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Cincinnati Diocese Asks Prayers For a Healing

By Valerie Kincaid
The Catholic Telegraph

CENTERVILLE, OH (Dayton area) — Miracles can happen.

Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk is asking priests, religious and lay people in the archdiocese "to pray for a miracle healing for Father (Jim) Willig through the intercession of Frederic Baraga."

"I'm very touched by the archbishop's obvious concern for my health and healing. He has shown a great concern and compassion for me all through this ordeal with the cancer," said Father Willig, who is pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Reading.

Father Willig was diagnosed last year with kidney cancer. He has undergone surgery and follow-up treatments, but this aggressive form of cancer continues to threaten his life, he admitted. Because the cancer is not responding to the available treatments, his doctor recently told Father Willig he may have only one year to 18 months to live.

Who, then, is Frederic Baraga, and what does he have to do with prayers for a Cincinnati priest?

Bishop Frederic Baraga, a native of Slovenia, was ordained a priest there in 1823 at the age of 26. He came to Cincinnati in 1831 to work with bishop Edward D. Fenwick, Cincinnati's first bishop. He later went to live and work among native Americans in Michigan. In 1857 he was named the first Bishop of Marquette.

The cause for the beatification and sainthood for Bishop Baraga, who died in 1868 has been in process for several years. A declaration of sainthood is preceded by the process of beatification, which involves an investigation of the person's life and another detailed investigation concerning the person's reputation of holiness, writings and a miracle ascribed to his or her intercession after death.

"Baraga's cause needs a miracle," Archbishop Pilarczyk writes in the current issue of *Clergy Communications*, a publication sent from the archbishop to all of his priests each month. "I invite pastors to explain to their people what is being undertaken and to print in their bulletins the following prayer.

"O God, we adore you with all our heart.

Thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga. We ask you to honor him by the title of Saint and to grant this favor which we ask today."

Father Willig said Archbishop Pilarczyk approached him shortly before Christmas with the proposal of asking local Catholics to pray for Bishop Baraga's intercession on his behalf.

"I feel very honored that the archbishop would ask so many people to pray for this healing," Father Willig said.

He added that he was not familiar with Bishop Baraga before this need arose. "I've been reading a book about him," Father Willig said.

Bishop Baraga, often referred to as the Apostle of the Lakelands, worked among the Ottawa tribe in lower Michigan and the Chippewa tribe in LaPointe, an island village in Lake Superior off the coast of northern Wisconsin. He also established missions in Grand Rapids and in L'Anse in Upper Michigan.

He was consecrated first bishop of Upper Michigan and its adjacent islands Nov. 1, 1853. His remains are in the crypt of St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette, MI.

Despite his serious diagnosis, Father Willig said he

has not experienced a sense of depression that would normally be expected in this circumstance. He has been helped by a brigade of family members, devoted parishioners, friends and other Catholics who have been rallying around him with prayer since his illness.

"Every morning at Mass, someone offers a petition for me," he said. "I've never felt so loved in all my life, that's for sure."

Father Willig said he receives great comfort by working each day to draw closer to Jesus Christ.

"I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future," he said.



The photo of this handsome and happy couple was taken in 1938. Do you know who they are? Answer on page 2.

Heritage Foundation sponsors Ohio Leadership talk

The Slovenian American Heritage Foundation invites all to attend the second talk in our 2000 lecture series. The lectures feature Slovenian-Americans discussing a wide range of topics with local and international interest.

The Foundation is extremely pleased that **August B. Pust**, Director of Multicultural Affairs and International Relations for governor Bob Taft, will discuss the State of Ohio's efforts in strengthening new democracies with managerial training of individuals in the non-governmental sector. His special guest for the presentation will be Kevin Webb, Executive Director of the International Visitor's Council, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the Lower Hall of the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid. A coffee and strudel social will follow the lecture.

Mr. Pust, in addition to being a founding trustee of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, has been the Director of Multicultural Affairs and International Relations for Governor Taft and a special assistant to Governor George V. Voinovich from 1991-1998. In this position, he coordinated programs of over 90 different groups in the state and is a liaison between the Governor and international representatives in Ohio and nationally. Mr. Pust has also played an instrumental role in establishing and maintaining the relationship between the State of Ohio and Slovenia, including taking part in 1993 and 1995 trade missions.

Mr. Pust is no stranger to the Cleveland and Slovenian communities. He served the City of Cleveland under Mayors Voinovich and White as Project Director for Ethnic and International Affairs and has worked in public service for more than 25 years.



Bishop Frederic Baraga

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Slovenians "R" Us

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



Forest Gump philosophized: "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you'll get." Being in existence for these many years I have expounded on that theory.

Number one: If you sample enough chocolates, you can usually tell what you're going to get simply by observing the shape of the morsel.

Number two: (And this is critical if you happen to have your heart set on tasting a delicious chocolate treat before Lent begins) "When someone is passing out a box of chocolates at a social gathering, always get in line ahead of Rev. Jože Božnar." Otherwise you may find the box empty.

There are, however, many things that still confound me after 50+ years of contemplation. An example is the children's nursery rhyme, "Humpty Dumpty." In the poem is a line, "All the kings horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again." Well, there you have it.

I know some excellent Slovenian surgeons, Dr. Anthony Spech and Dr. Adolph Znidarsic to name two, but in all my observations, I have never met a horse who could even do a half way decent suture. So why would anyone even ask a horse to put Humpty Dumpty together again? To

this very day, that poem vexes me because it doesn't make any sense.

Which brings us to the Presidential elections. For instance, if George W. Bush receives 52% of a state's vote, at the electoral college tallying symposium, he is awarded 100% of that state's vote even though 48% of that state favored someone else. That also doesn't make sense to me.

This week I read that within a few years we will be able to vote on the computer. That is really going to change things, because a large number of the computer people when they have their mock elections, vote for the Libertarian candidates.

Interesting times, especially so because we have the power to vote.

I like voting best when it's like a box of chocolates: the race is too close to call and you don't know what you'll get.

Comments to: Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair, Cleveland, OH 44103; Fax: (216) 361-4088; or save money by e-mail: ah@buckeyeweb.com

Character is something you either get or are.

Ten top reasons to procrastinate:
1. ---



The easternmost point and the westernmost point of the United States are both located in Alaska.

Comprehending Engineers

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

Eventually the grounds keeper came by and they said, "Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow."

The greens keeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year so we always let them play for free, anytime." The group was silent for a moment. The pastor said, "That's so sad. I will say a special prayer for them."

The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

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Computer Talk Explained

By Phil Hrvatin

1. LOG ON - Making a wood stove hotter.
2. - LOG OFF - Don't add more wood to the fire.
3. - MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the wood stove.
4. - MEGA HERTZ: When yer not kerful gittin the far wood.
5. - DOWNLOAD: Gettin the farwood off the truck.
6. - FLOPPY DISC: Whatcha git from tryin to carry too much farwood.
7. - MAINFRAM: Holds up the barn roof.
8. - HARD DRIVE: Gittin home in the winter.
9. - WINDOWS: What to shut when it's cold.
10. - SCREEN: Whut to shut when it's black-fly season.
11. - BYTE: What them dang flies do.
12. - CHIP: Munchies fer watchin the TV.
13. - MICRO CHIP: What's in the bottom of the munchiebag.
14. - MODEM: What you do in the hay fields.
15. - DOT MATRIX: Old Dan Matrix's wife.

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

By John Mercina

If you don't read the church bulletin, you may have missed the following tidbits of knowledge:

- ✓ "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."
- ✓ "Thursday night, Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow."
- ✓ "This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends."
- ✓ "A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow."
- ✓ "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be; What is hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice."
- ✓ "The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir."

Have you seen any of the above in the St. Vitus Church bulletin?

Meeting Your Heroes

By Rudy Flis

Have you been to a diocesan Holy Name Society convention? With friends, it can be an enjoyable day, with some learning, but not a whole lot to write home about.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, I went to such a convention at St. Christine Church in Euclid, Ohio.

The celebrant of the Mass took time out from his busy schedule, not only to say Mass, but also to spend time preparing a great homily. Thank you Bishop Edward Pevec.

The Rev. Francis Sterk and his parishioners opened up their facilities for our convention. Thank you.

In the morning, after a beautiful Mass, a sip of coffee and a bite of a doughnut, we learned about our family unit and ways we may save and strengthen families. Every minute of my attention was held by the family topic. It was that interesting, and then, time for our delicious lunch of plenty.

After lunch, it was meeting time. Awards were presented, business taken care of, and then adjournment. But just before that, there was the announcement, "Would Paul Yanchar please come up to the microphone."

I almost fell over. Didn't

know he was here. Paul Yanchar, one of my polka heroes, led us as we sang our closing hymn.

I had to help put some chairs away, and then I looked around, hoping to see him. And I did. He was with two men in the back. As my buddies were leaving the hall to head home, I dashed over to the three men.

Short of time, I rudely interrupted their conversation with, "Paul Yanchar, I have watched and listened to you over the years. Thank you for all that enjoyment."

A gracious gentleman, Mr. Yanchar and his two friends put up with me, until my buddy came back to let me know it would be a long walk back to the west side if I didn't leave with them then.

What a day!

Bishop Pevec celebrated Mass and gave me communion, a first for me. Assisting Bishop Pevec with Mass was Father Sterk and the two men serving Mass were Hank Zupancic and John Glavic. Can you get more Slovenian than that?

Hank Zupancic and John Glavic were the two men I interrupted when I went up to Mr. Yanchar.

If I were a pain to any of you there, please forgive me, I was a bit excited.

In the photo on the first page is Wencel and Helen Frank of Cleveland, Ohio.

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By Frederick E. Krizman,
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WELW Marks 35 Years

One of the last of the truly independent Greater Cleveland radio stations, 1330/WELW based in Lake County, will commemorate 35 years of community service on Sunday, March 5 at the Manor Party Center in Euclid, Ohio.

The station is owned by Ray Somich (also General Manager) and Tony Petkovsek (Vice President) and offers a fine variety of music including Polka Radio every afternoon from 2 until 6 p.m. In addition, Ted Alexander plays the oldies from 6 until 10 a.m., and then WELW intersperses informative medical and community talk programs along with meaningful religious programming, too. There is also seasonal coverage of local high school sports.

Weekends bring even more polka and nationality shows.

WELW can now be accessed world-wide on the

Internet .com and the response has been a steady one ever since it was launched. This is in addition to its regular AM 1330 frequency and the audio service on Media One cable.

Individual tickets are available at the WELW studios at 36913 Stevens Boulevard or Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid at 291 E. 222 Street, or Kollander World Travel at 971 E. 185 Street in Cleveland. They are \$35 each featuring a sit-down prime rib dinner and an open bar and, of course, entertainment throughout the afternoon by the all-star WELW staff plus many others.

These annual events bring together a great cross-section of listeners who gather to show their support for the unique programming. Tables of 8 or 10 are also available at the Manor, 24111 Tungsten Road in Euclid. Reservations must be made in advance.

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—Joanne Woodward



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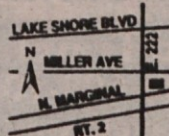


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Slovenians Should Have Credit Union

(Continued from last week)

By Stane Kuhar



Rev. Dr. Krek set in motion these and other ideas in a practical manner for the ordinary citizen in Slovenia. A distinguished linguist (fluent in Croatian, French, English, Italian, Hungarian, Slovenian, and several Slavic languages), Krek sought to have cooperatives for industries such as lumber, farming, dairy, and livestock, to give the ordinary Slovenian citizen some revenue and say in the local economy.

Minority Slovenian populations in Austria and Italy have had credit unions since the 1910s while Slovenian communities in Argentina and Canada established credit unions, respectively, in 1954 and 1953.

In the United States, however, this did not occur. Some communities established local savings and loan entities (e.g., St. Clair Savings and Loan) or a more commercial bank identity (e.g., North American Bank) while various fraternal benefit societies were established to primarily provide life insurance. But none actively sought to pursue the development of a credit union. The American Slovenian communities also had a different political and social maturation and development than Slovenian communities in other countries, especially from the 1880s and into the 1920s. For example, many different fraternal benefit societies were organized primarily on philosophical or ideological grounds: one being orientated toward Christian philosophy while another was anti-church and still another could be described as being "neutral" in these affairs.

Comparisons

While a credit union has not yet been established for American Slovenians, other nationalities or (Catholic) parishes have gone a different direction. Based on data provided, these credit unions could be considered as one model and practical means for people to work individually or collectively for improving the overall economic standard of living for all respective members.

St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union is a good example of great economic boom for the Croatian community in northeast Ohio, especially over the past two decades. Current assets amount to \$40 million with

an estimated 2,350 members. Net income for fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1998 amounted to approximately \$500,000. This net income may be used for increasing depositor rates. Or *one or more charitable* activities: providing grants/scholarships, funding of cultural activities, or providing resources for improvements for its local parish.

Another example is the Taupa Lithuanian Credit Union. Assets amounted to \$11.9 million with 1,776 members while the Latvian Cleveland Credit Union Inc. has \$14.4 million in assets with 1,151 members.

Local Catholic parish involvement in credit union activity is a bit eye-opening. St. Francis De Sales FCU (Parma, Ohio) has \$7.1 million in assets with 2,210 members while its neighbor, St. Charles Borromeo FCU, has \$24.9 million in assets with 5,966 members. Some Catholic credit unions have even combined activity among several parishes to have one strong credit union such as the seven Catholic parishes in the Garfield Heights area: St. Monica/St. Martin Federal Credit Union has \$67.8 million in assets with 11,692 members.

(To Be Continued)

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Dear God. I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!

--Eugene

Dear God. Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

--Norma

Dear God. Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now?

--Jane

Dear God. Who draws the lines around the countries?

--Nan

Dear God. I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?

--Neil

Dear God. Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

--Joyce

Dear God. It rained during our entire vacation and my father is mad. He said some things about you that people are not supposed to say, but I hope you will not hurt him anyway. Your

friend (but I am not going to tell you who I am.)

Dear God. Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

--Bruce

Dear God. I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying.

--Elliott

Dear God. I bet it is very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.

--Nan

Dear God. Of all the people who worked for you, I like Noah and David the best.

--Rob

Dear God. If you watch me in church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes.

--Mickey

Dear God. Maybe Cain and Abel would not have killed each other if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

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Praying for Miracle...
(Continued from page 1)

Coverage in the local media about Father Willig's illness and the recent treatments Archbishop Pilarczyk has undergone for a heart condition have raised awareness recently among lay Catholics for the need to pray regularly for the many local priests suffering with various illnesses.

In December, members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Cincinnati were inspired to hold a three-hour prayer and music service for all sick priests in the archdiocese. All parishes in the archdiocese were invited to send representatives.

Thomas Lynd, the business manager at Sts. Peter and Paul, said parishioners were gladdened to learn that other parishes are being invited to pray for a miracle for Father Willig.

"We certainly want a miracle," he said.

Father Willig's illness has drawn many members of Sts. Peter and Paul into a more active prayer life. The parish sponsors a 7 p.m. Rosary group Monday through Friday. A healing for Father Willig is chief among the intentions offered. About 60 people attend it every night, Lynd said.

"We hope the Lord hears our prayers," Lynd said.

Months ago Father Willig made three resolutions in an awareness that his life on earth might end soon. The first was "to use the time to be as close to Jesus as possible."

His second resolution was to help as many people as possible to draw closer to Jesus. Although the cancer and treatments have weakened him physically, Father Willig remains deeply involved in ministering to others. His illness has brought a new focus on setting priorities, he said.

"I feel a certain urgency about what my ministry is," he said. "I haven't watched television in six months. I don't have time for the frivolous things."

He said his third resolution sounds simple, but is actually quite challenging.

"The third and final goal I have is to love others," Father Willig said.

Newburgh Fish Fries

Slovenian National Home, 3963 E. 80th St., Newburgh, is sponsoring a walleye fish - shrimp - or perch dinner on Friday, March 10, serving from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost \$8.

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World famous architect, Jožef Pléčnik, and his works can now be seen on the Internet. Both the Institute DESSA and the firm, Triglif, of Ljubljana have undertaken the project. Three guide books have been prepared covering Pléčnik's Ljubljana, Pléčnik's Slovenia, and Pléčnik Abroad. Internet address is: www.plecnik2000.com

Pléčnik's nephew and wife, Linda and family are parishioners of Saint Vitus Church here in Cleveland.

Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, Argentina prepared a Christmas program, **La Humanidad** (Humanity) in which the Slovenian custom of observing Christmas was featured.

After three years' preparation, the new retirement system for Slovenia went into effect. Slovenia is following the standards observed by other European countries.

At the Slovenian Bishop's Conference in Ljubljana, Bishop **Alojzij Uran** was designated as responsible for pastoring Slovenians throughout the world.

The 28th Literary Competitions of **Mladika** for prose and poetry included 170 entries. Top honors for prose went to Matéja Gomboc of Nova Gorica, Marjéta Ratkovič of Slovenska Bistrica, and Marjana Sréč of Jéšenicé. There was no First Prize award this year for poetry. However Second Prize was given to Zlatka for a cycle of poems. Third prize went to Franjo Frančič of Piran. Congratulations, Ladies and Gentleman!

Dr. Lavo Čérmélj was remembered in Trst on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of his death. Dr. Čérmélj was a physicist, a scientist who participated actively against the Fascist pressures around Trst preceding and during World War II. Despite the attractive positions that were available to him at the universities, he preferred to fight for the common rights of the oppressed Slovenian minority. R.I.P.

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Joseph Cimperman, a fresh but powerful voice in Cleveland politics

Joseph M. Cimperman, the 29-year-old Ward 13 councilman with the youthful face, is a rookie member of Cleveland's legislative body. But already he has been an impressive force with his seemingly boundless energy and his endless inventory of ideas.

He's developed into an accomplished speaker on the council floor and at community forums.

Cimperman represents downtown and parts of the East Side and West Side. His campaign committee was called "The People for Joe Cimperman," and he defines politics in class-struggle terms - "the rich against the poor; 'the man' against the people." If he sometimes exhibits the compassion of a social worker, it's because that's the job he had before he was elected councilman in 1997.

Shortly after taking his high-back seat in City Hall chambers, Cimperman attacked council members' \$53,500 annual salaries as being "exorbitant" and challenged their automatic 6 percent wage increases. He has fought against new jail construction within the city

and insists that developers set aside apartment units with lower rates for low-income residents.

As a former Jesuit Volunteer, he worked with adults with mental disabilities and as a nurse's assistant in an AIDS hospice.

He has deep family roots in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood, and he lives in Tremont. He's often mentioned as the politician most likely to be mayor some day.

He doubled up his response to a candidate questionnaire, taking up two lines for each one given for his platform. He listed, in Cimperman style, a hodge-podge of projects he intends to pursue for Tremont, Chinatown, and "the continued development of our near-downtown neighborhood."

He told The Plain Dealer that he had casually suggested the legislation last year that would curb council's salary increases but was told by colleagues to be quiet. "What's the point of having an opinion and not trying to do something about it," Cimperman said. "I got elected because I wanted to advocate progressive ideas."

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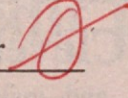
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† Mlakar's Walk Down Memory Lane

By Ray Mlakar 

First, time out for a couple of jokes. A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan you be Jesus."

Okay; ready for number two? A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to heaven," the father replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

Honest I cannot take credit for the above jokes; I got them in the mail from my brother Frankie Mlakar in Erie, PA. Thanks, Frankie... I own you one.

Back to the good old days. DO YOU REMEMBER? Do you remember the old wooden ice boxes? Believe they were oak and had three separate doors on them. The one door was strictly for housing the 25 pound block of ice. Most of us got the ice from Thomases on Carrington; they had the ice house. Ray getting all the pit details; it was my job to insure that the pan was emptied in a timely fashion or there would be water all over the floor and then there would be hell to pay.

"MOP DETAIL, first and then slowly slip the pan out, lift it slowly so as not to spill any more and empty it in the sink. God help you if you had to sneeze or there was a fly on your nose. God are you there? I can use a helping hand about now."

DO YOU REMEMBER the old galvanized hot water tanks? Where is Thomas Edison when you really need him? The hot water tank had it's own little metal enclosed gadget that housed the burner that heated the water. Again it was always Ray's

job, "Ray go down and lower the tank, or the house will blow up." "Ray go down stairs and raise the gas to burn higher, Pa's gonna take a bath." How often we would all be in the car going someplace and Ma or Pa would look at me and ask, "Did you remember to lower the tank?"

I would answer, "I don't know. I don't remember," and so we would have to turn around, go home and Ray would have to go check the tank.

To be honest about it, most of the time I forgot and it was left on HIGH. I lowered it, but told the folks all was okay; "it was already set on low." God only knows what would have happened if I told the truth and told them it was set on high. Guess I would still have a hard time sitting, typing this out.

Why is it that the runt of the "litter" always gets all the lousy jobs. I was a real "do dis," or "go fer". To tell the truth though, I would give my right arm to go back and do it all over again.

(To Be Continued)

Coming Events:

Friday, March 3

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Frank Moravcik.

Friday, March 10

No Dance - Casino Night at West Park Slovenian Home, 45832 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Friday, March 10

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3963 E. 80 St., Fish Fry serving 5:30 - 7 p.m. Cost \$8. Music by Wayne Tomsic 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Tickets or more information call 341-6136, 440-243-4062

Wednesday, March 15

Slovenian American Heritage Foundation sponsors a lecture, "Ohio Leadership in Business and Private Sector in Slovenia" featuring August B. Pust, 7 p.m. in the Slovenian Society Home (lower hall), 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio.

Friday, March 17

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Al Nowak.

Sunday, March 19

Federation of Slovenian Homes Man/Woman of Year Banquet at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Main honorees Judge Ron Sustar and Marie Shaver.

Friday, March 24

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Joey Tomsick.

Saturday, March 25

St. Vitus Parish Women's Day of Reflection (ages high school and up) at Notre Dame College 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call Sister Mary Avsec 361-7330.

Friday, March 31

Fish Fry, Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Cost \$8. Music by Wayne Tomsic from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

St. Vitus Parish Men's Day of Reflection (ages high school and up) at Notre Dame College from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call Sister Mary Avsec 361-7330.

April 8 - 15

Slovenian Ski Week at Whistler - Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada. For details call Ivan Kamin 718 424-2711.

Sunday, April 9

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Club Dinner Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Dinner served 2 p.m. Music by Dan Peters Orch. 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Donation \$15.00.

Sunday, April 30

Bishop A. Edward Pevec celebrates his 50th anniversary in the priesthood with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Christine Church in Euclid, Ohio.

Wednesday, May 3

Polka Hall of Fame Spring Fundraiser saluting Lou Trebar's 80th birthday, and the Pecon Orchestra's 25th Anniversary, Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland from 3 to 9 p.m. Tickets \$5 at door.

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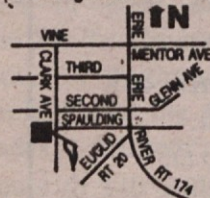
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Death Notices

JOSEPH M. AMBROSIC

Joseph M. Ambrosic, 89 of Euclid, Ohio, died Friday, February 25, 2000 at the Hospice of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Ambrosic was the husband of Josephine (nee Orazem); father of Joseph N. (wife Patricia) of Dayton; and the late John; grandfather of John Jason; brother of Frank, Angela, Josephine and the following deceased: Mary, June and Frances Ambrosic.

Mr. Ambrosic lived on Carl Avenue in the St. Clair Avenue neighborhood of Cleveland before moving to Euclid 30 years ago. He was a member of the St. Vitus Holy Name Society, AMLA Lodge No. 9, and the Macabees. He was a veteran of WWII where he served in the Military Police from 1942 to 1945. He was a retired machinist from the Gogan Machine Co.

Family received friends at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd Monday and Tuesday. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, March 1 at St. Vitus Church. Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements by The Dan Cosic Funeral Home.



THOMAS HOCEVAR

Thomas Hocevar, beloved husband of Francine (nee Lash); son of Joseph (deceased) and Frances (nee Vidervol); brother of Sr. Rosemary, O.S.U., Lawrence, Joann and Kathe. He was an Army Veteran.

Family suggests contributions to the Holy Family Home, 6707 State Rd. 44134.

Friends were received at The Donald A. Faulhaber Funeral Home, 7915 Broadview Rd.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4129 Superior Avenue, Cleveland at 11 a.m.

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PAUL KOVAC

Paul Kovac, 91, of Chardon, Ohio died Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at Genesis Eldercare Chardon Center.

Mr. Kovac was born in Begunje, Slovenia on January 2, 1909, the son of Teresia and Franc Kovac. He emigrated to the United States from Yugoslavia in 1929, and lived in Brooklyn, New York before moving to Cleveland in 1940.

Since 1954 he resided at Villa Mir Farm in Chardon, Ohio with his family. Married to the former Caroline Sorn in 1948, he was the father of Caroline Ann Kovac (husband Donald Valentine), Frances Martine Kovac, and Paul Joseph Kovac (wife Laura Lewis); grandfather of Michael Paul Valentine and Helen Earlyne Kovac; brother of Cyril Grilc of Cleveland and Joze Kovac of Toronto, Canada (deceased); uncle to Joseph Kovac, Paul Kovac and Ljubca Cadez, all of Canada.

Private services were held on Friday, Feb. 25 at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Slovene Home for the Aged, 18621 Neff Road, Cleveland, OH 44119.

MILLIE LASIC

Millie Lasic (93). Wife of the late John; mother of Draga and Ljubica (both deceased); sister of Pero, Tome, Jela, and Maeta (all deceased). Dear friend of Millie and Ivan Maricic.

Wake held on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by the funeral to All Souls Cemetery. Arrangements by Zak Funeral Home.

IVANKA CAMERNIK

Funeral services were held for Ivanka Camernik on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at St. Christine Church.

Ivanka (nee Arhar) was born in Kireh, Slovenia. She was a long-time resident of Euclid.

Ivanka was the widow of Anton; the mother of Silvia (husband Ciril) Vehovec; grandmother of Matt (Chris) and Tony (Janice); great-grandmother of Tony and Kim and great-great-grandmother.

Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

ZeLe Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

SYLVIA SCHNELLER

Services were held Friday, Feb. 25 for Sylvia Schneller who passed away at her home on Monday, Feb. 21st, 2000.

Sylvia was born in Cleveland on July 26, 1916. She was a member of PSWA Circle 7, and the Waterloo Pensioners.

Sylvia was the widow of Matthew; the mother of Arthur (wife Janis) and Kenneth; the sister of Edith (husband Joseph, deceased) Zele and Harry (wife Alice) Cernelich.

Funeral services were held at ZeLe Funeral Home.

Burial in All Souls Cemetery.



MICHAEL FEDORKA

Michael Fedorka, 72, passed away in Madison Health Care on Feb. 19th.

Mike was a longtime resident of East 67th Street. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, a member of VFW Post 3861. He was retired from Gabriel Manufacturing where he was employed as a machinist.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Vitus Church on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000. Burial was in the family plot in Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Olmsted Falls.

Donations to a charity of your choice in his memory would be appreciated by the family.

In Memory

Thanks to the talented poetress **Vlasta Scancar** of Cleveland, who sent in a \$28.00 donation in memory of her wonderful husband, **Dr. Martin Scancar**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Rose P. Silva** who renewed her subscription plus enclosed an additional \$10.00 in memory of **Mary and John Picman, Bob Sterling and Hubert Silva**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Paul Andolsek** of Willoughby Hills, Ohio who brought in a \$20.00 donation in memory of **Frank Zupancic**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Paul Andolsek** of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, and **daughters** who donated \$50.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of his dear wife and their wonderful mother, **Mary Andolsek**.

FRANK SHENK

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 2nd for Frank Shenk at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Euclid, at 10 a.m. Frank passed away at Hospice House on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000.

Frank was a Euclid resident and formerly was from East 65th and St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland.

Mr. Shenk was employed as a plumber at National Engineering until he retired in 1982. He was a WWII veteran serving in the Merchant Marine.

He was a member of American Legion Post 7, Wickliffe, a member of AMLA Lodge #5, Waterloo Pensioners, and The Polka Boosters Club.

Frank was the husband of Ann (nee Kogoy); the father of Janet (Mario) Valenta, Barbara (deceased) (Ron) Crupi, and Sandra (Richard) Hook grandfather of Dawn Crupi. Brother of Frances Young, Vincent, Olga Becker (all deceased).

Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery. Donations to Hospice House.

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In Memory

"Enclosed is \$50.00 for renewal of the American Home newspaper. I always look forward to it (always on time) and the balance in remembrance of my husband **Joseph Nemanich's** leap year birthday (Feb. 29)."

--Fran Nemanich
Euclid, Ohio

In Memory

Thanks to **Elsie Zalar** of Willowick, Ohio who donated \$10.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of her dear husband, **Bernard**.

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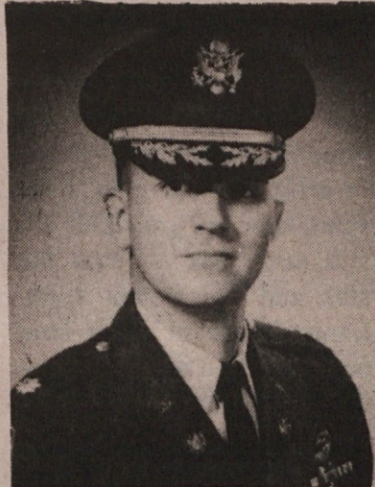
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Part-Time Jobs

By Joe Glinsek

More formal than the pre-teen odds and ends I did to make a little spending money, the part-time jobs that I worked during my high school years involved "paper-work" and payment by check. Stacking groceries at Fisher Foods and odd jobs of neighborhood yard work, were just a few hours of my time in exchange for cash.

Early in 1944 I had a job that committed me to after-school employment twice a week and all day Saturday. The "no-name" storefront factory at 118th and Euclid made a variety of toys and household items from wood. Steel and other metals were being reserved for the war effort. The crude guns, tanks and airplanes lacked detail, but were sturdy toys that kids could use outside or slide around on a rug indoors. With no moving parts, they were nonetheless clever and topical.

Shop machinery was adequate and included a paint booth. Rough-sawn lumber came in the back door, and my job was to stack and mill boards to size on a thickness planer, cut them to length on a radial saw and true the edges on a joiner. A product sheet specified lengths that minimized waste, and directed which machine required the cut stack.

It took a while, but I eventually worked at all the machines. You might be cutting boards 14 inches long and stacking them one day, and machining slot in the same pieces the next. A little step-stool we made had a pair of slots routed at an angle on the underside of its top. One of my earliest "skilled" jobs was making that two-legged stool - just three pieces pressed together in a jig, without glue. Fifty years later my grandkids are still using one to reach the sink and brush their teeth. Long storage in a hot attic once loosened the legs, but a dab of glue made it new.

What impressed me most was the ingenuity of the one-man owner, designer, salesman, boss, and all-around handyman. Using hardwoods, he designed and built all the jigs and fixtures. The toys, stool and other products were also his design, and if the machinery broke down he fixed it himself. Having worked around manufacturing most of my life, I appreciate his multifaceted talent all the more. I'm sure he succeeded in

whatever he did after the war.

Another kid about my age, also worked part-time with Saturdays and alternating work days, we each averaged about 16 hours a week. At seventy cents an hour I netted about \$10 - not bad for a "pin-money" job during the mid-1940s. Aside from the income, the job gave me the skill and confidence to operate most woodworking tool in a safe, workmanlike manner. This was useful when I became a home-owner, and I always had a nice feeling about working with wood. My paternal grandfather was a carpenter, and it must have been in the genes.

In my last two years of high school, I worked as a full-time employee at Christmas, but not at the wood-shop. In the winters of 1945 and '46, we had a school break of three weeks. What to do? Skiing in Vermont or get a job? Ha! It was a tough decision, but I became a mailman. Our branch post office was at Five Points, and after filling out a bunch of forms I was not only hired, but bonded as well - very impressive. As a temporary employee it paid a good wage of 85 cents an hour, a substantial increase over my 70 cent wood-working job, and easy work except for the cold weather. I was lucky enough to get a familiar route that included my street and about five blocks around our house.

Each morning I took a bus to Five Points and picked up my bag of mail, already bundled by streets. I could finish the sorting in any sequence I liked, which worked out fine. I bused back home and sorted mail on our dining room table while eating a second breakfast in the comfort of a nice warm house. I also sequenced my route to bring me close to home at lunch time, where a nice hot meal awaited - pretty soft.

There were many people on my route who were friends of the family, but I couldn't accept every invitation to come in out of the cold for a hot drink, or I'd never finish my delivery. During Christmas season, there were two deliveries a day. The bundle for afternoon delivery was left in a storage box on Saranac, to which I had been given the key. It was a much smaller bundle, and I was able to sit in the

open storage box and sort the mail in my lap.

One very cold windy day, I was invited into my friend Matt Dolenc's home for a generous glass of their homemade wine to ward off the chill. Matt's dad, unlike Grandpa, mixed California grapes with the usual Ohio Concord that we used. This increased the sugar content and produced considerably more alcohol. A little snack, a warm house, and a large glass of wine had me feeling very cozy as I thanked them on my way out. It was a short walk to the storage box and my afternoon bundle.

I was thinking how much better their wine tasted. If the Ohio grapes happened to have a low sugar content, the wine was way beyond 'dry.' There was a simple solution to sweeten the "mošt" without the 'sinful' addition of sugar - add California grapes. My guess is that Grandpa wouldn't pay what he considered to be an exorbitant price for boxes of California grapes. I was pondering the economics of this situation as I neared the mail box.

When I unlocked the door and sat inside to sort my bundle, the door shielded me from the cold wind. Soon, a young part-time mailman interrupted my reverie. He was laughing because I had been sprawled in the box with mail in my lap, chin on my chest, and fast asleep. Luckily he wasn't the postal inspector who drove around checking on the help, because I would have been in "deep doo-doo." I wasn't drunk, but I was sleeping on the job. My "postal career" would have been short-lived, or possibly worse. From then on, I accepted nothing stronger than cocoa or coffee.

Glinsek "grew up Slovenian" in Collinwood, and now lives in Sarasota, Fla. This article is excerpted from a book he hopes to have published.

Within the first few months I discovered that being a president is like riding a tiger. A man has to keep riding or be swallowed.

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Stuffed Cabbage

By Marien Kaifesh

This is the recipe my mother uses for stuffed cabbage. I use spicy V8 juice because Kevin likes it.

Ingredients:

1 large head cabbage	Pepper
1 cup uncooked rice	Salt
1 onion	Sauerkraut
1 pound ground beef	
Ketchup	
2 large bottles V8 tomato juice (spicy hot)*	

Directions:

Prepare rice. Prepare cabbage by coring and boiling in a large pot of water until the leaves can be easily peeled off. (Or, my mother freezes the cabbage and as it thaws the leaves can be peeled off.)

Fry onion in 2 tsp oil or butter. In a bowl add meat, pepper, salt, ketchup until moist. Mix well. Add onion and cooled rice.

Salt each cabbage leaf. Place a handful of meat in each leaf (adjust amount of meat to leaf size) and roll, tucking in ends. Place in covered pan. Repeat until meat or leaves are gone.

Cover with V8 juice (it's OK if rolls are not fully covered in juice). Add sauerkraut (washed well) over top.

Bake at 350° for 2 hours in covered pan. Put foil over top during last ½ hour.

*=My mother uses 2 cans of tomato soup instead.

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– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Združevanje med SLS in SKD poteka naprej preko potrditev raznih strankinih organov – V okviru "koalicija Slovenija" sta SDS in SKD ustanovili strokovni svet

Slovenska tiskovna agencija poroča danes zjutraj takole: "Izvršilni odbor SKD, ki se je pozno popoldne (tj. včeraj, op. ur. AD) sešel v Cerknici, je soglasno sprejel predlagane spremembe sporazuma koalicije Slovenije, ki so ga v nedeljo zvečer uskladili prvaki treh strank SDS, SKD in SLS, Janez Janša, Lojze Peterle in Marjan Podobnik, je STA povedal tiskovni predstavnik SKD Valentin Hajdinjak. Hkrati so predsedniku stranke Peterletu dali mandat, da skupaj z ostalima dvema predsednikoma, s Podobnikom in Janšo, sporazum o koaliciji Slovenija dokončno uskladi, da ga lahko nato predložijo še v odločanje svetu SKD.

Usklajene spremembe sporazuma se nanašajo na razmerje v koaliciji glede sestave kandidatne liste, in sicer 2 proti 1 v korist združene stranke SLS in SKD, da ostaja 10 odstotkov volilnih okrajev takšnih, kjer je možen ločen nastop kandidatov, ter da so kandidati lojalni tako stranki kot koaliciji. Med drugim je še odprto ime koalicije. SLS namreč predlaga spremembo imena sporazuma, in sicer da bi se imenoval sporazum o koaliciji za Slovenijo in ne sporazum o koaliciji Slovenija.

V zvezi s postopkom združevanja s SLS pa so govorili o rokovniku opravil, ki jih je potrebno še izvesti da bo prišlo do čim hitrejšega in uspešnega zaključka tega procesa. Za pripravo rokovnika sta odgovorna glavna tajnika obeh strank. Govorili so tudi o interpelaciji zoper finančnega ministra Gasparija in se seznanili s predlogom volilnih okrajev. Po koncu seje pa so se srečali še s člani cerkniške SKD."

Znotraj koalicije Slovenija je bil ustanovljen tkim. strokovni svet. Namen sveta je

pripraviti alternativni vladni program, s tem programom pa se bo koalicija predstavila volilcem na jesenskih parlamentarnih volitvah. Sestavlja ga štirinajst vladnih resorjev. Celotnemu strokovnemu svetu predseduje dr. Andrej Bajuk, za vodenje vsakega izmed resorjev je odgovoren po en predstavnik iz SDS in en iz SKD. Na sejah sveta sodelujeta še predsednika obeh strank. V kolikor bo, kot kaže, v koalicijo vključena tudi SLS, bodo temu primerno izvedene razširitve.

Ko bo SLS vlado zapustila...

Predsednik SLS Marjan Podobnik je potrdil, da bo ob dnevu združitve s SKD njegova stranka vlado zapustila. Prepričan je, je dejal Podobnik, da bo možno v pogovorih s premierom Janezom Drnovškom in SKD najti rešitev, ki bo zagotovila, da bo Slovenijaj prišla do volitev brez nestabilnih razmer. Podobnik je še dejal, da bosta tako združena stranka kot SDS po odhodu takrat "nekdanje" SLS iz vlade podpirala manjšinsko vlado.

Na to trditev sta komentirala Janez Janša in Lojze Peterle. Janša: "SDS je pripravljena podpreti manjšinsko vlado, vendar izključno pri stvareh, ki so v nacionalnem interesu – priprava in sprejemanje evropske zakonodaje in rutinske stvari, brez katerih država ne more delovati." Peterle je rekel, da se z Janšo o "začasni" rešitvi pogovarjata z Drnovškom, dodal pa: "Vendar mu zagotovila za podporo manjšinski vladi nista dala."

Akademik Aleksander Bajt umrl

Dne 25. februarja je dva dni pred 79. rojstnim dnevom umrl akademik Aleksander Bajt, član SAZU in zaslužni profesor politične ekonomije. Lani je objavil knjigo *Bermanov dosje*, o povojnih letih v Sloveniji, ki je bila takoj razprodana.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Lilijina maškarada—

To soboto zvečer ima dramsko društvo Lilija svojo nagradno maškarado v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue. Za vstopnice in več informacij, pokličite S. Gaserja na 216-381-2602. Maske imajo prost vstop, večerja se bo začela servirati ob 7h zv.

Krofi in rezanci—

To soboto dopoldne od 8. do 11.30 ima Oltarno društvo pri sv. Vidu prodajo krofov in rezancev, kot običajno v društveni sobi šolskega avditorija.

In pri Mariji Vnebovzeti—

To soboto ima Oltarno društvo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti prodajo peciva in krofov, sicer dopoldne v šolski dvorani.

V tiskovni sklad—

G.ga. Victor G. Kmetich, Highland Hts., O., sta darovala \$20 v podporo listu. G. Frank Lovšin, Euclid, O., je prav tako daroval \$20. Darovalcem hvala lepa za naklonjenost!

Novi grobovi

Joseph M. Ambrosic

Dne 25. februarja je v Hospice of Dayton v Daytonu, O., umrl 89 let stari Joseph M. Ambrosic, mož Josephine, roj. Oražem, oče Josepha in že pok. Johna, stari oče Johna Jasona Ambrosica, brat Francka, Angele, Josephine ter že pok. Mary, June in Frances, živeč z ženo na Carl Ave. do pred 30 leti, ko sta se preselila v Euclid, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, zaposlen do upokojitve kot strojnik pri Gogan Machine Co., član DNIJ pri sv. Vidu, ADZ št. 9 in Maccabees. Pogreb je bil v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Lake Shore Blvd. 1. marca, s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču. Družina priporoča darove v pokojnikov spomin Bishop Baraga Beatification Fund ali St. Vitus Church Endowment Fund.

Ivanka Čamernik

Umrla je 89 let stara Ivanka Čamernik, rojena Arhar, mati Silvije Vehovec, 2-krat stara mati, 2-krat prastara mati in 1-krat pra-prastara mati. Pogreb je bil 28. februarja v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Kristine in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

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Povratno vlečenje—

V soboto, 11. marca, bo pri sv. Vidu tkim. "povratno vlečenje", katerega prebitok je namenjen gradnji novega stanovanjskega bloka za starejše tik ob župniji. Listki, ki vključujejo večerjo, so po \$50, samo za večerjo \$15. Prireditev bo v šolskem avditoriju, vrata bodo odprta od 6h zv. dalje, večerja bo servirana ob 7.30. Za vstopnice in več informacij, pokličite Mary Ann Vogel na 216-383-9307.

Av gust Pust bo govoril—

Prihodnjo sredo, 8. marca, zv. ob 7h, ste vabljeni v SDD na Recher Ave. v Euclidu. Na naslednji v vrsti predavanj oz. govorov, ki jih sponzorira Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, bo gost Avgust B. Pust, ki je direktor za multikulturalne zadeve in mednarodne odnose v pisarni guv. Roberta Tafta. Naš stari znanec, ki je služil tudi vseh osmih let v pisarni guvernerja (sedaj pa sen. sen.) Georgea V. Voinovicha, bo govoril o prizadevanjih za izobraževanje menedžerjev v nevladnih organizacijah v Sloveniji in drugih srednje- in vzhodnoevropskih državah, ki jih podpira država Ohio. Skupina takih menedžerjev iz Slovenije je bila pred tedni na obisku tudi v našem mestu. Javnost vabljen, vstopnine ni, po govoru in diskusiji družabno srečanje. Pridite!

Čitalnica še živi—

Preteklo nedeljo je imela Slovenska Čitalnica, ki posluje v SND na St. Clairju, letno sejo. Potrjen je bil dosedanji odbor, tisti, ki bi čitalnico radi uporabili, naj pokličejo knjižničarja Franca Kovačiča na 216-261-2743 in se zmenijo za čas.

Spominski darovi—

Ga. Olga Kalar, Euclid, O., je darovala \$25 v podporo listu, v spomin moža Ludvika. G. Jože Vrtačnik, N. Olmsted, O., je poklonil \$20, v spomin sestre Mary Vrtačnik. Ga. Vlasta Scancar je darovala \$28, v spomin moža dr. Martina. Ga. Milka Skalar, Parkers Prairie, Minn., je darovala \$20, v spomin Kathy Zdolšek iz Greenwood, Kal. Ga. Štefka Jarem, Euclid, O., je darovala \$20, v spomin moža Lojzeta. Ga. Elsie Zalar, Willowick, O., je pa poklonila \$10, v spomin moža Bernarda. Vsem darovalcem iskrena zahvala!



Dne 22. februarja je predsednik Slovenije Milan Kučan priredil sprejem za slovenske škofe, sicer ob 7. obletnici ustanovitve samostojne slovenske škofovske konference. Ustanovna seja slovenske konference je bila 20. junija 1983, ko je bila pokrajinska v okviru jugoslovanske, samostojna konferenca je bila potrjena od Vatikana 19. februarja 1993. Sprejema so se udeležili ljubljanski nadškof dr. Franc Rode (foto), škofje Metod Pirih, Jožef Kvas in Alojz Uran. Zaradi bolezni sta se opravičila škofa Franc Kramberger in Jožef Smej. Med drugimi gosti so bili apostolski nuncij Edmond Farhat, slovenski veleposlanik pri Sv. sedežu dr. Karl Bonutti, Ivan Bizjak, Jože Mencinger in Ivan Bizjak. Upokojeni ljubljanski nadškof dr. Alojzij Šustar se sprejema ni udeležil.

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JANEZ GRIL

Sposojeni komentar

Za Slovenijo po meri Evrope

V slovenski javnosti je v zadnjem času slišati veliko poročil in komentarjev o pripravljenosti naše države na vstop v Evropsko zvezo. Po ocenah domačih in nekaterih tujih politikov je Slovenija med najbolj pripravljenimi državami kandidatki, zato naj bi bila sprejeta med prvimi. Med nerešenimi zadevami poročevalci le bolj mimogrede omenjajo težave z denacionalizacijo in prepočasnim vračanjem nacionaliziranega premoženja. Tudi občila o tem ne poročajo veliko. Veliko večje pozornosti je bila deležna novica, da se je vodstvo katoliške Cerkve odločilo internacionalizirati vprašanje denacionalizacije in pristojne evropske ustanove seznanilo z zapleti in ovirami, s katerimi se srečujejo upravičenci pri vračanju nacionaliziranega premoženja.

Mednarodni odmev dobivajo tudi najnovejši zapleti z (ne)podpisom prvega mednarodnega sporazuma med državo Slovenijo in Svetim sedežem o pravnem položaju katoliške Cerkve v naši državi, ki ga vladna stran kljub drugačnim zagotovilom še vedno ni podpisala. Dežurni kritiki katoliške Cerkve so se že oglasili. Cerkvi očitajo, da blati našo državo pri mednarodnih ustanovah in da si želi izboriti privilegiran položaj med verskimi skupnostmi. Ker je pričakovati, da se bodo napadi in polemike v prihodnjih dneh in tednih še stopnjevali, si na kratko oglejmo nekaj dejstev, na katerih temeljijo cerkvena stališča.

1. – V Cerkvi na Slovenskem se iskreno veselimo demokratičnega razvoja naše države in njene mednarodne uveljavitve. Takšen razvoj podpiramo in ga na svoj način tudi dopolnjujemo, saj so številni predstavniki slovenske Cerkve zelo dejavni v različnih mednarodnih cerkvenih telesih in ustanovah. To ne več ugleda samo Cerkvi, temveč tudi slovenski državi.

2. – V tej luči je potrebno razumeti tudi nedavno cerkveno pismo mednarodnim in domačim političnim ustanovam, naj vladne in druge pristojne organe opozorijo na nerešena vprašanja, ki mečejo slabo luč na pravno državo in spoštovanje človekovih pravic pri nas. Gre za neupoštevanje veljavne zakonodaje o denacionalizaciji in popravilo krivic, ki sta jih storila nekdanja totalitarna oblast in revolucionarno pravo, ter ureditev razmer po vzoru mednarodnih pravnih in demokratičnih standardov.

3. – Današnje stanje na področju ureditve odnosov med Cerkvijo in državo je pri nas bistveno slabše kot v drugih članicah kandidatki za Evropsko zvezo. Da ne govorimo o razmerah v državah petnajsterice, kjer imajo ta vprašanja že dolgo časa urejena v obojestransko zadovoljstvo. Le to in nič več kot to želimo tudi pri nas.

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Pred desetimi leti je bil ustanovljen Slovenski ameriški svet

Cleveland, O. - Koncem osemdesetih let je postalo očitno, da je Jugoslavija in z njo Slovenija pred velikimi notranjimi spremembami. Tisti, ki smo se zanimali za razmere v naši rojstni domovini, smo prišli do zaključka, da je treba onim, ki se tam zavzemajo za demokratizacijo, pomagati. Zato smo tisti, ki smo bili prepričani, da je treba demokratične sile v Sloveniji podpreti, povabili vse, ki so bili enakega mnenja, v skupnost, ki si je nadelala ime Slovenski ameriški svet (SAS).

Za predsednika je bil izvoljen dr. Mate Resman, za podpredsednike Rudi Kolarič, dr. Jože Bernik, Vinko Lipovec in dr. Ciril Mejač, za tajnika Anton Oblak, za blagajnika Stane Kuhar, za zapisnikarja Lojze Bajc. V širši odbor so bili imenovani: John T. Nemeč, Branko Pogačnik, John Hočevar, Peter Osenar, dr. Milan Pavlovčič, James V. Debevec, č.g. Jože Božnar, Feliks Gaser, Ivan Hauptman, Mara Hull, Maruša Pogačnik, Frank Šega, Viktor Tominc, Frank Urankar in Tončka Urankar.

Odbor se je z vso vnemo lotil dela, ker so bile v Sloveniji pred vrati volitve v skupščino. Nove demokratične sile so bile brez vsakih sredstev, stare so imele še vse v svojih rokah. V kratki dobi je SAS uspelo zbrati blizu \$90,000 in jih odposlati v Slovenijo

novim demokratičnim strankam, povezanim v Demos, predvsem Krščanskim demokratom in Slovenski kmečki zvezi. Ta pomoč je tem strankam omogočila učinkovitejši volivni boj. Uspelo jim je zmagati in Demos je sestavil prvo demokratično vlado v republiki Sloveniji meseca maja 1990.

Predsednik prve slovenske demokratične vlade Lojze Peterle, pa tudi drugi vodniki slovenske "pomladi" so se SAS zahvalili za pomoč, brez katere bi težko uspeli. V priznanje SAS je prišel predsednik vlade Lojze Peterle v spremstvu zunanega ministra dr. Dimitrija Rupla 7. julija 1990 med nas v Cleveland. V nedeljo, 8. julija, ju je ogromna množica rojakov in rojakinj navdušeno sprejela in pozdravila na Slovenski pristavi.

Ko je jugoslovanska vojska dne 26. junija 1991 napadla Slovenijo, so bile slovenske obrambne sile v hudih težavah, ker niso imele radijskih sredstev za povezavo, pla tudi ne deviz za njihov nakup v tujini. SAS je takoj priskočil na pomoč in že naslednji dan poslal v Celovec \$15,000. Tekom naslednjih tednov je SAS zbral za podporo Sloveniji skupno okoli četrtilijona ameriških dolarjev.

SAS je takoj, ko je prišlo poročilo o napadu jugoslovanske vojske na Slovenijo, poslal resolucije v Belo hišo, Državnemu tajništvu

in vodilnim članom Kongresa za posredovanje in pomoč Sloveniji. Za obvestilo slovenski javnosti je izšla na posredovanje SAS posebna izdaja *Ameriške domovine*, četudi je bila ta takrat na "počitnicah". Poleg tega je SAS sklical dne 29. junija tiskovno konferenco v avditorij pri sv. Vidu, ki jo je vodil dr. Mate Roesman kljub temu, da je komaj prišel iz bolnišnice.

V naslednjih dneh in tednih je bila poslana vrsta spomenic v Belo hišo, v Državno tajništvo ter vodilnim članom Kongresa. SAS se je z vsemi drugimi organizacijami in skupinami trudil tudi za priznanje neodvisnosti Republike Slovenije od strani ZDA.

Ko je neodvisna Republika Slovenija dobila novo ustavo, je prišlo jeseni 1992 do novih volitev v parlament. SAS je tudi tokrat podprl nove demokratične stranke, ki pa žal v novem parlamentu niso dobile večine.

Leta 1992 je del Slovenije prizadela huda povodenj. SAS je tedaj v pomoč poplavljenecem zbral \$38,000. Za nova bakrena vrata v ljubljanski stolnici je SAS zbral \$30,000, za Škofove zavode v Št. Vidu pri Ljubljani pa \$10,000.

Poskrbel in plačal je tudi Spominsko ploščo na božjepotni cerkvi na Brezjah. Finančno, še bolj pa moralno je SAS podprl še več drugih prizadevanj za pomoč Sloveniji. Organiziral je tudi dve skupinski potovanja v Slovenijo, pa sprejel več slovenskih skupinskih obiskov v tej deželi.

Tekom deset let svojega obstoja je Slovenski ameriški svet doma in v svetu podpiral prizadevanja za rast in utrjevanje mlade slovenske države v duhu svobode in demokracije zahodnega sveta. Nekajkrat je s posebnimi spomenicami opozoril odgovorne v Sloveniji na kršenje človekovih pravic in zahteval popravilo

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Škof Kramberger v bolnišnici

(Družina, 20. febr. 2000) – V sredo, 9. februarja, pozno popoldne, je škof dr. Franc Kramberger zaradi močnih bolečin v glavi poiskal pomoč v mariborski bolnišnici. Preiskave so pokazale, da gre za deformacijo (razširitev) žile v možganskem predelu. Posebna skupina zdravnikov mariborske bolnišnice se je takoj in z veliko pozornostjo zavzela za škofovo zdravljenje. Predvidevajo, da bo škof ostal v bolnišnici več tednov. Stanje se je po tednu dni že občutno izboljšalo, vendar še vedno velja, da škof za hitro okrevanje potrebuje predvsem počitek, zato odsvetujejo vse obiske. Škof je v rednih stikih s svojimi ožjimi sodelavci na škofiji, vse tekoče posle pa vodi generalni vikar dr. Jožef Smej.

Dr. Franc Kramberger je bil rojen 7. oktobra 1936 v župniji Sv. Lenart v Slovenskih goricah. V duhovnika je bil posvečen 29. junija 1960 v Mariboru. Dolga leta je deloval v malem semenišču v Mariboru. 10. novembra 1980 je bil imenovan, 21. decembra, na četrto adventno nedeljo, pa posvečen v škofa. V dvajsetih letih je po zgledu svojega svetniškega prednika Slomška obiskal vso škofijo, birmoval in imel veliko drugih slovesnosti. Nekajkrat se je udeležil sinod v Rimu in tudi sicer zastopal Cerkev na Slovenskem ob različnih slovesnostih v svetu.

Med najpomembnejšimi dogodki v času njegove službe sta razglasitev škofa Slomška za blaženega in obisk Janeza Pavla II. za to slovesnost v Mariboru 19. septembra lani. Naperi in skrbi pri vodenju največje škofije pri nas ter veliko drugih zahtevnih dolžnosti je gotovo vplivalo na poslabšanje škofovega zdravja.

V teh dneh so škofu Krambergerju mnogi pisali in na druge načine izrazili najboljše želje po izboljšanju zdravja. Vsem se škof zahvaljuje, še posebej pa tistim, ki zanj molijo. (...)

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Mara Kolman – 80-letnica



CHICAGO, Ill. – Ta mesec bo dopolnila ta visoki jubilej Mara Kolman, zvesta članica društva Triglav in članica protikomunističnega društva Tabor. Tudi že nekaj časa je dopisnica za društvo Triglav v Ameriško Domovino.

Ko so ji sorodniki omogočili prihod v Ameriko, se je naselila z družino v Waukeganu, Illinois. To je celo uro vožnje od Milwaukeeja, pa ji ni nikoli predaleč, če je tam društveni sestanek, piknik ali pa lepa nedelja z mnogimi prijatelji v zelenem Parku. Mara že mnogo let pripravlja pesmi in vodi zbor za maše in proslave v Parku in jamra, ker je vsako leto in manj pevcev in pevk in kako je bilo lepo, ko smo vsi prepevali pozno v noč in se nam ni dalo domov.

80 let je zelo, zelo veliko let. Lahko bi napisali tri romane o njenem življenju. Rodila se je 12. marca 1920 kot prvorojenka na premožnem posestvu očeta Jožeta Kosa v Borovnici. Njeno mlado življenje se je vrtelo okoli cerkve, kora, fantovskih in dekliških krožkov, katoliških organizacij, odrskih iger in političnih problemov tistega časa.

Ob 10. obletnici ustanovitve SAS

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krivic, ki jo je uzakonila prva na svobodnih volitvah aprila 1990 izvoljena republiška skupščina.

Slovenija je pred novimi parlamentarnimi volitvami. Po ustavi morajo biti to najkasneje do konca letošnjega novembra. Naj bodo volitve po novem večinskem volivnem zakonu ali po starem sorazmernem, njihov izid bo odločil, ali bodo ostale na oblasti "stare" sile ali bo vlado prevzela skupnost "pomladnih strank".

Premislimo, kako lahko pomagamo k lepši bodočnosti naše rodne domovine in podprimo tiste, ki se doma za to prizadevajo!

V. L.

Zgodaj so jo poslali v šole. Ko je prebolela domotožje, lečo in polento pri sestrah usmiljenkah v Marijinem domu, se je s polno paro vrgla v šolsko življenje in glasbo. Ob počitnicah pa pravtako s polno paro v družabno življenje v Borovnici. Dokončala je učiteljske in sprejela učiteljsko mesto na Šentjoštu nad Vrhniko.

V Borovnici je spoznala Ludvika Kolmana, kapetana pri Vaški straži in poveljnika tamkajšnje posadke. Poročila sta se leta 1943 in v juniju 1944 se jima je rodil sinček Joško.

Bili so hudi časi! Partizanski napadi po hribih in vaseh, očetova hiša vedno polna beguncev, Ludvik na pohodih in hajkah, nemška okupacija, Ludvik v nemškem zaporu, bombardiranje borovniškega mostu in koncem koncev beg preko Ljubelja, z otročkom, toda brez moža, ki je odšel s svojimi domobranci.

Po milosti božji je Ludvik ostal živ. Našel jo je na Tirolskem. Sledilo je pet let begunskega življenja v lagerju. V Ameriko je prišla s petimi otroki in tukaj so se ji rodili še trije. Osem otrok – veliko skrbi!

Otroci so dosegli visoko izobrazbo, našli so si službe in si ustvarili svoje družine. Ludvika je izgubila pred sedmimi leti.

Ludvik je bil predsednik Tabora veliko let in Mara njegova desna roka. Vse svoje dolgo življenje se je ob njegovi strani zvesto borila za protikomunistično idejo. Pozabila ni nobene nitke in nobene podrobnosti iz dni domobranstva in skrbno zasleduje vse današnje najdbe, ki so nam bile pred 50 leti še prikrite.

Kljub visokim letom sta z Ludvikom vozila na domobranske proslave in srečanja v Toronto in Cleveland, in danes, ko je ostala sama, še zmeraj napreže svojega konjička in se zapelje na Pristavo. Tam za junijsko komemoracijo z Blažem Potočnikom organizirata cerkveno petje, saj koder smo Slovenci, žalost-

ni ali pa veseli – petje gre z nami!

Mara je dobrih rok. Velikopotezno podpira vse, kar je pomoči in podpore potrebno. Zmeraj se drži pravila, ki se ga je naučila v očetovi hiši: Dobra mera in vaga v nebesa pomaga!

Ljuba Mara, vsi Tvoji prijatelji se s Teboj veselimo lepega jubileja in Ti želimo še mnogo zdravih in plodovitih let, da bi jih skupaj pri dobri volji uživali.

Tvoji prijatelji

Ljubljana vabi aprila

Ljubljana – Ljubljana je med dvanajstimi najbolj modnimi turističnimi cilji na svetu leta 2000. Tako vsaj prepričuje svoje bralce britanska revija Esquire, ki je namenjena predvsem tako imenovanemu močnejšemu spolu.

Philip Watson, avtor članka z naslovom Kje so vsi, ki je objavljen v februarški številki revije, našteva in opisuje po en kraj na zemeljski obli, ki bi ga bilo v posameznem mesecu najbolje obiskati, če imamo takrat proste dni.

Ljubljana je "naj destinacija" aprila. Pisec pove, da je takrat temperatura v slovenskem glavnem mestu 15 stopinj Celzija in da je oddaljeno od Londona dve uri poleta. Kaj ga je tako navdušilo, da ga je uvrstil med dvanajst krajev, ki jih priporoča bralcem?

Po njegovih besedah je Ljubljana (Britancem tudi razloži, kako se izgovarja) nova Praga. Pojasni, da je to prestolnica Slovenije, nekdanje jugoslovanske republike, ki meji z Italijo.

"Tako kot češko glavno mesto je lepa, ima bogato zgodovino, pa še precej bolj poceni je kot Praga in tudi gneča je manjša. Z gradu, se spustite v staro mestno jedro, v katerem najdete intelektualno kavarniško družbo in številne študentske bare. Ima tradicijo avantgardne umetnosti in postpunkovske glasbe, kar daje kraju subverzivno noto. Gore severno od Ljubljane so neverjetno lepe, Jadranska obala s številnimi znamenitostmi in plažami pa je oddaljena je 28 milj," (očitna napaka, op. ur. AD) piše revija Esquire, ki izhaja že od leta 1933, izdajajo pa jo tudi v češčini in korejščini. Po Watsonovih izračunih stane konec tedna v Ljubljani, skupaj z letalsko vozovnico in nastanitvijo v hotelu s štirimi zvezdicami približno devetdeset tisoč dolarjev, enotedensko bivanje pa dobrih 145 tisoč dolarjev (ok. 875 oz. 1400 \$US, po tečaju ok. 103 SIT na dolar, op. ur. AD). DELO, 15. febr. 2000 B. H.

Smučali smo z rojaki na smučišču v Windhamu, N.Y.

CLEVELAND, O. – Zopet smo se z veseljem odzvali vabilu naših rojakov iz velemesta New York na smučarski izlet v Windham, New York, ki se letno vrši prvi konec tedna v februarju. Zakaj pa ne, smo rekli, saj je zima res predolga, da bi jo presmrčali v brlogu. Poleg tega hodimo na ta letni oddih že skoro desetletje in prelomiti tradicijo bi bilo skoro neresno. Med bolj tehtne razloge za našo vztrajnost naj dodam naš osebni kontakt z rojaki iz Toronta, "Velikega jabolka", Syracuse, N.Y. in držav Connecticut in New Jersey.

Pot v obe smeri je precej enolična, dolgotrajna, daje pa nam priložnost, da zaigramo partijo šaha, ali vržemo igro v taroku, ali pa obiramo smešne dogodke prejšnjih let, to predvsem, da ohranjamo, kar duši daje poskok – smeh.

Windham je smučišče na dveh gorah z višinsko razliko 1600 čevljev, dvigalno kapaciteto za 12.000 ljudi na uro in terenom za vsakovrstne smučarje. Naši rojaki iz Manhattna si tu kratkočasijo vikende kar pogosto, bodisi da patroljirajo smučišča ali pa uživajo zimekse naravne lepote.

Na koči-restavraciji sredi smučišča plapola slovenska zastava. Ob tekmovalni progi pri cilju je na velikem platnu razpeta geografska karta Slovenije. Ta konec tedna se igra slovenske Slakove polke in valčke na ozvočenem smučišču. Na sobotni večer se po slavnostni večerji, katere se udeležijo tudi številni ljubitelji zimskega športa, vendar brez smučiči, se razdele tekmovalne nagrade, čemur sledi žrebanje dobitkov, darovanih od predstavnikov slovenskih podjetij, ki imajo podružnice v mestu New York; od teh Rogaška, Krka, Elan, Tomos, Alpina in Ljubljanska banka stalno prisostvujejo institucije.

Od vsega početka tega srečanja Slovencev na smučišču je trud organizacije prevzel Ivan Kamin z ženo Barbaro in hčerko Viki. Za vztrajnost, potrpežljivost, gostoljubje in lepe spomine se vam iskreno zahvaljujemo.

Priloženi so izidi vseh tekmovalcev, ki so opredeljeni po starostnih skupinah in po spolu. Najhitrejši čas je imel Rok Zajec, k je oba teka prepeljal v 57 sekundah. Najstarejši tekmovalcec je bil skoro 75-letni Frank Možič. Clevelandčani smo se na splošno plasirali na četrta mesta, z izjemo Frančka Toplaka, ki je zasedel tretje mesto in bronasto kolajno, tako da nismo šli praznih rok domov. Najbolj zgovoren in skoro najmlajši je bil Maximilijan Hartmannsgruber, ki je tudi podal izredno zanimiv zahvalni govor. V skupini družini so bili najhitrejši Kaminovi, Ivan, Viki in Ivan ml., sledila je družina Zajec z Janezom, Olgo in Rokom, in z bronasto medaljo so se odrezali Kosmovi z Marjanom, Therezo, Timotejem in njihov sin/vnuk je bil najmlajši bodoči smučar.

Sledijo imena tekmovalcev, po plasiranju v kategoriji od najhitrejših dalje, najprvo ženske, s starostnimi kategorijami v oklepajih; nato isti seznam za moške:

(0-12 let): Marissa Jenko; (19-35): Jasna Mišvelj, Viki Kamin, Theresa Kosem; (36-50): Tina Jenko; (51-60): Majda Škrli, Olga Zajec, Lidija Mišvelj, Suzanne Godec.

Moški: (0-12): Maximilian Hartmannsgruber, Johann Hartmannsgruber; (13-16): Matthew Henigman, Nick Godec, Alex Jenko, Christopher Rodriguez, Matthew Kosem, Marc Stajan; (19-35): Rok Zajec, Ivan Kamin, Rudi Lužar, Pete Košir, Andrew Višinski, Uroš Marter, Tomaž Sedmak, Joseph Klesin; (36-50): Andy Stajan, Maximilian Hartmannsgruber, Joe Škof, Timothy Kosem, Peter Jenko, Miro Škrli, Paul Hewitt, Michael Rodriguez; (51-60): Stane Razen, Janez Zajec, John Kamin, Metod Ilc, Miloš Lužar, Andy Ulcar, Stane Kukec; (61+): Anton Kačnik, Marjan Henigmann, Franc Toplak, Marion Kosem, Ciril Godec, John Sodja, Willie Kornhouser, Frank Možič.

Ob letu osorej, ob priliki 10. obletnice tega snidenja, napotimo se v Windham, da zopet srečamo stare znance, se pomerimo v smučanju bolj za špas kot zares, in ne damo dekletom razloga, da bi zapela:

Vsi so prihajali,

Njega ni b'lo.

Ko bi on vedel,

Kako mi je hudo.

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Slovensko olimpijsko odštevanje do Sydneyja letos poleti

Ženske prvič v Berlinu 1936

Evgen Bergant, Uroš Šemrov

V obdobju do izbruha II. svetovne vojne je slovenski šport pravzaprav že imel za seboj vse osnovne olimpijske izkušnje, le da se pri tem ni pojavljal z zgolj lastnim nazivom. Slovenski športniki so pač zastopali barve držav, ki so jim pripadali. Pred I. svetovno vojno je bila to Avstrija, po njej pa Kraljevina Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev oziroma Jugoslavija.

Sabljač **Rudolf Cvetko** je bil sploh prvi, ki je (leta 1912) tekmoval v olimpijski areni (in z avstrijsko sabljaško ekipo osvojil srebrno kolajno), **Stanko Tavčar** pa je igral v jugoslovanski nogometni reprezentanci leta 1920 v Antwerpnu, s katero se je začela jugoslovanska olimpijska zgodovina (na zimskih igrah 1928).

Telovadci z **Leonom Štrukljem** na čelu so zaznamovali prvi množični slovenski olimpijski nastop leta 1924 v Parizu. Njegovi dve zlati kolajni iz mesta ob Seini sta še zdaj naš najboljši izkupiček z ene olimpijske prireditve.

Že tisto leto pa so nosili jugoslovanski olimpijski dres tudi prvi slovenski reprezentanti v individualnih panogah: Ljubljančani – atlet **Stane Perpar**, kolesar **Josip Kosmatin** in tekmovalc v dresurnem jahanju **Vladimir Seunig**.

Razmah se je nadaljeval tudi v Amsterdamu 1928, ko so drugič nastopili telovadci (s sedmimi Slovenci od osmih) in že tretjič nogometaši (brez Slovenca, ki bi zaigral), od posameznikov pa je bil na štartu kolesar **Josip Šolar** (Ljubljana).

Ker so igre X. olimpijade v Los Angelesu minile brez udeležbe Slovencev (za odhod gimnastične vrste niso mogli zbrati denarja), je do naslednjega olimpijskega nastopa naših športnikov minilo kar osem let, prizorišče Berlin je bilo tokrat bliže, tako da je Ju-

goslavija (navzlic nekaterim političnim pomislekom zaradi izrazite nacistične propagande za svoj režim ob igrah) poslala dotelj najbolj številčno zastopstvo.

Med 88 reprezentanti Jugoslavije jih je bilo 27 iz Slovenije, novost pa je bila ta, da so prvič nastopile tudi Jugoslovanke, med katerimi je bilo pet Slovenk.

Telovadke kazale pot

Med peterico Slovenk so bile štiri telovadke, ki so sestavljale natanko polovico jugoslovanske vrste. Ženska telovadba je imela v Sloveniji tedaj že dolgo tradicijo, saj se je za njen razmah v sokolski organizaciji odločno zavzemal tudi dr. **Viktor Murnik** (1874-1964), "oče" telovadbe pri nas. Že leta 1897 so na njegovo pobudo v ljubljanskem Sokolu ustanovili poseben ženski telovadni odsek, ki je leta 1901 prerasel v žensko telovadno društvo, a še vedno z gostoljubjem matice.

Športne panoge (najprej atletika, plavanje, tenis, sabljanje) so se med ženskami razvile šele po I. svetovni vojni, športnice pa so vsaj v začetku vse izhajale iz hazene – moštvene igre, podobne današnjemu roketu, ki je prišla k nam iz Češke.

Tudi v mednarodnih razmerah je dobival ženski šport šele polagoma prostor na soncu. Prva olimpijska prireditve v Atenah leta 1896 je še minila brez udeležbe žensk, od leta

1900 naprej pa so v olimpijski areni vse bolj odpirali vrata tudi nežnemu spolu. Telovadke so prvič tekmovala leta 1928 v Amsterdamu, a le za zaporedje ekip, tako pa je bilo tudi v Berlinu 1936.

Telovadke jugoslovanskega Sokola (izmed Slovenk so bile v vrsti **Lidija Rupnik** zdaj **Šifrer**, **Ančka Keržan** ter že pokojni **Marta Pustišek** in **Kristina Hribar**) so med osmimi ekipami zasedle četrto mesto (kar je bil nedvomno odmeven uspeh).

Merile so se v obveznih in poljubnih vajah na gredi, dvovišinski bradlji, preskoku čez konja ter skupinskem nastopu v dveh delih – prostih vajah ter sestavi z orodjem. Rekvizit si je lahko izbrala vsaka vrsta po svoje. Dr. Murnik, ki je sestavil vajo, se je odločil za kovinske palice, ki so se zelo bleščale, sestavo pa je poimenoval **Telovadni ples s palicami**.

Možnosti za nastop v Berlinu je imela izmed Slovenk tudi še pozneje znana gimnastična strokovnjakinja **Jelica Vazzaz**, ki pa si ni mogla privoščiti časa za zares zagnane enoletne priprave (zadnja dva meseca po osem ur na dan)!

"Ko sem leta 1934 končala učiteljske, sem se honorarno zaposlila kot učiteljica telovadbe. V družini smo bili zelo revni, oče pa mi je dejal, da si moram začeti sama služiti kruh. Plačana sem bila po urah, zato sem delala tudi po 40 in več ur na teden. Ker sem morala zaslužiti denar za preživetje, sem se odrekla pripravam za OI," je povedala te dni.

Prva slovenska olimpijka v posamičnem športu je bila sabljačica **Ivka Tavčar**, ki je tekmovala v Berlinu s floretom in si med 41 tekmovalkami delila 25.-30. mesto.

DELO, 13. febr. 2000



Jugoslovanska reprezentanca leta 1936 na OI v Berlinu - Od leve Dragana Djordjević, Marta Pustišek, Lidija Rupnik, Ančka Keržan, Milica Šepa (vodnica), Dušica Radivojević, Kristina Hribar, Olga Rajković in Angelina Goropenko

Za Slovenijo po meri Evrope

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

4. – Mednarodne skupnosti ne zanima, na kakšen način bo naša država popravila krivice, ki jih je zagrešil prejšnji totalitarni režim. Zelo pa je pozorna, kako ta država spoštuje in izvaja zakone, ki jih je sama postavila. Zakon o denacionalizaciji jasno določa, da upravičenci – tudi Cerkev – svoje premoženje dobijo nazaj v naravi. To je za državo najceneje, ker davkoplačevalcem ne nalaga nobenih dodatnih obveznosti.

5. – Dejstvo je, da mnogi državni predstavniki – od ministrov pa do zadnjih uradnikov na upravnih enotah – po navodilih različnih lobijev, ki še vedno neomejeno razpolagajo s tem premoženjem, zakona o denacionalizaciji ne izvajajo, temveč ga izigravajo. Čeprav bo od sprejema zakona o denacionalizaciji kmalu minilo deset let, je bila doslej upravičencem vrnjena le dobra tretjina od vzetega premoženja. Nekaterim cerkvenim upravičencem pa še veliko manj.

Ker so vsi dosednji pozivi pristojnim ustanovam, naj pospešijo vračanje odvzetega premoženja, naleteli na gluha ušesa, so se mnogi upravičenci obrnili na mednarodne ustanove. Za ta korak se je odločila tudi Slovenska škofovska konferenca. Razlogov je imela zelo veliko. Najnovejši zapleti z vračilom Betnave mariborski škofiji, vedno novi izgovori pri vračilu gozdov ljubljanski nadškofiji, težave, ki jih ima koprška škofija pri vračilu Kroga, in številni drugi nerešeni primeri kažejo na veliko samovoljo odgovornega ministra za kulturo in drugih pristojnih teles, ki se norčujejo iz pravne države. Država, ki tako slabo spoštuje pravni red in mednarodne standarde, ne sodi v Evropsko zvezo.

Zgodba o prepovedi izvoza našega mesa v evropske dežele je zelo poučna. Po objavi prepovedi je naša država v dveh mesecih uredila to, česar prej leta ni znala ali hotela. Vsaka šola nekaj stane, pravi slovenski pregovor. Slovenska politika si ne sme dovoliti, da bi se takšne šole ponavljale vsakih nekaj mesecev. Če ji ni mar za lasten ugled, mora skrbeti vsaj za ugled slovenske države. V Cerkvi na Slovenskem nam ni vseeno, kaj si o naši državi mislijo v Evropi.

DRUŽINA

Ljubljana, 20. februarja 2000

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Ob peti obletnici, od kar nas je zapustil moj ljubljani mož, skrbni ata, stari ata, brat in stric



Ludvik Kalar

in odšel po večno plačilo 4. marca 1995

Peto leto je minilo
od kar si tiho vzel slovo,
kot, da se Ti je mudilo
oditi k Bogu v nebo.

Na veke nismo se ločili,
le samo za nekaj let;
zopet bomo se združili
nad zvezdami na vekomaj.

Dragi naš Ludvik, počivaj v miru!

Tvoji žalujoči:

žena Olga roj. Omahen	sestri Anica Klavžar
sin Toni	in Mici Peklaj
snaha Diana	brat Karol z družinami
vnuk Andrej	ter ostalo sorodstvo
vnukinja Jessica	v Ameriki in Sloveniji

Euelid, Ohio, 2. marca 2000.

INTERVJU / P. MARKO IVAN RUPNIK

Poezija utripajočih kamnitih podob

DANIJEL DEVETAK

Ime p. Marka Ivana Rupnika, jezuita, rojenega leta 1954 v Zadlogu pri Črnem vrhu, bo ostalo za vedno zapisano z zlatimi črkami v zgodovini krščanske umetnosti. To je namreč eden teoloških svetovalcev sv. očeta Janeza Pavla II., vseučiliški profesor, direktor rimskega teološkega in kulturnega Centra Aletti, ki razmišlja o prihodnosti zahodnega in vzhodnega krščanstva, umetnik, ki je na pragu svetega leta 2000 vodil dela v papeževi kapeli Odršenikove Matere v srcu Apostolske palače, tik ob baziliki sv. Petra v Vatikanu.

P. Rupnik je od vedno želel posvečati življenje večnosti, stvarjem, ki bodo ostale; zanimalo ga je preoblikovanje stvarstva, snovi, spreminjanje obličeja zemlje. Z zadnjim podvigom mu je to uspelo. Tudi zato ga je domovina pred nekaj dnevi primerno počastila.

P. Rupnik, kako ste sprejeli za Slovence najbolj prestižno narodno odličje, Prešernovo nagrado?

Vest o podelitvi nagrade me je izredno presenetila. Niti od daleč si nisem mislil ali želel česa takega; niti na kraj pameti mi ni prišlo, da bom prejel Prešernovo nagrado. Z druge strani pa sprejemam to odličje z velikim spoštovanjem, odgovornostjo in hvaležnostjo. Moram pa povedati, da je zame največje, neizmerljivo priznanje že dejstvo, da sem bil izbran, da naredim kapelo za papeža.

Delo presega in bo preseglo naš čas. O tej izkušnji pravite, da je bila to za vas "milost". Kakšen pomen dajete tej besedi, ki v sodobni govorici verjetno ni povsem jasna?

Zame je milost območje čudeža, ko se človek zave, da mu Bog vsak dan daje ogromno možnosti; na človeku pa je sodelovanje z Bogom. Milost je nekaj, kar ni načrtovano. Najbolj absurdno bi bilo, ko bi jaz to načrtoval, ko bi si to želel, ko bi o tem razmišljal ali sanjal. Potem bi bilo vse to banalno. Ker pa je milost, je čudež, je takó, kot se zvonik dvigne nad hišami v vasi in je nekaj izrednega; tako je nekaj izrednega dar, ki ti je podeljen, da se znajdeš sredi takega zgodovinskega vrtilca.

Nekdo je izjavil, da so vaši mozaiki zaradi prepo-



jenosti s teološkim naukom prava "enciklika v podobah". Kako doživljate svoje poslanstvo duhovnika-teologa in umetnika?

To doživljam v sebi zelo organsko povezano, ti dve poslanstvi si namreč dajeta roko druga drugi. Sem slikar, kakršen sem, ker sem obenem teolog in duhovnik; in sem duhovnik in teolog, kakršen sem, ker sem hkrati tudi umetnik. Mislim, da v sebi nikakor ne morem teh stvari umetno ločiti, ker se popolnoma ujema.

Pri zasnovi kapele ste bili glede na marsikatero teološko zamisel ali umetniški prijem zelo izvirni, drzni; upodabljate namreč tudi sodobne namige, kot npr. računalnik. Ali so vas pri tem nadzorovali? Katero vlogo je imel pri tem delu vaš mentor p. Špidlík?

Špidlíkova vloga je bila ta, da je posredoval temeljno zasnovo v štirih izrazih: novi jeruzalem, spust Boga, dvig človeka in vesoljna sodba. Drugo sem moral jaz spraviti skupaj. Ko sem vse dodelal, sem vsako zamisel najprej preveril in predebatiral s p. Špidlíkom ob skicah.

Glede vnašanja sodobnosti moram reči, da si nihče

ne more misliti, kako mi je papež Janez Pavel II. dal popolno svobodo. Če sem se odločil, da bo upodobljen računalnik, in če mi je uspelo pred komisijo dokazati, da je to pametno, modro in estetsko, ni bilo nobenega dvoma. Nihče mi ni nikdar povedal, naj bo neki prizor tak ali drugačen. Šlo je za res popolno zaupanje.

Katero je sporočilo materije, ki diha, ki jo oživlja duh, za današnjega človeka?

Krščanstvo gotovo pomeni velik korak naprej v notranji razdvojenosti sveta med materijo in duhom. Krščanstvo je to absolutno premagalo v Kristusu. To pomeni, da snov ni samo protiutež duha, ampak otipljiv element razodevanja duha. To je nekaj fantastičnega! Snov želi priti v stik s telesom, da bi lahko služila ljubezni, kajti le ta ostane v večnosti. S tem da je vpletena v ljubezen, si odpre možnost, da zares zaživi.

Kaj vam je pomenilo "poslušati kamen"?

To je zame pomenilo prav fizično razumeti, kako moram kamen udariti, da bi se ne udaril po prstu in da bi se kamen odprl. Primer: kdor ne pozna pre-



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VABILO

TORONTO, Kanada – Kanadski slovenski kongres (KSK) vabi slovenske rojake iz Ontaria in ostalih delov Kanade na kongresno srečanje, ki bo v soboto, 1. aprila, ob 5h pop., v veliki dvorani župnije Brezmadežne na 739 Browns Line, New Toronto.

Letos se je odzval našemu vabilu kot slavnostni govornik guverner Banka Slovenije, dr. France Arhar, ki bo govoril na temo:

VKLJUČEVANJE SLOVENIJE V EVROPSKO UNIJO IN V EVROPSKO DENARNO UNIJO

Letošnje kongresno srečanje bo imelo tri dele in sicer ob 5h redni letni občni zbor Kanadskega slovenskega kongresa, ob 6h tradicionalna domača slovenska večerja (bogata jedilnik slovenske domače kulinarčne umetnosti), in ob 7.30h kulturni program, katerega bodo pripravili slovenski kulturni ustvarjalci iz Ontaria. Ob srečanju bodo priznani slovenski slikarji iz Kanade razstavljalji svoja dela.

Ker bo srečanje z guvernerjem Banke Slovenije dr. Francem Arharjem resnična presoja slovenske gospodarske dejavnosti, smo prepričani, da se boste odzvali našemu povabilu.

ODBOR

Kanadski slovenski kongres

prostega kamna, npr. travertina, bo udrihal po njem, vse se bo raztreščilo, pa še prst si bo posekal; kdor pa ga pozna, ga bo pravilno obrnil, udaril točno tam, kot je treba. Gre za fizičen stik, da spoznaš, kako je kamen narejen.

Sam sv. oče je v homiliji pred blagoslovitvijo kapele 14. novembra lani govoril o teologiji dveh kril pljuč, vzhodne in zahodne krščanske tradicije. Ali mislite, da je to lahko veljaven napotek za hojo Cerkve v novem tisočletju?

Ne vem, ali se bo stvar obnesla. Trdno pa sem prepričan, da je dozorel čas, da ne dialogiziramo neposredno samo z mislijo zunaj Cerkve, ampak tudi med Cerkvami; da iz pogovora med Cerkvami izide dovolj močnih intuicij, kako se odpreti svetu, kako poslušati svet, kako ga razumeti. Kapela je gotovo izraz te držbe medcerkvenega pogovora.

Prepričan sem, da daje Sv. Duh Cerkvi vse, kar potrebuje za življenje v vsakem času. Treba pa je to preverjati tudi z drugimi Cerkvami, posebej s tistimi z apostolsko tradicijo, kakor so vzhodne Cerkve.

Center Aletti si prizadeva za uresničitev trinoma vera-duhovnost-kultura. Ali mislite, da je umetnost kapele lahko tudi nositeljica nove evangelizacije v smislu ekumenizma?

Tega si srčno želim in v to upam. Mnogi veliki misleci pravoslavja in katolicizma so o tem prepričani. Mislim, da je le napočil čas, ko bomo začeli misliti, da vse, kar je Kristusovo, pripada meni kot kristjanu, ki živi danes. Kristusovo pa je vse tisto, kar je Kri-

stus uresničil v vseh tradicijah tudi drugih Cerkva.

Vedno bolj je ekumenizem vprašanje izmenjave darov in vedno manj vprašanje nekega suhoparnega ali celo agresivnega primerjanja drugega z drugim. Zgodovina sama nas sili v to, da upoštevamo vprašanja sodobnosti tudi raznih agresivnih struktur današnje miselnosti, tudi nove evropske populacije; vidimo, da ni čas, ko naj se med sabo kregamo. Pogledati moramo, kaj lahko drug drugemu damo, da spet zaživimo življenjski sok in moč.

V okviru Centra Aletti imate tudi atelje duhovne umetnosti, ki deluje kot "srednjeveška delavnica", kjer skupno živite, molite, razmišljate, študirate in ustvarjate. Kakšno je vzdušje med člani različnih narodnosti v ateljeju?

Gre za življenje v skupnosti. Ni to družina, saj je družina nekaj točno določenega. Gre za skupnost, za duhovno in miselno ujetost, skratka: razumemo se. Temeljno načelo pa je priznavanje njegovega sveta, njegove kulture, izrazne moči, izraznih navad itd. To je pravi religiozni princip: priznavanje drugega.

Kakšno vlogo pa ima sploh v Centru Aletti p. Špidlík?

P. Tomáš Špidlík je v Centru Aletti duhovni oče, človek, s katerim preverjam popolnoma vse odločitve; je modrec, velik mislec. To je steber, hkrati pa trta, mi pa smo mladike. Rastemo iz njega, iz njegove dediščine. Vsi mi, ki živimo v Centru, smo sprejeli njegovo dediščino z veliko ljubeznijo in spoštovanjem.

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Intervju s p. Markom Rupnikom

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

V zadnjih letih ste se večkrat srečali s svetim očetom. Ali nam lahko kaj poveste o njem kot oseba, ki ga je boljše spoznala in sedela z njim ob isti mizi?

Zdi se mi, da je pri tem najpomembnejša stvar, da gre za pravega svetnika. Janez Pavel II. ti da takoj občutek domačnosti in sprejetosti; dovoli ti, da si pri njem točno to, kar si v resnici. Mislim, da je njegovo obličje, njegov način poslušanja in reagiranja blaga luč, blaga svetloba, ki jo odseva njegov obraz, sicer že zaznamovan s trpljenjem, z velikansko utrujenostjo. Gre za ogromno blago svetlobo. Ta svetloba je nekaj izrednega. To je sijoč človek, iz njega sije. Sploh pa je zelo duhovit in sproščen.

Ob vas so bili pri ureničitvi dela tudi slovenski sodelavci, med mozaiki so tudi slovenski kamni, v slogu je razpoznaven tudi vpliv slovenskega ekspresionizma. Kakšen delež ima vaša slovenska duša pri tem slovanskem prispevku novi podobi Evrope in Cerkve?

Mislim, da je slovenska duša v celoti prisotna. Mozaiki so mehki in topli. Slovenstvo pomeni zame sposobnost biti prisoten v svetovnem – "makro" dogajanju, obenem pa biti zaskrbljen za en kraševski bor kot Kosovo, za enega kmeta na Vrhnikih kot Cankar. Sposobnost velikega in majhnega, "mikro" in "makro".

Zato menim, da lahko ohranja Slovenija evropsko razsežnost, obenem pa nekaj popolnoma slovenskega, gostoljubnega, mehkega, pozornega do človeka, do poteze in do posameznega obličja. V mozaikih kapele Redemptoris Mater je pri-

sotno ogromno gibanje, hkrati pa je vsako obličje izdelano zelo resno. ■

NOVI GLAS, 10. febr. 2000

KOLENDAR

MAREC

19. – Federacija slovenskih narodnih domov ima letni banket ob počastitvi možev in žena leta, v SND na St. Clair Ave.

APRIL

8.-15. – Slovenska skupnost v New Yorku ima smučarski izlet v Whistler Mtn., B.C., Kanada. Tel.: J. Kamin: 718-424-2711.

16. – Kosilo v podporo šoli pri sv. Vidu. Serviranje od 11. dop. do 1.30 pop., v šolskem avditoriju. Sponzorirajo Oltarno društvo sv. Vida, DNIJ ter društvi KSKJ št. 25 in 162.

28. – Fara sv. Vida priredi banket škofu A. Edwardu Pevcu na čast ob 50. obletnici njegovega posvečenja.

MAJ

20. – Pevski zbor Korotan poda svoj vsakoletni koncert v SND na St. Clair Ave. Po koncertu zabava in ples.

28. – Društvo S.P.B. sponzorira spominsko sv. mašo pri Lurški Materi božji na Chardon Rd., Euclid, O.

JUNIJ

17., 18. – Tabor ZDSPB ima Spominsko proslavo na Slovenski pristavi ob spomenu 55-letnice konca 2. svetovne vojne in slovenskega "holokavsta" za domobrance.

JULIJ

9. – Piknik Misijonske Znamkarske Akcije na Slovenski pristavi. Začetek piknika s sv. mašo opoldne.

SEPTEMBER

24. – Društvo S.P.B. ima romanje v Frank, O. Sv. maša opoldne, druge pobožnosti pop. ob 2.30.

DECEMBER

17. – Društvo S.P.B. ima božičnico, ob 2.30 pop., v šolski dvorani pri sv. Vidu.

Windows 2000

Ljubljana – Podjetje Microsoft, d. o. o., je na tiskovni konferenci 17. februarja predstavilo novi Microsoftov operacijski sistem Windows 2000. Kot so zatrili predstavniki slovenskega Microsofta, gre za idealen operacijski sistem za poslovno uporabo, obenem pa je to najhitrejši in najzanesljivejši Microsoftov izdelek doslej. Vse različice Windowsa 2000 so že dostopne v vseh slovenskih prodajalnah z računalniško opremo. Delo, 17. febr 2000

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

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ter novoletna voščila, kot tudi za priložen dar. Prilagam podpisan listič. Vam vsem pa naj Bog povrne ves trud.

Da, bila sem dva meseca v Sloveniji. Na invalidski komisiji so me upokojili, a sem prišla nazaj, ker bi še rada nekaj za druge – bolj potrebne kot v Sloveniji – naredila. Ni primerjave med tema dvema svetovoma!

Tudi mama je bila nekaj časa v kritičnem stanju in sem ji nekaj nege posvetila. Ko sem odhajala, je bila nekoliko boljše.

Od tam nisem skoraj nič pisala, oziroma, sem odpisala po božiču tistim, ki so mi bili poslali voščila. Dejansko nisem vsega zmogla.

Res, vsak dan nas je manj, a Indija nas tako ne mara. Tukaj sta tudi dve laični slovenski misijonarki, a ni lahko, ker vlada da vizum le za 6 mesecev, obenem pa se ni lahko vklopiti ter spoštovati popolnoma drugačen svet in ljudi. Potrebno je zelo dosti ljubezni za to.

Vsem misijonskim prijateljem kot Vam – tisoč toplih pozdravov! Marija"

Vsaka tuja dežela je svet zase, nekaterim se lažje približaš, drugim težje. Zato ne pozabimo vključevati naših misijonarjev v naših molitvah, da bodo deležni potrebnih milosti pri njihovem delu. Hvala vsem za vso molitev v ta namen – in lep pozdrav!

Marica Lavriša
1004 Dillewood Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44119

V Zahvalo in Ljubeč Spomin



30. november 1931

20. december 1999

Z globoko žalostjo naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, prijateljem in znancem, da se je po božji volji, nenadoma poslovil od nas ljubi mož, ata, stari ata, brat in stric

Ciril Štepec

Rojen je bil v št. Vidu pri Stični, kjer je preživel svoja otroška leta v družini desetih otrok. Leta 1945 se je družina podala na begunsko pot preko Ljubelja v taborišče Špittal, kjer so preživeli štiri leta. Leta 1949 so se vsi razen pobitih bratov naselili v Cleveland, ZDA.

Zaposlen je bil zadnjih 23 let pred upokojitvijo kot mesar trgovine Tops. Pokojni Ciril je bil od vsega začetka faran Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu, bil je član farnega društva Najsvetejšega Imena. Vsa leta je bil član KSKJ št. 169. Bil je dolga leta odbornik Slovenskega doma na Holmes Avenue. Več let je bil član Tabora, Slovenske pristave, Lilije in Korotana.

Pogreb pokojnega je bil 24. decembra 1999 iz zavoda Dan Cosic v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete in nato na pokopališče Vernih duš v Chardon, Ohio. Najlepša hvala osebjem Cosicevega pogrebnega zavoda za tako skrbno vodstvo pogreba.

Prisrčna hvala g. Janezu Kumšetu za molitve v pogrebnem zavodu in opravljeno pogrebno sv. mašo. Prisrčna hvala tudi vsem duhovnikom, ki so somaševali: g. Franče Kosem, g. Robert Sanson in g. Patrick O'Connor.

Najlepše se zahvaljujemo vsem pevkam in pevcem za njihovo ubrano petje pri pogorebni sv. maši. Najlepša hvala tudi zboru Fantje na vasi za tako lepo petje ob krsti pokojnega. Hvala društvu Tabor, društvu KSKJ št. 169, za opravljene molitve. Enako društvu Najsvetejšega Imena in društvu Lilija.

Iskrena hvala vsem, ki ste se prišli posloviti od pokojnega Cirila, se pridružili našim molitvam, poklonili šopke in košarice cvetja. Posebna zahvala za tri mašne plašče od družine Celestine, Mara in Frank Hren in nečakov Hren.

Iskrena zahvala nosilcem krste, in vsem, ki ste nas spremljali na zadnji poti pokojnega Cirila.

Zahvalne kartice smo razposlali vsem, ki ste se pokojnega Cirila spomnili in darovali za cerkev Marije Vnebovzete, za sv. maše in druge dobrodelne namene. Če smo pa po pomoti ali pomanjkljivega naslova koga izpustili, prosimo, naj nam oprosti in dobri Bog naj vsem obilo poplača.

Dragi Ciril – Nenadno si odšel od nas. Prerano se je iztekel Tvoj čas. Naj Ti ljubi Bog obilo povrne za vse Tvoje dobrote in skrbi in Ti nakloni večno srečo v nebesih. Naj Ti bo lahka ameriška zemlja, mi pa Te bomo ohranili v nepozabnem spominu.

Žalujoči:

Žena – Urši

Sinovi – Viktor, Daniel in Robert

Vnuka – Daniel in Jacob

Vnukinja – Ashley

Brat – Tone z družino

Sestre – Pepca, Mara, Vida, Ani z družinami

Bratranca – Slayc Štepec in Tone Medved

Teta – Ana Medved

in ostalo sorodstvo v Ameriki, Kanadi in Sloveniji

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1319. Pri zadnjem dopisu v predzadnji

misijonski koloni je bila zahvala vam vsem, ki ste prišli na kosilo Misijonske znamkarske akcije ali darovali za njen namen, danes pa vam prinašamo končne številke:

Kuhinja	\$ 3,859.01
Pecivo	210.25
Pijača	20.00
Rože	23.00
Ročna dela	419.00
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Dobrotniki, ki so darovali ob priliki kosila: N.N. (za bog. Tadej Kersnič \$350, za Rev. J. Kosmač \$100, za sv. maše \$100, za Rev. D. Lisjak \$450, za pošto \$5) \$1005; I. Hauptman (Rev. T. Mavrič \$250, za salezijance \$250, za Rev. D. Lisjak \$200, za vse \$300) \$1000; R./A. Knez (za Rev. D. Lisjak) \$500; S. Marolt (za bog. \$350, za R.O. \$60) \$410; N.N. (za Rev. T. Mavrič \$200, za vse \$100) \$300; N.N. (za Rev. T. Mavrič in Rev. Letonja \$100, za Madag. \$100, za Zambijo \$100) \$300; N.N. (za bog. \$150, za Rev. D. Lisjak \$100) \$250; S./M. Gradolnik (za bog. P. Končan, za bog. P. Bregar \$100, za S. Loyola \$20).

Dalje: MZA (za bog.) \$200; M. Jeran (v spomin +L. Stanovnik) \$200; H./S. Gaser (za Rev. T. Mavrič) \$200; A. Bolha (sv. maše za +Cecilijo Feguš) \$200; A.Ž (kjer je potreba) \$200; J. Goričan \$150; T. Lamovec (v spomin +Ciril Štepec \$25, za vse \$100); M. Goršek (za Rev. T. Mavrič in lačne otroke) \$100; F. Hočvar \$100; A. Vidergar (ček na s. Milena Zadavec) \$100; J. Povirk (za cerkev v Zalogu \$60, za Rev. D. Lisjak \$40) \$100; S./J. Zorc (za Rev. Mavrič in Letonja) \$100; I./M. Tominec \$100; N./V. Tominec (za Rev. D. Lisjak) \$100; I. Košir in družina \$100; K. Jereb (za s. K. Knez) \$100; M. Ribič \$100; D./M. Kranjc \$100; N.N. \$100; J. Zelle \$100; S. Kosem \$100; J. Germek (v spomin +J. Cukale) \$100.

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Veliko je imen, veliko je števil, naj bo vse to pisano v nebeški knjigi in naj rosi svoj blagoslov na vse vas, ki ste razumeli našo prošnjo ter se udeležili ali poslali svoj prispevek ob času kosila. Bog vam vsem povrni, posebno, ko boste prestopili prag življenja!

Misijonarka, salezijanka, ki deluje v državi Angola, se je oglasila Celestinovi in piše: "Spoštovana gospa! Ta teden sem prejela Vaše pismo in tudi poslano vsoto v njem. Torej letos sem imela več sreče in se zato Vam in vsem vašim misijonskim sodelavcem prav pristočno zahvalim. Veseli me, da ste dobili moje lansko sporočilo, saj nisem vedela do sedaj, da ste kdaj dobili moje pismo.

Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija – Catholic

Mission Aid je registrirana v Columbusu, Ohio, ZDA. Je javna, nepridobitna misijonska dobrodelna organizacija, ki jo je ustanovil g. Charles A. Wolbang, C.M. Zbira darove za pomoč slovenskim misijonarjem, ki delujejo po svetu. Prosimo, da nam bodo prijatelji misijonov darovali še vnaprej finančno pomoč, ter se spominjali misijonskih potreb v svojih oporokah.

Za vsak dar Vam bomo hvaležni, kakor tudi misijonarji in ubogi, ki bodo vaših darov deležni. Za vse prejete darove izdamo potrdila za "Income Tax."

Glavni odbor MZA-CMA, Cleveland



Misijonarka s. Zvonka Mikec z Eugenijo, o kateri piše v pričujočem članku.



Pod Marijinim varstvom bi radi naredili ta svet lepši. Hočemo pomagati, da bi naši sovrstniki iz nerazvitih dežel imeli vsaj najosnovnejše: en obrok hrane na dan, obleko in čevlje, stanovanje in možnost šolanja. Iskrena hvala vsem tistim, ki ste s sodelovanjem bodisi v Trikraljovski bodisi Adventni akciji privabili nasmeh na obraze svojih sovrstnikov, ki živijo v pomanjkanju. Vse tiste, ki bi se radi pridružili verigi prijateljstva med nami in otroki iz nerazvitih dežel, vabimo, da svojo željo sporočite katehetu ali pa direktno na Misijonsko središče Slovenije. Nalepka, ki jo boš prilepil na katerokoli vidno mesto, dokazuje, da želiš postati resnični PRIJATELJ MISIJONOV.

Ta tekst je na obratni strani zgoraj objavljene nalepke. Kakor sporoča misijonarka s. Mikec, so otroci na fotografiji njihovi učenci. Ur. AD

Letos, ko se Vam zahvaljujem, Vam pošiljam dve fotografiji, da me boste poznali. Na sliki sem z eno deklico Evgenijo, ki je sirota in hodi v našo šolo. Misijonsko nalepko pa so izdali v misijonskem centru v Ljubljani, a so obrazi naših otrok, iz našega centra.

Letos smo s pomočjo dobrotnikov uspeli dograditi še nekaj razredov za šolo, tako že imamo vpisanih 220 otrok za 1-6 razred osnovne šole. V vrtcu pa jih imamo 160. Seveda, tu je vse bolj preprosto in nimamo toliko stvari kot je to v drugem svetu, a otroci so kljub temu veseli. Načrtov imamo veliko, saj so potrebe velike.

Vojne tu v Angoli pa še ni konec in ne vemo, kako bo, zato se bomo morali zelo truditi, da kaj naredimo.

Poleti sem bila v Sloveniji in se srečala z g. Slobodnikom (SDB), saj ga gotovo poznate, ko je tam pri vas nekje. Res, Bog vam navdihuje čudovito delo, da nam pomagate! Zelo se priporočam tudi za molitev in Vas, vso družino in misijonske prijatelje lepo pozdravljam! Hvaležna s. Zvonka Mikec."

Iz Indije se je oglasila s. Marija Sreš Celestinovi in piše: "Draga gospa! Hvala Vam in s. Andreji za božična

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Dvajset let od imenovanja nadškofa Šuštarja

Ljubljana – 23. februarja je minilo 20 let, kar je papež Janez Pavel II. imenoval dr. Alojzija Šuštarja za ljubljanskega nadškofa in metropolita. Škofovsko posvečenje je bilo na belo nedeljo, 13. aprila 1980. Nadškof dr. Šušter je vodil nadškofijo do 7. aprila 1997, ko je predal službo nadškofu dr. Francu Rode-tu, katerega je dan pred tem posvetil v nadškofa.

Dr. Alojzij Šuštar sedaj živi v Škofovih zavodih v Šentvidu. Po bolezni v lanskem oktobru je dobro okrevl. Budno spemlja dogajanje doma in v svetu, veliko bere ter z molitvijo podpira Cerkev na Slovenskem. 14. novembra letos bo praznoval 80. rojstni dan.

Slovenske železnice imajo 50 novih tovornih vagonov

Ljubljana – Po slovenskih progah je začelo voziti petdeset novih velikoprostorskih tovornih vagonov tipa H, ki uporabnikom tovrnega železniškega prometa omogočajo lažje nakladanje ter sodoben in varen prevoz tovora. Nakup novih tovornih vagonov je pomemben ne le za Slovenske železnice, za katere je to prvi tovrstni nakup po letu 1989, temveč predvsem za uporabnike, saj ti sami nakladajo tovor v vagon. Novi vagoni so namenjeni prevozu velikih količin najrazličnejših vrst paletiziranega tovora.

Vrednost nakupa je okrog pet milijonov mark. Vagone je izdelalo avstrijsko podjetje Siemens, večino dela pa je opravilo mariborsko podjetje TVT-Tirna vozila, tako da je delež slovenske industrije znašal kar 70 odstotkov pogodbenne vrednosti, so sporočili iz Slovenskih železnic.

V primerjavi s starejšimi vagoni je povečana osna obremenitev in s tem nosilnost vagonov, ki so priljubljeni na hitrost do 120 kilometrov na uro. Z novimi vagoni tipa H že potekajo prvi preizkusni prevozi za Gorenje, Palomo, cerkniški Brest in druga podjetja. A. S.

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