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Steve Valencic Honored by Button Boxers

Eddie "Zeke" Vertovsnik thought it was time someone gave Steve Valencic a little respect. Zeke feels Steve is one of those volunteers behind the scenes whose good works should be acknowledged.

On Sunday, April 4, Zeke planned to present Steve with a plaque and proclamation at the Super Button Box Bash at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio. But Zeke is battling a serious illness, and it prevented him from personally making the presentation.

Zeke insisted the show go on without him, and it did. Steve received a clock with a hand-painted portrait of himself, and a proclamation from Zeke and Charlie and Friends.

Aside from the fact Steve is Zeke's good friend and button accordion player with "Zeke and Charlie," Steve helps out whenever called upon and on his own.

Tony Petkovsek knows first hand because Steve has been a member of the Cleveland Slovenian Radio Club for 35 years. "We call Steve our troubleshooter," said Tony. "He is ready to help anywhere."

That includes driving Bishop A. Edward Pevec to and from the Polka Mass in downtown Cleveland on Thanksgiving weekend. It also means being on call to drive visitors from Slovenia. Because Steve was born in Slovenia, he knows the language and he knows the city. Steve was a Cleveland firefighter for 39 years, and retired as secretary of the Department.

Friday afternoons finds Steve playing at the Slovene Home for the Aged. He is a member of the dedicated group of musicians who volunteer to entertain at the Home each week. For many years Steve was a chorus member and accompanist of Singing Society Zarja. In the recording studio, he was on Frankie Yankovic's last album. He also played accordion on "Smooth as Cilka," with Zeke and Charlie, and with Zarja.

Few people know that the Slovenian Country House benefits from Steve's contacts with the polka bands in the area. He has booked the bands that play at the popular dining spot ever since his friend Frank Sterle, the

original owner, asked him to help out.

Probably the most unusual contribution Steve has made to his Slovenian heritage — of which he is very proud — is delivering baseballs, bats, and gloves to baseball teams in Slovenia. Steve is considered the godfather of baseball in Slovenia. He solicited the Euclid baseball league for used equipment some 20 years ago, and brought them to amateur teams in Slovenia. Today, the Republic of Slovenia has several baseball teams and competes in the European Baseball League.

Steve served the United States in the Navy during World War II.

Steve and his wife, Shirley, live in Euclid, Ohio, with their daughter Nancy. His daughter Beverly Valencic also lives in Euclid. Son Dennis and his wife Cindy live in Willoughby Hills and have two sons, Michael and James. His brother Zarko and his wife Nancy also live in Euclid.

For all of the above and more, Zeke and Charlie and friends think Steve Valencic deserves this recognition.



Steve Valencic, honoree, and Cecilia Dolgan, chairman of the Super Button Box Bash held in the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio on Sunday, April 4.

(Photo by GLENN KIESEL)

What Happens to Countries When They Join EU?

From the gridlocked streets of booming Dublin to the relaxed affluence of Seville's old quarter, Europe's new member states have been trying to find out what went right — and wrong — when other countries joined the European Union.

Ireland and Spain have proved a magnet for politicians from the 10 new EU members who want to see how they transformed themselves from economic backwaters into self-confident, modern European states.

But the fact-finding teams set up by new member states were equally keen to see what went *wrong* in countries such as Greece and Portugal, for whom EU membership prompted an initial boom followed by a painful slump.

Or in Austria, which raised expectations of membership to such an extent that disillusionment with the EU quickly set in when the

promised benefits failed to materialize.

The enlargement on May 1 (when Slovenia joins the EU) is the biggest undertaking, but the shape and identity of Europe has been altered with four previous expansions.

Britain, Ireland and Denmark were the first to join the EU's six founding members in 1973. Next was Greece in 1981, followed by Portugal and Spain in 1986. Finally, the European Union swelled to 15 with the accession of the wealthy countries of Austria, Finland and Sweden in 1995.

Portugal and Spain are particularly fascinating for new member states from the former Soviet bloc, for whom EU membership is also an affirmation of a break from a dictatorial past.

"Spain is a very good example in a number of contexts," says Marek Grela, Poland's ambassador to the

EU. "It has been very good on regional policy and structural projects."

Spain's investment in big transport projects, largely funded by the EU, has been seen as vital in bringing new life to its regions, including the south.

Portugal, on the other hand, was recently identified by Michel Barnier, the former EU regional affairs commissioner and now French foreign minister, as a country that had not made the best use of its structural funds. For the new EU members, it is vital to make every *euro* (€) count, because compared with other enlargements this one is being done on the cheap: a net €10.3bn (\$12.2bn) of EU funds will be transferred to the new states in the first three years of their membership, mainly in the form of regional aid and farm subsidies.

That means, for instance,

that Poland will receive €67 per capita annually and Hungary €49, compared with (in 2000) Greece receiving €437 per head and Ireland €418. Mr. Grela says the accession countries should draw lessons from many countries. "Finland has been very good with innovations, while Ireland made it a priority to invest in education."

Poland also noted what happened to popular support for the EU in Austria, which collapsed shortly after it joined in 1995 from previously high levels.

"It's better sometimes to have expectations that are not too high," he says. "I think the Poles are somewhat skeptical."

All countries want to avoid the economic nightmare suffered by Greece and Portugal, for whom EU membership heralded high spending, high inflation and then the inevitable crunch.

"Portugal made a big strategic mistake," says Daniel Gros, director of the Center for European Policy Studies. "They ate up all the money. They partied hard and then had a hangover."

"Greece was actually using EU funds to prevent economic reform, by supporting failing industries, rather than to promote it," says Heather Grabbe, of the Center for European Reform.

Ms. Grabbe argues that EU membership alone is not enough for a country to succeed: it has to be accompanied by fundamental reform.

Ireland's "Celtic tiger" performance, Finland — recently named as the world's most competitive economy — and Greece's recent revival were helped by EU membership and access to a vast single market, but all were underpinned by tough fiscal and monetary discipline and economic reform.

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REFLECTIONS BY RUDY

Colorful Side of Comics

by RUDY FLIS

Life is great! In our great country it should be, with all the terrific and modern conveniences we have at our finger tips. But sadly it's not always that way, and it is not always our fault.

I have told you in the past when awakening in the morning if I am without pain it will be another great day. After exercising and showering, I sit at our kitchen table, pick up my cup of freshly perked coffee and sip and sip. In a few minutes my cup is empty. Then my wife, Therese, will ask, "How can you drink hot coffee so fast?" She is still stirring and blowing on her first cup of coffee, anxious for her first sip as I fill my second cup of coffee and sip it all away.

I put my cup of coffee down, pick up the most important section of our daily newspaper, "The funnies" and start the morning with a good laugh or two.

This Saturday morning I opened the last page of the funnies first, where I enjoy "Crankshaft," "Born Loser," "Blondie," and "B.C." Those were on page nine. Then the next page - eight, the comics were in black and white. NO

COLOR. Page seven: NO COLOR. That's about the third time this week NO COLOR in the funnies.

Often in the morning I am unable to read all of the newspaper and am able to just squeeze in the funnies before I head out the door like Dagwood Bumstead.

My suggestion to our newspaper - The Plain Dealer - black ink for the front page with all its sad stories. Color does nothing to change a sad story.

Use color inks first - last - and always - in the funnies. Color ink for "Ziggy," "Family Circus," and "Hager," and all the rest of their friends who live on the funny pages. That puts color in my life.

During the day, I may think of my good friends in the funnies. I want to remember them like they are alive and full of color, not pale and lifeless, dressed in black ink.

I need a laugh during the day, like if I remember "B.C." But I find it difficult to laugh at the funnies when they are off color.

I enjoy the funnies and a rainbow, but only if they have color.

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She also highlights the impact on national self-confidence which EU membership can bring, which feeds through into wider economic benefits.

"Ireland used membership to move out of the UK's shadow and to develop its own strong and modern identity as a distinctive European country," she said.

"A country like Slovakia, for example, will have noted that and will take the opportunity to move out of the

shadow of the Czech Republic and boost its self-confidence."

One other factor noted in previous enlargements is that - contrary to popular belief - new members tend to experience net *inward* migration.

After Spain and Portugal joined the EU in 1986 increased prosperity at home led to a net inflow of migrants so that by 1995 there were 100,000 fewer Spaniards living in other member states than before enlarge-

ments, and 110,000 fewer Portuguese.

The "outward flood of migrants" were heading in the opposite direction to the one dramatized by tabloid newspaper headline writers: Britons and Germans buying up homes in the stately Irish countryside or along Spain's Costa de Sol. That didn't happen.

--George Parker
Financial Times of London

Slovenia becomes a member of the European Union on May 1st.

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

TRUE AMERICAN HEROES !

This past week, an NFL player, who freely chose to join the U.S. military and become an Army Ranger, died on the battlefield in Afghanistan. He is being hailed as a hero. Yet, Pat Tillman would not have described himself as a hero. He joined the military without wishing to appear as someone special.

He merely considered that it was his duty to go and fight for his country... because he loved his country.

What a guy. What a shining example of a young man. What an American. Giving up millions of dollars in potential income did not faze him. A belief in duty and honor was his dream. He followed countless other men and women who throughout the American history believed in this country and died to support our freedoms. He was an NFL player, dazzling millions on any given Sunday, battling on a football field. Yet others in his military unit may have been from the inner city, daily battling the violence in their "hood", never having set their feet in a football stadium.

What makes these men and women alike is the red American blood that flows through their veins and gets spilled on foreign battlefields. The enemy's bullets are equalizers and do not differentiate between famous that have money and those that are striving to support their families by joining the military. The bullets are also the equalizers that make all the men and women that are serving in our volunteer military

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*(Ps: In case you are not aware,
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The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Life in the Refugee Camps

1948

By Anton Zakelj, translated and edited by John Zakelj

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1948

Today I loaded lumber on one truck and cement on another, and unloaded sand from 2 others. I learned that I will have 3 days off and then we will begin working in a different location.

Back in our barracks, Karl helped me rearrange our room for the baby. We set up a new wood-heated cook-stove which Fric made for 50 shillings. For dinner, I cooked myself some polenta at 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1948

This morning I rode in the Red Cross auto to Leoben, where we picked up Cilka and our baby, and then returned to the camp. We've decided to call him Janko (Johnny).

I bought an electric iron for 80 shillings. Cilka has wanted one for a long time.

I went to a number of government offices to report the birth of my son and arrange for the proper documentation.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 1948

Janko woke up at 2:30 a.m. and cried loudly until he was fed.

We received our first extra food ration for our baby. Levičar stopped by to see him.

Friday, Aug. 27, 1948

Mrs. Jesenko went to the Leoben hospital yesterday and had an 8-pound baby boy today. Mr. and Mrs. Jesenko already have about 10 daughters, but this is their first boy. Mr. Jesenko was so happy he put on his Sunday clothes.

Saturday, Aug. 28, 1948

Baby Janko's baptism was at 4 p.m. today. Rev. Klemencic baptized him, naming him after John the Baptist (but we will just call him Janko). Karel Erznoznik and Jelka Malavasic were the godparents. After the baptism, we celebrated with wine and cookies in our room.

Sunday, Aug. 29, 1948

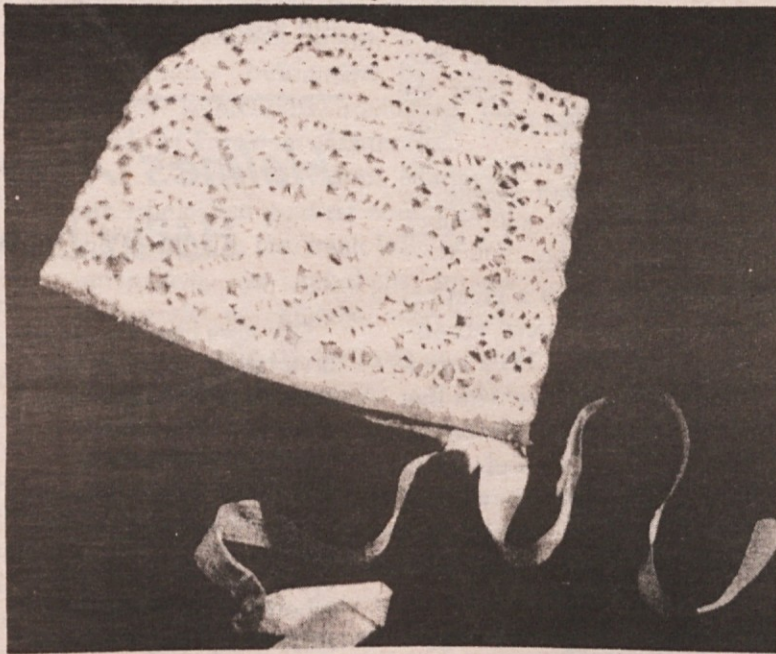
We went to see a play put on by Slovenians from Celovec (Klagenfurt). The play is called "The Pastor from the Blooming Vineyard."

Monday, Aug. 30, 1948

Most of my co-workers on the construction crew have decided that the conditions at the new work location are impossible. They want us to arrive at 6 a.m. and work until 7 p.m. without lunch. Zupan and a couple of others decided they will stay with it, but I won't.

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1948

The camp gave us extra food rations for Cilka and Janko - more than we can



This is the bobbin lace baptismal cap which was made by Cilka for our son John's baptism in 1948.

eat. Cilka is still getting credit for working as a lace-maker, though she hasn't done that for three months and she hasn't been paying 64 shillings a month like the other lacemakers.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1948

Joza Zorc and Zalka Zupan both had baby daughters.

Thursday, Sept. 2, 1948

I worked on bobbin lace designs.

I renewed my request for logging work in the woods, but was turned down again.

Friday, Sept. 3, 1948

A two-year-old boy from the Arlič family died in Leoben - before he was baptized.

Monday, Sept. 6, 1948

I decided to go back to construction work after all. Two of us were allowed all day to tear down some steps near an old factory. I could have done the work myself in two hours. I was bored.

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1948

I got up at 5:45, but missed my ride to the construction site. After a combination of walking and riding a train, I arrived there at 8 a.m. I loaded sand into a cement mixer all day. We got an hour for lunch, so I was able to go to a nearby inn, where I bought a good lunch for 5.5 shillings. A truck brought us back to the camp at 7:30 p.m. I'm very tired.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1948

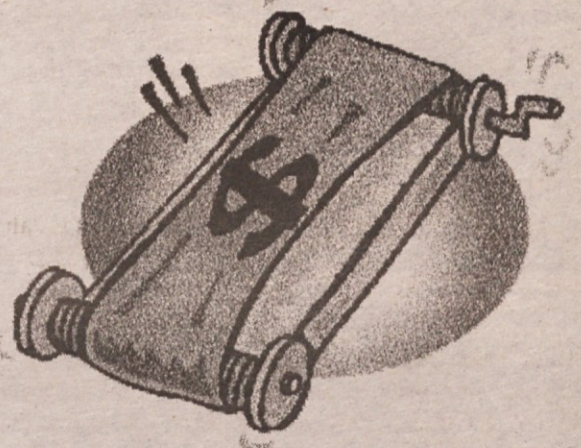
Although I slept only four hours last night, I worked a full day in the construction job today.

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Do not speak of your happiness to one less fortunate than yourself.

--Plutarch

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Colin Powell Welcomes New NATO States



Phil Hrvatin stands in front of the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, D.C. on Monday, March 29, after the ceremony when Slovenia became a member of NATO.

On Monday, March 29, seven new countries joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke at an accession luncheon in Washington, DC. Among the new entries is the Republic of Slovenia.

SECRETARY COLIN L. POWELL: Please join me in welcoming these distinguished guests (Prime Ministers of the new member states).

Ladies and gentlemen, it's a great pleasure to welcome you here today for this historic occasion, and I feel myself especially privileged to be hosting this event, especially because most of my life was spent as a soldier. And most of that as a soldier for NATO. Most of my adult life was spent as a soldier who looked over an Iron Curtain at what I used to call the "red side of the map," and we were on the blue side.

In 1989 after I ceased being National Security Advisor for President Reagan and went back into the Army, I saw what was happening in Europe and realized great forces were at work. And I remember saying to some of my Army colleagues, "Guys, things are changing. Things are changing in the Soviet Union. Don't be surprised if one day it comes apart and we are giving out membership applications to all the former members of the Warsaw Pact."

And here it is today.

Nearly three years ago in Warsaw, President Bush called for a new round of NATO enlargement to extend Europe's zone of freedom and security from the Baltics to the Black Sea. Today, March 29th, 2004, is a historic day, a historic moment for today we mark a major step for the achievement of this vision.

The ceremony we now undertake marks the formal entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of seven independent and democratic European nations: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

To the seven heads of state here assembled, I say to you and to all of your people, "Welcome to the greatest and most successful alliance in history."

We all know of NATO's achievements. For half a century, NATO defended a continent that was half free from tyranny and subversion, until the source of that tyranny collapsed without a shot being fired. You know this particularly well because all seven of your countries were held captive by that tyranny. But now you are free, and by joining NATO's bonds of collective security, Article 5 and all, you will remain free.

You are free for the pursuit of a better future, the future of liberty, of prosperity, a future of peace. All 19 NATO allies you joined with

today will help you achieve this future, but you seven will also help the 19. You bring a new vigor to the alliance. You bring a deep and abiding appreciation for what it means to be free. And so you will form the vanguard of NATO's determination to support the yearning of other people for freedom and for peace around the world.

Today heralds a great occasion. It's a great accomplishment. NATO's enlargement, together with that of the European Union on May 1st, brings us closer to that very, very vital vision of ours, a Europe whole, free and at peace.

This ceremony, however, does not mark an ending, it marks a new beginning. Our common future will be bright. It will be worthy of the sacrifices of those who have come before us and worthy of the dreams of those not yet born.

We have to make that future happen. The threats to freedom today are different from those of the 20th century, but they are no less ominous. We still live in a dangerous world where our enemies seek not only the death of multitudes but the death of liberty itself. They will not succeed, for we stand united in the global war against terrorism, a war that compels the resistance of all free peoples and must be won by free peoples together in alliance.

My friends, for most of its existence, NATO has been concerned mainly with the defense of common territory. NATO is now transformed, as only a league of democracies can be, into an alliance concerned mainly with the defense of common interest and common ideals.

NATO was determined, above all, to prevent aggression. Now it is determined, above all, to promote freedom, to extend the reach of liberty, and to deepen the peace. And I am confident that with the new energy that these seven nations bring to our alliance, our alliance will be as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

And now, ladies, and gentlemen, it is my honor and very, very distinct privilege, on behalf of President Bush and the American people, to invite the seven Prime Ministers to deposit their instruments of accession with me, making all seven nations full and equal partners to the North Atlantic Treaty Organizations.

(The Instruments of Accession are deposited.)

POWELL: Bravo.

Ladies and gentlemen,

may I ask you to stand and raise your glasses in a toast. A toast to seven new allies dedicated and true, who take our alliance from strength to still greater strength, to free-

dom, security, and peace to us all.

Thanks to **John Hutar**, Honorary Consul, Republic of Slovenia, for this report.

Holmes Avenue Pensioners

HAPpy News... ☺ ☺ ☺

Our April meeting began on a rather sad note. Moment of silent prayer was observed for deceased members and friends: Rosemary Schneider, sister of Mary Mohar; Vince Solnok, son of Doris; Clara Spilar, wife of John; and Albert Tomsic, brother of John Plutt, Mary Podlogar, and Bill Tomsick. May they rest in peace, they will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathies to the bereaved families. 🌹🌹🌹

Our Sunshine Lady Ann Eichler sent get-well wishes to Frank Kalamasz, Ann Kozinski, Eleanor Prinic, Doris Solnok, Clara Spilar, and Al Tercek. Sadly, Clara was called home to God before the card reached her. Hope it comforted the family to know she was remembered. Al Tercek has truly had a lot of trouble, going in and out of the hospital; enough is enough already. Hope and pray all our ailing friends get well soon! ☺

Fran Kajfez reported on various trips: Windsor Casino tour was a great hit, as usual! Love that duty-free store... Mystery Trip is set for Friday June 11, 2004, and there is a wait list. Price is \$62.25 PP, in case you get the call. The Nashville trip, 3 nights and 4 days, from September 27 - 30, at \$443.00 PP, is also full, and wait list is available. Price may be adjusted since some changes were made in the itinerary; Fran can give you more details. Lots of fun ahead! Our tour directors do a great job, don't you agree? ☺

We had 186 HAPpy members in attendance. Honorary roster stands at 128, and 56 are eagerly waiting to be "drafted". As Kojak used to say: "Keep the faith, baby".

Our Spring Dinner Dance is Sunday May 2, 2004. Hope you got your tickets before the April 26 deadline. Doors open at 1pm; great dinner will be served at 2pm; and Ray Polantz will play for our listening and dancing

pleasure from 3 - 7pm. ☺
We sang Happy Birthday to 14 "youngsters", and Happy Anniversary to Margaret and Al Mierke, 38 yrs; and Jean and Bill Spehar, 39 yrs. Many more happy, healthy years to all celebrants!

This helped to tune up our "pipes" for our annual visit to Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Rd. A fine group of singers and accordion players was joined by Zarja chorus to entertain the residents. They really look forward to the event; some even get up and dance. Tony Petkovsek had some very nice comments about this on his radio program. Thanks, Tony!

Now for a little commercial: We try to support all the Slovenian Halls, but we owe special loyalty to Holmes Ave. Hall, our "home away from home". Let's do all we can to support it, by attending their special events:

A "Wing-Ding" dinner will be served **May 12**, from 4 - 7pm, only \$4.00 PP. Wings with choice of sauces, (John Hozjan specialty), fries, and that

terrific Slovenian cole slaw. ☺

A "Pasta" dinner is scheduled for **Sunday May 23**, from 3 - 7pm, \$7.00 PP.

Sunday June 20, they will serve a "Great Breakfast" from 9am - 1pm. Eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, juice, and coffee for a mere \$5.00 bill; what a DEAL! Treat your Dad, husband, significant other (and yourself) for Father's Day! Just think, someone else will do the dishes... ☺

We'll have an interesting speaker for May 12 meeting. Ed Rosenberg will talk on fall prevention and better balance; and we can all benefit. Guess he'll put us on an even keel!

Hasta la vista, and stay well, pa se vid'no.

V. P.

If you would attain to what you are not yet, you must always be displeased by what you are. For where you are pleased with yourself there you have remained. Keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing.
-Saint Augustine

All About Padre Peter Opeka

an inspiring servant of the poorest of the poor, a humanitarian giant who walks in the footsteps of Mother Teresa

Who is Father Peter Opeka, also known as Padre Pedro, whose exceptionally successful work among the poorest of the poor has justly been compared to that of Mother Teresa? Several books and scores of articles have been written and television documentaries have repeatedly been aired in a number of European countries, as well as in South America and Africa, documenting his exceptionally successful and inspirational work in Madagascar. The State of Madagascar proclaimed him its "Chevalier (Knight) de l'ordre nationale" (1997). A year later, the President of France made him "Officier de l'ordre merites françaises." *Revue d'Océan Indien* hailed him as the 1999 "Man of the Year for Humanitarian Work." In 2000, he was selected "Missionary of the Year" in Cuore Amico de Brescia, Italy. In 2001, ONG Habitat for Humanity International conferred upon him its Humanitarian Award and, during the same year, the Center of United Nations in Nairobi honored him with the award Habitat of Honor – to mention but some of the major forms of recognition.

To support his exemplary apostolate of love and peace, Madame Mitterrand (wife of then President of France), as well as Prince Albert of Monaco, visited Padre Pedro's mission in Madagascar. On June 29, 2003, the birthday of Padre Pedro, his mission served as the seat of International Conference of Carmelite Sisters who had come there from Europe, Asia, and Canada. As the good Father celebrated the Mass in the huge multipurpose building which he had built, at least six thousand former "trash people" joyfully sang and prayed for this beloved servant of the poorest of the poor who had saved them from the trash hills of Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. Repeatedly, movies and television crews film "the miracle of Madagascar" to inspire and entertain viewers in various countries. In December 2003 "Christmas in Madagascar" was filmed for European audiences. (I suspect that Americans, too, would appreciate such programs.)

Who, then, is this humble, immensely energetic and visionary humanitarian priest, Padre Pedro? He was born in Argentina in 1948 to Slovenian refugee parents. Irrepressibly energetic, young Peter Opeka at first worked alongside with his father, a bricklayer, thus learning a skill that has later proved enormously valuable to him in his humanitarian work. Attracted by the example of dedicated refugee priests, Peter then studied under Vincentian (Lasarist)

priests in Buenos Aires and completed his theology studies in Paris, France. He also excelled in sports and played on the French national football team where he was soon befriended by many French influentials, including the family of President Mitterrand.

Then he visited Madagascar, one of ten poorest countries in the world. On the trash hills of Antananarivo, its capital city, he saw thousands of children who scavenged the garbage for food and any item which they could sell. Deprived of the most basic necessities of life, hungry, often sick and desperate, they made an immense impression on the young visitor. How can we allow innocent children or anyone else to live like this? How can we call ourselves human and Christian and do nothing to help these poorest children of God?

Deeply moved by the suffering of his fellow-human beings, Padre Pedro dedicated his life, talents, and hard work to make a difference in their lives. He established Akamasoa, a Community of Good Friends. He noticed that the soil was suitable for the manufacture of brick and that rocky terrain could provide much stone and gravel – a source of employment and modest income, and also a source of dignity for his beloved trash people. Brick by brick, the Good Friends have by now built 3200 houses for their families, as well as several schools for their children, a huge multipurpose building which serves for sports and meetings and also as a house of God where thousands of the faithful attend the Mass on Sundays and holidays. Other missionaries, such as Father Rok from Slovenia, came to assist him in his work, as did teachers and Physicians without Borders. Benefactors from many countries have been moved to help. Under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Kopeinig, rector of Sodality House in Austria, the Slovenians and Austrians of Carinthia started a campaign to build one hundred new brick houses and a hospital to be known as the Carinthian Village of Madagascar. Prince Albert of Monaco helped build schools, and the good people from Argentina, Austria, USA, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia, Australia, and elsewhere have helped with various projects and contributions.

Currently, in Akamasoa, the Community of Good Friends, about 17,000 former trash people work and study and pray. Within five years a family usually pays back for its new home, each of which costs approximately four thousand U.S. dollars. While the Akamasoa Good Friends cultivate their own rice fields and gardens, many tons of rice still have to be bought to feed so many people. Since Padre Pedro's arrival, about 150,000 trash people have been helped in various ways: with food,



Father Peter Opeka

shelter, clothes, medical aid, counseling and guidance. About 7,000 Akamasoa youngsters now attend primary and secondary schools of Akamasoa and score better than their rich counterparts in wealthy sections of the capital. In 2003, the first seven junior college graduates were ready for university studies. Padre Pedro hopes that several thousand of diligent, determined Akamasoa youngsters of good moral character may, with God's help, someday transform Madagascar, an island of about sixteen million inhabitants, most of them extremely poor and 54% illiterate.

Meanwhile, Padre Pedro has to cope with sporadic economic setbacks, floods, typhoons, an avalanche of the poor and the sick, including abandoned women with small children, who daily knock at his door. "How can I turn them back to scavenge the trash deposits or to beg and prostitute themselves in the slums of the capital?" he asks. He cannot – and he does not! No wonder that many view him as a leading and particularly worthy contender for the Nobel Peace Prize. The honor would go to the former trash people and all others who helped build Akamasoa, the Community

of Good Friends. All the money would, of course, be used to help the remaining garbage people, the poorest of the poor, to achieve decent life and human dignity, the best guarantee for peace.

If you wish to help, you can make your check payable to Catholic Mission Aid, (or Slovenska znamkarska akcija), Inc. (indicating it is for Fr. Opeka's work) and mail it to its associate treasurer: Miss Helena Nemeč, 1019 E. 171 Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44119. Larger amounts where banks charge a fee (usually between \$20 and \$30), can also be wired through your local bank directly to: Akamasoa, Numero de compte: 03 223 282 4 016 0 36, Code banque: 0005, Banque BNI/CLM, 74, Rue du 26 Juin 1060, B.P. 174, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar. Please do not send money directly to Fr. Opeka since, because of the extreme poverty, letters are often stolen.

May God richly bless this marvelous "miracle worker" of Madagascar and the follower of the blessed Mother Teresa, as he so admirably and successfully serves the poorest of the poor. And who among us Slovenians would not be proud of this great and wonderful fellow-Slovenian?

E.G.

Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will hold a krofe and noodles sale on Saturday, May 8th in the auditorium social room.

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. – Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.
–Calvin Coolidge

6 St. Clair Pensioners Club

The St. Clair Pensioners Club is looking forward to going to Greentown Casino. The date is set for Thursday, May 13th. The bus will depart the Orr Arena at 6:30 a.m. and will depart the Slovenian National Home at 7:00 a.m. Indicate on your check whether you will board the bus at Orr Arena or Slovenian National Home. The cost is \$26.00.

If you have not paid for the trip previously, you will lose your reservation. If you are going on the trip, please make check payable to St. Clair Pensioners Club and send to Jeanette Ruminski, 25801 Zeman Avenue, Euclid, OH 44132. Phone (216) 261-1667. In case you are the "lucky" winner of a large amount of money, you will have to show some identification such as a driver's license or Social Security.

At this time we still have some seats available. If you are interested in coming, please send in your reservation as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The above trip has been changed from Tuesday, May 4th to Thursday, May 13th.

We are also planning a trip to Pittsburgh. We will start off the day with a cruise on the Gateway Clipper which will include a buffet luncheon along with live entertainment. We will then have a guided bus tour of the city and end our trip shopping at Station Square. The date set for this trip is Tuesday, July 6th. The cost is \$46.00. Further details will follow.

Hope that May 20th will be your "lucky" day. The reason? That is the day we will hold our "Lucky Pick" raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. The drawing will take place following our meeting. You can make your returns by mail or on the day of the raffle. If sending your returns by mail, please make your check payable to St. Clair Pensioners Club and send to Lawrence Hočevar, 1364 East 43 Street, Cleveland, OH 44103. If you need additional tickets, call (216) 431-1995. Since this is our only fund raiser of the year, your help will be greatly appreciated in making it a great success.

New members are most welcome.

--Sylvia Plymessa

Thanks St. Mary's Altar Society

What a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon, April 25... prayer, good friends and food!

A special heartfelt "Thank You" to the grand ladies of St. Mary's (Collinwood) Altar Society for hosting the annual spring meeting of United Altar Society (of our Slovenian parishes - St. Vitus, St. Mary's, St. Christine's, and St. Lawrence.) It was truly a "treat" for all the ladies from the St. Vitus Altar Society who attended.

We entered the beautiful St. Mary's Church, still 'decked out' in its Easter finery, for the prayer hour that usually proceeds the meeting. The prayers and hymns were led by St. Mary's Altar Society President Anne Nemeč. Their beloved pastor, Rev. John Kumse, closed the prayer service with benediction.

The school auditorium was in readiness for the meeting and social that followed.

President Anne Nemeč opened the meeting and an accounting of the past year's activities of both parish groups were given. Marica Lavriša did the honors for

St. Mary's and Ivanka Matic for St. Vitus.

While the verbal activities were taking place at the head table, Maria Hočevar, her daughter, Agnes, and Ursula Stepec were preparing the "food portion" in the kitchen. Delicious breaded chicken, was prepared by Julia Zalar. All types of gourmet salads and pastries were served. What a selection - fit for a king. (The only king present was Fr. Kumse), and I know the "Queens" really enjoyed the feast.

Not to be forgotten, a special 'thank you' to the two 'young ladies' serving coffee and tea who were none other than our own Mary Ann Vogel (new St. Martin De Porres principal) and Mary Lunder. They are always ready to lend a hand when and wherever they are needed.

Thanks again to the lovely ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society for letting us share the day with you. Next year 'we' do the honors.

Yes I'll say it again. "The more we get together, the happier we are."

--Agnes Koporc
For St. Vitus Altar Society

Fundraising Banquet

On Sunday, May 2nd between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the terrific staff of Ohio Boychoir parent chefs will prepare a banquet of mouth-watering traditional Slovenian fare, roast chicken, roast pork, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and salad, all topped with a savory dessert.

The place is St. Vitus Slovenian Church at 6104 Lausche Avenue, just a few blocks southeast from the intersection of East 55th Street and St. Clair Avenue. The cost is only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Take-outs are available.

You might even have the opportunity of hearing a few selections by some singing bus boys, the International Award-Winning Ohio Boychoir.

--Mark Celestina

Seniors Joke

I've sure gotten old. I've had 2 by-pass surgeries. A hip replacement, new knees. Fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. And all my friends have died.

But... thank God I still have my Florida driver's license.

--Phil Hrvatin

Doctor Joke

A man visits his doctor after weeks of not feeling well.

The doctor says, "I have some bad news. You don't have long to live."

How long have I got? asks the distraught man.

"Ten," the doctor says.

Ten? Ten months, weeks, days, what?

The doctor says, "Nine, eight, seven..."

This joke was brought to you by Phil Hrvatin

Joy

Every vocation has its own joy, but its tribulations, too.

Only two things make a person happy: faithfulness and contentment.

--Anton Martin Slomšek
Submitted by Joe Zelle

Coming Events...

Friday, April 30

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Fred Ziwich.

Sunday, May 2

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Annual Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Dinner served 2 p.m. Dance to Ray Polantz 3 - 7 p.m. For tickets call (216) 531-2088 or (440) 943-3784 before April 25.

Sunday, May 2

Ohio Boychoir benefit chicken or roast pork dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Adults \$10, children \$5. Take outs available.

Friday, May 7th

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik

Saturday, May 8

Jadran Singing Society bids Fond Farewell with dinner-concert, dance at Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., in Cleveland. Dinner served 5 until 6:30 p.m. Concert 7:00 p.m. Dancing following with music by Fred Ziwich. For tickets call (440) 951-1694.

Sunday, May 9

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Annual Mother's Day Breakfast Brunch \$8.00. Children 10 years and under \$4. Serving 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wednesday, May 12

Collinwood Slovenian Home hosts Wing Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. \$4.00.

Friday, May 14

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsic.

Sunday, May 16

Newburgh Slovenian National Home Salutes Eddie Kenik. Dinner 2 p.m. Music by Al Battistelli from 3 until ? Reservations call (216) 475-7946, (216) 341-6136

Friday, May 21

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Pork, sauerkraut, potato dumpling dinner, \$9.00. Serving 5 to 7:30 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Joey Tomsick

Saturday, May 22

Slovenian Choral group Korotan annual concert at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., music by Veseli Godci.

Sunday, May 23

Collinwood Slovenian Home features Pasta Dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. \$7.00.

Friday, May 28

Dance at the West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. Music by Tony Fortuna.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day Picnic at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Saturday, June 12

Folklorna Skupina Kres Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, June 20

Collinwood Slovenian Home prepares Breakfast - eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, toast, coffee, juice \$5.00.

Sunday, June 27

Ohio KSKJ Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, June 27

First Picnic at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wis.

Sunday, July 11

Mission Picnic at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wis.

Sunday, July 25

St. Vitus Slovenian Language School hosts Annual Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 15

Second Picnic at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wis.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Folklorna Skupina Kres 50th Anniversary Performance at Slovenian National Home.

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-Oscar Wilde

Death Notices

GEORGENE F. YUKO

Georgene F. Yuko (Kilroy), age 76, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2004 at Hillcrest Hospital.

Georgene was born on August 28, 1927 in Cleveland. She lived in Lyndhurst, OH for 46 years.

She belonged to St. Denis Golf League, Orchard Hills Golf League, East Side Irish American Club, and SNPJ Lodge #126.

She was an avid bowler, golfer, skier, and Cleveland sports fan.

Georgene is survived by husband John R.; children John P. (Ivana), Kenny (Pam), Nancy (Larry) Brothers, Linda (Richard) Silver; grandchildren: Angela, Rocky, Elizabeth and Victoria Yuko; great-granddaughter Emily; sisters Henrietta Pedley, and Rita Reed; many nieces and nephews, friends and golfing buddies.

Deceased family: siblings Sr. Mary Vincent, O.S.U., Gilbert, William, Jack, Robert, and Leo Kilroy.

Friends were received on Thursday, April 22 at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 23 at 10 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6850 Mayfield Rd., Gates Mills, OH.



JOSEPH F. MESTEK

Joseph F. Mestek, age 98, passed away in Euclid Hospital on Thursday, April 22, 2004.

Joseph was born in Cleveland. He was retired from Addressograph-Multigraph Corp., where he was employed as a machinist.

Mr. Mestek was the husband of the late Agnes (nee Tursic); the father of Joseph Jr. (deceased); brother of William (Hilda), and the following, all deceased: Anton, Albert, Helen and Frances Orazen; uncle and great uncle of many.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Monday, April 26. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELEANOR H. MOLLEY

Eleanor H. (Kmet), Molley, 81, of Willoughby Hills, OH, died April 22, 2004, at the Hospice of the Western Reserve. Born in Euclid, OH on December 18, 1922, she lived in Gates Mills before moving to Willoughby Hills 17 years ago.

Proud of her Slovenian heritage, she was an active member of Progressive Slovene Women of America - Circle 7, SNPJ Lodge #158, Slovenian National Art Guild, and Euclid Pensioners. She was also an active member of TRW Retirees and a member of St. Noel Church.

In her spare time, she enjoyed jewelry making, collecting Cambridge glass, traveling coast-to-coast, and spending time with her family. Eleanor will be much remembered by family and friends for her generous spirit, sense of humor, laughter, and above all - love.

Survivors are her daughter Sandra (Anthony) DaDalt; and granddaughters Olivia Rose DaDalt and Audrey Claire DaDalt, all of Waban, Massachusetts; her sisters, Elizabeth Kmet of Eastlake, Florence Glavic of Gates Mills, and Mary Alice Scafe of Kelzer, Oregon; brother Henry (Barbara) Kmet of Painesville Township; and many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Molley; and her parents, Anton and Angela (Alice) Kmet.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185th Street, Cleveland, OH 44119.

Arrangements by The Dan Cosic Funeral Home of Willoughby Hills.

FRANK GODINICH

Frank Godinich, age 68, passed away in the VA Medical Center in Brecksville on Wednesday, April 21.

Frank was born in Aliquippa, PA. He was employed as a truck driver in the Food Distribution Industry.

Mr. Godinich was a U.S. Navy Veteran Specialist 3rd Class in the Korean Conflict.

He was the brother of Violet, Robert and Jack; and uncle; dear friend of Claudia Zoha.

Visitation was held at Zak Funeral Home on Sunday, April 25. Services were held at St. Vitus Church on Monday morning. Interment Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.

Donation in his memory to a charity of your choice.

Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In Loving Memory

Of the 14th Anniversary
our Mother,
Grandmother, and
Sister



ANNA M. ZAK

Passed away April 30, 1990

*Your memory to us is a keepsake,
With which we will never part
Though God has you in His keeping,
We always have you in our heart.*

Sadly missed by
Daughter: Betty
Sons: Norbert J. and
Michael J.
and other relatives



In Loving Memory



Joseph H. Lach

Passed away May 4, 2002

We all miss you and you are in our prayers daily.

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Steve Krisby
Sister-in-law Loretta

In Memory

Thanks to Eddie Adamic of Warren, MI who renewed his subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of parents of Eddie and Fran Adamic, and of Fran's sister Helen Gasser.

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In Loving Memory



John J.

Urbancich

Died April 29, 1975

29 years have passed since that sad day
When the one we loved was called away.
God took him home -
it was His will
But in our hearts -
he lives, still.

Sadly missed by:
Wife, Dorothy,
Daughter, Madeline Debevec
Son, John M.,
and families

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Thanks to Lodge Ribnica #12 AMLA for subscription renewal and the \$20.00 donation.

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Thanks to Marija Visinski of Shelton, CT who renewed her subscription and added a \$35.00 donation.

Donations

Thanks to the following for their generous donations to the Ameriška Domovina:

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Joseph Jarc, Willoughby Hills, OH -- \$15.00

Ana Leben, Mentor, OH -- \$5.00

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Louis Klepec, Hamilton, OH -- \$5.00

In Loving Memory

of the 4th Anniversary
of the death of



Mike Vidmar

who passed away on
May 3, 2000

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You may visit the horses at Bexley Park beginning June 1, and before and after each show. Advance ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 6-12 years. Children under 6 are admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased at the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library, 4645

Mayfield Road, or South Euclid City Hall, 1349 S. Green Road. Day of the show tickets, if available, may be purchased at the gate for \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children. A discounted rate of \$10.00 per ticket, both advance and day of show, is available for senior citizens and individual tickets in groups of 20 or more.

Advance tickets may be purchased by check payable to Friends of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library.

The Friends of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library will be hosting a reception at the library on Thursday, June 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the community to welcome Colonel Herrmann and the riders.

--Phil Hrvatin

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months of their last registration as an undergraduate.

The deadline for these awards is **15 September 2004**. Three copies of the paper (no longer than thirty-five (35) double-spaced pages in length should be sent to:

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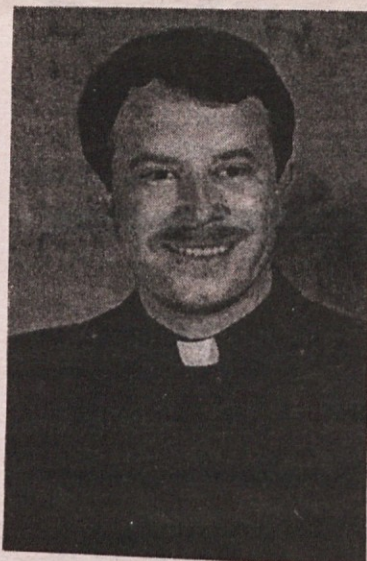
Winner(s) will be announced in the subsequent issue of the *SSS Letter*.

For Society for Slovene Studies,
Dr. William Derbyshire,
Secretary

St. Mary's Seniors Meet

St. Mary's Seniors (Collinwood) will meet in the school on Tuesday, May 4th at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m.

Belle Likover will present "Prescription Drugs - Who Wins, Who Loses."



Rev. William Jerse Administrator of St. Paul Parish

Congratulations to Rev. William J. Jerse who on Sunday, April 25 was named Administrator of St. Paul Church, on Chardon Road in Euclid, Ohio.

He is the first Slovenian to run the 144 year-old parish which has a large number of Slovenian parishioners.

Rev. Jerse's home parish is St. Mary's in Collinwood. Among his various assignments, he has also served as Assistant Pastor at St. Vitus Parish in Cleveland.

Rev. Jerse has obtained a canon law degree and mainly works in the tribunal office of the Diocese of Cleveland.

We are born believing. A man bears beliefs as a tree bears apples.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

When you stop to think; don't forget to start again.

Mandarin-Spinach Salad with Yogurt Dressing

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- ½ cup whole walnuts
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S 1. majem bo Slovenija polnopravna članica Evropske unije

Ta teden potekajo po Sloveniji razne prireditve in slovesnosti, povezane z vstopom države v Evropsko unijo kot polnopravno članico. To se bo formalno zgodilo v soboto, 1. maja. Glavna prizorišča prireditev so park Zvezda, Prešernov in Kongresni trg, Dvorni, Ribji in Vodnikov trg, atrij Mestne hiše in Cankarjevo ter Hribarjevo nabrežje. V parku Zvezda se je štiridnevni kulturno-zabavni program začel v torek.

Ob začetku praznovanja sta županja Ljubljane Danica Simsič in veleposlanik EU Erwan Fouéré izročila evropsko in slovensko zastavo slovenskim plezalcem, ti pa ju bodo 1. maja ponesli na najvišji evropski vrh, Mont Blanc. Park Zvezda bo prevzel začasno podobo Caféja Evropa, kjer se bo na osmih stojnicah z informativnim gradivom in kulinaricnimi posebnostmi predstavilo 25 držav članic Evropske unije. Podobne prireditve bodo potekale v vseh državah, novih članicah EU.

Referendum o izbrisanih ne bo

Ustavno sodišče je razsodilo, da je referendumsko vprašanje SDS in NSi o sistemskem zakonu o izbrisanih v nasprotju z ustavo. Ustavni sodniki so tudi opozorili na protiustavne posledice, če bi bilo preprečeno sprejetje sistemskega zakona (pravna dokončna rešitev stalnega prebivališča oseb, izbrisanih leta 1992), saj gre za obveznost zakonodajalca. V LDS upajo, da bo zdaj več posluha za poziv predsednika države Janeza Drnovška, ki je politiko pozval, naj neha vznemirjati slovenske državljane in državljanke z vprašanjem o izbrisanih ter naj neha s sramotjenjem Slovenije v mednarodni javnosti.

Vse pa kaže, da bo zadeva v zvezi z izbrisanimi ostala predmet parlamentarne volivne kampanje, ki je dejansko že začela.

Slovenska zastava na častnem mestu

Tudi po 1. maju bo ob izobešanju zastav slovenska zastava zmeraj na častnem mestu, zastava EU pa bo izobešana skupaj z njo na poslopjih, ki jih predpisuje uredba, in ob raznih priložnostih, tudi ob državnih praznikih. Himno EU bodo igrali v Sloveniji ob posebnih priložnostih, igrana bo (z redkimi izjemami) zmeraj za slovensko himno.

LDS pred SDS

Po Politbarometru (892 vprašanih, raziskava, ki jo plačuje vlada) bi 27 odstotkov volilcev podprlo LDS (marca 20%), SDS na drugem mestu je ostala pri 15 odstotkih. Vse druge stranke niso dosegle niti 5 odstotkov. Na evropskih volitvah bi anketirani najbolj podprli LDS+DeSUS (21 odstotkov), nato ZLSD (20), SDS+NSi (10), SLS (8), Zelene+SMS (5) in SNS (4).

Narasla je tudi podpora vladi Antona Ropa (s 43 na 45 odstotkov). Vprašani najbolj zaupajo Milanu Kučanu (ocena 3,7), Janezu Drnovšku (3,58) in Antonu Ropu (3,3). 44 odstotkov pa je podprlo Ropov predlog petih novih ministrov.

Poleti na Viču nov dom za azilante

Azilni dom v Ljubljani bi lahko pričel delovati do konca poletja, je ocenil minister za notranje zadeve Rado Bohinc po ogledu gradbišča na Viču. Po načrtu naj bi azilni dom sprejel 206 azilantov. Investicija je okoli 1,2 milijarde tolarjev (od te vsote prihaja 364 milijonov iz mednarodnega programa Phare). Lani je bilo v Sloveniji vloženih 924 vlog za azil.

Inflacijska stopnja se je znižala

Medletna stopnja rasti inflacije je 3,5 odstotka, napovedi pa kažejo, da naj bi se zniževanje še nadaljevalo, tako da bi lahko konec leta dosegli načrtovano 3,2 odstotno inflacijo, ob koncu 2005 pa 2,8 odstotno.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Lilija ima sestanek—

Dramsko društvo Lilija bo imelo resni mesečni sestanek v ponedeljek, 3. maja, ob pol osmih zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Vsi člani lepo vabljeni.

Korotan vabi—

Pevski zbor Korotan vabi na svoj vsakoletni koncert v soboto, 22. maja, v SND na St. Clair Ave. Pričetek koncerta bo ob 7h zv., po koncertu bo ples, za kate-rega bo igral orkester Veseli godci. Za rezervacijo mize, pokličite Cvetko Rih-tar na tel. 440-286-5421. (Dopis na str. 10)

Krofi in rezanci—

Oltarno društvo sv. Vida ima prodajo krofov in rezancev v soboto, 8. maja, dopoldne v društveni sobi šolskega avditorija.

Novi grobovi

Georgene F. Yuko

Dne 19. aprila je umrla 76 let stara Georgene F. Yuko iz Lyndhursta, prej živeča v Euclidu, rojena Kilroy v Clevelandu 28. avgusta 1927, žena Johna, mati Johna, Kennya, Nancy Broers in Linde Silver, 4-krat stara mati, 1-krat prastara mati, sestra Henrietta Pedley, Rite Reed ter že pok. s. Mary Vincent, O.S.U., Gilberta, Williama, Jacka, Roberta in Leo-ta, članica SNPJ št. 126. Pogreb je bil 23. aprila v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Chardon Rd. s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Frančiška Asiškega in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Frank J. Godinich

Dne 21. aprila je umrl 68 let stari Frank J. Godinich, rojen v Aliquippi, Pa., brat Violet, Roberta in Jacka, stric, dragi prijatelj Claudije Zoha, veteran korejske vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriški mornarici. Pogreb je bil 26. aprila v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda, kropljenje je bilo v zavodu Zak na St. Clair Ave., sv. maša je bila v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokop na Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery v Rittmanu, O.

Eleanor H. Molley

Dne 22. aprila je umrla 81 let stara Eleanor H. Molley z Willoughby Hillsa, rojena Kmet 22. decembra 1922 v Euclidu, vdova po Petru, mati Sandre DaDalt,

(dalje na str. 16)

Zadnjič za zbor Jadran—

Pevski zbor Jadran vabi na svoj zadnji koncert po več kot 80 letih prepevanja slovenskih pesmi. Koncert bo v soboto, 8. maja, v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Večerjo bodo delili v spodnji dvorani od 5. do 6.30 zv., koncertni nastop se prične ob 7h, sledil bo ples. Za vstopnice, pokličite Betty Rotar na 440-946-6437 (to je zaradi preselitve nova številka!).

Kosilo pri sv. Vidu—

To nedeljo, 2. maja, bo kosilo v podporo ustanovi Ohio BoyChoir in to v avditoriju pri sv. Vidu. Serviranje bo od 11. dop. do 1. pop., nakaznice dobite pri vhodu v dvorano.

Letna seja—

Slovenski dom za ostarele ima letno sejo v nedeljo, 16. maja, v SDD na Waterloo. Registracija se prične ob 2h pop., sama seja pa ob 2.30. Javnost vabljena.

Ob 25-letnici mašništva—

Letos obhaja č.g. Janez Kumše, župnik fare Marjie Vnebovzete, 25. obletnico mašniškega posvečenja. V nedeljo, 16. maja, bo ob 11. dop. sv. maša, po njej (1.30) bo v SND na St. Clair Ave. banket s krajšim programom. Za več informacij in rezervacijo nakaznic za banket, pokličite go. Elizabeth Zalik na 440-537-1941.

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8. – Pevski zbor Jadran ima svoj poslovilni koncert v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Zbor bo nato prenehal z delovanjem. Večerja od 5. do 6.30. zv., sledi ob 7h koncert, nato ples. Igral bo Fred Ziwich orkester.

16. – Slovenski dom za ostarele ima letno sejo v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Registracija se prične ob 2h pop. sama seja pa ob 2.30.

22. – Pevski zbor Korotan poda svoj vsakoletni koncert v SND na St. Clair Ave. Pričetek ob 7. uri zv. Po koncertu ples. Igra orkester Veseli godci.

30. – Društvo SPB sponzorira spominsko sv. mašo pri Lurški Materi božji na Chardon Rd. opoldne, popoldne ob 3.30h bodo molitve na Vernih duš pokopališču.

(DALJE na str. 15)



9. DNEVI SLOVENSKE KNJIGE – Pretekli teden so bili v Sloveniji dnevi knjige. Začeli so se v osrednjem ljubljanskem mestnem parku Zvezda. Na knjižnem sejmu se je predstavljalo več kot 40 založnikov. Ob odprtju je bil prisoten tudi predsednik Slovenije Janez Drnovšek (na fotografiji). Dnevi slovenske knjige so se nadaljevali do preteklega petka, ko je bil tudi svetovno dan knjige.

Proslava slovenske pesmi

CLEVELAND, O. – V rubriki "Iz Clevelanda in okolice" ste pred tedni brali, da Korotanci že nekaj časa "brusimo" slovenske pesmi. Dokončno bodo "zbrušene" v soboto, 22. maja, na koncertu v SND na St. Clairju.

Pripravljamo vam pester program. Veliko pesmi je v priredbi pokojnega pevovodje Frančka Gorenška. Zapustil nam je bogato dediščino v svojih priredbah slovenskih pesmi kakor tudi v svojih originalnih skladbah. V šestnajstih letih delovanja je ogromno prispeval k oblikovanju Korotana.

S pesmijo *Tja pojdem, poklekнем* se bomo poklonili kar trem kulturnim velikanom, ki so delovali med nami. To poezijo je napisal pesnik Marjan Jakopič v spomin pisatelju Karlu Mauserju. Skladatelj je bil prav naš pevovodja Franček Gorenšek in pod njegovim vodstvom smo jo prvič peli leta 1977. Sedaj so vsi trije pokojni. Žalujemo za njimi, ker so bili dobri znanci; žalujemo pa tudi, ker čutimo ogromno vrzel v književnem in glasbenem delovanju.

Sedaj sta neumorni pevovodja Janez Sršen in pomočnica Martina Jakomin našla tudi precej krajevnih pesmi: od poskočne belokranjske *Igraj kolce*, vinske dolenske *Nikdar ne bom pozabil*, ter domotožnih primorskih *Oj zbogom, ti planinski svet* in *Soča voda je šumela*, do narodnozavedne *Koroška budnica*.

Pridružilo se nam je nekaj mlajših pevki in pevcev in upamo, da se bodo tudi oni tako navdušili kot mi in spoštovali to naše kulturno izročilo. Nam starejšim se pa dobro zdi, da z lepimi, mladimi glasovi uravnesijo naše bolj zrele glasove.

Torej, pridite v soboto, 22. maja, v Slovenski narodni dom na St. Clair Ave. in povejte nam, če smo ves ta program dovolj dobro "zbrusili!"

Mira Kosem

Slovenski škofje spregovorili ...

Pastirsko pismo ob pridružitvi Evropski uniji

Ljubljana – Ob pridružitvi Slovenije Evropski uniji so slovenski škofje napisali pastirsko pismo. Poudarili so, da združena Evropa želi biti območje miru, sodelovanja, spoštovanja razlik in solidarnosti, ter spomnili, da so temeljne vrednote držav in narodov združene Evrope krščanskega izvora.

"Z vključitvijo v združeno Evropo stopamo v skupnost držav in narodov, katerih temeljne vrednote so krščanskega izvora. Tudi naše temeljne vrednote, ki so nam pomagale, da smo se ohranili kot narod z lastno kulturo in samozavestjo,

izhajajo iz istih krščanskih korenin. Te vrednote nas bodo tudi v prihodnosti povezovale z drugimi evropskimi narodi. Skupaj z nami vstopajo v združeno Evropo še nekateri slovanski narodi. Tako bo Evropa začela dihati z obema kriloma pljuč, zahodnim in vzhodnim, kot želi tudi papež Janez Pavel II," so zapisali škofje. Njihovo pismo so v cerkvah po Sloveniji brali preteklo nedeljo.

Poleg gospodarskih razlogov se evropski narodi in države povezujejo tudi iz kulturnih, moralnih in duhovnih razlogov. "Že zdaj nas družijo:

jo: sožitje v enakopravnosti in sodelovanju, sprava, mir, pravičnost, solidarnost, soodgovornost, verska svoboda."

V Evropi sta se zanetili dve svetovni vojni, združena Evropa pa želi biti območje miru, enakopravnega sodelovanja, medsebojnega spoštovanja kulturnih razlik in solidarnostne povezanosti.

"Kot temeljno vrednoto priznava dostojanstvo človeške osebe slehernega človeka. Medsebojnih napetosti ali sporov ni dovoljeno reševati z vojaško silo. Spoštovanje človeškega življenja je treba razširiti na vse njegove oblike in obdobja," pravi škofje.

"Zgodovinsko gledano, si Evrope ni mogoče misliti brez krščanstva. Imamo enake temeljne vrednote in moralna načela, vendar krščanska dediščina ni zagotovljena enkrat za vselej. Evropa brez krščanstva ne bi bila več Evropa. Kot radi pravijo nekateri evropski politik, Evropa potrebuje dušo. Evropska duša je krščanski pogled na dostojanstvo slehernega človeka, solidarnost s tistimi, ki so v stiski in nesrečni, spoštovanje človekove svobode, njegove kulture in vesti. Skratka: evropska duša je krščanstvo samo," pišejo škofje.

Ker pa pridružitve združeni Evropi nima samo dobrih strani, je treba krepiti zdravo narodno zavest, ljubezen do domovine, voljo in veselje do življenja ter medsebojno povezanost in solidarnost, menijo škofje.

Pastirsko pismo so končali z besedema blaženega Antona Martina Slomška, ki naj vernike utrjujejo v zvestobi Bogu in domovini: "Sveta vera bodi vam luč, materni jezik pa ključ do zveličavne narodove omike."

D. P.

Delo fax, 26. aprila 2004

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PERRY, O. – Z nastopom letošnjih "marčevih id" so se tudi nad Slovenijo in posebej Ljubljano pričeli graditi viharji, skrb zbujaajoči oblaki. Sredi priprav za vstop v dve najvažnejši "zahodni" politični konstrukciji je prišlo do vrste presenetljivih, čeprav morda ne povsem nepričakovanih dogodkov. Kot prva je planila med ljudi vest, da namerava nekdanji predsednik Milan Kučan ustanoviti nekakšno pol-politično ustanovo, s katero bo skušal po svoje vplivati na nadaljnji razvoj v državi, ki jo je nekoč s skoraj absolutno močjo, vodil.

Tako se je rodila misel o organizaciji, ki si je nadela karakteristično ime "Forum 21". Za javnost je Kučan objavil, da bo to skupina, ki bo združevala ljudi, katerim ni vseeno, kakšna bo bodoča "podoba" Slovenije, pa tudi ne, KDO bo to podoba oblikoval.

Drugače povedano, to je v resnici prizadevanje, da bi bila "podoba" bodoče Slovenije v skladu s pogledi bivšega predsednika in, ker je ta pač izšel iz samega jedra Komunistične partije, je torej jasno, da gre za podobo, ki bo odsevala filozofijo nekdanje slovenske politične elite. V bistvu pa to pomeni, da se je z nastopom Kučanovega "Forum" pričela vsestranska ofenziva za obnovo preteklega komunističnega enoumja v Sloveniji.

Ironično je dejstvo, da da to totalitaristično miselnost, ki so jo v slovenskem narodu nekdanj z ognjem in mečem vsiljevali politični komisarji in poklicni morilci VOSA, zdaj prinaša t. i. "elita", se pravi skupek ljudi, ki so v zadnjih letih s takimi ali drugačnimi mahinacijami obogateli do stopnje, kjer danes predstavljajo nič drugega, kot slovenski kapitalizem. In to kapitalizem v njegovi najslabši, prvotni obliki, ko si njegovi nosilci prizadevajo predvsem za osebno blaginjo, za ostale so-državljanke in njihovo življenje pa jim ni mar več kot za lanski sneg.

Po drugi strani pa je Forum 21 tudi izraz strahu, ki brez dvoma pre-

veva slovensko politično levico spričo najnovejšega razvoja, spričo upadanja politične popularnosti t.i. "liberalnih demokratov", obenem z drugimi levičarskimi strankami in njihovimi priveski. Ta strah pa je narekoval tudi vrsto ukrepov in odločitev, ki naj bi preprečile, odnosno zmanjšale možnost, da bi se položaj še poslabšal.

V nekem oziru bi lahko rekli, da je položaj v Sloveniji zelo podoben položaju v Združenih državah, kjer se je spričo zapleta z Irakom v resnici pričela letošnja predsedniška volilna kampanja, v Sloveniji pa je isti razvoj sprožil strah levece pred zloveščimi napovedmi političnih opazovalcev.

Zato so bili zadnji tedni v Ljubljani po vsej verjetnosti med najbolj razgibanimi in so si dogodki kar podajala "vrata" pred očmi presenečene javnosti. Začelo se je z referendumom o t. i. "izbrisanih". Na tem vprašanju, tako vse kaže, se je tudi začelo drsenje popularnosti politične levece, ki je postajalo vse bolj očitno tudi v tedenskih anketah političnega mnenja.

Za kaj gre? "Izbrisani" predstavljajo skupino prebivalcev Slovenije, nekateri med njimi so celo ilegalni prebivalci, ki se v času osamosvojitve Slovenije niso potrudili, da bi si pridobili njeno državljanstvo.

Razlogi za to so različni, po večini pa se zdi, da ti ljudje, v glavnem Bosanci in Srbi, niso verjeli v neko permanentno

Slovenijo in so ostali zvesti stari Jugoslaviji, v upanju, da bo nekako prebrodila to najnovejšo "slovensko-hrvaško" avanturo in spet vzpostavila oblast nad vsemi pokrajinami.

Zdaj, ko so uvideli, da je Slovenija ne le obstala, temveč da daleč prehitveva tako Srbijo kot tudi Hrvaško, bi se jim slovensko državljanstvo prileglo.

Ko jim je potem nekdo še sugeriral, da so pravzaprav upravičeni do določene odškodnine, ker da so bili prikrajšani za polne ugodnosti slovenskega življenja, je bila odločitev zanje lahka: zahtevajo ne le vpis v državljanški register, temveč tudi odškodnino. Eden njihovih predstavnikov je javno govoril o desetih, če ne celo štiridesetih milijonih tolarjev.

S tem je ljudem prekipelo. Zahtevali so referendum, ki ga je bila vlada prisiljena izvesti, in pri 31-odstotni udeležbi (kar je normalno za aktivnosti te vrste v Sloveniji), je 95% volilcev zavrnilo zahteve "izbrisanih" (ki jih ljudska modrost posrečeno označuje za "prebrisane").

Levica je s tem utrpela občuten poraz, ki ga je skušala omiliti s prisiljenim obžalovanjem, da se je velika večina Slovencev odločila za nedemokratsko kratenje človekovih pravic ljudi, ki jim gre pravica do državljanstva. Pesnik Boris Novak je celo napovedal, da v taki državi ne bo več živel. Kam je odšel še ni znano; morda v Severno Korejo. V resnici seveda gre za 18 tisoč glasov, ki jih bo levica potrebovala na jesenskih volitvah.

Po tem porazu je moral levica vgrizniti v še eno kislo jabolko: NATO. Kljub nezaslišani kampanji proti NATU in sramotilnim izpadom proti zunanjemu ministru Dimitriju Ruplu, arhitektu te akcije, se je NATO Slovincem vendarle zgodil in v edino tolažbo njegovim nasprotnikom je bilo nerodno ukrepanje poveljstva NATA, ki je hitelo simbolično potrditi članstvo Slovenije v svojem krogu in izpolniti prvo obveznost do nje z zavarovanjem slovenskega neba.

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Škof Andrej Glavan bo začasno vodil nadškofijo

Ljubljana (Delo fax, 28. aprila) – Andrej Glavan, ljubljanski pomožni škof, bo do imenovanja novega nadškofa začasno vodil ljubljansko nadškofijo. V ponedeljek ga je za nadškofijskega upravitelja izvolil zbor svetovalcev (deset duhovnikov, ki kot škofov senat pomaga pri vodstvu škofije).

Andrej Glavan je bil rojen leta 1943 v župniji Soteska pri Dolenjskih Toplicah, v škofa pa je bil posvečen junija 2000 v ljubljanski stolnici. Njegovo škofovsko geslo je "Karkoli vam reče, storite". Dokler je nadškofijski sedež izprazen – izprazen pa je od 21. aprila letos, ko je dosedanji nadškof Franc Rode, v Vatikanu prevzel službo prefekta Kongregacije za ustanove posvečenega življenja in apostolskega delovanja –, upravitelj nadškofije ne sme uvesti nič novega in prepovedano mu je storiti karkoli, kar bi moglo škodovati nadškofiji ali škofovskim pravicam. Služba nadškofijskega upravitelja preneha, ko novi nadškof vzame škofijo v posest.

Postopek za imenovanje novega ljubljanskega nadškofa vodi Santos Abril y Castello, apostolski nuncij v Sloveniji. Ta je že začel s poizvedbo o morebitnih kandidatih za novega nadškofa. Po pričakovanjih bo vprašal približno petdeset do sto ljudi v Sloveniji, duhovnikov in laikov, vsak od vprašanih pa se mora pisno obvezati, da o tem ne bo govoril javno. Po poizvedbi bo nuncij pripravil listo treh možnih kandidatov ter jo z osebnim mnenjem in mnenjem škofov o kandidatih poslal Svetemu sedežu.

Postopek izbire nadaljuje Kongregacija za škofo, končno pa novega nadškofa imenuje papež.

Pred nedavnim so v Cerkvi na Slovenskem ocenili, da ni mogoče predvideti, koliko časa bo trajalo do imenovanja novega nadškofa, da pa je v interesu krajevne Cerkve, da do imenovanja pride čim prej.

Dejan Pušenjak

(Op. ur. AD: V medijih, ki pišejo o tej zadevi, je že bil med možnimi kandidati večkrat imenovan čig. Ivan Štuhec, ki je osebno znan nekaterim bralcem in se je tudi v času, ko se je mudil v ZDA, oglasil v naši pisarni. G. Štuhec je sorazmerno mlad, 50-leten.)

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Majska šmarnična pobožnost bo v naši cerkvi Marije Pomagaj vsako nedeljo ob 2.30 popoldne. Vodil jo bo p. Bernardin Sušnik: šmarnično premišljevanje, pete litanije Materne božje in blagoslov z Najsvetejšim.

V nedeljo, 23. maja, ki je predvečer praznika Marije Pomagaj, bomo šmarnični pobožnosti dodali tradicionalne molitve za ta večer, tako bomo z rojaki v domovini in po svetu prosili Marjio "vseh slovenskih src Kraljico", naj še vnaprej varuje ves slovenski narod in njegovo vernost.

Na materinski dan - Mother's Day - bomo za žive in rajne matere molili pri sv. maši in jih vključili v šmarnično pobožnost, ki bo tokrat ob 3. popoldne. Slovenska sobotna šola v Lemontu pripravlja zanje lep program: "Le komu naj te primerim, / o materino srce, / če vsa bogastva izmerim / ob tebi se v nič tope." Matere in mamice - vse dobro in Bog blagoslavlja vas in vaše družine!

20. maja so binkošti, prihod Sv. Duha na apostole. Obenem je to zadnja majska nedelja, ko je sklepna šmarnična pobožnost za leto 2004, v upanju, da bomo vnaprej še iskrene hodili z Marijo za Jezusom: "Z Bogom, dan's Marija pravi, / z Bogom, ljub nas pozdravi. / Ki ste me ljubili, / lepo me častili." Tudi šmarnice v gozdiču ob groti se te dni končno razcveto.

Rojstna dan sobrata: p. Metod Ogorevc (9. maja 1965).

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Zadnji teden aprila so slovenski frančiškani v

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Sobratje umrli meseca maja: p. Tadej Trpin (7. maj 1989); p. Kornelij Petrič (8. maj 1925); p. Janez Kapistran Ferlin (11. maj 1954); p. Rafael Straghisher (11. maj 1998); p. Salezij Glavnik (25. maj 1966); br. Timotej Daničič (26. maj 1995); br. Viktorin Perc (26. maj 1919). Naj jim sveti večna Luč!

Fr. Karl Pečovnik, letošnji biseromašnik, se je 4. marca Bogu zahvalil za mašniško posvečenje, ki ga je prejel pred 60 leti. Biseromašnik sedaj živi v pokoju v Parkers Prairieju, Minnesota.

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Jože, brat; Marija Simonič,
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tudi za vse darove, ki jih dodajate, tokrat zlasti še darove za lučke, ki bodo po vaših namenih gorele pred Marijo Pomagaj v maju in v čas Jezusovemu Srcu v juniju. Mi pa vsak mesec darujemo sv. maše za vse žive in rajne naročnike.

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Orgle, "kraljica instrumentov", ki so na koru cerkve Marije Pomagaj v Lemontu, so bile postavljene leta 1952 za zlato mašo p. Kazimirja Zakrajška, ustanovitelja slovenske frančiškanske kustodije v Ameriki in Lemonta. V junijski številki tistega leta beremo v Ave Mariji:

"Orgle naše romarske cerkvice že stoje in resnično lepo pojo čast Mariji Pomagaj. Ravno v mesecu maju so jih pripeljali in v štirinajstih dneh je bilo delo končano. Pater Kazimir je prvi zaigral na dokončane orgle. Slovesno bodo blagoslovljene na da p. Kazimirjeve zlaste maše, dne 13. julija 1952. Tu se še enkrat iz srca zahvalimo vsem dobrotnikom."

Kljub skrbnemu vzdrževanju je dvainpetdeset let mraza, vročine, zlasti pa prahu in vlage na piščalih, na usnjenih zaklopnikah pod njimi, na kontaktih in prenosih do piščali marsikaj razjedlo in uničilo. Potrebna bo obnova.

Obrnili smo se na orglarskega mojstra, ki nam je razložil, kaj in kako bo treba urediti, da bodo orgle zopet pele kot nove. Tudi taka obnova ne bo brez stroškov. Kakor so pri nabavi novih orgel lemontski frančiškani prosili za pomoč rojake, ki jim je pri srcu cerkev Marije Pomagaj v Lemontu, tako se priporočamo tudi ob tej priliki, ko so orgle vsa ta leta pele Bogu in Mariji v čast in v duhovni dvig vernih rojakov ob nedeljah in praznikih, ob romanjih, ob porokah in spremljale rajne na njihovi poti: "V nebesih sem doma."

"Dolinico sv. rožnega venca" občudujejo vsi, ki pridejo v Lemont. Mnogi se ustavijo in zmolijo kratko molitev ali pa cel rožni venec. Članice oltarnih društev iz Clevelanda, ki se vsako leto podajo na romanje k Mariji Pomagaj v Lemont, so si pred leti zamislile in izbrale kraj za nemoteno molitev rožnega venca.

P. Martin Stepanich je naredil načrt, ki so ga romarice sprejele in obljubile finančno kritje. V "dolinici" naj bi bile postaje serafinskega rožnega venca (sedem postaj), v sredi pa Marijin kip (Fatima).

Marijin kip iz belega marmorja, prav tako kipe treh pastirčkov in dveh ovčic so naročili iz Italije, kakor tudi sedem postaj rožnega venca.

Medtem je p. Martin lepo pripravljaj in gradil, da je bilo vse pripravljeno, ko so pripeljali naročeno iz Italije. Tako je bilo v maju 1954 (50 let je od tega) že vse pripravljeno za blagoslov in romanje članic Oltarnih društev iz Clevelanda. Preje pa je p. Martin "Dolinico sv. rožnega venca" slovesno blagoslovil.

Poročilo v Ave Mariji dodaja: "Naj lemontskim prijateljem povemo še to, da je v vsaki postaji Marijinih veselj vzdani spomin iz Marijinega groba ter posušene cvetke iz Svete dežele. V križu na začetku dolinice pa so vzdani drobci skale iz vrta Getsemani, na kateri je Kristus potil krvavi pot."

Fr. Jože Božnar, ki je že 25 let župnik pri Sv. Vidu v Clevelandu, je marca obhajal 60. rojstni in godovni dan. Ti, gospod Jože, iskreno čestitamo in Te po Mariji Pomagaj priporočamo nebeskemu Očetu, naj Te ohrani in Ti da mladostni zagon še vnaprej.

Misijski govori meseca marca so bili resna priprava na veliki teden in praznik Vstajenja. Veliki teden vpelje cvetna nedelja, ki je v naši cerkvi slovesna. Posebnost je predvajanje pasijona, letos po Lukovem evangeliju, ki ga pripravi mladina pod vodstvom Jožeta Rusa. Sv. maša je pa, kakor vsako leto, po namenih članov društev Sv. Križ in Prekmurje.

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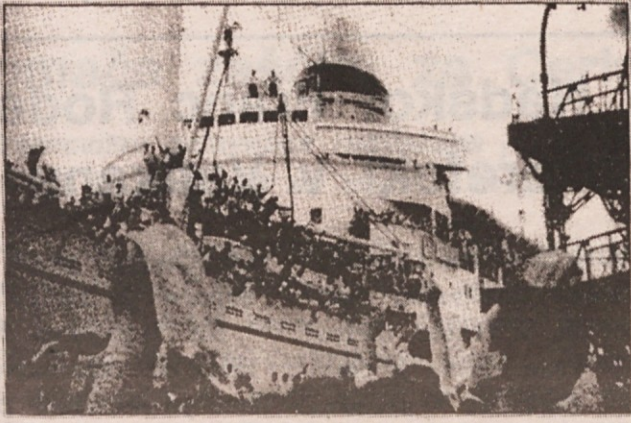
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NOVI GLAS, 1. april 2004 ...

Pismo ob 50-letnici odhoda v Avstralijo

Dragi stric Stane!

V teh dneh sem veliko mislil na Vas in na teto Vido ter na Jožico, Borisa, Brankota in Tanjo, se pravi moja bratranca in sestrični v daljni Avstraliji. Predvsem pa sem skušal obujati spomine zlasti na Vas, ki ste umrli 1. oktobra 2002 v Perthu.

Zavedel sem se, da pravzaprav zelo malo ali premalo vem o Vaši usodi oziroma, da hranim v spominu le nekaj posameznih utrinkov in slik, ki pa so vezani na Vaše obiske. Tako imam še živo v spominu, kako sem Vas prvič videl. Bilo je oktobra 1963, ko ste se vrnili, da bi Vas v Trstu operirali zaradi težav z medvretenčnimi diski, ker takih posegov za "hernio disci" v tistih letih v vsej Avstraliji še niso opravljali.

Petleten otrok lahko ohrani v spominu le nekaj slik ali občutkov bolj kot samih besed ali dogodkov. Tako še vem, kako se mi je zdelo čudno, da smo se iz južne sobe vsi preselili v severno in kako je tata prinesel v sobo deske. Pripraviti Vam je bilo namreč treba posebno posteljo z deskami pod "štramacem", kot smo rekli, ker ste morali spati na ravnem in trdem. Temu sem se strašno čudil.

Spominjam se tudi, da se je tata odpravil v Genovo, kamor je priplula ladja, da bi Vas pospremil domov.

Prav tako se še spominim jutra, ko ste prvič vstopili v hišo in ste se mi zdeli mnogo starejši od mojega očeta, čeprav ste bili dejansko deset let mlajši od njega. V Avstraliji ste očitno strašno garali.

Sprva ste delali vse, nato ste se zaposlili kot zidar in nato polagalec

ploščic ter si pokvarili hrbet. Tudi dolga, menda dobra dva tedna trajajoča plovba, predvsem pa bolečine v hrbtu, so vas silno zdelale in postarele.

Vem, da sem se čudil, da ste bili pred operacijo sključeni in strašno suhi, prav izmозgani, po njej, ko ste si opomogli, pa spet visok in raven ter čudežno mlajšega videza.

Operacija je lepo uspela. Bila je zima in nosili ste baskovko, ki ste jo radi, v veliko zabavo moje najmlajše sestre Olge, ki je tedaj bila še v košku, sukali za vrhnji konček. Spominjam se pa tudi, kako ste se naslednjo pomlad, po daljšem okrevanju, spet z ladjo iz Genove vrnili v Perth.

Dragi stric Stane! Na Vas sem se spomnil in mislil, ker je bila v teh dneh v Trstu cela vrsta pobud, s katerimi so želeli zaznamovati 50. obletnico odhoda prve potniške ladje z izseljenci iz naših krajev v daljno Avstralijo! Bil je 15. marec 1954, ladja pa se je imenovala Castel verde.

Na posvetu, ki so ga priredili na Pomorski postaji v Trstu, se pravi na tistem pomolu, s katerega so se mladi ljudje vkrcali na ladje in zapuščali domovino, je bil širši javnosti sporočen podatek, da je med letoma 1954 in 1961 tržaško pokrajino zapustilo 18.647 ljudi, Goriško pa 3.246 ljudi.

Kar 90% od deset tisoč oseb, ki so bili doma na Tržaškem in so bili deležne posebnih podpor in spodbud za izselitev, je bilo mlajših od 35 let (!), največ teh mladih izseljencev, kar 45%, je šlo v Avstralijo, 27% v ZDA ali v Kanado, 17% v druge evropske države in 7% v Argentino.

Do tu statistika, a ti podatki so me samo še bolj vznemirjali, da ne morem pozabiti, da ste bili med temi izseljenci tudi Vi in teta Vida, sicer mamina sošolka doma iz Kobarida, da je bil med temi tudi drugi očetov brat, prav tako že pokojni stric Zoran in mamina sestrična Zlatka, ki sta odšla v Kanado, a sta se po nekaj letih tuje vrnila.

Naštel sem le najbližje, a že v krogu bližnjih maminih in očetovih sorodnikov, sošolcev in delovnih kolegov iz tistih let je še cela vrsta ljudi, ki jih je usoda vodila po svetu.

Kakšna rana! Narod, ki je preživel prvo svetovno vojno, ki je doživel prvi val begunstva v dvajsetih letih, ki je nato pretrpel fašistično preganjanje in krutosti druge svetovne vojne, ki je doživel strahote prvih povojnih let, kominform in ideološko sovraštvo med brati, je ob koncu Svobodnega tržaškega ozemlja doživel še en odtok svojih - verjetno najbolj podjetnih in pogumnih - mladih sil!

Da, dragi stric Stane, ta žalostna misel mi ne da miru. Zakaj ste se odločili, da odidete? Kje so bili tisti vzgibi, ki so Vas in vse ostale prepričali, da je edino pametno oditi in si drugje, v tujini, poiskati miru in sreče?

Ko ste bili zadnjič pri nas, mislim, da je to bilo poleti 1990, sem Vas obiskal v Kobaridu. Le malo sva se ustavila doma pri Vaši svakinji, nato ste predlagali, da bi šla na sončno stran, kot ste rekli. In sem Vas peljal v Drežnico.

Prvič sem bil v tej gorski vasi in vtis mogočne cerkve pod stenami Krna je bil silen. Pogovarjala sva o vsem mogočem, tudi o življenju v Avstraliji, a čeprav me je ves čas mučilo, da bi Vas vprašal, mi ni uspelo napeljati pogovora na leto 1954, da bi razumel vzdušje, v katerem je padla odločitev za odhod.

Kako so vaju s teto Vido, s katero ste tisto pomlad poročili menda v cerkvi na Montuci, sprejemali v kontingent za Avstralijo?

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No, vse to lahko še vprašam teto Vido. A tudi zanjo, kot sicer za Vas, imam občutek, mogoče se motim, da ste tiste mesece nekako zbrisali iz svoje zavesti, čeprav sem obenem gotov, da ste jih vse svoje življenje nosili v sebi.

Dolgo je to pismo in veliko je vprašanj, ki Vam jim nisem in jih ne bom mogel več zastaviti. Iz izjav raznih "Avstralcev", ki so se ob tej 50-letnici vrnili na obisk in na spominske svečanosti v Trstu in smo jih lahko brali v časopisih, sem spoznal, da mnogi govorijo o nekakšni "avstralski vročici", ki je ob napovedanem koncu STA-ja in ob prihodu Italije v Trst zajela naše ljudi.

Ni bilo stanovanj. Dela ni bilo več Odpadle so namreč številne službe, ki so rezale kruh v okviru zavezniške uprave.

Nove oblasti so že dale vedeti, da bodo predvsem poskrbele za druge begunce, ki so se iz Istre in Kvarnerja zgrinjali v Trst.

Ideologija prvih povojnih let je med tedanjo mladino tudi preglušila vse druge občutke in razočaranje, ki so ga doživljali ob vrnitvi Italije, je boleče poživilo slabo izkušnjo italijanskega predvojnega in medvojnega preganjanja Slovencev.

Mnogi so bili trudni in naveličani vsega tega. Tudi splošno protislovensko vzdušje je pomagalo, da so se mnogi naši ljudje lažje odločali za umik.

Tudi Vi ste odšli in si v Avstraliji ustvarili družino, garali, šolali štiri otroke in videli, kako odraščajo tudi že vnuki.

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RAZBURKANA LJUBLJANA

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 11)

Prej zaradi slabega premisleka kot zaradi preračunane taktike sta namreč kot prvi NATO letali preleteli Slovenijo dve italijanski lovci, kar je sprožilo – do neke mere upravičeno – nejevoljo borbenih Slovencev, predvsem iz vrst nekdanjih partizanov.

Da je bila vsa zadeva še toliko bolj neposrečna, so prišla poročila, da sta letali vključeni v eskadriljo italijanskega letalstva, ki nosi ime nekega poznanega fašističnega "asa" iz druge svetovne vojne. Če je podatek točen (kje so ga dobili?), bi bila vsekakor na mestu diskretna diplomatska nota, ki bi NATOve predstavnike opozorila na občutljivost Slovencev v tem vprašanju. Toda, NATO je zdaj dejstvo, tako kot je na pragu dejstvo o slovenskem članstvu v Evropski zvezi.

Druga nerodnost, ki se je pripetila v zadnjih tednih, je bila interpelacija proti dvema ministroma, zdravstvenemu ministru dr. Kebru in notranjemu ministru Bohincu. Opozicija je prvega obdolžila nekompetentnosti, drugemu pa očitala, da je protipravno pričel podeljevati t. i. "izbrisanim" dovoljenja za stalno bivanje v Sloveniji.

Ko je pritožbo proti Bohincu podprla tudi koalicijska Ljudska stranka, je premier Anton Rop, da bi zaščitil svoj osebni ugled, nemudoma posegel po sankcijah. Podobnikova stranka je bila izključena iz koalicije, kar je vodilo do odstopa treh ministrov in razcvetela se je resnična vladna kriza.

Rop je moral na hitro roko pripraviti pet kandidatov za ministrske položaje in tu je nastopila naslednja težava: za pravosodno ministrico, ki bi nadomestila odstopivšega SLSoevca Ivana Bizjaka, je predlagal državno tožilko Zdenko Cerarjevo.

Temu je sledilo osebno pismo zunanjega ministra Rupla vsem poslancem, naj ne glasujejo zanjo, ker je nekompetentna in suženjsko izpolnjuje vse diktate kontinuitete.

Rupel se je s tem sam izpostavil morebitnim sankcijam s strani Ropa, toda je bila Cerarjeva za pravosodno ministrico potrjena. Rop je namreč ponudil vseh pet kandidatov kot enotno listo in tako so morali poslanci glasovati za vseh pet odnostno proti njim in ne za vsakega posebej.

Vzporedno z vprašanjem "izbrisanih" poteka tudi zadeva muslimanske mošeje, ki jo nameravajo zgraditi ob Cesti dveh cesarjev na Viču. V veliki meri gre seveda za iste ljudi, zato je tudi uradna politika precej podobna: nekdanji histerični nasprotniki kakršnekoli vere se zdaj zagreto zavzemajo za pravice muslimanov ter jim skušajo ustreči v vseh zahtevah in željah.

Pri tem hinavsko vijejo roke nad nepopustljivostjo opozicije, ki pa v tem primeru ne ostaja omejena samo na določene politične stranke, temveč ima prav tako močno zaledje kot v vprašanju "izbrisanih".

Mošeja enostavno ni zašeljena, tudi zato, ker ljudje niso prepričani, da je potrebna. V tedniku MAG se je oglasil nek

"francoski" Slovenec, ki svari rojake, naj nikar ne pristanejo na mošejo, češ da je tista, ki jo on pozna v Lyonu "eno samo zlo". Njegove navedbe bodo morda še bolj utrdile stališča opozicije.

Tudi v tem vprašanju bo, kot kaže, odločal referendum, čeprav si kontinuiteta slej ko prej krčevito prizadeva, da bi ga preprečila. Razumljivo – rezultat bo skoraj gotovo podoben onemu o izbrisanih.

Spričo teh razburljivih dogodkov je skoraj neopazno minil odhod ljubljanskega nadškofa Rode na novo službeno mesto v Vatikanu. Bil je seveda na sprejemu pri ministrskem predsedniku (predsednik Drnovšek ga menda ni posebej vabil), opravljena je bila zahvalna služba božja, sicer pa je Rode odšel brez večjega pompa in tudi sicer strupeno proticerkveno nastrojeni komentatorji so ga v glavnem pustili oditi brez pretiranega kričanja.

Na obzorju te dni je nov dogodek: sprejem Slovenije v Evropsko unijo. Poleg razumljivega vzburjenja ob številnih uradnih in poluradnih dogodkih ter proslavah, ki se pripravljajo, je to po svoje najvažnejši dogodek v dosedanji slovenski zgodovini. Njegove posledice za naš narod še niso povsem jasne, saj nihče ne more zanesljivo predvidevati vseh prihajajočih zapletov, težav, pa tudi uspehov.

Dejstvo, da si levica krčevito prizadeva utrditi položaje v slovenski družbi vsekakor dokazuje, da ni preveč optimistična o lastni prihodnosti. Ta se je pričela majati tudi spričo vse glasnejših obtožb na račun komunističnega divjanja med in po zadnji vojni in revoluciji, in spričo naraščajočega prepričanja javnosti, da uradna razlaga medvojnih in povojnih dogodkov ni povsem zanesljiva. Mozinov dokumentarec, preprost in neposreden kot je, je ba je odkril tisto magično formulo, ki se je zgodovinarjem in drugim razlagalcem doslej izmikala: kako razložiti slovenskemu človeku medvojno in povojno dogajanje.

Res je: slovensko zemljo spet zalezuje "pošast" marxovega komunizma,

Nadškof Franc Rode prefekt v Vatikanu

Rim (Delo fax, 22. aprila) – Bivši ljubljanski nadškof in slovenski metropolit Franc Rode je prevzel dolžnosti prefekta kongregacije za redovnike, ki ji uradno pravijo kongregacija ustanov posvečenega življenja in družbe apostolskega življenja. To je najvišji položaj v rimski kuriji, ki ga je kdaj imel kateri izmed cerkvenih dostojanstvenikov slovenskega rodu. Rode je za svoje cilje v novi službi združil v geslo "spodbujati in voditi, pa tudi pomirjati", o novi nalogi v Katoliški cerkvi po sedmih letih službovanja v

Ljubljani pa pravi, da bo naporna in zahtevna.

Na Trgu Pija XII., le lučaj od Trga svetega Petra, je dolžnosti prefekta enega izmed "ministrstev" v vodstvu Rimskokatoliške cerkve Francu Rode tu predal njegov predhodnik 77-letni španski kardinal Eduardo Martinez Somalo, ki je kongregacijo vodil 16 let, upokojen pa je bil zaradi starosti.

Kardinal po položaju bo na prvem naslednjem konzistoriju, verjetno čez leto ali dve, postal tudi novi prefekt in tako bo nadškof Rode tudi prvi kurijski kardinal slovenskega rodu. O tem, kdaj bo svojega prvega kardinala dobila Slovenija, za vatikanskimi zidovi še ni nič slišati.

Novoga šefa so na hodniku palače nasproti bazilike svetega Petra pričakali vsi njegovi novi sodelavci, med njimi tudi nekateri zelo izkušeni poznavalci redovniškega življenja in organiziranja. Rode je v Vatikanu sicer delal dolgih 16 let, vendar se je ukvarjal z drugačnimi zadevami, predvsem z nevernimi in s kulturo.

Storil bom vse, da bo ste zadovoljni in srečni, je svojim sodelavcem obljubil novi prefekt, saj zadovoljni ljudje bolje delajo. Vseh zaposlenih na kongregaciji je 35, prišli so z vsega sveta, upravljajo pa življenje in delovanje celega milijona ljudi, skoraj 800.000 redovnic in 200.000 redovnikov.

"Vsakogar od sodelavcev bom obiskal v njegovi pisarni, se pogovoril z njim in si vzel ves čas, ki bo potreben, da vidim, kako dela in kako vidi svoje delo. Osebnostik je pomemben, da se ljudje dobro počutijo. To zame ni zgolj formalnost," je pojasnil Rode.

"Svet redovnikov in redovnic ni tako zelo umirjen, kakor je videti navzven," je v pogovoru z novinarji po prevzemu dolžnosti povedal novi prefekt. "Dostikrat se pojavijo notranja trenja in zamere. Nekateri predstojniki so preveč avtoritarni pa tudi redovniki včasih

50. obletnica odhoda...

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

Aktivno ste sodelovali v slovenskem klubu v Perthu. Nekajkrat ste še obiskali domače kraje in me večkrat vabili, naj bi prišel na obisk v Avstralijo.

Ne vem, če se bom kdaj odločil. Mogoče zato, da bi na svoje oči videl mogočne limonovce, o katerih ste pripovedovali, da rasejo na Vašem vrtu. A kaj, ko je na našem vedno toliko dela, da mu nisem kos, zlasti ne zdaj, ko je pomlad spet v deželi in zemlja kliče.

Naj končam torej te vrstice, ki jih je spodbudilo dogajanje ob uvodoma omenjeni obletnici! V metaforičnem rajskem vrtu, kjer so trte gotovo že vzorno povezane in so vrtovi v večnem cvetu, pozdravite vse sorodnike, ki jih je Oče že poklical k sebi. Pa kako dobro besedo prišepnite ta "pravemu" za Kršarjeve in vso "žlahto".

Lep pozdrav!

Vaš nečak
Marko Tavčar

toda to pot se zdi, da so ljudje nanjo pripravljeni. V tujini lahko samo upamo, da to drži...

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Blagajniško delo pri Misijonski znamkarski akciji sta sprejeli gdč. Helena Nemeč in gdč. Marjanca Tominc. Naslov Helene Nemeč je 1019 E. 171 St., Cleveland, OH 44119. Naslov Marie Tominc je 407 Snavely Rd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143.

Dekleti sta precej bremena odvezli Ani in Rudiju Knez, ko sta blagajniško delo prevzeli, le glavni blagajnik še ostane Rudi Knez.

Darove za misijone pošiljajte na gdč. Heleno Nemeč, katera bo tudi potrdila prejem in ga vrnila darovalcu.

Dragi dekleti, hvala Vama za odvzem velike skrbi in Bog naj Vaju blagoslovi s svojim blagoslovom!

Marica Lavriša

Notranjski regijski park ...

Domača zaščita za Cerkniško jezero

Ustanovitev državnega regijskega parka Snežnik stoji, občinski park pa se postavlja na noge – Pospešeno odkupovanje zemljišč

Cerknica – Javni zavod Notranjski regijski park je bil uradno registriran v začetku lanskega septembra, v resnici pa je začel delati konec leta. Trenutno odkupuje zemljišča na območju Cerkniškega jezera. "Prizadevamo si delati tako, da ljudje sploh ne občutijo, da za park veljajo omejitve. Zavedati se moramo, da so bili prav oni tisti, ki so naravno ohranili takšno, kakršna je danes," je povedal idejni oče parka Valentin Schein.

Javni zavod Notranjskega regijskega parka (NRP) skupaj z Društvom za opazovanje ptic Slovenije in občino Cerknica v okviru projekta LIFE III Natura vodi program odkupovanja zemljišč na poplavljenih območjih Cerkniškega jezera. V štirih mesecih so tako odkupili 80 hektarov zemljišč, do konca leta jih nameravajo še 20 hektarov (kar bi predstavljalo dva odstotka območja Cerkniškega jezera), prihodnje leto pa še 50 hektarov. Z občino se dogovarjajo, da jim bodo dala v upravljanje še 100 hektarov zemljišč.

Nadžkof Rode v Vatikanu

(nadaljevanje s str. 14)

težko prenašajo kakršno koli avtoriteto. Vsi ti konflikti pridejo tudi do Rima, do naše kongregacije, tedaj moramo ljudi pozivati k modrosti in potrpežljivosti," pravi Rode.

Napoveduje veliko potovanje, saj redovni predstojniki radi vidijo, da jih prefekt obiše in pove, kakšna je njegova usmeritev. Tudi slovenske redovnice in redovnice bo še kdaj obiskal, njihovi predstojniki so ga prišli pozdravit v Ljubljani, sam pa je obiskal karmeličanke v Sori in Klarise v Nazarju.

Koga bo papež Janez Pavel II. imenoval za Rodejevega naslednika, še ni znano. Novi prefekt pravi, da se je postopek izbranih kandidatov, ki jih predlagal apostolski nuncij v Ljubljani, papež imenuje tudi četrtega, lahko iz Slovenije, lahko tudi koga slovenskega rodu iz tujine, je mogoče izvedeti za zidovi.

Tone Hočevar

Za letošnje leto načrtujejo izdelavo načrta lokacij vseh zemljišč, na katerih je rastlinstvo in živalstvo z rdečega seznama ogroženih vrst, skupaj z Jamarskim društvom Rakek namerajo izdelati kataster jam in v prihodnjih letih v njih izpeljati raziskave, vsak teden štejejo ptičje na območju Cerkniškega jezera, kar bo osnova za izdelavo ornitološkega atlasa parka, raziskali bodo Iško in Zalo, naredili atlas rastlinske pestrosti na travnikih in mokriščih.

Poleg tega bodo v sodelovanju s cerkniško gobarsko družino izdelali še kataster redkih gob in rastišč, skupaj z narodnim parkom Risnjak na Hrvaškem bodo začeli vzpostavljati turistično povezavo med Uncem in Kvarnerjem prek Loške doline.

"Na ministrstvu pa je trenutno tudi predlog za uvrstitev Cerkniškega jezera in Rakovega Škocjana med pomembne lokalitete ramsarske konvencije," je dejal Valentin Schein. Gre za konvencijo o močvirjih z mednarodnim pomenom, zlasti kot prebivališč močvirskih ptic.

Zgodba o Notranjskem regijskem parku sega še v obdobje, ko je država poskušala ustanoviti Regijski park Snežnik; zaradi dolgotrajnosti in neuspešnosti usklajevanj, razhajanj med sodelujočimi občinami, neupoštevanja pripomb ter za Cerknico nesprejemljivih namigovanj, da bo sedež parka na gradu Snežnik, je občina Cerknica ustanovila svoj park.

"Videli smo, da državi ne bo uspelo vzpostaviti snežniškega parka in se odločili, da Cerknica svojemu ozemlju prizna zaščito; očitke o tem, da je nima, smo namreč poslušali več kot 30 let,"

je povedal Schein in poudaril, da z ustanovitvijo svojega parka ne spodkopavajo sistema in zamisli snežniškega parka.

"Ozemlje je zdaj pravno in formalno zaščiteno, ljudje sploh ne občutijo prepovedi. V parku namreč veljajo le omejitve, ki so navedene v že sprejetih zakonih, novih pa nismo vnašali. Ozemlje ima tako zdaj svojega odvetnika v obliki javnega zavoda. Tega ob pritiških kapitala in tistih, ki nekaj manj dajo na varstvo narave, gotovo potrebuje," je dejal Schein.

Notranjski regijski park obsega območje 200 kvadratnih kilometrov, kar je skoraj celotna površina cerkniške občine, regijski park Snežnik pa bi predvidoma vključeval osem občin in obsegal tisoč kvadratnih metrov; slednji zaradi odpora nekaterih predstavnikov sodelujočih občin in prednostnih projektov Evropske unije – Natura 2000 – začasno stoji.

"Hkrati smo vodili tudi ustanavljanje Krajinskega parka Goričko, kjer takih odporov ni bilo. Zaradi svojih zelo omejenih kadrovskih potencialov in zato, da bi doseglo večjo učinkovitost, se je ministrstvo odločilo, da prednostno izpelje ustanovitev Krajinskega parka Goričko," so pojasnili na ministrstvu za okolje, prostor in energijo, kjer vsaj v kratkoročno ne pričakujejo nadaljnega ustanavljanja snežniškega parka.

In kako uskladiti občinske in državne projekte? Na ministrstvu menijo, da ne gre za podvajanje:

"Pričakujemo, da bo Notranjski regijski park učinkovito prispeval k ohranjanju narave in v sedanjem položaju ne gre za podvajanje. Zlasti na območju Rakovega Škocjana in na Cerkniškem polju so na naravovarstvenem področju dobrodošle številne dejavnosti, zato je sodelovanje Zavoda Notranjski regijski park dobrodošlo."

Na ministrstvu bodo, ko se bo nadaljevalo us-

tanavljanje Regijskega parka Snežnik, k sodelovanju povabili tudi občino Cerknica in njen zavod Notranjski regijski park.

Schein pa je glede takšnih povezav odločen: "Naš pogoj je, da se za začetek začnejo pogovarjati z nami in da se dogovorimo, katere projekte bomo vodili skupaj, katere pa posamezno. Od svojih načel ne bomo odstopali."

Klara Škrinjar

DELO, 16. aprila 2004

Slovenski pesniki v angleščini

Ljubljana – V začetku aprila je v njujorški pesniški reviji Talisman, ki jo ureja pesnik Ed Foster, izšel obsežen blok novejših slovenske poezije. Na več kot tridesetih straneh se s po dvoma pesmima predstavljajo Iztok Osojnik, Tone Škrjanec, Brane Mozetič, Vida Mokrin Pauer, Aleš Debeljak, Alojz Ihan, Barbara Korun, Maja Vidmar, Uroš Zupan, Peter Semolič, Taja Kramberger, Primož Čučnik in Gregor Podlogar.

Izbor za osrednji del revije je opravil Brane Mozetič.

Prav tako v New Yorku pa so v samostojni knjigi izšli Metulji, pesniška zbirka Braneta Mozetiča, v prevodu Ane Jelnicar. Manjša založba Spuyten Duyvil Press, ki je knjigo izdala, je pred časom izdala tudi prevod romana Gojmirja Polajnarja Ne ubijaj, rad te imam.

V Mladinskem orkestru EU tudi Slovenci

Ljubljana – Konec marca so se po Evropi končale avdicije za mesta v enem najboljših svetovnih orkestru, Mladinskem orkestru Evropske unije. Avdicij so se letos prvič lahko udeležili tudi mladi slovenski glasbeniki.

V orkester je bil kot predstavnik Slovenije izbran hornist Gregor Dvorjak, študent ljubljanske akademije za glasbo, na rezervni listi pa sta flautista Marko Zupan in

Eva Škrinjar.

Eva Škrinjar bo kot prva Slovenka v orkestru nastopila na koncertu v berlinskem Konzerthausu jutri, 30. aprila, ob počastitvi pridružitve novih članic v EU.

Kot izjemno nadarjeni sta bili v poletno šolo orkestra povabljeni 15-letna violinistka Mihela Breclj iz Šempetra pri Novi Gorici in 18-letna harfistka Katja Škrinjar iz Veljena.

Avdicije za Slovenijo je organizirala RTV Slovenija, udeležbo slovenskih glasbenikov v orkestru pa bosta finančno podprli ministrstvo za kulturo in ministrstvo za zunanje zadeve.

(Oba gornja prispevka iz DELA, 16. aprila 2004)

KOLENDAR

(nadaljevanje s str. 9)

31. – SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, ima Spominski dan prireditvev na Triglavskem parku.

JUNIJ

12. – Folklorna skupina Kres ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

19., 20. – Tabor DSPB priredi spominsko proslavo na Slovenski pristavi za padle domobrance. Dne 19. junija molitve na SP, v nedeljo, 20. jun., sv. maša ob 12. uri opoldne pri Spominski kapelici.

27. – SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, ima prvi piknik na svojem parku.

JULIJ

11. – Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

11. – Misijonski piknik na Triglavskem parku, Milwaukee.

25. – Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

AVGUST

15. – SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, ima svoj drugi piknik na svojem parku.

29. – Društvo SPB sponzorira vsakoletno romanje k Žalostni Materi božji v Frank, O. Sv. maša ob dvanajstih, druge pobožnosti ob 2.30 pop.

SEPTEMBER

11. – Folklorna skupina Kres praznuje 50. obletnico s celovečernim programom v SND na St. Clair Ave.

12. – Oltarno društvo fare sv. Vida ima kosilo v šolskem avditoriju.

19. – SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, ima Vinsko trgatvev na svojem parku.

25., 26. – Baragovi dnevi v mestu Marquette, Michigan.

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1522. "Zopet nas kliče venčani maj."

K Mariji kraljici... Zopet se bomo z novim zaupanjem obračali k Njej v vseh naših vsakdanjih potrebah. Ona nas ne zna razočarati. Majniška kraljica, zatekamo se k Tebi od srca do srca iz misijonskega sveta. Z velikonočnimi pozdravi vsem MZA sodelujočim je naš zvesti misijonar iz Tokia g. Vladimir Kos poslal sledeči zanimiv in zgodovinsko utemeljen članek:

"Naj nas maj spet spomni na našo Kraljico.

Pomladansko lep je občutek, da nas družijo ista vera z nebeškimi svetniki. Naj misli nekaterih izmed njih omenim. Odkrili bomo, da tudi mi tako mislimo, čeprav tega nismo še nikjer zapisali. "Mislimo" je nepopolna beseda; treba je v tej zadevi reči "mislimo in čutimo". Tako piše sv. Atanazij: "Če je Marijin Sin Kralj, potem je resnično po vsej pravici Njegova mati vzvišena Kraljica." (Atanazij je odšel v nebesa v 4. stoletju.) Sv. Peter Damian jasno priznava, kljub tkim. temnemu 11. stoletju, v katerem je moral živeti: "Marijin Sin tako zelo ceni Marijine molitve, in tako zelo ji hoče ugoditi, da se njene molitve zdijo bolj zapovedi kot prošnje, in Ona bolj kraljica kot pa dekle Gospodova." Sv. Tomaž Akvinski, v 13. stoletju z njemu krasnim uvidom ugotavlja: "Ko je blažena Devica v svojem telesu spočela Večno Besedo in Jo rodila, je polovica božjega kraljestva postala njena last in ona kraljica usmiljenja, tako kot je Jezus Kristus Kralj pravičnosti."

In če nam stoletja, bližja našemu, še več pomenijo, moram navesti v 18. stoletju sv. Alfonza Liguorija: "Kjer je Jezus po svoji naravi vsemogočen, Marija vse premore samo po milosti... To spoznamo ob tem, kar se je zgodilo pri svatbi v Kani Galilejski... Sv. Janez Krizostom (+407) in sv. Tomaž Akvinski (+1274) umevata Jezusove besede "Moja ura še ni tu" v tem smislu, da bi Jezus prošnji ne ugodil, če bi jo izrekel kdorkoli drug. Ker pa Ga je prosila Njegova Mati, prošnje ni mogel zavrniti. Tudi sv. Ciril (+444) in sv. Hieronim (+420) sta istega mnenja."

Besede svetnikov so važne. Ne le da so v skladu z vero, ampak jo osvetljujejo s svetnikom dano milostjo. Če bi se sv. Alfonz Liguori motil, ko imenuje Marijo takorekoč "vsemogočno" v Njenih prošnjah, kr Ji je to milost podaril Njen Božji Sin, bi bilo to njegovo mnenje ovira pri beatifikaciji, za katero vse, kar je kdaj kandidat za beatifikacijo napisal, najstrožje pregledajo in ocenijo.

Vem, da dosti ljudi ne ve kaj početi s pojmom "kralja" - toliko modernih kraljev s težavo uveljavlja svojo avtoriteto. Toda pri Jezusu se ni nič spremenilo. Matej je zapisal Jezusove poslovilne besede: "Dana mi je vsa oblast v nebesih in na zemlji..." (28:18) Kako čudovito žari Njegova dobrota v dejstvu, da hoče imeti pri Sebi Mater, ki Ji noče ničesar odreči!

Ali se ne bomo z novim zaupanjem obrnili k Njej, ki Ji je tako zelo pri srcu Sinov načrt za širjenje Božjega kraljestva: "Pojdite torej in naredite vse narode za moje učence." (Mat 28:19). Pojdimo k Njej po pomoč za delo MZA. Pa tudi za tolažbo: delo MZA ni lahko, posebno takrat ne, ko imamo prekrasne načrte in premalo sodelavcev. Pri Mariji Kraljici je zmeraj majsko lepo in kakor maj z rožami in ptički nas bo razveselil Njen odkritosrčen, ljubeznivi smehljaj. Marija nas ne zna razočarati."

Iz Santiaga, Čile se je oglasila sr. Andreja Šubelj z zanimivim pismom: "Dragi misijonski prijatelji. Milosti, veselja in sreče ob praznovanju Jezusove zmage nad grehom in smrtjo, vsej MZA.

Pri nas v naši kapeli, ki je svetišče Brezmadežne s čudodelno svetinjo, smo z navdušenjem praznovali cvetno nedeljo. Vreme izredno lepo, ljudje so napolnili cerkev in še zunaj na vrtovih, ker je bila cerkev premajhna. Pripravljamo veliki teden. Na veliki torek bo sv. maša po radiu.

Imeli smo lepo praznovanje 150 let od prihoda 30 prvih usmiljenk in nekaj lazaristov. Vkrkali so se 15. novembra 1853 v Franciji, izkrcali pa 15. marca v Valparaisu. Ponazorili smo prihod usmiljenk v pravi originalni obleki, ki so jo takrat nosile. Ljudje so bili ganjeni, peli so in molili. Potem pa "sestre" v desetih kočijah, drugi pa peš v procesiji do stolnice. Slovesna sv. maša: trije gg. škofje in mnogo duhovnikov je darovalo sv. mašo v zahvalo, za vse kar so sestre naredile za bolnike, za sirote, otroke v nevarnosti, starčke, šole, delo med pahnjenimi na rob; za evangelizacijo od severa do juga tu v Čileju, in še in še. Hvala Bogu za lep, doživet dan in za novo navdušenje.

Dar, ki ste mi ga poslali ob božiču, sva s sr. prednico izbrale najbolj potrebne otroke in mlade, ki imajo resne težave: tako kot: starši zelo ubogi npr. - oče je invalid, družina brez očeta, ali v ječi, dalje matere samohranilke; mati in otrok resno bolna itd. Vsakemu smo pomagale tam, kjer je bila res največja potreba, in tako osrečile po

vaši dobroti mnoge. Bogu hvala vsem dobrotnikom.

Moje zdravje se rahla, delam primerno mojim fizičnim možnostim. Priporočam se v molitev, vsi vi in dobrotniki pa ste v mojih hvaležnih molitvah. Lep in hvaležen misijonski pozdrav vsem, hvaležna sr. Andreja, usmiljenka."

Rektor mariborskega semenišča g. Marjan Turnšek se je oglasil s sledečim pismom: "Dragi in spoštovani dobrotniki bogoslovja mariborske škofije!

Spet je tu velika noč kot največji praznik, ki ga kristjani obhajamo z vso slovesnostjo. Takšen praznik pa je gotovo priložnost, da se spet slišimo s svojimi dobrotniki, ki nam na svoj način predstavljate in utelešate Božjo dobroto, ki se je sicer razodelav življenju, trpljenju in smrti Božjega Sina, našega Gospoda Jezusa Kristusa. Čeprav se v glavnem osebno ne poznamo, smo si že povsem domači in nosimo drug drugega v srcu. Mi, v mariborskem bogoslovju, vsak petek mašujemo za vas, naše dobrotnike in kličemo na vas Božjega blagoslova. Naj vas ta zavest polaži takrat in tistega, ki se mu morda kakšen bogoslovec bolj redko oglasi.

Tudi v letošnjem akademskem letu je v naše bogoslovje vstopilo osem novih bogoslovcev (to je isto število kot prejšnje leto). Med njimi je eden, ki je že kot laik opravil prvi letnik na teološki fakulteti, tako da sedaj obiskuje že drugega. Med novinci so še trije takšni, ki so že prej študirali kaj drugega in torej niso kar direktno vstopili v bogoslovje. To je lahko tudi dobro, saj so tako že nekoliko bolj zreli, seveda pa tudi to ni kar avtomatično. Sicer pa kar razgibano živimo, saj med mladimi ni mogoče drugače. V glavnem si prizadevajo, da bi se dobro pripravili na zahteven duhovniški poklic, čeprav vsi vedno bolj ugotovljamo, da je ta priprava vedno težavnejša. Zato pa je to toliko večji izziv in ko nekdo iz sebe naredi, seveda z Božjo pomočjo, dobrega duhovnika, je to res kar čudež. Letos bomo imeli v juniju štiri novomašnike, v oktobru pa, če Bog da, sedem diakonov. Tudi v naši novi kapeli je letos nekaj novega, in sicer smo dobili nove orgle, seveda primerne velikosti naše kapele. Veseli smo tega in še z večjim veseljem prepevamo Bogu v slavo in čast.

V imenu nas vseh, bogoslovcev in vodstva kakor tudi v škofovem imenu, se vam iskreno zahvaljujem za vašo duhovno in materialno podporo. Naj nas vaša dobrota in naša potreba vedno bolj povezuje v eno veliko družino v Kristusu. Vse, kar dobrega za nas storite, pa vam naj Bog poplača na mogočno priprošnjo našega blaženega škofa Antona Martina Slomška.

Naj vas velikonočno veselje spremlja vse preostale dni tega leta!"

Misijonar Lojze Podgrajšek se je oglasil s toplo zahvalo vsem dobrotnikom, ki so se velikodušno odzvali za pomoč in vzdrževanje študentke sirote Aghnes Bimane: "Bog blagoslovi vse dobrotnike na poseben način kot samo On zna."

S posebno kartico se zahvaljuje tudi misijonar Vladimir Kos za bogati dar dobrotniku iz Jolietu. Daru bodo deležne sirote in ubogi otroci v domu, za katerega skrbi misijonar.

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V molitev se priporoča nekoliko starejših bolnih MZA dobrotnikov. Vključimo v svoje skromne molitve tudi vse tiste, ki nimajo nikogar, da bi za nje molili. Po priprošnji Majniške Kraljice bodo mnoge molitve uslišane.

"Kako sladko se blešči pomlad, v sijaju sonca, v zelenju trat!" Hvaležen misijonski pozdrav,

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2-krat stara mati, sestra Elizabeth Kmet, Florence Glavic, Mary Scafe in Henryja, članica PSA kr. 7, SNPJ št. 158 in Kluba upokojencev v Euclidu. Pogrebni obredi so bili v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda. Družina priporoča darove v pokojničin spomin Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Joseph F. Mestek

Dne 22. aprila je umrl 98 let stari Joseph F. Mestek, rojen v Euclidu, vdovec po Agnes, roj. Tursic, oče že pok. Josepha ml., brat Williama ter že pok. Antona, Alberta, Helen in Frances Orazem, stric in prastric, zaposlen kot strojnik pri Addressograph-Multigraph vse do svoje upokojitve. Pogreb je bil 26. aprila v oskrbi Železnega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Our Lady of Perpetual Help in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Mary F. Jevnikar

Dne 20. aprila je v mestu Spokane, Wash., po kratki boleznii umrla 86 let stara Mary F. Jevnikar, rojena Seji, vdova po Josephu st., mati Gregoryja, Margaret Ferris in že pok. Josepha ml., 1-krat stara mati, bratje in sestre so že pok. vse življenje faranka župnija je Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu. Pogreb je bil 24. aprila v oskrbi Brickmanovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Vernih dušnih pokopališču. Družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojničin spomin župniji Marije Vnebovzete.

Charles F. Hocevar

Umril je 82 let stari Charles F. Hocevar, mati Irene, roj. Rej, oče Karla in Ted-a, 4-krat stari oče, brat Albie Mohner ter že pok. Tonyja, Laddieja in Betty Pearl. Pogreb bo danes, 29. aprila, s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca na E. 80 St. in pokopom na Vseh svetnikov pokopališču. Družina priporoča darove v pokojnikov spomin župniji sv. Lovrenca.

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