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HELLO TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

As I promised you in our last news brief, I will give you details about the summer holidays and plans for this fall's events. First I would like to start with vacations in Slovenia. There were a few families from Winnipeg visiting Slovenia at the same time. We did meet in Slovenia. Our member Mrs. Marija Jakob did a wonderful job organizing her family gathering in Slovenia. It was my privilege to be a guest at the Jakob family celebrations. Marija was surrounded by her family members from Slovenia and Canada. This event was well planned and prepared. Our member Marija Jakob organized a surprise wedding anniversary party for her sister in Slovenia. This event was held in a

Kot sem vam obljubil v našem zadnjem časopisu, da vam bom opisal dogodke od poletnih dopustov in načrtih SKD v Mb za bodoče prireditve, in bom poskušal da vas o tem informiram.

Najprej bi rad začel z dopustom v naši domovini Sloveniji, je bilo več družin iz Winnipegga in Kanade in smo v domovini preživeli lep čas v druženju. Članica našega društva ga. Marija Jakob je priredila čudovito skupno srečanje v domovini in bilo mi je v veliko čast da sem bil povabljen na takšno srečanje družin Jakob iz Slovenije in raznih mest v Kanadi. To srečanje je bilo odlično načrtovano in organizirano, naša članica Marija Jakob je

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gorgeous restaurant in Poljčane. I was amazed at peoples happiness and also the friendly atmosphere. The food was something to remember, well prepared by a local chef. For entertainment there was a local band playing traditional music for this party. Marija was an excellent speaker I congratulate her for a well prepared speech. Maria we thank you for your invitation and we wish you and your family many more happy vacations like this one in our beloved Slovenia. At the end everybody in attendance received a group and individual pictures taken by a professional photographer. This will stay in our memories for ever. I wish the Jakob family will have many more gatherings like this one. Thank you mama Marija, Thank you Jakob family

For myself I can say yes it was great to visit close family, and especially to see my mother, she was celebrating her 87th Birthday with all of us around her. My wife Evelyn was happy to see my mother after 27 years. I visited a few of my good friends in Slovenia, I cherish those moments. Evelyn also noticed how good Slovenia did as an independent country. She noticed what a good job Slovenia did on its infrastructure, new highways, new bridges, tunnels, shopping malls yes Slovenia, congratulations on all those achievements. We are proud of you as a country, and as I always stated in my comments, business people in Slovenia jointly with government, please look after our people in Slovenia, let them have a decent life. Pay them accordingly for their skills and work. We would like to see Slovenians staying in Slovenia, there is no need for this new generation to look for jobs and future outside of Slovenia like we did.

No doubt that Slovenia is green and beautiful and EU should be proud to have members like Slovenia. On that note I'm proud of the European commissioner for Environment, Mr. Janez Potocnik, I have had the pleasure to meet him a few years back. I said to my friends at home, this young man is the most skilled politician and intellectual Slovenian that I have ever meet, and today – just recently he become commissioner for the EU, congratulations Mr. Potocar.

On behalf of our Executives and members I would like to thank you all for your loyal support.

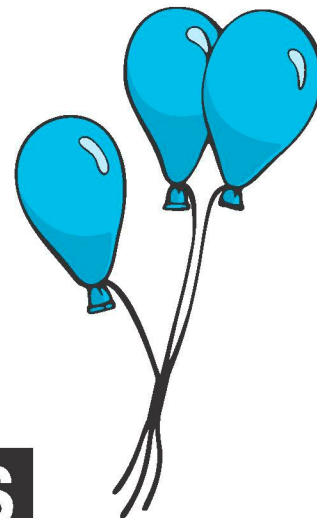
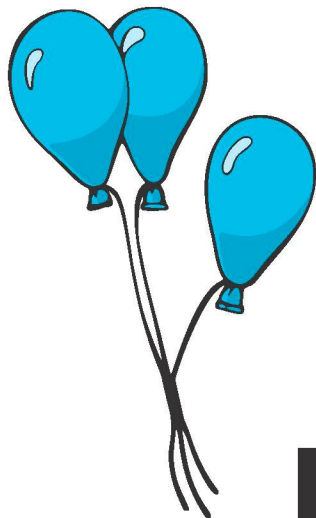
Branko Maligec

priredila poročno obletnico svoji sestri v domovini . To praznovanje je bilo prirejeno v čudovitem gostišču Jug v mestu Poljčane . Jaz sem bil prijetno presenečen na vzdušje in praznično veselje vseh navzočih , posebnost je bilo kosilo in se vse kar je sledilo ,to je bilo pripravljeno z domačimi dobrotami , in za prijetno veselje so poskrbeli domačini z domačim ansamblom ki je igral krasno Slovensko narodnozabavno glasbo ga. Marija je imela lep nagovor , jaz ji čestitam za lep govor , vsi navzoči smo bili prijetno presenečeni . Marija mi se ti zahvaljujemo za tvoje vabilo in ti želimo da se ta vaš družinski dogodek , srečanje vaše družine v domovini in iz Kanade priredi kot vaš praznik , in želim vaši družini Jakob da se zberete v tako prazničnem vzdušju vsako leto . Hvala mama Marija , hvala družini Jakob za gostoljublje in prijetne trenutke v Sloveniji .

Zase lahko rečem , bilo je zelo lepo , ker sva z ženo preživela prijetne trenutke z mojo družino , posebnost obiska je bilo skupno praznovanje maminega 87. Rojstnega dneva . Moja žena Evelyn je bila zelo vesela da se je srečala z mojo mamo po 27 letih . Tokrat sem obiskal nekaj mojih dobrih prijateljev po Sloveniji in to mi bo ostalo v doživljenjskem spominu . Evelyn je opazila kako velike spremembe je Slovenija naredila v 27 letih odkar je ona bila na zadnjem obisku , seveda sedaj kot samostojna država Slovenija gradi svojo suverenost v EU in posebnost je infrastruktura v gradnji hitrih cest , mostov , tunelov ogromnih trgovskih centrov . Čestitamo Sloveniji v vseh uspehih , in kot sem vedno poudarjal v mojih pisanjih in razmišljanjih , apeliram na vse podjetnike , in lastnike Slovenskega kapitala , in Državnega zbora R.S. da vsi skupaj vlagate v bodočnost Slovenskega naroda , in da jih primerno nagradite za njihove delovne sposobnosti , tako da ne bi bilo več selitev Slovencev v svet kot je bilo v časih moje mladosti.

Komentar o naravnih lepot Slovenije ni potreben ker je resnično čudovita dežela , in je pravi zeleni dragulj Evrope . Jaz sem kot Slovenec ponosen da je EU izbrala sposobnega Slovenca kot Evropskega komisarja za okolje in naravo g. Janeza Potočarja , jaz sem ga srečal pred nekaj leti v Ljubljani in on je naredil name vtis kot spoštovanja vredna oseba . Je zelo izobražen in po mojem mišljenju ima velik

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Slovenian, Canadian Association of Manitoba is having a volunteer's appreciation night & Halloween party on October 30/2010 at, Royal Canadian Legion 1335 Main St. Tickets are only \$ 12.00 per person, also for fun evening there will be 3 costume prizes and 50/50 draw.



contribution to our Slovenian Canadian Association of Manitoba. Nevenka was our member from the first day of registering our new club, she served us well, we all are going to miss her, but also we wish her the best of luck in her new destination. Nevenka was great asset to us, we hope that her Slovenian roots and love

Our long serving executive and member of Slovenian Canadian Association of Mb., Nevenka Gacnik, is moving to Vancouver. We would like to see you all with us to say goodbye and thank Nevenka for her

for Slovenia will continue in her new province of British Columbia. Thank you Nevenka, we will remember you. You are always welcome to visit us.

This October Marjan Jakob, Tanya Jakob and Evelyn Maligec will be celebrating their birthdays, on behalf of all members, happy birthday to all

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potencial v EU in v Sloveniji za osebno napredovanje v Slovenski ali Evropski politiki . g. Potočar hvala ti za skrb v EU in Slovenije v sedanjem EU položaju ti želim še več uspehov v tvoji bodočnosti. Vsem bralcem in članom lep pozdrav in hvala za vaše sodelovanje , naše društvo vas vse v Winnipegu vladno vabimo na vse prireditve SKD v Mb.

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SLOVENIAN BASKETBALL

ON TOP OF THE WORLD



Sixty years ago no one could even have dreamed that one day a slovenian national team would be playing at the World championship! the slovenian team's eighth place at the 2010 FiBa World championship in turkey is a great success for national basketball, given that the team was effectively missing its starting five. vujčić, nesterović, lorbek, smodiš and Beno udrih are all experienced players and former NBA stars, but for various reasons they were not part of the team in istanbul. even so, the team acquitted itself extremely well under the expert guidance of coach memi Bečirović and for the first time in its history won itself a place among the top eight teams in the world.

The final tally was five victories and four defeats. Unfortunately, hosts Turkey proved too strong in the quarter final. if not for them, slovenia could perhaps have ended the World championship just below or even on the world throne. a collective spirit of all for one and one for all prevailed in the slovenian team. The visible sparks of happiness that were apparent after every successful play, after every basket and after every victory are an excellent sign for the next big competitions. Alongside veterans laković, slokar, Bečirović, Brezec and Nachbar, a number of new players performed well at the tournament, notably the excellent centre gašper vidmar, samo udrih, hasan rizvić and Jaka Klobučar.

They showed that slovenia need not fear for its basketballing future. In competitive terms, slovenia played some excellent matches. After their opening win against tunisia they lost to the USA, but then enjoyed a run of three consecutive victories, beating Croatia, Brazil and Iran. the 80:77 victory against Brazil was particularly exciting, a supreme performance in which



slovenia broke down the resistance of the south americans in the dying moments of the match. Facing Australia in the eighth-finals, Slovenia played the game of their life and scored their biggest victory in the championship.

The World championship was also a real festival for slovenian supporters. more than 4,000 of them made the journey to turkey's biggest city, loudly cheering the slovenian players to victory. As influential turkish daily hürriyet put it: 'the usa are the world champions but the title of best supporters goes to slovenia.' and it is true. With such encouragement and fanatical support, it is not difficult to play at the very highest level.

The quarter-final match between slovenia and turkey was watched by the Presidents of the two countries, danilo türk and abdullah gül. slove-

such team spirit, commitment to common goals and outstanding supporters, this objective too is probably achievable.

Although dr James naismith 'invented' basketball in 1896, the first World championship did not take place until 1950, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. European championships have been contested since 1935 and basketball has been an olympic sport since 1936. the former yugoslavia was among the teams to contest the first World championship in 1950; its national side included the slovenian basketball player mirko amon, then playing for ljubljana club Železničar. Basketball was only just starting to develop in slovenia in those days, and although some sources claim that it was already being played in as early as 1920, there is no solid evidence of this.

The following players appeared for Slovenia:

Uroš Slokar, Jaka Laković (captain), Hasan Rizvić, Gašper Vidmar, Jaka Klobučar, Boštjan Nachbar, Goran Jagodnik, Samo Udrih, Sani Bečirović, Goran Dragić, Miha Zupan and Primož Brezec.
The coach was Memi Bečirović.

Slovenia's results:

Preliminary round: Tunisia 80:56, USA 77:99, Croatia 91:84, Brazil 80:77, Iran 65:60, 1/8 final: Australia 87:58, 1/4 final: Turkey 68:95, 5th to 8th place: Spain 80:97, Russia 78:83

WORLD Views

Former US Secretary of State, General Colin Powell:

I appeal for greater optimism in solving problems. If the world was able to hold out during the period of nuclear threat in the Cold War a full 20 years ago, then if it is united, and in partnership, it will also solve the current problems. The world is no longer in a time of superpowers, but is a world of partnerships, and in this world small countries will play an increasing part. This also applies to Slovenia. The driving force for the future in the world will be primarily the creation of wealth, since this drives progress in the USA and Europe, as well as in China. Here there is also a need to create jobs, since this gives people dignity; in this way stability will be created in the world. In this period, Europe has made an exceptional journey, and among the greatest achievements of united Europe I would highlight the open Schengen area. Slovenia has 20,000 square kilometres, two million inhabitants, a total of 7,000 soldiers, but look at the role it plays.

Foreign Minister Samuel Žbogar:

Slovenia's diplomatic corps is striving to open the door for Slovenian companies, and they in turn are capable of exploiting this. This shows that alongside the Vegrads, Slovenia also has companies that are capable of looking into the future and that believe in forums, and that we have companies that believe in economic diplomacy and regard cooperation with the foreign ministry as successful private-public partnership.

Director for Global Energy Dialogue at the International Energy Agency, Ulrich Benterbusch:

A revolution in energy, if we wish to stay on a sustainable path, is urgently needed. Without major help from developing countries, we will not succeed; countries such as China, India and Brazil are already working on this and they have ambitious programmes for efficiency and renewable energy sources.

European Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik:

In Europe, too, the lack of water is a serious problem, especially in the Mediterranean. The boundary between threatened and non-threatened areas is shifting north, owing to climate change, and the areas where water problems are appearing are expanding. The issue of water management does not involve just the issue of water shortages, but also the quality of water resources. On the issue of water resource management, the European Union has taken the approach of directives, meaning that the Union sets a common goal, which the Member States then try to achieve through various national approaches. The EU's Water Framework Directive was adopted in 2000. The assumption for successful water management lies in regional cooperation and the bottom-up principle. Success in this area also requires the integration of aspects of water resource management into other policies, such as agriculture, transport, industrial policy and spatial planning. There are major differences among Member States in the implementation of EU legislation in the area of water. Slovenia is among 11 countries that have not yet presented a response to the Commission in due time regarding measures relating to the management of water catchment areas, and that have therefore received their first reminders from Brussels.

Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium, which currently holds the EU Presidency:

Mutual dependence in the world is growing in all areas, from the economy to politics, security and climate change. In seeking solutions to what might be local problems, we need to think in a broader, global framework. For this the world needs global leadership, but in this there should be a shift in the balance of power in institutions. The G20 group is a good framework for resolving the world's problems.



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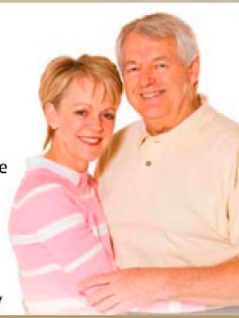
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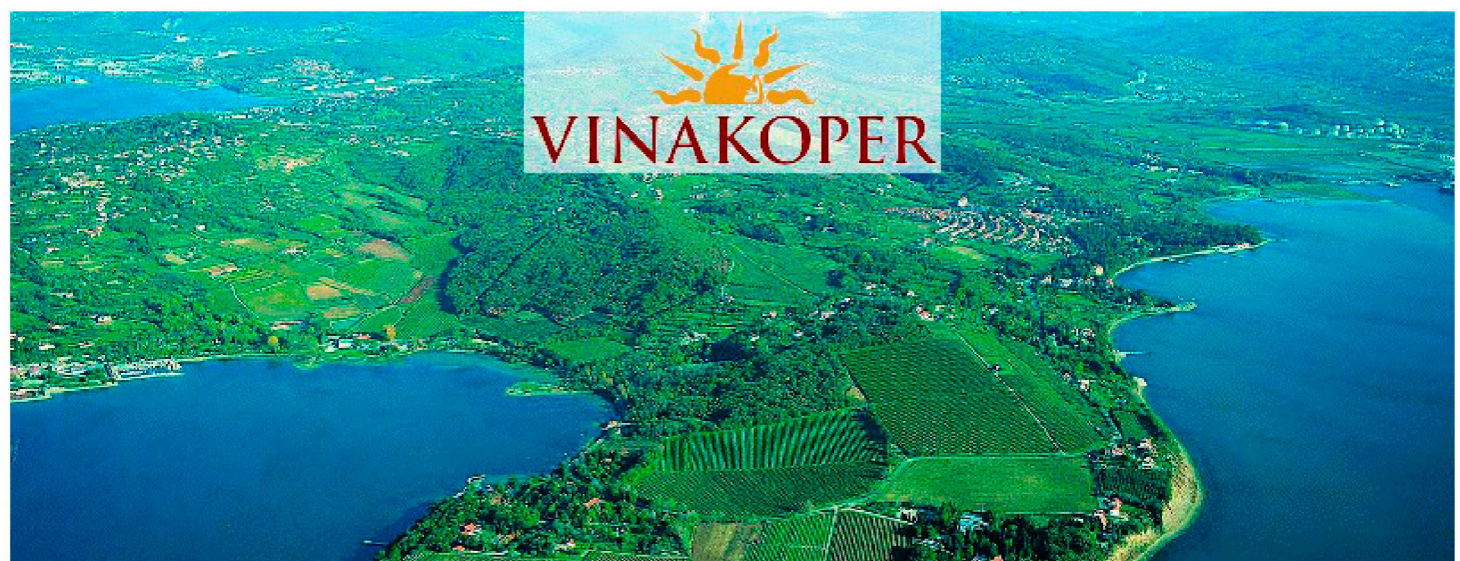
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