

Urban legend



Czechs like to say that it doesn't matter if a story is true, as long as it's entertaining. So there's the one about Prague Mayor Pavel Bém showing up in June at the Kč 2m [birth-day party](#) of his favorite lobbyist, Roman Janoušek, with a cake in the shape of Pankrác prison - and with a figurine of Janoušek smack-dab in the middle. Guests didn't quite know what to make of it. What could possibly land Janoušek in "sweatpants"? Then there's the story told quite eloquently by [MFD](#) about how Janoušek & Co. took over control of Navatyp construction company. They reportedly paid Kč 100m for an outfit worth at least half a bil. The most entertaining part of the story - which didn't make it into MFD - is that the heirs to Navatyp naively showed up in good faith at city hall to renew their municipal contracts, after Navatyp's well-connected founder died. "You can keep some of your hotels," they were reportedly told, "but we'll keep Navatyp in return."

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