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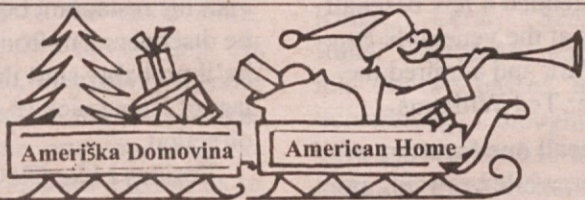
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Glad Tidings from Boy Choir

The Ohio Boy Choir will present "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" concert at St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., in the Collinwood area of Cleveland on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

The concert will introduce a new work this year, John Rutter's "Dancing Day" for boys' voices and harp. This performance may be the first performance by boys voices in Cleveland.

Other new carols by Rutter will also be included, along with several national-ity carols arranged by Jon Simsic.

The choir, now in its 31st year, is comprised of boys ages 8 to 14 years, from the Northeastern Ohio area.

Admission is free, donations are welcome.

We are sure you will enjoy this concert as you prepare for the Christmas season.

Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is each of us being wreathed in smiles.

If we ever forget the meaning of Christmas, all we need do is listen to children.

Baraga Meeting

A meeting of all interested persons who wish to help with the Bishop Baraga Weekend in Cleveland in 2005 and everyone who was part of the last Cleveland Baraga gathering in 1998, are asked to meet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's (Collinwood) school meeting room, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland. -J.V.D.

Holiday Schedule

There will be no American Home (Ameriška Domovina) printed the last two Thursdays in December, (Dec. 23 and Dec. 30).



Sylvia Plymesser was presented with a crystal plaque and flowers from President Dan Hrvatin, for her 60 years of singing with Glasbena Matica. (More photos on page 9)
(Photo by TONY GRDINA)

Glasbena Honors Sylvia Plymesser for 60 Years of Service

While everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Glasbena Matica Singing Society's November 20th concert at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home in Cleveland, the highlight of the evening came when the group surprised their librarian, Sylvia Plymesser, by honoring her for her 60 years of dedicated service and loyalty.

Sylvia joined Glasbena as a teenager in 1944. She has witnessed many changes over the years and has remained an active and devoted member to this day. She was presented with a bouquet of carnations and a glass sculpture. The inscription on it reads, "Glasbena Matica gratefully acknowledges the 60 years of devoted service and loyalty to the Singing Society by Sylvia Plymesser, November 20, 2004, Cleveland, Ohio."

Glasbena president Dan Hrvatin initiated the surprise just before Intermission by asking all the singing group's members with 3 or more years in the organization to stand. He proceeded to 5, 10 20 and 30 years with a few members still standing. By the time he reached 40 years, Sylvia was the only member standing. While the audience applauded, Dan

continued on to 50 years, then 60 years. Sylvia remained standing. At that point, Dan invited Sylvia to join him at the front of the stage where Sylvia learned she was being honored. After a few words from the honoree, the other Glasbena members and the audience saluted Sylvia by singing, "Kol'kor Kapljic, Tol'ko Let."

The theme of the concert was "a tempo" and was attended by over 300 people. Glasbena Matica featured a guest appearance by the Slovenian Junior Chorus who performed admirably. Many in the audience commented upon the positive aspect of seeing a number of Slovenian-American generations being represented onstage in the same concert.

Glasbena Matica performed under the musical direction of Edward Ferrazzoli, and the musical director for the Slovenian Junior Chorus was Cecilia Dolgan. The accompanist was Michael Cercek.

Next year, 2005, will mark Glasbena's 75th anniversary. The singing group is already in the process of making plans for what they promise will be a memorable concert and celebration.



On Saturday, Nov. 6th, John Srsen (with guitar) came to teach a music class to the students of the St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School. Currently 45 people are enrolled in two groups: the beginners, taught by Lillian Centa, and the Intermediates, taught by Marie Burgar. The group responded to John's direction very enthusiastically and he promised to return in December for some Christmas caroling. The classroom in the photo is the renovated "Sodalilty Room" of the current St. Martin de Porres High School.

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Two Interesting Movies

by RUDY FLIS

In the past week my wife Therese and I have seen two movies. That is a rare occasion for us. Movies and their industry just don't impress us anymore. So I must tell of the movies we did enjoy last Sunday and today, Friday.

"Christmas with the Kranks," had me in stitches. Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis prove to be unique in the way they plan to celebrate Christmas, apart and far away from all their neighbors. A winter story of Christmas that just snowballs along with laughs and laughs. There are tender scenes, funny scenes and anxious moments to keep one entrapped in the story. Children are welcome to see this movie. It's clean, it's funny and I would see it again.

Today we enjoyed the movie "National Treasure," starring Nicholas Cage. I stayed interested throughout this action packed film. The action was laced with much suspense, and a bit of romance. Again, you can invite the kids, for it is a clean movie.

The stories, the acting and the directing took me far away from where I was sitting, in a movie theater. Today and last Sunday I spent a few hours with some very interesting people. I laughed as the Kranks stumbled through the Christmas holi-

days. I couldn't help myself. It felt good, just like in the old days when all movies were wholesome stories, not needing a rating. National Treasure was an adventure story that kept me on the edge of my seat. I could not object to a single scene in this exciting movie that exhibited a strong love of our great country, while explaining or telling some interesting history of these United States.

Again this week I am headed out of town for my job. My new partner on this trip will be my lap computer, new in my life, but most interesting. The lap top will be my gal Friday. It's supposed to do everything for me. I'm a doubting Thomas, hoping my doubts are a waste of worry. I do enjoy playing with the lap top. Although a computer, it seems different. I don't mean it's compactness, I mean its weight, controls and the ease at which I can run it. But that's not always, just once in a while, so I don't pitch it in the garage.

I almost forgot to tell you about when I came back from Boston with my new lap top computer. My wife Therese wouldn't give up my lap to a plain old computer. It didn't take Therese long to realize she has no competition, no matter how intriguing the computer. That's quite a gal I'm married to, don't you think?

... the star rains its fire
where the Beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethle-
hem cradles a king.
--Josiah G. Holland

I cannot give you a formula
for success, but I can give
you the formula for failure –
which is: try to please
everybody. --Ray Mlakar

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



I wonder if that fellow in Kennybunkport, Maine is still mad at me.

A few years ago Madeline and I went on a Fall Foliage tour of New England. The group went from New York City to Lake Placid, where I admired the many Chris Craft Runabout boats moored around the lake. We viewed the colorful deep red, gold, orange, and yellow leaves in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Our bus moseyed over to Maine where we viewed President George Bush Senior's place in Kennybunkport and had lunch nearby. After the meal, the congenial owner of the restaurant came over and began chatting and inquired where we were from. When I said Cleveland, he began turning redder than the gorgeous fall scenery outside. "They beat the Red Sox (baseball team) in 1948 and I lost a bundle on that playoff game" he said accusingly at me.

Being a paying guest at

his establishment I became concerned at his hostility and began looking for a quick exit. I don't know why he still felt so angry after nearly 40 years and I had nothing to do with it except recalling all the wonderful players on that Indians team.

I like Boston and had stayed there for a year while in the Navy and even had an apartment near the Common and attended a few baseball games at the venerable Fenway Park and admired the slugger Ted Williams.

I recall one Saturday afternoon while browsing in one of the many bookstores, I heard a parade going by. I went and watched as a ticker-tape parade was thrown for Fidel Castro who at that time was looked upon as somewhat of a hero in this country. He gave a speech at Harvard University that evening.

Anyhow, this fall when the leaves were turning into their magnificent colors once again I thought of that die-hard Red Sox fan in Kennybunkport. He must have been ecstatic that Boston had not only won the Pennant, but the World Series to boot, and in four straight games. It was somewhat mind-boggling for even a casual baseball fan so I can only faintly guess how

delighted the restaurant owner must have felt. And I was very happy for him. He waited a long time for such glad tidings, and probably made a fortune wagering on his favorite team.

But I surely hope he didn't put his winnings on Boston's presidential candidate. He'll have to sell a lot of ketchup to make up for his loss. I won't ever again visit his restaurant because if he discovers I'm from Ohio, he'll probably start throwing jars of Heinz pickles in my direction.

Besides I like Cleveland-made stadium mustard on my hot dogs.

Slovenians: People
with good taste

Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will be holding a *krofe* and homemade noodles sale on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the usual times in the Social Room. Please tell others, too.

The time draws near the
birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the
night is still;
The Christmas bells from
hill to hill
Answer each other in the
mist.

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

THE NATIVITY SET (JASLICE)

A typical Slovenian home in the village of my youth had a great-room corner shelf dedicated for a cross and was known as "Bohkov koticek" (God's corner). At times during the year, a statue of Mary replaced the cross, specifically during May as well as around special holy days honoring the Mother of Jesus. During the Advent and the month of December, this corner was reserved for the "jaslice", since the construction of the "jaslice" was a month-long project. Children and young folks were busy gathering moss and small twigs, material that was used in the construction of "Jaslice". Small children were strongly encouraged to do daily good deeds that earned them the right to earn pieces of straw used in the roof construction of the stable. The better the good deed, the longer was the straw; the faster the roof was completed and faster the holy family could move in. It was a team effort on the part of the whole family that occupied most of the evenings before Christmas. Light for the stable was provided by a floating candlewick in a Slovenian-style wine glass filled halfway with water, topped by a layer of cooking oil. The glass was set on a shallow plate with wheat sown around it and kept moist so it sprouted and provided a magical feeling in an otherwise dark room, illuminated only by a small "petrolejka" (oil lamp). Daily evening prayers were made in front of "jaslice". This was our "reality show" of a positive variety. There was no TV invented yet that we knew of and none was needed. The month of December was also a good time to read the favorite short stories or listen to the grandparents tell fairy tales and fables passed down through generations.

According to pamphlet entitled *Misli*, dated 12/4/1999, from Melbourne, Australia, as found on the Internet, "the activities which disturb the concentration ceased in Slovenia at Advent...(and) special morning Mass named Zornice or Svitanice (early Mass) was celebrated. The first church to have jaslice in Slovenia was St. Jacob in Ljubljana in 1644. The first written account of jaslice in a private home in Slovenia comes from 1848. The important part of Slovenian jaslice is the prticek (linen cloth)"...which would hang down from the corner shelf..."sometimes molded from wood and hand painted".

Hope that above in a small way gives you a better understanding of the meaning of Christmas.

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Life in the Refugee Camps

1949

By Anton Zakelj, translated and edited by John Zakelj

Friday, Nov. 25, 1949

Today is the day we leave the camp for our trip to America. I woke up at 5 a.m. and went to Mass at 5:30. Then I returned seven I.R.O. blankets to the camp store, keeping five for our trip. At breakfast, they gave us some rye bread, butter and coffee, and three one-day food ration packets for each of us to take on the trip.

By 8 a.m., I finished packing all of our shipping crates and suitcases. I had made two wooden shipping crates, each about 2 feet high and 2 x 3 feet wide. In them I packed the most valuable things we had accumulated over the past 4 years, such as my bobbin lace designs, a large quantity of lace we had made and saved for sale in America, the pots, pans and containers we had made out of downed warplanes, and various tools, including the wood-cutting saw which I had made in the camp. I used large screws to seal the crates.

I sold our kitchen stove, shelves, table, chairs, potatoes and beets to other refugees in the camp. Sršen had a particularly nice wood stove and various shoemaking machines which he decided to take along, hoping he could use them to make a living in America.

Babnik has a job lined up in New York at a wage of one dollar per hour, which seems unbelievably high to us. He cut up his steel bed frame so he could pack it and bring it to America, just in case we get stuck somewhere without a bed to sleep in.

At 8 a.m., they loaded our heavier items onto trucks and at 8:30 they began loading the lighter items and the people. Some people cried, but I didn't let myself think about that.

At the last moment, Zupancic brought me the new shoes which he had been making for me. I gave him 200 shillings for them, but unfortunately, they don't fit well.

The IRO trucks took us to the nearby train station in Trofaiach. I was assigned to be in charge of the group and provided with the official papers which I am to turn over to the Americans in Salzburg. By 10 a.m., we transferred everything to the regular train that runs to Leoben. Altogether, there are 88 of us, including a few more refugees and an IRO officer (Englander) who joined us in Leoben. In Leoben, they disconnected our rail-car from the Trofaiach train and connected it

to the faster train that will take us to Salzburg.

It was a mostly cloudy day, with a little sun and no rain. Our group includes the following families: Sršen, Rihtar, Cerar, Semanjuk, Raits, Dejacenko, and Babnik. As we passed through Schladming, I thought about how my brother had to work there in the German *Arbeitsdienst* at the beginning of the war. That work assignment then led to him being drafted into the German army and a long difficult time in Russia. If he had not cooperated, they would have forced our parents to lose their home.

Along the way to Salzburg, the train stopped in each town. At each stop, there were vendors selling tobacco, candy and snacks.

Our locomotive was powered by coal with heavy black smoke pouring from the stack. We could see that they were converting some of the tracks and trains to electric power.

We reached Salzburg at 7 p.m. We were transferred onto trucks along with our lighter baggage and transported to the Lechner barracks, about 10 minutes away. Mr. Raits and I went to the registration barracks where we found an IRO worker named Pibernik, who happened to be from Ljubljana. In German, he asked me where I was from. I told him, "Slovenia, Yugoslavia." Then he replied, in Slovenian, "Where?" I said "Ziri," and he said, "Ah, a shoemaker." He gave us our room assignments and told us what to do. Mr. Raits and I went back to the group, explained the instructions, and we all went to the assigned barracks and picked out beds. At 8 p.m. we returned to registration and received ration cards for milk and food, and two blankets per person. Since I had brought five for myself, Cilka and Janko, we now have 11 blankets. We won't be cold.

All the men had to go back to the train station to load our heavier baggage onto trucks. Although I had injured my hand, I helped as much as I could.

At 9:30 everyone went to bed.

(To Be Continued)

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Words of Truth from Philip Hrvatin

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment, but only when the interest is kept up.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age, and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper, but it's really worse when you forget to pull it down.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

Slovenians "R" Us

Hillandale Zoning

Editor,
Regarding Hillandale Zoning Suit,

The citizens of Euclid were told this week that "Mayor Cervenik is responsible for the financial health of Euclid and to make sure Euclid does things in a legal fashion."

If that is so, why did he waste \$100,000 of taxpayers money to hire lawyers on this issue, when he already made plans to settle the suit? Also, the law of the land is integration, not segregation.

Where is Euclid going to get the moneys to build a new school to house about 500 new students, who are going to move into Hillandale?

Euclid, south of the freeway, is a commercial and industrial wasteland, reminds me of East Cleveland. Are we heading in that direction?

--Ed Grosel
Euclid, OH



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Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane



by RAY MLAKAR

Ray is back but I am still not too sure of the computer, but then time will tell. If you recall from my last column that on 25 November, aside from being Thanksgiving, it would have been the celebration of our 26th Wedding Anniversary for Josephine and I. After attending the dedicated Mass I had at church, I did go out to the cemetery to take Josephine some fresh flowers, but there are a couple of things I recall this past Thanksgiving.

While at Mass, the gospel that was read was special in the respect it was the story in which 10 lepers came to Jesus to be healed saying, "Master have pity on us," and our Lord was filled with compassion and told them to go show themselves to the priest. As they went, they all became cleansed. One of them, realizing that he had been cured, returned to thank God. God on seeing him asked were not all 10 cleansed; what happened to the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks? Then Jesus said, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you." This was an appropriate gospel for Thanksgiving, for God was trying to point out to us to "give thanks" and now more than ever I think that should be the true meaning of Thanksgiving. It is a time set aside to "thank God" for all he has given us. Unfortunately, we all fail to give thanks until we lose what we had or what we had is in jeopardy and then and only then do we realize what we had. "Thank You" is just two little words, each having one syllable, so simple to say, and yet so often forgotten.

To go on with my Thanksgiving, after I came home from the cemetery I was about to dig out a TV dinner and generally I do not indulge, but just wasn't up to doing any big cooking, not just for me and "Happy Harry" (the dog), and am sure if Happy Harry would have known what I was contemplating on making, he wouldn't be so "happy."

Maybe Josephine was looking out for me, thinking I would not have a real treat for Thanksgiving, when low

and behold, the phone rang and it was my friend Bob Wooten who keeps my computer running on course and I thought maybe he was calling to tell me that my computer was just about done. But instead, he said, "Ray have you eaten yet?" I said no and he said, "Hold on, I will be right over." Holy smoke, what did he have in mind. Within 15 minutes Happy Harry is barking like there is no tomorrow and there was Bob at the front door with his arms loaded with bags, all containing special containers with the works, turkey, white meat, turkey dark meat, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, buttered bread crumbs, string beans, whole kernel corn, turkey gravy, hot rolls, huge salad, two



different kinds of pie, apple and pumpkin as well as a container of whipped cream to put on them both.

I had never seen so much food and even Harry's eyes popped out of his head. I could not believe my eyes and most of all he took the time to sit down and we chatted for some time before "I dug in."

After he left and before I dug in, I could not help but remember the gospel of St. Luke and said, "Thank you, Lord," and then without hesitation thanked Josephine, for I am sure she told the Good Lord what I like to eat. The Good Lord may have taken Josephine from me and took her home, but by the same token he gave me a new friend, "Bob Wooten," to keep an eye on me. It is said God never closes a door that he doesn't open a window and for that Dear Lord I am truly grateful. Thank you Lord for remembering me and thank you Josie for remembering Happy Harry and little old me or as I refer to myself now as "John Doe." As they say in our native language, "Hvala lepa."

Well, now that I have said my thank you's, it is time I get off my knees, and before I close, it is time for a couple of jokes. Are you ready? Be-

fore I continue, let it be known that I cleaned up my words. Thanks to brother Frankie Mlakar of Erie, PA for these jokes for without a doubt, Frankie always brightens my day.

The new priest is nervous about hearing confession, so he asks the older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears a couple of confessions, then the old priest asks him to step outside of the confessional for a few suggestions. The old priest suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest, and rub your chin with one hand, ... and try saying things like, "yes, I see," and "yes, go on," and "I understand."

The new priest crosses his

arms, rubs his chin with his one hand and repeats the suggested remarks that the old priest told him.

The old priest says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, "No shi...., what happened next?"

Okay, one more for the road. A priest at a parochial school, wanting to point out proper behavior for church, was trying to elicit from youngsters rules that their parents might give before taking them to a nice restaurant. "Don't play with your food," one second grader said. "Don't be loud" said another... and so on. "And what rule do your parents give you before you go out

to eat?" the priest inquired of one little boy. Without batting an eye, the child replied, "Order something cheap."

Editor's Joke: How can you tell if there is a Slovenian in a restaurant? Answer: He's the one reading the menu from right to left.

With that it is time to shut off this computer if it will do it upon command, and in the meantime May the Lord bless and watch over each of you. One other thing, you may forget the jokes, but most of all don't forget to say, "Thank you Lord." "Hvala lepa, Bog."

It's Cool To Be Slovenian!



Cleveland, OH – Father Victor Cimperman, left, lends a hand at the KSKJ Christ the King Lodge #226 brunch which was held on Sunday, Nov. 21 in St. Vitus School Auditorium. (Photo by PHIL HRVATIN)

Slovenian Parliament Approves New Cabinet

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia, Dec. 3 – Slovenia's parliament approved a new 17-member Cabinet proposed by Prime Minister Janez Jansa, giving the country a center-right government.

Lawmakers in the 90-seat chamber voted 51-37 in favor of Jansa's Cabinet, composed of his Slovene Democrats and its allies, the New Slovenia Party, the People's Party and the Pensioners' Party. Two lawmakers abstained from the vote.

Jansa's party won the Oct. 3 elections, ousting the center-left Liberals, which had governed the country for most of the years since inde-

pendence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991.

Jansa was approved as the new prime minister early last month, and his Cabinet is only the second center-right government since 1991. The first one lasted for six months in 2002.

Even though he campaigned on conservative views and nationalist rhetoric, Jansa has vowed to keep the pro-Western stance of this Alpine country of 2 million that joined the European Union and NATO in May.

Jansa told lawmakers, he plans to focus on carrying out further economic reforms to cut inflation - which

stands at 3.5% - and introduce the euro as planned in 2007.

He also pledged to improve deteriorating relations with neighboring Croatia. The two countries disagree over a small portion of their border, a dispute that continues to fuel tensions.

Among Jansa's new Cabinet is Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel, a two-time veteran of the job who was also Slovenia's ambassador to the U.S. from 1997 to 2000.

Thanks to Robin Verhose for this information.

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Easy Cobbler

This is our friend Judy Weber's recipe for an easy fruit cobbler. It's similar to Mom's Cherry Delight #2.

Ingredients:

- 1 20-oz. can of crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 bag of frozen peaches (or other fruit - Bing cherries, cranberries, etc.)
- 1 13-oz. box yellow cake mix
- 1 bag of frozen peaches (or other fruit)
- ½ C chopped pecans
- ¼ C sugar
- ½ C melted butter (1 stick)

Directions:

In an ungreased 9x13 glass pan, layer the ingredients in the order listed. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes, or until golden brown. Let stand until lukewarm. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh

✂ Our Family and Friends Recipes

Robin's Newfangled Fruitcake

This is a recipe from Robin Benzle on the radio. The story behind it is that everyone hates fruitcake (except editor Jim), but when you add chocolate chips, how bad can it be? (It is really good, honest.)

Ingredients:

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| 2 C flour | 1 C sugar |
| ¾ t baking powder | ½ C chopped pecans |
| ¼ t salt | 1/3 C dried dates, chopped |
| 4 eggs | ½ C dried cranberries or cherries |
| 2 T rum | ½ C chocolate chips |
| 2 T milk | |
| 1 C butter, softened | |

Frosting:

- 5 oz. white chocolate
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 t lemon juice
- ¼ C butter, softened

Candied fruit and pecan halves for garnish

Directions:

Combine flour, baking powder and salt, set aside. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, rum and milk, set aside.

In the mixer bowl, beat 1 C butter until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in sugar, scraping down bowl. Beat in egg mixture for about 1 minute. Stir in flour mixture, and fold in dried fruits, nuts and chocolate chips. Turn into a greased/floured 9x5 loaf pan and bake at 325 for 50 minutes - 1 hour, or until tester comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes, then remove from pan.

To make frosting, melt white chocolate in double boiler, set aside. Whip the cream cheese in the mixer until smooth, and add butter, lemon juice and white chocolate. Generously ice top of cake and let the frosting ooze down the sides (this makes a lot of frosting for a single cake; you can also use it for other desserts, like warm gingerbread).

Garnish with pecan halves and candied fruit, if desired.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh

✂ Our Family and Friends Recipes

Cream Cheese Cookies

- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened at room temperature
- 1 cup butter, softened at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg yolk
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- 2½ cups flour sifted with ½ tsp. salt
- red or green sugars for topping.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream together cream cheese and butter. Add sugar and mix well. Add egg yolk and vanilla and mix well.

Gradually add sifted flour-salt mixture.

Roll into small balls, place on buttered cookie sheet and flatten with bottom of a glass. Sprinkle with colored sugar.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until edges are slightly brown.

Cool on wire rack. Store in airtight container or zip bag.

Yield: About 60 cookies.

--Emilee Jenko

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6 Interesting License Plates

I have been "collecting" interesting license plates while driving around Cleveland. Some of them are tricky. See if you can figure them out.

--Marie Dular

4 U 2C N NV (For you and envy)

I C ANGLS (I see angels)

TO BE CONT (Zakelj?)

GD IS LV (God is Love)

4 R 4 KDS (For our 4 kids)

JST 4 HER (how sweet)

JC DIE 4 U (Jesus Christ died for you)

Some people are not ashamed to be Christian. Isn't that nice?

I'll have to put a notebook in the car to collect more.

Also saw a cute little trism in a puzzle book:

"Since the right side of the brain controls the body's left side, might it mean only left-handers are in their right mind?"

Have a good week.

--Marie

Jarlsberg Dip

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Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in the month of December:

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12-03 -- George Prokopovich, 82, born in Cleveland.

12-03 -- Elizabeth Zadnikar, 83, born in Westmoreland, PA

12-08 -- Amelia Ziccardi, 96, born in Cleveland

12-13 -- Lucille Hennessy, 84, born in Cleveland

12-15 -- Frances Zgonc, 93, born in Slovenia

12-17 -- Peter Opacich, 83, born in Penna.

12-21 -- Stefanija Rozman, 94, born in Slovenia

12-24 -- Frank Mervar, 86, born in Cleveland

12-25 -- Mary Ann Speshock, 83, born in Grindstone, PA

12-26 -- Frances Adams, 86, born in Cleveland, OH.

St. Mary's CD

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian Choir CD is now available in the rectory office and from members of the choir. The CD features 31 songs from the church's liturgical year from Advent to the Feast of Christ the King. Cost of the CD is \$15.

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--Christopher Morley

Coming Events...

Friday, Dec. 10

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland (216) 941-3224, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Joey Tom-sick.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Birthday Party for Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, and Eddie Kenik. Doors open 6 p.m. Dancing 7 to 11 p.m. Music by Jeff Pecon. Program 9 p.m. \$8 pp. (216) 361-5115.

Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance in St. Mary's new parish hall, featuring Ensemble Veseli Godci. Donation: \$50 person. For reservations call 440-537-1941.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Meeting of interested persons willing to help with Cleveland Baraga Weekend at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's (Collinwood) school meeting room.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Pristavska Noc banquet at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. Music by Stan Mejac band. For seating arrangements call Metka Zalar at 440-943-3844.

Sunday, Jan. 30

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School annual benefit dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the new Parish Community Center.

Saturday, April 23

St. Vitus Slovenian School perform play "Zogica Nogica" in honor of Mother's Day in parish auditorium.

Sunday, July 24

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Death Notices



KRISTINA ZUPANCIC

Kristina Zupancic, 87, of Duluth, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004 in Lake Haven Manor.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1917 in Kolenca vas, Struge, Slovenia, to Karl and Kristina Ferkulj.

Kristina was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, the Slovenian Women's Union Branch 33, the KSKJ, and the Slovenian Singers.

She was preceded in death by a son Joseph Jr.; a grandson, David; and sisters Angela Estok, Mary Vidmar, and Karl and Janez Ferkulj, Ana Ferkulj, and Stephanie Koplan.

Kristina is survived by her husband, Joseph; a son, Tony (Barbara) of Lillington, N.C.; daughters Cristine Molek of Parma, OH, and Bernada (Donald) Saari of Duluth; a brother, Frank Ferkulj of Mentor, OH; a sister Zalka Glavan of Slovenian; a daughter-in-law, Sue Zupancic of Cookville, TN; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was on Wed., Dec. 1 with a 6:30 p.m. rosary recitation by the Slovenian Women's Union in the Foley Chapel.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Burial in Oneota Cemetery.

VIDA HEISROTH

Vida Heisroth, age 87, of Ashtabula, OH, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004 at Silver Sands, an assisted living facility in Ashtabula.

Vida was born in Cleveland on Dec. 15, 1916.

She and her husband moved to Ashtabula in 1947, to work for Reliance Electric. She was active in the Moose Lodge #547 in Ashtabula and at the Senior Center on Main Street.

Her husband, Charles Henry Heisroth, passed away in 1970.

Her companion of over 20 years, Jack Mackey, died in 1997.

Vida is survived by a son, Charles (Brenda) of Uniontown, Ohio, and daughter, Charlotte (Richard) Carleton of Delaware, OH; grandchildren Allison (Paul Peterson) Carleton, Betsy (Steve Nissen) Carleton, Mathew (Justine) Carleton, Lynne (David) Wilson and Neil (Kay) Neisroth. In addition, she has seven great-grandchildren, Paige, Meg and Brooke Heisroth, Riley and Andrew Wilson, Beckham Carleton and Ava Nissan. She leaves a brother, Robert Blatnik of Rowlett, Texas and two sisters, Justine Gifford of San Bernardino, California, and Evelyn Pipoly of Cleveland.

Two brothers, Harry Blatnik and Albert Blatnik preceded her in death.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Vida wishes to express her appreciation to Jane Stewart and Margo Dille for their care at Silver Sands.

Vida donated her body to Case Western Reserve University Medical School.

A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date.

Donations may be made to Silver Sands in care of Jane Stewart, President, 3418 Lake Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

Indomitable Spirit

Editor,

I have followed the story of "Life in the Refugee Camps" by Anton Zakelj, translated by John Zakelj, with avid interest because it chronicles the indomitable spirit of people to survive.

Having grown up during the "Great Depression" and the World War II era, it seems that deprivation does build character.

Thus, evolved the book "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw.

Has any thought been given to publishing the Zakelj diary into paperback book form?

--Mary E. Jerse,
Euclid, OH

In Memory

Thanks to the **Tonkli and Merc Families** of Euclid, Oh who renewed their subscription and enclosed an extra \$10.00 in memory of **John and Jozica Varšek.**

Anthony Smole succumbs to cancer

Anthony Michael Smole, 66, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Nov. 4, after a courageous fight against pancreatic cancer.

Tony was born on Oct. 24, 1938 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, to Anton and Bertha Smole. His family left their home and arrived in America in 1949, where they settled in Waukegan, IL.

Tony graduated from North Chicago High School and then attended Marquette University where he graduated with degrees in Political Science and German in 1961. While in college he was active in ROTC and Pershing Rifles. He spent the next four years in the US Army serving at the Army Reserve Headquarters in Minneapolis, 13 months in South Korea, and finally at Fort Riley, Kan. He was honorably discharged as Captain.

Tony married Patricia Brown on April 24, 1965, in Grand Rapids, Minn., and the coming years brought them two daughters, Cathy and Susan, that Tony so loved, respected and admired for the beautiful women they had become.

Tony spent 35 years with AC Nielsen where he made life-long friends and served as a teacher and mentor to many. His Nielsen family was very special to him.

Tony was the ultimate "fix-it" man and if family or friends needed a tool, Tony probably had it and knew how to use it, too. He en-

joyed many hobbies including woodworking, gardening and biking. He was a very active member of Resurrection Catholic Parish for 34 years.

Survivors include his best friend and beloved wife of 39 years, Pat, who so lovingly cared for him at home until his death.

He is also survived by their daughters, Cathy (Jeff) Risseuw, Sun Prairie, Wis.; and Susan (Robb) DeRuyter, De Pere, Wis. "Papa" will be sadly missed by his adoring grandchildren Ben and Megan Risseuw and Charlie DeRuyter.

Further survivors include his sister-in-law Mary Vukonich and her special friend Jerry Hunter and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, William and Beatrice Brown; sister-in-law Eleanor Brown; two brothers-in-law, William Brown and Thomas Brown.

There was visitation at Resurrection Catholic Parish in Allouez, on Sunday, Nov. 7 with a prayer service beginning at 7. Visitation was also on Monday, Nov. 8 from 3 to 5, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 5. Fr. Paul Demuth was the celebrant.

A memorial fund is being established for the benefit of PANCAN, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the Resurrection Parish outreach program.

Donation

Thanks to **Silvester Subotnjicki** of "Slovenska Palma" of Miami, FL for the \$30.00 donation.

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Thanks to **St. Anne Lodge #4 AMLA, Lillian B. Novak**, secretary, for the wonderful \$150.00 donation.

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of the 3rd Anniversary of the death of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.



Antoinette Gerbec

Entered into rest
December 12, 2001

*In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, fond and true.*

*There is not a day,
dear mother,
That we do not think of you!*

Sadly missed by:
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son-in-law Don Slapnik;
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Shelli March,
Grandson - Louis Slapnik;
Great-granddaughter -
Lisa March;
Daughter-in-law
Dorothy Gerbec; and the
Gerbec Grand and
Great-grandchildren



In Loving Memory

of the 14th Anniversary of the Death of Our Beloved Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather



Louis Oswald

Passed away Dec. 11, 1990

*As we loved him, so we miss him;
In our memory he is near;
Loved, remembered, longed for always,
Bringing many a silent tear.*

Sadly missed by:
Wilma — daughter
Walter — son & wife Alberta grandchildren and great-grandchildren



In Memory



25th Anniversary of the death of

MARY DEBEVEC

Who died Dec. 8, 1979

*Your memory to us is a keepsake,
With which we will never part.
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Thanks to Ann Cendol of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$10.00 donation in memory of her husband, John.

In Memory

Thanks to Virginia M. Sirc of Westerville, OH who added a \$15.00 donation to her subscription renewal in memory of deceased family members.

In Memory

Thanks to Alice Martincic of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of her husband, Felix Martincic.

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Thanks to Silvester Subotnjicki of Miami, FL, president of Slovenska Palma, who delivered a \$15.00 donation. Silvester is a great polka fan and came to Cleveland for the Thanksgiving Polka Parties.

In Memory

Thanks to Mrs. Rudy (Marie) Pivik of Cleveland, OH who renewed their subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of Robert Royer's wife, who recently passed away.

News

Thanks to Mrs. Molly Brodnick of Highland Heights, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. She writes, "Thank you for a wonderful paper with news about our Slovenian people."

In Memory

Thanks to Veronica Maurer of Wickliffe, OH who donated \$15.00 in memory of John and Vera Benchina and \$15.00 in memory of Daniel and John Maurer.

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Thanks to Mirko and Jelka Hrovat of Chesterland, OH who renewed their subscription and added a \$15.00 donation.

In Memory

Thanks to Theresa Percic of Painesville, OH who added a \$15.00 donation to their subscription renewal in memory of her husband, John Percic.

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Thanks to Stana Oven of Monterey, CA for who renewed her subscription and added a \$20.00 donation.

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Thanks to Elsie Russo of Kirtland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$20.00 donation.

In Memory

Thanks to Joseph Jenko of Euclid, OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$20.00 donation in memory of his wonderful parents.

In Memory

Thanks to Anna Marie Marinch of Las Vegas, NV who renewed her subscription and added a \$10.00 donation in memory of husband, Al Marinch.

In Memory

Thanks to Frances Ogo-revc of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of her husband, Frank, whose birthday is on Christmas Day.

In Memory

Thanks to Vincent Yurkovic of East Rutherford, NJ who renewed his subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of parents Martin and Gera (nee Polman) Jurkovic, and sister Julijana Lasic.

In Loving Memory of



Bernadette C. Ilc

Bernadette was born on June 26, 1966 in Cleveland. She died on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at Lutheran Hospital.

Bernadette attended Slovenian Saturday School at St. Vitus, St. Felicitas grade school, Villa Angela High School, and John Carroll University where she majored in psychology and business.

Her professional life was dedicated to administration, sales and marketing in Cleveland and Chicago.

During her high school years she was a member of Kres folklore dancing group. She loved animals, enjoyed skiing and other sports. Cross stitching, needle pointing, cross word puzzles and reading were her leisure time endeavors.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 10, from The Dan Cosic Funeral Home in Willoughby Hills with the Mass of Resurrection in St. Vitus Church. Burial was at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon Township.

We are deeply grateful to Reverend Joseph Boznar for celebrating the Funeral Mass and his comforting homily, and to Reverend Frederick Pausche for burial ceremony at the cemetery.

A most sincere thanks to John Srsen and the choir members for wonderful singing at the Funeral Mass.

A heartfelt thanks to Tony Lavrisha for insightful telling of Bernie's years of growing up.

Thanks to family members and friends for acting as pallbearers and support.

Thanks to Dan Cosic Funeral Home staff for careful attention to funeral details and their genuine concerns. Thanks to all who accompanied us to the cemetery and then shared time with us at the luncheon at St. Noel facility.

God bless everyone for their heartfelt condolences and prayers, the beautiful floral remembrances, the many Mass offerings, and monetary donations. Your outpouring of friendship and concern continue to be a source of comfort in our loss.

Thanks for being a gift to us. You are missed by all of us.

Ilc Family

This time of year we all share our happiness with those around us. And, for those who are struggling to find happiness after the loss of a loved one, we offer our warmest wishes for your holiday season.

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Lisa Hupfer, Dolores Sierputowski, and Colleen Royer sing "Lepa Mlinarca."



Cecilia Dolgan and daughter Ann sing "Mami oj mami"



Steve and Colleen Royer sing, "All I Ask of You."

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Looking at the family album in Slovenia, are left to right, Sabina Khnetl, Rose Ellen Larish, and daughter Susan Larish.

(Photo by John Larish)

Visiting Slovenia After 30 Years

by JOHN LARISH

My wife, Rose Ellen, and I have been back to Slovenia many times since our marriage some 43 years ago when we first visited. But for our daughter Susan, this was her first visit in over 30 years. I had been to Germany on business covering a trade fair, reporting and broadcasting. Rose Ellen and our daughter Susan joined me in Munich. After a short visit to southern Germany and Lake Bled, Slovenia, we went to visit the family farm in Drtija.

The last time Susan had been there was for Christmas 1970. The old one-story house was gone and it was replaced by a two-story house with central heat and multiple bathrooms.

Susan could not believe the generosity and kindness of all of her extended family members. Susan had expected to learn some Slovenian on her trip and had arrived with a Slovenian/

English dictionary. It turned out, to her surprise, that everyone's English was very good. She expected English to be more of a struggle. Even those who didn't speak much English understood most of the things that were said in English.

Not only did we get to see the family's farm, but also different houses. For Susan, it was interesting that the houses were so close together, but the farmland, if a family had some, was located at a distance away.

The challenge of building houses was also another surprise since credit was limited. So houses were built by getting friends and families together. The family home in Drtija, now the home of cousin Marian, his wife, Francka, and son Clement was built by the family getting together.

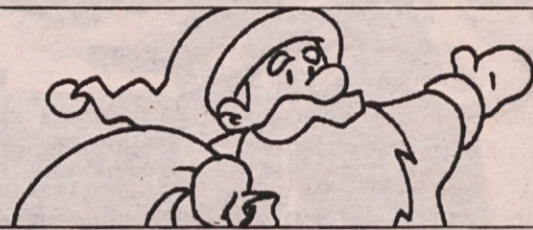
A visit to Ljubljana, the Slovenia capital, was also another eye opener for Susan. It was the story of

globalization. There were many stores that she recognized that were also located in the United States. Stores like H & M Clothing, also found in New York City and around the U.S. and Benetton which were part of everyday Ljubljana. She had an interesting shopping experience when she tried to buy a Slovenian music CD for a friend back in Minneapolis. Most available CDs were English, not Slovenian.

Susan left Slovenia impressed by the warmth and friendliness of all whom she met. She experienced the wonderful Slovenian hospitality that is part of her heritage. Even the younger children are now better at speaking English than their older siblings who have graduated from college. It was a sign that Slovenia is ready for the global world of tomorrow while enjoying the richness of Slovenian traditions.



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by PATRICIA COIL
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Packing Tip

To avoid wrinkles, never pack freshly ironed garments. Let them hang out overnight.

Do not over pack or under pack your suitcase. If the suitcase is too full, the clothes will wrinkle. If the suitcase is under filled, the clothes will move around and become wrinkled.

Before each major trip, plan exactly what you are going to wear each day. If you find that you are only going to wear an outfit once, leave it at home. You don't want to over pack.

Do not pack food or beverages in your checked luggage. The density of certain foods is not easily read by the screening equipment and so your bags will be opened and inspected.

If you feel you must lock your luggage when you

travel, here are some suggestions. Travel stores are selling locks that can be opened by TSA inspectors. A cheap alternative is simply using a metal twist tie. Another idea is to use the split rings that you find on key rings.

Label your laptop computer. Tape a business card or other identifying information beneath your laptop to avoid loss.

Airplane Tip

If you are prone to air sickness request a seat over the wing.

If you would like a better seat on your flight, be sure to ask at check-in. Bulkhead and exit-row seats are usually last to be assigned and may be available.

Disposable earplugs come in very handy on a plane trip if you happen to be sitting near a crying child.

To avoid the pain of too tight shoes caused by air travel, wear fluffy socks and remove your shoes before the plane takes off.

Next time you travel make an emergency contact list with the phone numbers for credit cards, travel insurance, etc., and keep it paper clipped inside your passport.

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Vacation Tip

If you want to avoid tourist traps, ask the concierge for dinner suggestions and ask your taxi driver where he would take his sweetheart/wife for a wonderful dinner. Compare the choices and make your decision.

Always use the in-the-room safe when you are traveling to protect your valuables. In addition, after locking the safe, press firmly all the other numbers.

Buy electronic devices that use AA batteries that are available all over the world.

Cruise Tip

www.access-able.com is a web site where you can find a list of accessible cruise ships and information about the handicapped cabins and amenities of each ship. In addition, there are comments from past cruisers.

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Journey of Hope Fund-raiser

Journey of Hope, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial support for adult cancer patients in Northeast Ohio, has recently published a cookbook featuring more than 200 recipes from the kitchens of members and their families and friends, including Kim Ann Kaifesh.

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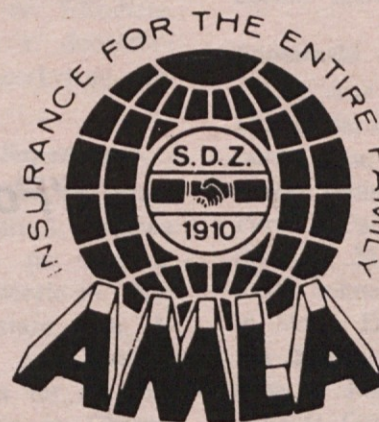
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John Telich Sr On Cleveland Clinic Leadership Board

John R. Telich, Sr., CLU MSFS, has been appointed to The Cleveland Clinic Brain Tumor Institute National Leadership Board, a group of individuals dedicated to advancing the mission of the institute. He participated in his first board meeting on Nov. 30th.

Telich has been a successful insurance underwriter for Sun Life Financial for more than 50 years. He and his wife, Janet, are lifelong Euclid residents and have five children.

In addition to his work with The Cleveland Clinic Brain Tumor Institute, Telich was the 2002 Federation Slovenian Man of the Year and he is the vice president of "Lozka Dolina," a lodge established by descendants of the Loz Valley in Slovenia.

He and his wife are contributors to the Slovene Home for the Aged, the Slovenian National Home, the American Home newspaper, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Euclid Hospital, Holy Cross Church, the Euclid Boys League, the Euclid Historical Society, and the American College of Chartered Life Underwriters.

Professionally, Telich was the sixth inductee into Sun Financial's Hall of Fame. He also has served as president of Cleveland Life Underwriters, president of The Ohio Association, and on the National Board of the Society of Financial Services Professionals. He is a 40-plus year member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

From 1943 to 1946 Telich served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps. In 1946, he entered Adelbert College at Western Reserve University. In 1947 he married. In 1949 he graduated from the university, where he served as track captain during his senior year. Telich remains the school's only three-time Mid-American discus champion in the Mid-American Con-

ference. He also was a Penn Relays participant and a football letterman. Telich has been inducted into the Case Reserve Athletic Club Hall of Fame.

The Cleveland Clinic Brain Tumor Institute is part of the Clinic's Taussig Cancer Center and is chaired by Gene H. Barnett, M.D. The Brain Tumor Institute is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of specialists who share the common goal of advancing the diagnosis, research and treatment of brain tumors in children and adults. The group of neurosurgeons, neuro-oncologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and neuropathologists collaborate on comprehensive, individualized treatment strategies for each patient. The institute offers the latest surgical and non-surgical treatments for brain tumors, thereby extending hope to patients with previously untreatable tumors.

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Preteklo nedeljo zvečer je otroke na ljubljanskih ulicah obiskal prvi decembrski do-bri mož, ki prinaša darila – sveti Miklavž. V spredovu z 80 angeli, parkeljni in vrage je krenil s Krekovega proti Prešernovemu trgu. Zbralo se je skoraj deset tisoč staršev in otrok. Vragi so strašili otroke in jim delili mandarine, angeli pa so pred frančiškansko cerkvijo tudi zaplesali. Letošnja posebnost, pripravilo jo je Lutkovno gledališče Ljubljana, je bil vrag, ki je bruhal ogenj. Miklavževanj je po Sloveniji manj, kot jih je bilo včasih, ljubljanski spreved pa je stal nekaj več kot tri milijone tolarjev oz. kakih US\$ 16.700.

Prešernova nagrajenca v letu 2005 bosta slikar in grafik Bogdan Borčič in flavtistka Irena Grafenauer

Pretekli petek, na tradicionalni Ta veseli dan slovenske kulture oziroma rojstni dan Franceta Prešerna, je predsednik upravnega odbora Prešernovega sklada Aleš Jan na ministrstvu za kulturo razglasil prejemnika Prešernove nagrade v letu 2005. To sta slikar in grafik Bogdan Borčič za življenjski opus in flavtistka Irena Grafenauer za vrhunsko poustvarjalnost na področju glasbene umetnosti. Grafenauerjeva še vedno kljubuje smrtno nevarni bolezni levkemiji. Tradicionalna podelitev najvišjih priznanj Republike Slovenije za umetniške dosežke bo 7. februarja zvečer v Gallusovi dvorani Cankarjeva doma.

Slovenija čez magično mejo

Slovenija je lani prehitela Portugalsko in se trdno zasidrila na 15. mestu v razširjeni Uniji, ugotavlja najnovejša preglednica razvisti, ki jo je objavil evropski statistični urad (Evrostat). S 77 odstotki povprečnega BDP na prebivalca 25-članske skupnosti, merjenega po vatlu kupne moči, je Slovenija torej presegla mejo (75 odstotkov), ki manj razvitim evropskim območjem še omogoča črpanje denarja iz največje malhe strukturnih skladov.

Janez Janševa vlada potrjena – Nadškof Alojzij Uran umeščen – Janez Drnovšek sprejel člane nove vlade

Pretekli petek je Državni zbor z večino 51 glasov potrdil vlado, ki jo je bil predlagal novi premier Janez Janša. Preteklo nedeljo je pa bil umeščen novi poglavar Cerkve v Sloveniji nadškof in metropolit Alojzij Uran. Poročila o obeh dogodkih so na notranjih straneh današnje AD.

V torek opoldne je predsednik Slovenije Janez Drnovšek sprejel predsednika vlade Janeza Janšo in ministre njegove vlade. Ob začetku njihovega dela jim je čestital k izvolitvi ter jim zaželel uspešno delo. Janez Janša pa je dejal, da nameravajo nadaljevati vse, kar je bilo dobro zastavljeno, končati nekatere začete reforme in se spopasti z novimi izzivi, kot so javnofinančni, saj mora Slovenija izpolniti merila za vstop v evropsko denarno unijo (tj. za prevzem eura). Od petnajstih ministrov nove vladne ekipe so bili zaradi službene zadolženosti odsotni minister za zunanje zadeve Dimitrij Rupel, minister za finance Andrej Bajuk, minister za javno upravo Gregor Virant, minister za delo, družino in socialne zadeve Janez Drobnič in minister za kulturo Vasko Simoniti.

Odslej pod neposrednim nadzorstvom predsednika vlade

Pretekli petek, takoj po potrditvi, je bila konstitutivna seja nove slovenske vlade. Na seji so upoštevali določila nedavno sprejete-ga novega zakona o vladi. Ta dopušča imenovanje več državnih sekretarjev, ki delujejo v kabinetu predsednika vlade (poleg tistih, ki pripadajo raznim resorskim ministrstvom). Tako je premier Janez Janša imenoval za enega svojih državnih sekretarjev poslanca SDS Franca Pukšiča, ki bo vodil urad za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu. Za drugega sekretarja je Janša imenoval Aleksandra Zorna, literarnega zgodovinarja, esejista in publicista, ki bo vodil strateški svet za kulturo, izobraževanje in znanost. Tudi Zorn se je že ukvarjal z izseljenci.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Božičnica—

Vsi člani in članice Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave so lepo vabljeni na božičnico v četrtek, 16. decembra, pop. ob 1.30 v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Za vse bo pripravljeno dobro kosilo.

Oltarno društvo sv. Vida—

Članice društva imajo to nedeljo dop. ob 10.30 svojo mesečno mašo in sv. obhajilo. Po maši bo sledila božičnica v avditoriju.

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Včeraj, 7. decembra, je svoj 90. rojstni dan slavila dobro poznana Kristina Rihtar z E. 63. ceste. Ob rojstnem dnevu ji čestitamo vsi pri AD in se pridružimo čestitkam, ki jih najdete na str. 15.

Kampanja za naročnike—

Naš že večkratni dobitnik se je odločil ob tem lepem božičnem/novoletnem času, kriti za prvih 50 novih naročnikov \$15 od letne naročnine (tj. \$35), AD sama pa bo zanje dodala \$5 – tako bo enoletna naročnina le \$15. Kampanja bo trajala vključno do 24. decembra. Tako boste lahko naročnino za sorodnika, prijatelja ali znanca darovali za \$15. Pošljite ček za to vsoto za vsakega novega naročnika s polnim imenom in naslovom na našo pisarno: American Home, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103.

Božični oglasi—

Naša pisarna sprejema božične oglase za naslednjo številko AD, ki bo izšla prihodnji četrtek, 16. decembra. Ta številka bo tudi zadnja letos. Rok za oglase bo ponedeljek, 13. decembra. Lahko se oglasite pisмено, osebno ali pa preko telefona na 216-431-0628.

Prvič v letu 2005—

Prva številka AD v prihajočem letu 2005 bo izšla v četrtek, 6. januarja. Naš fax je vedno odprt za pošiljanje dopisov, vesti itd., dosegljiv vedno je tudi naš e-mail naslov, vse to poleg navadne pošte.

Prva večja prireditel 2005—

Ta bo, kot običajno, "Prstavka noč" in sicer v soboto, 22. januarja. Za ples in zabavo bo igral ansambel Stanega Mejača. Za več informacij in za rezervacijo sedežev oz. miz, pokličite Metko Zalar na 440-943-3844.

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Novi grobovi

Kristina Zupančič

Dne 29. novembra je v Duluthu, Minn., umrla 87 let stara Kristina Zupančič, rojena Ferkulj 8. februarja 1917 v Kolenči vasi (Struge), Slovenija, žena Josepha, mati Tonyja, Kristine Molek, Bernarde Saari in že pok. Josepha ml., 10-krat stara mati, 10-krat prastara mati, 2-krat praprastara mati, sestra Franka, Zalke Glavan ter že pok. Ane, Štefanije Kopljan, Karla, Janeza (pogrešan v 2. vojni), Angele Estok in Marije Vidmar, članica SZZ podr. št. 33, KSKJ, zbora "Slovenian Singers" ter faranka cerkve sv. Elizabete. Pogreb je bil 1. decembra s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Elizabete.

Frances Supanick

Umrla je 99 let stara Frances Supanick, rojena Knaus, vdova po Franku, mati že pok. Merle in Thomasa, 3-krat stara mati, 3-krat prastara mati, sestra Franka, Stanka ter že pok. Paula, Thomasa in Christine. Pogreb je danes, 9. decembra, v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Lake Shore Blvd. s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.



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V ljubljanski stolnici 11. decembra

Alojzij Uran umeščen

Ljubljana (Delo fax, 6. dec.) – "Na Miklavževo nedeljo sprejemam službo ljubljanskega nadškofa in metropolita. To je dar in velika odgovornost. Podobno kot božji služabnik Anton Vovk pred 58 leti se tudi jaz počutim ne bogljen pred odgovornim poslanstvom. Zaupam pa v božjo pomoč in modrost..." je v pozdravnem nagovoru ob nedeljski umestitvi v ljubljanski stolnici cerkvi svetega Nikolaja dejal novi posestnik slovenske nadškofije Alojzij Uran.

Slovesnost, ko se za tako priložnost spodobi, je tekla po strogem protokolu, vonj kadila je zadržal dehtenje rdečih otokov gerber in flamingov ter s sivo tančico zastrl ogromno množico praznje zamaknjenih obrazov.

Ljubljansko stolnico so poleg vernikov napolnili duhovniki, nadškofovi najozži sodelavci, škofje in nadškofje, najvišji predstavniki nadškofije, Uranova predhodnika dr. Franc Rode in dr. Alojzij Šuštar, beograjski nadškof dr. Stanislav Hočevar, predstavniki evanđeličanske in pravoslavne cerkve, drugih krščanskih skupnosti, navzoči pa so bili tudi predstavniki političnega, družbenega, gospodarskega in kulturnega življenja, pa seveda sorodniki, zvesti spremljevalci in dobrotniki, prijatelji in znanci.

Na častnem mestu je denimo sedel predsednik vlade Janez Janša s približno polovico svoje posadke (Janez Drobnič, Andrej Bajuk, Dimitrij Rupel, Dragutin Mate, Janez Podobnik, Lovro Šturm, Andrej Bručan, Karl Erjavec), pa ljubljanska županja Danica Simšič, evropski poslanec

Lojze Peterle in rektor ljubljanske univerze Jože Mencinger. Izmed gospodarstvenikov ni bilo mogoče prezreti visoke postave Ivana Zidarja.

V obredu umestitve je škofovsko palico kot znamenje zunanje oblasti Alojziju Uranu izročil apostolski nuncij v Sloveniji monsinjor Santos Abril y Castelló, ga pospremil do trona in mu tako simbolično izročil v kanonično posest nadškofovski sedež.

S tem je ugasnila služba Andreju Glavanu, dosedanjemu upravitelju ljubljanske nadškofije. Sicer pa je Alojzij Uran na nadškofovskem sedežu nasledil dr. Franca Rode; Rode je bil namreč že aprila imenovan za prefekta kongregacije za ustanove posvečenega in skupnosti apostolskega življenja.

Papež Janez Pavel II. je Urana imenoval za šestega ljubljanskega nadškofa in petega metropolita 25. oktobra letos. Že leta 1993, ko je bil posvečen za škofa, si je izbral geslo "Da, Oče" in temu se je zavezal tudi na nedeljski umestitvi.

V Cerkvi na Slovenskem je doslej opravljal različne vodstvene funkcije, predaval je tudi na Teološki fakulteti, od leta 2000 pa je bil tudi delegat škofovske konference za pastoralno med Slovenci po svetu.

In še misel, ki pomenljivo predstavlja Uranovo dobrohotno, optimistično osebnost, hkrati pa sili v razmislek o aktualni družbenopolitični situaciji:

"Iz te zemlje sem zrasel, pregneta me je božja roka, da bi lahko povedal vsem ljudem, da je življenje lepo, če ga spre-

(DALJE na str. 15)

Musica Viva gostovala v Ameriki

Konec septembra so se polni vtisov s 14-dnevnega gostovanja v ZDA vrnil člani Mešanega pevskega zbora Musica viva



Zgoraj: Zbor Musica viva iz Kranja na samostojnem koncertu v Fairfaxu, Va., nedaleč od Washingtona D.C.

Spodaj: Pevci iz Kranja so zapeli tudi v Slovenski kapeli



Obe fotografiji zgoraj je posredoval g. Stane Šušteršič iz Washingtona in tudi tekst poročila, ki je izšlo 7. oktobra v kranjskem Gorenjskem glasu, v njeni posebni prilogi "Kranjčanka". Tu sem povzel le nekaj stavkov iz tega članka, kajti omenjeni zbor je prišel v ZDA na povabilo nekega ameriškega zbora, ki je bil marca lani na gostovanju po Sloveniji in sta zbora prišla takrat v stik. Torej nekaj iz poročila:

Primskovo – Letošnje leto bo zagotovo eno najbolj bogatih v zgodovini zbora Musica viva, saj se je ta tik po izidu svoje druge zgoščenke sredi septembra odpravil na potovanje v ZDA, kamor jih je povabil zbor Mosaic Harmony, ki se je lani marca mudil v Sloveniji. Ob štirih nastopih v Washingtonu in New Yorku so si v nadaljevanju privoščili turistični del potovanja po zahodni obali in nacionalnih naravnih parkih.

"Na pot smo šli z željo, da Američanom predstavimo slovensko pesem," razlaga dirigent Tomaž Kukovič.

V Washingtonu je zbor nastopil trikrat, v gosteh pri Mosaic Harmony, v baziliki National Shrine, največji v ZDA in šesti največji na svetu ter za humanitarne namene za organizacijo Habitat. V New Yorku pa so v cerkvi sv. Cirila in Metoda zapeli Slovincem v Ameriki.

Po Washingtonu in New Yorku je pevke in pevce vodil dolgoletni napovedovalec radia Glas Amerike, še vedno zelo vitalni 82-letni Stane Šušteršič, zborovci pa so turizmu posvetili predvsem drugi teden bivanja v ZDA.

V poročilu je povedano še, da bo zbor čez dve leti praznoval 60. obletnico svojega obstoja in da pri zboru razmišljajo o potovanjih v angleški Wales, kraj pač, ki slovi po zborovski petje, v Budimpešto in v Berlin.

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Alojzij Uran umeščen

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 14)

Jemaš kot dar ljubezni in ga daješ naprej. Pri Bogu je vse mogoče, tudi to, da bo volk prebival z jagnjetom in panter ležal s kozličkom."

Na nedeljski slovesnosti v ljubljanski stolnici sta bila opazno odsotna predsednik države Janez Drnovšek in vodja muslimanske verske skupnosti Osman Đogić. Đogić je za Delo povedal, da ni prejel uradnega vabila.

Na drugi strani pa je Uran v besedilu pozdravnega nagovora (ki so ga novinarji prejeli vnaprej) namenil poseben pozdrav tudi predstavnikom muslimanske verske skupnosti v Sloveniji, med drugim pa je ta pozdrav izpustil.

C. R., B. K.

Nikoli nisem prehitel dogodkov, nikoli nisem želel preveč, kar bi presevalo dane možnosti. Ta zdrava vztrajnost in zanesljivost sta poplačani.

Po raziskavah poslušnosti je Radio Ognjišče tretji najbolj poslušani radio v Sloveniji (tako za Slovenijo 1 in Valom 202). Čemu pripisujete takšen uspeh – pregovorni zvestobi vernih ljudi ali tudi kakovosti samega programa?

Najbrž je odgovor v zvestobi in v kakovosti programa. Čeprav naši poslušalci niso le verni, temveč je precej tudi nevernih oziroma takih, ki so morda nekoliko zadržani do Cerkev ali imajo do nje odklonilen odnos; za naš program pa izrečejo veliko pohvalnih besed.

Za uspeh je najbrž "kriva" sama vsebina, kar sem rekel že prej; ker so to želeli, so jo pričakovali. Nadalje bi lahko govoril o domačnosti, slovenskosti programa. Temu jaz pravim slovenska duša.

Na začetku se nisem zgedoval po nobenem podobnem cerkvenem programu na tujem. Hotel sem, da da vse zraste z domačega vrha. In je, hvala Bogu, uspelo. Ne zaradi lepšega, marveč iz globokega prepričanja pa moram reči, da gre za uspeh največja zahvala Bogu. Večkrat ponavljam, da je tudi Radio Ognjišče eden izmed dokazov obstoja Boga. Človeško gledano bi lahko in bi morali utihniti, a ker je Božji blagoslov med nami, smo še tu in Bog daj, da tudi bomo.

V času, ko je bila TV 3 v lasti Cerkev, je bilo slišati, da imate na radiu zaradi tega nemalo težav, ker naj bi TV 3 finančno izčrpavala radio. Je zdaj, ko je bila televizija prodana, bolje?

Kristina Rihtar – 90 let!

Včeraj, 7. decembra, je praznovala svoj 90. rojstni dan Kristina Rihtar z E. 63. ceste v Clevelandu. Vsi sorodniki: Rihtarjevi, Cerarjevi in Sršenovi, ji izrekajo pristrčne čestitke in kličejo: Še na mnoga leta!

Draga Kristina, želimo, da bi srečna, zadovoljna in zdrava še dolgo ostala v naši sredi! Naj ti Bog nakloni veselje in pošilja svoj blagoslov za vas dobra dela, ki si jih delila generacijam svojih sorodnikov!

Vsi tvoji

Direktnih finančnih težav zaradi TV 3 nismo imeli, je pa res, da so nam občasna povezovanja s televizijo, ki so bila plod nepoznavanja razmer, povzročila kakšno grenko urico, ker so nas metali v isti koš. Ves čas smo bili zelo samostojni in tako bo tudi v prihodnje.

Kakšni so načrti za prihodnje?

Posebni načrtov ni. Želimo ohranjati doseženo stanje in postopoma napredovati. Glavna skrb je in mora biti kakor do zdaj kakovost programa, oddajanja in sprejemanja

našega signala. Da bomo preko oddajnikov pokrili vso državo, bo trajalo še veliko let.

Sicer pa pogledjmo Radio Slovenija, ki ima tudi težave z dobrim pokrivanjem signala v vseh koticih. Zdaj ko smo na satelitu, nas lahko poslušajo prav povsod, vendar je odvisno od poslušalca, ali bo namestil satelitsko anteno in sprejemnik.

Finančno gledano ni takšen zalogaj, ampak je vse skupaj stvar odločitve. Vesel sem, da smo to možnost ponudili, odločitev pa je vedno na strani uporabnika.

P. VENDELIN ŠPENDOV

Lemont, IL

LEMONTSKI ODMEVI

Ko pričenjamo mesec december, smo že nekaj dni v adventu, saj je bila prva adventna nedelja 28. novembra. Adventni čas je čas "veselega pričakovanja" Gospodovega rojstva, kakor poje naša pesem:

"Čuj iz višav veseli glas, / ki z upanjem navdaja nas, / izgini temni mrak noči, / na nebu Jezus se blešči. / O zdrami tužno se srce, / pogled povzdigni od zemlje, / glej, nove zvezde blaga moč / razgnala bo nesrečno noč."

Letos bo na Miklavžovo nedeljo, 5. decembra, v ljubljanski stolnici ustoličen novi ljubljanski nadškof msgr. Alojzij Uran. Čestitamo! Spremljali ga bomo z molitvijo.

Z veseljem se spominjamo nadškofovega obiska v Lemontu septembra 2004, ko je vodil slovesnosti ob deseti obletnici ustanovitve slovenske župnije v Lemontu – Slovenian Catholic Mission, nato pa nas je spremljal na poti v Baragovo deželo za Baragove dneve 2004, kjer mu je predstavnik Baragove zveze izročil visoko priznanje.

Z zapovedanim praznikom, 8. decembra, bomo počastili Marijo, brez madeža spočeto: *"Bodi nam pozdravljena, / o nebes Kraljica, / nikdar dosti slavljenja, / Mati in Devica. / Čista, vsa brez madeža / bila si spočeta, / greh in pekel zmagala, / v hipu prvem sveta."*

Marija brezmadežna je posebna zavetnica frančiškanskega reda, zato je za naš red to največji

Marijin praznik v letu. Tudi ameriški škofje so izbrali Brezmadežno kot zavetnico in ji posvetili drželo. Naj jo varuje in vodi!

Na sveti večer bo naš zbor pri Mariji Pomagaj ob pol ponoči priredil polurni koncert naših najlepših božičnih pesmi kot uvod v polnočnico. Na sveti dan bosta še dve sv. maši: ob sedmih zjutraj (angleško, kakor vsako nedeljo in praznik) in slovesna slovenska sv. maša ob enajstih dopoldne.

Dan po božiču goduje sv. Štefan, pri mučenec. Njegove relikvije časte v Rimu v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca. Stara slovenska pesem ga predstavlja kot kolednika, ki pod Herodovim gradom oznanja Mesijevo rojstvo. Sv. Štefan je poseben zavetnik konj, zato jih ta dan blagoslavlja. Sv. Štefanu se priporočajo tudi za srečno smrt.

Apostol in evangelist sv. Janez goduje 27. decembra. Poleg četrtega evangelija je njegovo tudi Razodetje, zadnja knjiga N.Z. Ta dan blagoslavlja vino. Pravijo, da vino "krstijo" in ga imenujejo šentjanževce, ki ga pijejo samo ob izrednih družinskih slovesnostih in prilikah.

V novembru smo vsak dan darovali mašo za rajne, ki so nam bili priporočeni. Tudi v skupnih in osebnih molitvah smo se jih spominjali, da jih Bog čimprej sprejme v svoj večni Mir in večno Luč.

Prva novembrska nedelja je že po tradiciji

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Potrjena vlada Janeza Janše

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Ob koncu je napovedal, da bo treba pri javni porabi varčevati, s prodajo državnih deležev v podjetjih pa zmanjšati državni dolg.

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Novo poglavje Cerkve na Slovenskem...

Janez Juhant - Komentar

Ne-Prijetno presenečenje

Trst (Novi glas, 4. nov.)

Gotovo je imenovanje novega nadškofa in metropolita msgr. mag. Alojza Urana za velik del slovenskih kristjanov resnično prijetno presenečenje. Ker pa so presenečenja lahko tudi neprijetna, je bilo to imenovanje "za izbrane katolike" tudi svojevrsten šok. Po odhodu nadškofa Rodeta so na različnih nivojih ugibali naslednika, pri čemer jim je uslužno in sugestivno pomagalo tako imenovano "dobro obveščeno novinarstvo".

Zdi pa se, da je Vatikan drugače presojal položaj Cerkve na Slovenskem, da bi na njeno krmilo postavil moža vere in po meri človeka. Tega pa se očitno nekateri boje, saj bi imeli še vedno radi Cerkve, ki se nje ne pušči vpregati v dnevno-politične, medijske in nje ne vredne posle.

Imenovanje nadškofa Urana odpira novo poglavje Cerkve na Sloven-

skem. Za katoličane to pomeni preizkušnjo njihove verske zrelosti in sposobnosti. Ne gre več za preživeto držo proti, ki smo je bili navajeni iz komunističnega obdobja. Tranzicijski komunisti so v bivšem ordinariju Rodetu imeli lahek plen za besedno telovadbo - medtem pa so v zakulisju uspešno opravljali svoje tranzicijske posle. Veri so bili sicer veseli, da jih je s svojo besedno držo potrjeval v katoliški kljubovalnosti in vsaj na zunaj kazal moč Cerkve, ki se ne da.

Vrhovno vodstvo katoliške Cerkve pa je z zamenjavo v nadškofiji očitno dalo znamenje, da hoče spremeniti v Cerkvi na Slovenskem. Uranovo imenovanje je jasno sporočilo, da je naloga Cerkve poglobljanje in pričevanje v veri, vse druge stvari so drugotnega pomena. Osebnostno in družbeno življenje zdaj zahteva od katoličanov postavljaj-



S tiskovne konference 25. oktobra (foto T. Petelinšek, Družina)

nje alternativ v luči vere.

Jože Možina je v pogovoru z novim nadškofom Uranom ob njegovem imenovanju izpostavil, da bo kot novi nadškof in metropolit imel težko nalogo glede na razdvojenost v škofiji, glede na neučinkovitost sinodalnih zaključkov in drugih notranjih problemov Cerkve na Slovenskem ter nerešenih zadev med Cerkvijo in državo.

Novi nadškof tega ni zanikal, pač pa poudaril, da bomo z vero in pri-

pravljenostjo na pogovor in sodelovanje morali skupaj reševati te zadeve.

Cerkveni zgodovinar dr. Metod Benedik je imenovanje nadškofa Urana primerjal z izvolitvijo papeža Janeza XXIII. Lahko pa bi tudi rekli, da se je med nami pojavil David, ki ne prihaja z oblasti niti ne z učenostjo besede - čeprav ne smemo pozabiti, da je magister znanosti - predvsem pa ne z visokostjo in zaverovanostjo vase, ampak z vero in pogumom ter

pripravljenostjo na sodelovanje z vsemi ljudmi dobre volje.

Tako je ob imenovanju najbrž neprijetno predvsem tistim, ki poslanstvo Cerkve vidijo na drugih temeljih. Dalje seveda vsem, ki so zaradi takih ali drugačnih razlogov zvezani z lovskami bivšega sistema, predvsem da bi še naprej ohranjali privilegije in se ne bi bilo treba podrežati pravilom demokratične družbe.

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Titovo skrivno zaklonišče...

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Ljubljana (Demokracija, 25. nov.) – Po najnovejših odkritjih je pod mestom Beograd zgrajeno pravo malo mesto, sestavljeno iz rovov, ki so jih zgradili še v času skupne SFRJ, ko je državo vodil Josip Broz Tito. Po razkritjih gre za kompleks protiatomskih zaklonišč. Palače, zaklonišča in varne hiše so povezane s predori, v glavnem hodniku, ki je velik kot postaja podzemne železnice, pa lahko postavijo tudi tanke in tovornjake.

Kompleks ima šest nadstropij, zgrajen je v živi skali in obdan z zidom, debelim tri metre. Nadstropja so povezana z dvigalom, ki se spušča 56 metrov pod zemljo. Posamezne prostore ločujejo 30 centimetrov debela jeklena vrata, visoka tri metre. Podzemno mesto ima lastno prezračevanje in preskrbo z električno energijo.

Celoten podzemni kompleks je skrit med vojaškimi zgradbami na vrhu Topčiderja in nad elitno mestno četrtjo, v kateri so zgradbe veleposlaništev in diplomatskih rezidenc.

Po poročanju časnika *Novi list* z reke naj bi Tito mesto pod mestom zgradil v strahu pred napadom nekdanje Sovjetske zveze, njegov obstoj pa je bila ena najbolje varovanih vojaških skrivnosti. Kot domnevajo, naj bi rove zgradili iz strahu pred napadom Sovjetske zveze, zanje pa naj bi vedela je peščica vojaških voditeljev in politikov. Zanimivo je, da za to niso vedeli niti v zvezi NATO, ko so leta 1999 bombardirali Beograd.

Skrivnost je bila razkrita šele pred kratkim, potem ko sta skrivnostno umrla dva vojaka, ki naj bi bila stražila vhod v enega od predorov. V. K.

prodajo državnih deležev v podjetjih pa zmanjšati državni dolg.

Jože Poglajen

Ne-Prijetno presenečenje

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 17)

Tako lahko rečemo, da je z imenovanjem novega nadškofa sveti oče potrdil tudi voljo slovenskih volivcev po resničnih družbenih spremembah in Cerкви pokazal smer, kako bo lahko največ prispevala k družbenemu razvoju. Ne z dopuščanjem svojevoljnosti in privilegijev v lastnih vrstah, pač pa s prizadevanjem za to, da bi bili kristjani in še posebej posvečene osebe luč sveta in sol zemlje.

Tako bo polagoma izginilo tudi umetno ustvarjeno politično nasprotje v naši družbi, ki ga vzdržujejo rayno tisti, ki ne marajo odprte, poštene in pravične družbe.

Na globoki in iskreni veri utemeljeno krščanstvo je največje zagotovilo za preseganje nasprotij in ujetnosti, v katero nas je tlačila totalitarna preteklost. Novi nadškof

Alojz Uraň je svoje delo stavil pod zavetje svojega prednika nadškofa Vovka. Ta je bil ravno za omenjeno udbovsko oblast, ki ima še danes razpete svoje mreže, trn v peti, ker je vztrajal v veri, zahteval dosledno pravičnost za vse in zato kritiziral zatiranje in preganjanje kristjanov in duhovnikov.

Prav tako je nadškof Vovk izražal svojo žalost nad nekaterimi sodelavci v vrstah posvečenih oseb, ki so postali lahek plen udbovskih pritiskov. Če je bilo tako odstopanje od vere morda človeško razumljivo v tatratni stiski, je danes to s stališča vere moč razumeti le

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Denacionalizacija gradu Rajhenburg...

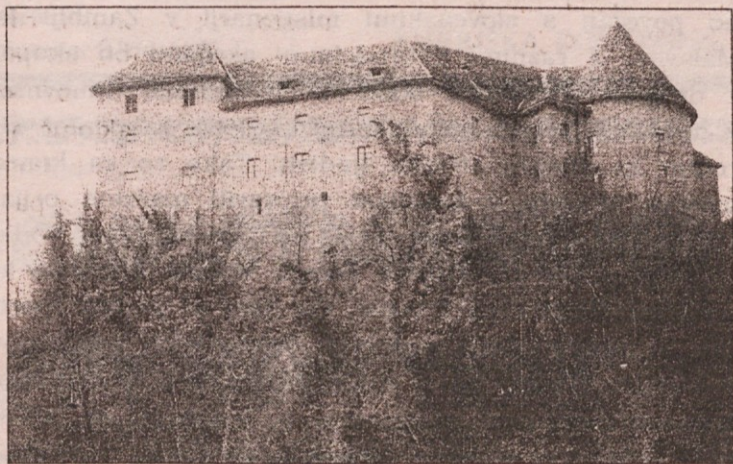
Odškodnina za brata

Edinemu še živečemu trapistu v Sloveniji, bratu Norbertu v Stični, bodo izplačali 190 milijonov tolarjev odškodnine v obveznicah

Krško, Maribor – Slovenska odškodninska družba (SOD) je umanila tožbo in ustavila upravni spor glede izplačila odškodnine denacionalizacijskim upravičencem v primeru gradu Rajhenburg. Postopek, ki se je zapletel predvsem zaradi ugotavljanja, ali je upravičenec, cerkveni red trapistov, ob uveljavitvi zakona o denacionalizaciji še deloval na prostoru države Slovenije, je tako končan. Po naših informacijah bo edini še živeči član reda trapistov v Sloveniji dobil 190 milijonov tolarjev odškodnine v obliki obveznic Soda.

Ministrstvo za kulturo je precej pozno priznalo red trapistov kot legitimnega upravičenca pri denacionalizaciji gradu Rajhenburg, spomenika državnega pomena v Brestanici.

Vprašanje, ali red ustrezajočim, predvsem določbam 14. člena za-



Kaj čaka rajhenburški grad? – Grad, v katerem je danes oddelek ljubljanskega muzeja novejšje zgodovine, bi morali čim prej obnoviti.

kona o denacionalizaciji, je ministrstvo zastavilo šele, ko so trapisti na prvi stopnji dobili vrtno vse ostalo premoženje nekdanje rajhenburške posesti.

Upravna enota v Krškem je namreč ob tem ministrstvo zaprosila za utemeljitev pomislekov glede delovanja reda trapistov oziroma za pojasnilo, kako lahko njihova interpretacija odgovora na to vprašanje vpliva na druge postopke vračanja premoženja omenjenemu redu.

Ker pa ni dobila nobene odgovora, je postopke nadaljevala in trapistom v naravi vrnila približno 50 hektarov gozdov, sadovnjakov, nekdanje konjušnice, hleve in tudi nekoč priznana čokoladnico.

Podlago za vračilo je našla upravna enota v ugotovitvi urada za verske skupnosti, da so trapisti sestavni del Rimskokatoliške cerkve na Slovenskem.

Mariborska škofija, pooblaščenka trapistov za grad Rajhenburg, je vztra-

jala, da je red deloval v času uveljavitve zakona o denacionalizaciji in še vedno deluje. Njihov generalni kapitelj v Franciji jih pastoralno vodi kot razpuščeno skupnost.

Med drugo svetovno vojno je okupator trapiste izselil, leto dni po vojni, ko se se vrnili v Brestanico, pa jih je država razlastila in precej tudi izgnala. Nekaj časa so delovali v Radmirju, leta 1991 pa so v Sloveniji živeli še štirje bratje tega reda.

Urad za verske skupnosti trapistov ni imel vpisanih v svoj register, kar je mariborska škofija popravila med samim denacionalizacijskim postopkom. Hkrati so v pravni službi škofije menili, da registracija cerkvenega reda pri državnih organih ni nujno potrebna za njegovo delovanje.

“Država se zaradi tega ne bi smela izogibati pla-

čilu odškodnine, ker je redu sama onemogočila eksistenco z nacionalizacijo premoženja in razpustitvijo samostana Marije Rešiteljice v Rajhenburgu.”

Prav tako po mnenju zastopnikov in pooblaščenecv trapistov red v skladu s cerkvenim pravom velja za delujočega še sto let po prisilni razpustitvi, zato je upravičen in legitimen v denacionalizacijskem postopku.

Ministrstvo za kulturo se je s tem očitno strinjalo in lani naročilo cenitev enega najstarejših gradov v Sloveniji. Sod pa je na podlagi 14. člena zakona o denacionalizaciji sprožil upravni spor. Po naših informacijah je tožbo pred kratkim umaknil. Upravičenec bo izplačal 190 milijonov tolarjev odškodnine. To je brat Norbert, ki živi pri cistercijancih v Stični. Odškodnina bo po cerkvenem pravu porabljena za evangelizacijo in dobrodne dejavnosti.

Premoženje trapistov upravlja mariborska škofija. Sadovnjake je oddala v najem, deloma obnovila nekdanje hleve. Za del kompleksa je podpisala tudi zakupno pogodbo z Društvom izgnancev Slovenije, ki namerava v hlevih urediti muzej.

Izvedeli smo, da namerava škofija proti državi vložiti odškodninsko tožbo, ker je vrnjeno premoženje v precej slabšem stanju kakor med nacionalizacijo.

Kaj bo z gradom, spomenikom državnega pomena, še ni popolnoma jasno. Jadranka Gabrič z občine Krško je povedala, da je v njem deloval muzej izgnancev kot enota ljubljanskega muzeja novejšje zgodovine, zato je spomenik ne le občinska, ampak deloma tudi državna last.

“Vsi se strinjamo, da je muzej treba posodobiti, glede vsebin pa se lahko pogovarjamo tudi na lokalni ravni,” je dejala.

Ena od možnosti je tudi evropski muzej izgnanstva.

Vsekakor bo moral lastnik – občina ali država – najprej najti denar za najnujnejša popravila, predvsem uničene grajske strehe.

Matej Košir

Delo, 17. nov. 2004

Ne-Prijetno presenečenje

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kot sodelovanje za osebni prestiž in privilegije.

Posebno mladi pričakujejo od kristjanov in posvečenih oseb v Cerкви zglede vere in pripravljenost na naporno dolgoletno in z nesebičnostjo zavzeto delo za blagor vseh v smislu Drugega vaticanskega koncila, ki je zapisal:

“Veselje in upanje, žalost in tesnoba današnjih ljudi, posebno ubogih in kakorkoli prizadetih, je hkrati veselje in upanje, žalost in tesnoba Kristusovih učencev. In ničesar resnično človeškega ni, kar bi ne našlo odmeva v njihovih srcih.” (št. 1)

Novi nadškof se zaveda bremena te naloge, a obenem ve, da le vera gore prestavlja, četudi so te gore včasih zelo trdovratne, kakšna so lahko le zakrknjena človeška srca.

Kakor so zadnje volitve v družbi nakazale težko pot ustvarjanja pravičnosti, tako bo tudi delovanje Cerkve pod vodstvom novega nadškofa in metropolita katoličanom na Slovenskem pokazalo pota poglobljanja vere in le tako prinašalo upanje tako vernim kot nevernim te dežele.

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Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1550. Misijonar p. Stanko Rozman, ki deluje v

Malaviju, piše o svojem misijonu v *Sončni Zambiji* naslednje zanimivo: "Voda in koruza za sirote".

"Malavi je ena najbolj revnih držav na svetu. Ljudje se večinoma preživljajo z gojenjem koruze, tobaka in čaja. Če je dovolj dežja, je dovolj tudi koruze in iz nje narejene polente, ki je domačemu prebivalstvu vsakodnevna prehrana. Velik problem v državi so različne bolezni, tudi aids in malarija, ki v najlepših letih uničita mlada življenja in onemogočita normalen in zdrav razvoj te lepe dežele.

P. Stanko Rozman že iz Zambije dobro pozna podobne življenjske težave. Tudi tu se je lotil velikega projekta, ki bo tem sirotam in drugim otrokom revnih staršev omogočil šolanje, zdrav način življenja in dostojno zaposlitev. S pomočjo programa Botrstvo, v katerem sodeluje veliko dobrotnikov iz Slovenije, je začel z reševanjem mladih. Z zbranim denarjem bo omogočil šolanje otrokom, ki so ostali brez staršev; takih je že sedaj v programu preko 100. Posrkbel bo tudi za njihovo obleko in prehrano in jim tako dal novo upanje za prihodnost.

A to je šele začetek. V okviru njegovega misijona deluje preko 100 osnovnih in srednjih šol, od katerih je 12 katoliških. S pomočjo misijonarjev-sodelavcev tesno sodeluje z učitelji in pripravlja program pomoči za obnovo učilnic, nabavo šolske opreme in učbenikov ter gradnjo novih hiš ali stanovanj za učitelje. Vsaka šola ima 1200 otrok in več, a zanj skrbi le do 10 učiteljev. Rad bi dobil dobrotnike iz domovine in tujine, ki bi mu pomagali izpeljati ta projekt obnove in novega upanja.

S pomočjo Misijonske pisarne v Ljubljani že navezuje stike s slovenskimi šolami, učitelji ter učenci, ki bi bili pripravljeni priskočiti na pomoč. A tudi sam ne drži križem rok. Lotil se je poljedelstva in okrog misijonskega središča zasadil polja s koruzo. A brez vode ni življenja, niti dobre letine. Prav pomoč jezuitskih bogoslovcev v Dravljah je zanj edinstvena priložnost, da ljudem pomaga z zgraditvijo vodnjakov. Takok bo s koruzo in pitno vodo nahranil revne pri-skrbel denar za sirote. V načrtu ima tudi postavitev koruznega mlina. Za vse te projekte potrebuje ljudi z odprtimi rokami in srci, ki bi mu z denarnimi sredstvi pomagali. Morda boste me temi tudi vi. Sirote, bolni in lačni, trkajo na vaša trenutno še zaprta vrata in vas prosijo pomoči. Morda bo prav vaša majhna kapljica vode-dobrote rešila nekaj otrok in odraslih pred revščino in jim omogočila zdrav razvoj telesa in duha.

Misijonar p. Jože Grošelj slavil 60-letnico življenja

"Graditi dvojno občestvo je moj misijonski in duhovniški moto," rad reče naš slavljenec p. Jože Grošelj. "Moja prva skrb so krščanska občestva, ki se zbirajo v malih skupinah in se skupno z menoj ob nedeljah in praznikih veselijo Kristusove zmage nad grehom in smrtjo. Zanje rad gradim vidno občestvo Božje pričujočnosti. To so Božja svetišča, v kateri ljudje tako radi zahajajo, se veselijo, plešejo in molijo. Tu so srečni s svojim Bogom, ki jim je v težavah življenja edino pravo zavetje."

Besede našega slavljence, ki so ga sobratje ob njegovih 60-letnici obiskali na njegovem novem delovnem mestu v Nangomi, so vodilo njegovega življenja. Danes so po vsej Zambiji in Malaviju vidi sadovi njegovega neutrudnega dela. Začetki njegovega misijonarstva so še danes vidni v številnih župnijah zambijskega glavnega mesta Lusake. Matero, Kizito, Lilanda, Chunga, vsi so kraji njegovega apostolskega delovanja. Nato se je preselil v Katondwe, od tam pa v Lusako in potem v Nangomo. Kot gobe po dežju sedaj v tej veliki misijonski župniji rastejo iz zemlje božje hiše, svetišča živega Boga in oznanjajo ljudem pot, po kateri bodo prišli do sreče in večnega življenja.

Sobratje iz jezuitskega reda se z njim veselijo njegovih uspehov, ki prihajajo iz tesne povezave s Kristusom, ki je v svojem življenju tako obilno delil dobrote ljudem. "Posnemam Kristusa in gradim na njegove evangelije," je zatrdil slovenskim misijonarjem,

ki so mu prišli zažet srečo ob njegovem življenjskem jubileju." Čestitkam se pridružujemo tudi mi in skupaj z bralci Sončne Zambije. Jože, še na mnoga leta, Bog te živi!

"Ljubljanski maraton kot pomoč Afriki

Sholastik Damjan Ristić se je iz Zambije preselil v London, kjer nadaljuje teološki študij. Ostal je tesno povezan s slovenskimi misijonarji v Zambiji in Malaviju. Z različnimi dobrodelnimi akcijami bo skupaj z drugimi sholastiki, bodočimi jezuitskimi duhovniki v domovini in po svetu, zbiral sredstva za pomoč sirotam in drugim revnim ljudem. Tako so za konec meseca oktobra v Ljubljani pripravili maraton prijateljstva po ljubljanskih ulicah pod geslom Živa voda. Idejo je našel pri svojem kolegu Milanu Žvanutu, ki trenutno študira na Irskem. On sam se je kot športnik že udeležil dveh podobnih dobrodelnih maratonov v Dublinu. Darovi iz te akcije, ki jo vodi Marjan Kolkalj, so namenjeni misijonarju p. Rozmanu za postavitev vodnjakov v vaseh njegovega obširnega misijona."

To je vse iz Sončne Zambije, polno velikega dela za blagor bližnjega. Vsak dan na novo sprejmejo kratko besedico: da in gredo na delo, da bodo zmogli, da jih ne smemo pozabiti, da bi jih ne vključili v naših molitvah, pač pa te še podvojimo. Hvala vsem!

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Na drugo nedeljo novembra je umrla Kosmova mama, ki je zvesto podpirala misijone. Naj ji dobri Bog povrne vso njeno dobroto. Naj se veseli med svojimi v nebesih!

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