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meets
Bulgarian
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Every
Contribution
Matters

Many Reasons for Optimism



Bulgarian Food Bank: Food Needs You!



They are in the business of preventing food waste. If they were a "typical" business, they'd be winning industry awards for efficiency. But they are not. They have a staff of two and rely on donations for their existence and volunteer help for the bulk of their activity.

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Astronomy Camp: Hunting Comets Since 1970



We are struggling up the steep, uneven forest path, lit only by Agop's handheld torch. In the darkness, two charcoals flash momentarily—the eyes of a deer. One by one, the forest's twilight musicians awaken: the squeal of a rodent is followed by a hesitant...

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Comrade, You Just Got Volunteered by the Party



The quickest route from northeastern to southern Bulgaria is through Stara Planina. It is called Hainboaz, today better known as the Passage of the Republic. The 36-miles-long passage was built in two years—by volunteers. Or that's what the propaganda called them.

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The Next Nobel Science Laureate May Be a Bulgarian. Professor Balkanski Will See to It.

Perpetual motion would defy the laws of physics, but it is the metaphor that most readily springs to mind when one meets the eminent physicist Minko Balkanski. At 91, he is sprightly, tireless, and in perpetual search of knowledge and ways to help others. He is a fast talker, in all the five languages he speaks. His meeting agenda is usually packed for weeks on end.

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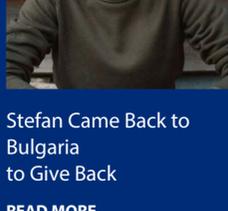
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Sunday, 9 am: Time for Play & Programming

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Where Bulgarian and American Philanthropy Meet



Help Wanted: Ambassador to Aid with Ballet Camp

"When we tell people back home that, at our age, we are going to ballet camp in Bulgaria, it brings the conversation to a stop," James Pardew tells me. He laughs heartily at my reaction, as he and Kathy, his wife, take me on a tour of the grounds of Marian Ballet Academy. The academy is located in the village of Marian, but rehearsals also take place in the neighboring village of Ruhovtsi.

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Corporate Responsibility Is More Than Just Paying Taxes

During a meeting with representatives of the America for Bulgaria Foundation, the mayor of Razgrad expressed a wish for more tourists to visit the wonderful Abritus museum complex in the Northeastern Bulgarian town. ABF board member Lyubomir (Lyubo) Lozanov knew just what to do—make admission free for all visitors.

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Museums

What are the most significant inventions of the 19th and 20th centuries? Muzeiko's traveling exhibition...

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12 SEP

Razgrad



Fortissimo Fest in Razgrad For the First Time

Classical Music

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Sofia



Piano Extravaganza Festival Brings Musicians from 10 Countries to...

Classical Music

The eighth edition of the festival will feature three piano recitals, two chamber concerts, a jazz night...

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To go to the ABF event calendar, [click here](#).

Land Your First Job by Helping Others



Even entry-level jobs today require experience. But how do you get experience if you are 18 years old and have only just graduated from high school? The answer is: volunteering. Donating your time is the best way to learn job skills and get noticed by future employers.

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