

# Many Reasons for Optimism



A Carpet Pattern in My Cocktail Dress? A **Fashion Report** 



One day after school, Moryana Filipova went to an exhibition of carpets and traditional clothing from the Chiprovtsi region at the National Ethnographic Museum. There she met a nice woman weaving a carpet who told her what the ...

He Left a Corporate Career to Champion **Mentorship** 



At ABLE Mentor events, Nikolay Nikolov usually sits in the audience, avoiding the stage and limelight. He offers quiet counsel when asked. His youthful appearance often makes him indistinguishable from the crowd of 17-18...

**Kremena Thinks** Insects Are the Sushi of the Future



Kremena Dervenkova took her current job as entrepreneurship advocate because of her love for bugs. Or, rather, because she likes snacking on them. Wait, what? Let's go back to the beginning. Kremena loves dancing and sports and ...

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A father receives a message that his 16-year-old son isn't in biology class. He is surprised because he just dropped him off at school. He texts his son, who texts back that he actually is in class, but the teacher hadn't entered this in the class's electronic diary, and the student shows up as absent.

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# Lessons from the past





## Accidents and Crashes: State Business Gone Wrong

The roof of the metallurgical factory in the town of Pernik (near Sofia) collapsed. An eyewitness remembers a worker hanging off a beam 30 feet in the air, screaming for help. The safety officer, who arrived right after the incident, yelled at him, "Why are you screaming! You're just scaring people!"

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## Bulgarian Donors in History: The Kazanlak Entrepreneur

Ivan Nikolov Hadzhienov was a 19th-century trader, banker, entrepreneur, and politician from Kazanlak. His father passed away when he was very young, so at the age of 11, he started working in his uncle Stefan's shop in Bucharest. He had no formal education, but through hard work and diligence, he eventually amassed great wealth.



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# **Roma Director Explores WWII Roma History**



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