czech) guests.


SAN JOSE SHARKS

Jana -

Thank you so much for the help with our first Czech Heritage Night! Enjoy this puck signed by Tomas Hertl

- Chris

Sincerely,

Flavil Hampsten

Executive Vice President, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer
San Jose Sharks



A Piece of Czech Life in Southern Oregon

We had waited almost a year for an opportunity to visit Malin, a small village at the California-Oregon border, founded in the year of 1909 by a group of Czech settlers.
The opportunity to remember [and celebrate] Czech heritage and tradition finally came, in the form of a Jaternice Dinner – a Czech gathering in the middle of winter, a convenient time for farmers. All of the 66

Czech founding families were originally farmers. In America, they had settled in large cities in the Midwest, working in factories or mines. But they wanted to go back to farming, to owning their own land. A Czech Colonization Club based in Omaha organized their effort and sent three of its members to go and find a place good for farming where they could establish a new community.
To visit Malin, we left the Bay Area on the Saturday of the President's Day weekend and hoped that the rain would be merciful. And it almost was, raining just lightly, on and off. Unfortunately, there were still consequences of the rain which fell overnight, the day before, and all the days and weeks before that. Traveling in different cars, we kept contact by phone. When I called Jara Dusatko to ask how far ahead they were, in Pavel Soltys', she hesitated a little before answering that they were almost at Williams but it is getting slower now. Three hours later, they were still close to Williams and so were we and hundreds of other cars on I-5 North and South. Then we came to the critical point: each car drove slowly, one by one, through water that flowed across the freeway from flooded fields on the West side to flooded fields on the East side. Caltrans employees directed the traffic through the brownish water. Some cars apparently did not make it through and tow trucks were enjoying great business. Eventually, we got through the flood and the rest of the way was just a breeze.
We stayed overnight in Klamath Falls and in the morning, looked in surprise to see wonderful, feathery-light snow covering everything around. This was not the rainy Bay Area anymore; we were at higher elevation, with Mount Shasta just around the corner.

The snow was already melting when we arrived in Malin and gathered at the Malin Museum, reading and learning more of the city's young and interesting history. It is a real story from American West, ~~at~~ this time with a Czech background.

In 1909, three scouts traveled west from Omaha: Vaclav Vostrcil, J.A. Sobotka and Frank Zumpfe. They considered different federal irrigation projects and decided on an area within the Klamath Irrigation Project. The arrival of Czech settlers brought ~~a~~ new life to the area, which was just recently irrigated and ready for farmers. In September of 1909, **sixty-six** Czech families arrived and bought plots of fertile, high desert land south of the Klamath Falls.

What is left of their past, their heritage, their culture? You may think that not much. Malin is an American farming village and there are more farmers of Mexican than Czech origin today. But there is something different from the other villages you see along the highway. There is no old rusting machinery, no old pickup trucks anywhere; Malin is clean and organized, with wide streets, a beautiful large city park, an Olympic-size swimming pool, and ~~with~~ a history of winning many state athletic competitions. Unsurprisingly, a Sokol Hall was one of the first buildings erected here, and Sokol thrived in Malin for many years. In 1928, the Sokol Pacific Region Slet was held in Malin and around 20,000 people participated. "How they managed, I will never understand", commented Ryan Bartholomew, President of Malin Historical Society, looking at the pictures of thousands of people camping around the village, which at that time had around two hundred inhabitants.
At that time, the city was already incorporated and bearing the name of Malin. In the old country, the city of Malin was a well-known capital of horseradish production, so when the first settlers in Oregon found horseradish growing wild on the land, they settled on the name of Malin, easy to spell and pronounce in English and yet sounding so Czech. Horseradish, after potatoes and alfalfa, is an important product of Malin's agriculture. In fact, when you buy horseradish in any form at your grocery store, it was probably grown right here, in Malin.
The museum was an interesting opening to the big Czech event that afternoon. We saw simple household items from recent history, photographs of the first school, of a Malin cheese factory, Czech national costumes women brought with them from their old home were so familiar to us.
Two hours later Karen Robison welcomed us to dinner wearing a national costume just like the ones we saw at the museum. She was not the only one; other women and girls were dressed the same way. Suddenly Tule Lake

Fairground Hall looked a little like an old fashioned Sokol gathering or a pub in a Czech village.
"Karen, where did you get that costume?' I asked her, surprised.
"My Grandma made it for me, as I have made one for my daughter and granddaughter. It runs in families here," she said. There were more Czech heritage moments:

the friendly warm welcome we received, the occasional Czech words flying around, really good beer, and a long line of a chatty crowd, waiting for their jaternice, sauerkraut, and a strudel made in a best possible traditional way. Three kinds of horseradish were served, too, which in Malin seemed to be very appropriate.
We did what people do when having good time: We ate a lot, drink a little, sang and dance a little, too. The Malin group surprised us with the Czech Beseda dance which they remembered and performed the way their grandparents did.
To whom should we be grateful for that wonderful afternoon? The Czech life in Malin is organized and supported by Western Fraternal Life Association, which was originally Western Bohemian Fraternal Association and which is still providing life insurance policies. There was a shield on the wall with letters ZCBJ on it and it look a little mysterious, so I asked Karen what the letters stand for. "Oh, it stands for Západní Česko Bratrská Jednota, which you can probably translate better than I can. Our Lodge is called Krásná Budoucnost #222 and again, I cannot translate it," she said. "Western Czech Fraternal Association" and "Beautiful Future," are the meanings in English.





Today, they feel like a breath of hope and faith reaching to us from over a hundred years ago, when the group of courageous Czech farmers made this place their home.

Zelmira Zivny

Thanks to Ryan Bartholomew and Sister Lida O'Donnell for allowing me to use the facts from their articles about Malin history.

Dinkey Creek Sokol Family Camp July 16 - July 23, 2017

We are happy to inform you that Pacific District successfully reserved the Camp Fresno, Jr. Camp at Dinkey Creek for the week of **July 16 – July 23, 2017.**
Registration packages will be going out via email at the end of April 2017. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Unsure what to expect? I can send you material that gives more detail about the camp so that you can make an informed decision. This info will be sent out upon request only. The camp is open to all, but Sokol members get priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask!

Sincerely, Yvonne Masopust, Sokol LA

Labor Day Weekend Camp 2017 at Green Valley Campground

It's time to make your reservations for Labor Day Weekend 2017 Czech & Slovak Community Camp! This tradition was started over 50 years ago.



Where: Green Valley Campground in the San Bernardino Mountains. The camp is at an elevation of 7,200ft, and is about 100 miles east from downtown Los Angles, and about 135 miles north from San Diego, located halfway between Lake Arrowcake and Big Bear Lake. The campground is small, with only 36 campsites, 26 of which can be reserved 6 months before the date of arrival, and 10 are on first-come, first-served basis. If everyone makes reservations now, we could fill most of this camp.

Boating and swimming are popular activities as well. The high elevation lake also provides access to a variety of hiking trails.The campground offers single-

Some sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each site is equipped with a table and campfire ring with grill. Flush toilets and drinking water are provided. No overflow parking is available.

Green Valley Lake is nearby, known for trout fishing. It is a private lake and the management charges $5/day for swimming, $10/day for fishing, plus you need a valid Calif. fishing license.

When: Labor Day Weekend Friday, Sept 1 – Monday, Sept 4, 2017.

How to make reservations: Reserve your campsite at either of these two websites. Both are connected to the same reservation system.

Recreation.gov

http://www.recreation.gov/camping/greenvalley/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70275

ReserveAmerica.com

http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/greenvalley/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70275#sr

Please let us know that you are coming and what campsite you have reserved, so we have some idea how many campers to expect.

Please pass this information on to your friends who may be interested in attending. We hope this year's camp will be as successful as last year's!

We are looking forward to seeing you in camp

Yvonne Masopust
805-964-8488 (leave message if no answer)

AMERICAN SOKOL CORNER



Everything you want to know about the Slet in Cedar Rapids is available on the american-sokol.org web site and american-sokol.org/board-of-instructors.

Slet schedule:

Thursday - Cal and Marching competitions
Opening Ceremonies
Social
All at the Scottish Rite Temple

Friday - Volleyball
Fitness Challenge
Both at Iowa Sports Center
Slet Banquet and National Awards Ceremonies
At the National Czech and Slovak Musuem and Library

Saturday - Gymnastics
Sokol Cedar Rapids
Victory Dance
Clarion Hotel

Sunday - Slet Program and
Closing Ceremonies
Kingston Stadium

NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

TWIST AND TURNS: The Story of Sokol June 3 - Dec 31, Smith Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA. In honor of the 2017 National Sokol Slet, the NCSML presents a nimble and invigorating journey into the story of Sokol. Named for the falcon, Sokol was founded in 1862 by Dr. Miroslav Tyrs and Jindrich Fugner. They believed that a nation must be physically fit, moral and intelligent to secure its independence and retain it. The first American Sokol unit was founded in 1865 in St Louis, Missouri.

The exhibit pays homage to the amazing men and women who made Sokol a part of their lives. The exhibit also recounts the perilous times throughout Czechoslovak history when Sokol was banned by various oppressive governments, and how a nation of immigrants across the ocean used Sokol to build strong communities.

The Sokol Eye – Sokolským okem – The Presidential Address



Cedar Rapids, Iowa! Announcing: Ride2Camp2017.

We are extremely excited to announce that the Ride2Camp Fundraiser will take place once again this year! Matthew Carlozzi, a founding member of the mission, is organizing a cycling team **to ride their bikes from Chicago to Cedar Rapids for the Slet** in **June**. The last time they did this was in 2009 from Chicago to Ft. Worth, Texas. It is a challenge, yet Matt has already gained a lot of interest and hopefully a team of 8-10 riders. People and corporations will be able to donate and sponsor a rider. This fundraiser will benefit the American Sokol National Camp, which is also being reinstated soon. If you live along their path, you can be there to cheer them on or buy them a meal. The Ride2Camp will also bring a lot of attention to our amazing Slet & Festival in Cedar Rapids. There will be more about this in the coming months. Stay tuned!

National Goals! With all of these great things happening in our organization, we have set forth a lot of goals during this Board's term. Our goals for 2017 include:
- 2017 Slet & Festival: For Success & Fun!
- Membership Database: To complete the transition getting all Units working the new system and to begin implementing the other aspects of the software program.
- Membership Committee: Continue to establish suggestions to address the needs of the organization.
- National Camp: Bring it back! - Capital Campaign: Continue current programs that will raise funds to give back grants to our Units.
- SML (Sokol Museum and Library): Open a new exhibit in the National Office and continue digitization and cataloguing of the collection.
- New National Flag: Introduce a new National Flag. (The most recent one has been retired due to wear).
- Instructor School: We are hosting international students this year from Czech Sokol!
- PR/Marketing: Improve the website and internal communications. Continue to pursue marketing opportunities.

Sokol is a community, inclusive organization that is open to everyone. We welcome our new members and are so happy you have chosen to become part of our organization.

I realize that the greatest part of being a Sokol is that no matter your age, your generation or your association... we are a family. This Sokol Eye still sees the strength of Sokols here on earth in our friendships, sharing our loves and our sorrows and living out life together. This is the reason we stay and why we are Sokols, we always have each other...our pasts, present and our future. We are there for each other through thick and thin until the end. Thank you to all of the Sokol members who have kept us going, have stayed and represent who we are. For me? I choose Sokol for life as well!

Nazdar! At žije Sokol! ~ Long Live Sokol! Jean Hruby, President

The Poland Sokols celebrated their 150th Anniversary

on February 7, 2017! The Sokols in Poland spread throughout the world and are today divided into 70 organizations with over 10,000 members in Poland, Lithuania, USA, Canada and Ukraine. The Polish Falcons of America was established in 1928. We sent a congratulatory message to the Sokols in Poland and they responded, "See you all in Prague in 2018." Of course, they have been invited to the American Sokol Slet this summer in Cedar Rapids, however, they are unable to attend due to the distance. We are going to pursue connections with the Polish Falcons of America and try to do more things together. Zdar, Zdar, Zdar! to our Brothers and Sisters in the Polish Falcon Organizations!

INFORMATION CORNER

Industry minister ready to visit Tesla Motor's US plant to boost Czech factory chances

Minister for Trade and Industry Jan Mládek says he hopes to visit the Tesla Motors electric car headquarters in the United States and possibly meet with founder Elon Musk to encourage him to site a plant in the Czech Republic. Mládek told the business daily Hospodářské Noviny that his trip to the US could take place in May and exploratory talks with Tesla were already underway. Czech chances of landing an electric car plant have reportedly been boosted by the possibility of exploiting large lithium deposits in the north of the country near the German border. Lithium is a key material for the batteries used in electric cars. Chris Johnstone
http://www.radio.cz/en/section/news/industry-minister-ready-to-visit-tesla-motors-us-plant-to-boost-czech-factory-chances

Trump's 'Czech kids' could be an asset in relations with US, say Czech supporters

In the Czech Republic, much has been made of the new US president's Czech connections, given his former marriage to Czech socialite and businesswoman Ivana (formerly Zelníčková) from 1977 to 1991. Together they had three children who have now become household names – Donald Jr, Eric and Ivanka – and of course Donald Jr. speaks fluent Czech. The hope is that this and other factors could be assets when it comes to Czech-US relations. Jan Velinger
http://www.radio.cz/en/section/curraffrs/trumps-czech-kids-are-a-plus-say-czech-supporters

News ambassador to Washington

The head of President Miloš Zeman's foreign affairs office, Hynek Kmoníček, was confirmed this week as the next Czech ambassador to the United States. A career diplomat, who in the past served as ambassador to India and Australia, he is going to have to hit the ground running, as an upcoming visit by the Czech head of state and other officials are planned. Hynek Kmoníček was long slated to be the next ambassador to the United States, following the long-serving Petr Gandalovič. But it was only this week that it became official. The Office of the President in Prague, said on Wednesday that it had received word from the Czech embassy in Washington confirming the development. Mr Kmoníček is no stranger to the job, indeed, quite the opposite, not only having served in Australia and India but also as the Czech ambassador to the United Nations. Mr Kmoníček, expected to take up the post within two weeks, will have his work cut out for him: an expected visit to the US by President Miloš Zeman sometime over the last two weeks of April, as well as ministers before that. Jan Velinger
http://www.radio.cz/en/section/news/head-of-the-presidents-foreign-affairs-office-kmonicek-to-become-next-czech-ambassador-to-the-united-states

2017 IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES IN EUROPE

500 years On 31 October 1517, **Martin Luther** wrote to his bishop, the *Ninety-five Theses*.
425 years birth anniversary **John Amos Comenius,** 28 March 1592
300 years birth anniversary **Maria Theresa,** 13 May 1717
100 years **Russian Revolution** 1917

CZECH CORNER

Muchovu výstavu navštívilo v Japonsku více než 75.000 lidí (což je fantastických 0.06%)

Výstavu Slovanské epopeje Alfonse Muchy navštívilo v Japonsku za 12 dní od otevření 75.323 návštěvníků. ČTK to řekl pražský radní Jan Wolf (Trojkoalice/KDU-ČSL). Epopej je v Tokiu vystavena od 8. března a bude zde do 5. června. Japonci již kvůli velkému zájmu neoficiálně požádali o prodloužení výstavy. Praha čeká na oficiální žádost, zatím tak není jasné, jestli se výstava v Japonsku bude prodlužovat. Vernisáž výstavy se v Národním centru umění v Tokiu uskutečnila 7. března. Rekordním dnem z hlediska návštěvnosti byla neděle 19. března, kdy si plátna prohlédlo 9778 lidí. Loni v české Národní galerii vidělo epopej 119.675 lidí s denním průměrem 385 návštěvníků. Výstava tam ale měla charakter trvalé expozice a byla přístupná téměř pět let.
http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/zpravy/muchovu-vystavu-navstivilo-v-japonsku-vice-nez-75-000-lidi/1463890

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Pět zemí včetně ČR nominovalo modrotisk na seznam UNESCO

Pět zemí střední Evropy včetně České republiky navrhlo na zapsání na seznam nehmotného světového kulturního dědictví organizace UNESCO tradiční technologii modrotisku. Vrcholu obliby dosáhl tento způsob zdobení textilu v 19. století, dnes už technologii ovládají jen v několika specializovaných dílnách. "Se Slováky, Rakušany, Maďary a Němci jsme ve Vídni nominovali modrotisk na seznam světového kulturního dědictví UNESCO," uvedl na twitteru český ministr kultury Daniel Herman. "Dobrá spolupráce," dodal. O případném zápisu na prestižní seznam rozhodne organizace UNESCO na konci příštího roku, uvedla stanice Deutschlandfunk. Modrotisk se ve střední Evropě rozšířil v 18. a 19. století, v některých oblastech Moravy se stal nedílnou součástí místních krojů. Na seznam nemateriálních statků tradiční lidové kultury ČR byla technologie výroby modrotisku zapsána v roce 2014.
http://www.radio.cz/cz/rubrika/bulletin/denni-souhrn-zprav-2017-03-21

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Před 425 lety se narodil J. A. Komenský

Osmadvacátého března tomu bude 425 let, co se narodil Jan Amos Komenský. Člověk, jehož myšlenky jsou natolik nadčasové, že k nám s naléhavostí promlouvají i dnes. Dotýkají se závažných problémů minulosti i současnosti, vztahů mezi lidmi a mezi národy, svobody člověka, jeho rozvoje a vzdělání. Komenského dílo, jež obsahuje na 250 spisů, je výzvou k přemýšlení nad naším konáním a zodpovědností, nad tím, co se děje kolem nás. Ne náhodou se Jan Amos Komenský v roce 1956 stal patronem Organizace spojených národů pro výchovu, vědu a kulturu UNESCO. Do dějin se zapsal jako »učitel národů«, který vytyčil požadavek systematického všeobecného vzdělání pro všechny. Jeho učení, metodické příručky, teoretická pojednání didaktická i výchovná, učebnice se staly základem školských reforem v řadě zemí.

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Měl učit v mateřské školce. Je z něj světový pěvecký supertalent.

Petr Nekoranec patří mezi nejtalentovanější operní pěvce světa. To rodák z Nových Dvorů u Polné na Jihlavsku potvrdil, když ve španělské Barceloně zvítězil v prestižní Mezinárodní soutěži Francesca Vinase.
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Kromě hlavní ceny Nekorancovi udělil cenu pro nejlepšího tenora legendární pěvec Plácido Domingo. A další cenu český talent obdržel také od vedení divadla Teatro Real de Madrid.
Petr Nekoranec se narodil 25. února 1992 v Nových Dvorech u Polné. Zpěv začal studovat na Základní umělecké škole v Polné.
V roce 2011 absolvoval Střední odbornou školu pedagogickou v Čáslavi, v jejímž smíšeném sboru vystupoval často i jako sólista, a začal studovat na Konzervatoři Pardubice obor klasický zpěv. V současné době intenzivně spolupracuje s renomovaným italským operním tenoristou a pedagogem Antoniem Carangelem.
V letech 2014 až 2016 byl členem Bavorské státní opery v Mnichově a jejího operního studia, kde vytvořil řadu rolí včetně titulní role v Rossiniho opeře Hrabě Ory a v Brittenově opeře Albert Herring. Loni v listopadu získal Bavorskou uměleckou cenu.
V současné době je frekventantem Lindemannova programu v newyorské Metropolitní opeře, a to jako první Čech, který byl do tohoto významného dvouletého projektu přijat.

LADY's CORNER

Czech Pudding Cake Recipe



Ingredients
5 eggs
200 g = 2 cups powdered sugar
100 ml = 1/2 cup milk
100 ml = 1/2 cup oil
200 g = 2 cups flour
12 g = 1 tablespoon baking powder
1 box of 1.5 oz of Jello brand instant Vanilla sugar free pudding
- you will need 3 cups milk

Topping
16 oz whipped cream
16 oz sour cream

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 F. degrees. Grease and flour a 10x14 inch pan.
2. Prepare pudding according to directions on box
3. Separate yolks and egg whites.
4. Beat egg whites in medium bowl
5. In separate bowl, stir together yolks, sugar, oil and milk until creamy. Combine flour and baking powder, before adding to the creamy mixture and mix well.
6. Add yolks to egg whites, and mix gently together in the second bowl with yolks, etc.
7. Finally add pudding cake mixture stirring only a few times.
8. Pour mixture into pan and bake approximately for 30 minutes
9. Beat whipped cream. Add sour cream and mix together in glass bowl, put in refrigerator for one hour.
10. When cake has cooled, add topping. You can also add grated dark chocolate to further decorate.

LAUGHING CORNER

Helga's Cruise Ship Diary

DAY 1:Dear Diary, All packed for the cruise ship — my nicest dresses, swimsuits, short sets. I'm very excited. Our local Red Hat chapter planned this "all-girls" trip. It will be my first one, and I can't wait!

DAY 2: Dear Diary,Spent the entire day at sea. Beautiful! Saw whales and dolphins. Met the Captain today — seems like a very nice man.

DAY 3: Dear Diary,At the pool today. Did some shuffleboard, hit golf balls off the deck. Captain invited me to join him at his table for dinner. Felt honored and had a wonderful time. He is very attractive and attentive.

DAY 4: Dear Diary, Won $800.00 in the ship's casino! Captain asked me to have dinner with him in his own cabin. Had a scrumptious meal, complete with caviar and champagne. He asked me to stay the night, but I declined. Told him I could not be unfaithful to my husband.

DAY 5: Dear Diary, Pool again today. Got sunburned, and I went inside to drink at piano-bar, stayed there for rest of day. Captain saw me, bought me several large drinks.

Really is quite charming. Again asked me to visit his cabin for the night. Again I declined. He told me if I did not let him have his way with me, he would sink the ship. I was shocked!

DAY 6: Dear Diary, Today I saved 1600 lives. Twice.

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