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### Slovenia's Primoz Peterka retains World Cup

PLANICA, Slovenia (March 22) - Slovenia's Primoz Peterka retained his World Cup title on Sunday, March 22 while a Japanese one-two finish robbed Kazuyoshi Funaki from becoming the Asian country's first overall winner.

Nariaki Kasai broke the hill record to take his first win in five years ahead of Hiroya Saito, pushing Funaki down to fourth place and handing the coveted trophy to 7th place Peterka.

The 19-year-old Slovenian, who snatched the overall lead from Austria's Andreas Widhoelzl on Saturday, was so upset after two weak jumps of 131.0 and 115.0 meters he hid his head in his lap in the finish area and was close to tears.

Although Peterka went into the competition with the leader's yellow bib, he only held a slim 33-point lead over double Olympic champion Funaki.

However, only moments later he was being celebrated by roaring home crowds of 25,000 when Kasai, Saito and Austria's Martin Hoelwarth finished ahead of

Funaki, costing the Japanese the vital points he required.

"I'm delighted to have won the overall again. I wasn't expecting it," said Peterka, who last winter became the first Slovenian to capture the coveted title.

"I wanted to win today, but the others jumped really well. I had a good takeoff but the weather did not favor me," he said about the shifting wind conditions. "I'm confident I can win the title again next winter."

Peterka, who had a weak start in the season and failed to medal at last month's Olympics at Nagano, finished with 1,253 points. Funaki has 1,234 and Widhoelzl, who was sixth on Sunday, had 1,208.

Funaki, who in Nagano took golds on the large hill and team event as well as a silver on the normal hill, also blamed the weather for his jumps of 126.5 and 132.0 meters.

"It's a shame I couldn't win the overall," said the winter's five-times winner and ski flying world champion who also won the prestigious four-hill tournament.

"But I won so many other things this season that I am happy."

Funaki did, however, record his country's best-ever overall World Cup position in the sport. Kasai, who was a member of the mighty Japanese team in Nagano but only participated on the normal hill, was delighted on Sunday when he broke his own hill record in Planica with a first jump of 147.5 meters.

"I hope I can continue to perform just as well next season and perhaps win the overall," said Kasai, who finished 10th in overalls.

Widhoelzl, who came to Planica, Slovenia as the overall leader, was less pleased. On Saturday, his hopes were blown away when he fell victim to the poor weather conditions to finish 24th. "I seem to have booked bad wind here," said the Austrian double Olympic bronze medalist. "But I can't complain. At the start of the season I never thought I would be even fighting for the crown."



In the Governor's Office in Cleveland, Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich greets and congratulates Ohio State Trooper Joe Mannion, left, and his mother, Anna Mae Mannion.

### Joe Mannion Promoted to Governor's Protection Unit

Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich, who has been known as a long-time member and supporter of Ohio's fraternal societies, especially of Slovenian-American groups, was pleased with the selection of State Trooper Joe Mannion, son of well-known Slovenian fraternal and community leader, Anna Mae Mannion, to the Governor's Executive Protection Unit.

Governor Voinovich said, "I think it is wonderful that I finally have a security guard of Slovenian descent who is joining me. The Slovenian-American community, and Joe's family, should be proud of him. I have known Anna Mae for many years, and recently congratulated her for being named Ohio 'Fraternalist of the Year' by the Ohio Fraternal Congress.

Anna's hard work, dedication and volunteer service to our Slovenian community have made the fraternal benefit system in Ohio strong, and vastly contributed to the quality of life of our fellow citizens. I know Anna is proud that her son, Joe, is also a member of the American Mutual Life Association, American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) and Slovenian National Benefit Society."

Joe Mannion joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol on April 1, 1987 in the 116th Academy Class. He was appointed to State Trooper on September 18, 1987, and assigned to the Chardon Post. In March 1994, Trooper Mannion was transferred to Cleveland Operations as a plain clothes investigator, and was awarded with the District State Trooper Recognition Award for 1995.

Additionally, trooper Mannion was presented as the Division Employee of the Month for both February and September of 1996. He has received the Patrol's Health and Physical Fitness Award in 1991 and 1995. He retains a five-year safe driving record and is a Certified Police Instructor.

Trooper Mannion graduated from Holy Name High School in Parma Heights in 1978, and attended Cuyahoga Community College. Trooper Mannion, with his wife, Katherine, and two sons, Patrick and Dylan reside in Maple Heights.

"Joe is a fine man, a credit to the Ohio State Troopers, and both Janet and I are very grateful for his professional service. Joe, and his wife, Kathy, are really terrific people, and are a fine example of Ohio families," Voinovich said.

### Significance of Slovenian Blessed Food

Slovenian families take certain foods to church to be blessed the day before Easter.

In an article in the Pueblo, Colorado St. Pius X church bulletin, Ms. Armstrong explains some of the meanings of the Slovenian blessed foods.

The basket itself symbolizes the sepulcher or tomb of Jesus. The white cloth that covers the foods represents the shroud or burial cloth that covered Jesus' body.

The foods in the basket are: -- bread a symbol of the body of Jesus: *potica* (a sweet bread filled with a walnut, raisin, cinnamon, and egg mixture), is symbol of the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head (note the bread when sliced looks something like a crown of thorns); *klobase* (sausage), represents the ropes which

bound Jesus' hands when he was scourged; horseradish, a symbol of the sharp nails that burned Christ's flesh when he was nailed to the cross; five eggs dyed red, suggesting the five wounds of Christ; and an orange, its shape and texture and taste (remember that oranges weren't always as sweet as the ones we have today - symbolic of the sponge soaked in vinegar the soldiers used to quench Jesus' thirst.

The blessing that was prayed over the food was found in the book of blessings available in our church - and most churches. The actual Slovenian prayers have been lost to us. The year we did this, participating families were given a taste of the Slovenian foods.

We suggest that parishioners take the water blessed at the Easter Vigil home with them as a reminder of

their baptism, and be used to bless their homes, their food, and themselves.

Thanks to Joseph and Ann Zgonc of Willowick, Ohio for submitting this interesting article.

### Baraga Meeting

All members of the 1998 Cleveland Bishop Baraga ad hoc committee are asked to meet on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School. This is your meeting notice; there will be no telephone reminders.

Anyone who wishes to help host the Bishop Baraga Weekend on September 5 and 6 in Cleveland is also invited to attend.

--James V. Debevec  
Chairman



"I grow old ever learning many things." -- *Fragment*

Have you noticed those math and science scores taken by students throughout the world which were published earlier this month? Sadly, it indicates the students from the United States didn't do too well.

Makes you wonder. Wonder who is bringing the scores down. It couldn't be anyone we know. Most of the youth I have encountered are very good in math and especially science.

Last Friday, for example, the American Mutual Life Association (AMLA) fraternal, held a sleep-over campers night at the Cleveland Science Center located a few steps from Lake Erie off East 9th Street. It was the first time a fraternal had ever done that. There were over 200 people in attendance for the science program which lasted from 7 p.m. until after 11. After which a light snack was given, and at midnight, the campers slept on the floor near the exhibits.

After viewing the Omni-Max movie about the Living Sea, people were divided into small groups of about 10-12 people. Mostly there were youngsters in the groups with a few adults. One gathering was on the lower level, another on the first floor, and the third on the second floor. After an hour, they rotated.

In the assemblage I was with the youngsters were able to answer every question put to them by the Science Center's young instructors. For example, what are the three layers of the earth? What are the five senses? And those answering

were perhaps 6 or 7 years old. I was truly amazed, and proud.

After one talk about the composition of the eye and the messages it sends to the brain, the teacher asked if anyone had brain-teasing riddles we could try to fathom. Immediately, a very young girl raised her hand and said, "Supposing you are a bus driver. The bus stops and picks up four people, then it stops again and takes on four more people, and finally, eight more passengers. The question is 'What is the color of the bus driver's eyes?'"

This stumped most of the people there including the instructor. The 7-year-old girl looked at the teacher and said, "Blue." We all wanted to know how she came upon that answer. The little girl responded, 'At the beginning I said, 'Supposing you are a bus driver,' and the instructor had blue eyes.'

No matter what level of science we were studying last Friday, the children were eager to learn more. So who were those taking the math and science exams for the world-wide placement tests? I know one thing, the Slovenians in America were the ones pulling the US average up.

Congratulations to AMLA's President, Stanley Zihelr, the officers and Youth Coordinators for coming up with this wonderful idea of visiting the Science Center after regular hours. We had the whole place to ourselves. In August, AMLA's Youth Day will be at the Cleveland Zoo. Another first. Thanks AMLA for doing your best to encourage and give our children the opportunity to further their education and observe the wonders of the world through your sponsored tutorial activities.

In my own for-stance, my lovely bride of 35 years and I have taken our son numer-

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS  
by John Mercina

HOW CAN THIS BE ?

- Pick the number of days a week that you would like to eat "a Potica".
- Multiply this number by 2.
- Add 5.
- Multiply this number by fifty.
- If you already had a birthday this year, add 1748.
- If you haven't, add 1747.
- Subtract the four digit year that you were born.
- You should now have a three digit number.
- The first digit of this was your original number.
- The second two digits are your age !!!

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ous times to the Science Centers in Toronto, Columbus, and Chicago. They are always fascinating places to visit. Most of the exhibits are "hands-on" which means you can switch on the various exhibits and watch how our earth works. For years we had been lobbying for Cleveland to build a Science Center, and now that they finally have, we are doubly proud and excited that our Slovenians are taking part in its programs.

It's heart-warming to note how much Slovenians are educating their children. Here in Cleveland and elsewhere they have even set up Slovenian schools on Saturdays. They participate in learning their Slovenian dances and songs, and cus-

tom. Parents send their youngsters to various educational and athletic programs after regular school hours. All the fraternal are encouraging their members to attend college by offering scholarships. Now even one of the Slovenian parishes is offering financial educational assistance for high school students.

The Slovenian-Americans have learned that the key to success is through education. And they are pursuing it with vigor and determination.

And learning is not confined for those in their formative years. Rudy Flis, for instance, is currently enrolled in his second Slovenian language course. He travels at night from the far West Side to the East Side to attend Mrs. Dular's class at Euclid High School. Father Joe Cerne of St. Mary's in Collinwood teaches Slovenian heritage to a number of

golden-agers. Father John Kumse, pastor of St. Mary's in Collinwood, is scheduled to return this week after spending six weeks in Slovenia enhancing his knowledge of the language and customs. A Slovenian-American gentleman in his 70s called to say he just purchased a computer and is already on the Internet, which is quite a feat. And the versatile Rudy Flis says he wants to learn more Slovenian cooking. He says he'll even work for nothing if a Slovenian cook will show him how. Give him a chance; give him a call.

Slovenians have a wonderful thirst for knowledge. Their enthusiasm for learning has no bounds. Even esoterically, they can often be seen doing the cross-word puzzles, or trying to solve brain-teasers in the American Home.

"It is the studying that you do after school that

really counts. Otherwise you know only what everyone else does."—Henry Doherty

To further your instruction, we are still seeking the following solutions:

From John Mercina: What does "Sniff the Breeze" mean?

From Tony Cek: What is a "Black Snake?" (a railroad question).

From Fran Virant: What two football teams have nicknames, "I.O.U.s" and "Toy Baby with Arms?"

Do you know? If you do, we'll be enlightened if you give us the answers and thereby increase our knowledge. Go to it; push our educational standards up another notch and show the world the polls are wrong—Americans are the smartest!

Comments / or answers: Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103. Fax: (216) 361-4088, e-mail jim@buckeyeweb.com

Rev. Joe Fortuna speaks at St. Felicitas

Fr. Joe Fortuna will be the speaker at an "Evening of Reflection" on Tuesday, March 31 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in St. Felicitas Church, Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio.

In this evening of reflection, historical investigation and imaginative anticipation, Fr. Fortuna will guide the participants in an imaginative reconstruction of the origins of early Christian celebrations of the Eucharist, help them to understand why things developed as they did, and assist them in together trying to name and assess the challenges to celebrating faithfully the Eucharist today.

It is an event which promises to be informative, fun and a "stretching" of the way we think about and celebrate the Eucharist.

Fr. Joe Fortuna is currently pastor of Ascension of Our Lord Church in the West Park area of Cleveland.

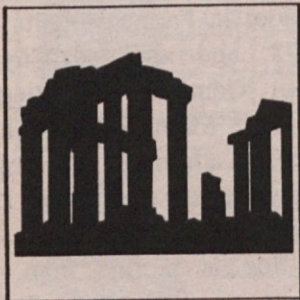
In addition, he continues to serve as adjunct professor of liturgy and sacramental theology at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, where he previously taught full time. He received his doctorate in sacramental theology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1989.

In addition to speaking frequently in the Cleveland area on liturgical topics, he has published articles in *Liturgy*, *Liturgical Ministry*, and in *A Promise of Presence*, a collection of articles in honor of David N. Power.

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# Sighting a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)

By Robert M. Debevec

**R**oswell, New Mexico is a little desert town which attained a certain notoriety years ago when an unidentified flying object landed there.

The incident was brought into the limelight last year. This was the 50th anniversary of the so-called "Roswell Incident." More than 100,000 Flying Saucer buffs landed there in 1997 for the celebration. They came from all over the world to browse through UFO memorabilia, exchange viewpoints about flying saucers and government cover-ups, and to take a conducted bus tour to the actual site where a Roswell farmer saw the object land and reported it to the Air Base there.

There have been many books and hundreds of articles written about the "extraterrestrial event." In fact one of the books is entitled, "The Roswell Incident." There are also videos about the event. The consensus of most of the stories is that after the farmer observed the landing and notified the air base, they sent out an investigating team. This was when the alleged cover-up took place.

According to common belief, the Air Force played

down the incident but actually recovered bodies of some strange creatures which were occupants of the crashed craft. The government was supposed to have taken one or more of the bodies to the Air Force laboratories at Dayton, Ohio where a thorough and very secret analysis of the remains were made.

These remains and other artifacts of the strange craft are supposed to be in a secret vault located in Hanger 50 at Wright-Patterson field.

Of course none of the foregoing happened until 1947 and I was stationed at Roswell in 1944 learning to fly heavy (at that time) bombers, namely B-17s. Elaine and I were married at the chapel on the Roswell Army Air Base on January 14, 1944. When we visited the place a few years ago for old times' sake, we found that the chapel was still in existence. However, the barracks and the rest of the base has been converted to a retirement complex for senior citizens. This seemed very appropriate, we thought, being in that category ourselves.

Anyway, my personal "flying saucer" event took place in 1944. I was flying a B-17 training mission when

I suddenly spotted a strange silvery huge disc hovering at some distance ahead of my plane. I was able to get my camera out and snap a quick photo of it before it suddenly vanished as if a giant vacuum sweeper had sucked it out of the sky.

My copilot and engineer had been otherwise occupied and scoffed at my strange tale. The only "evidence" I have of the encounter is the photograph which is at the right of this page. So make your own decisions about this.

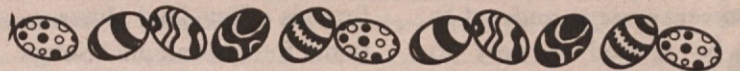


APRIL FOOL! The picture is really of an UFGCL (Unidentified Garbage Can Lid), not a UFO. My son, Carl, tossed the garbage can lid into the air and I took a snapshot of it one mad moment several years ago as an April Fool joke. However - the rest of the article about Roswell being the Flying Saucer capital of the world and the documented "Roswell Incident" are facts.

Also our marriage actually did take place at the Roswell Army Air Base chapel on January 14, 1944, to the best of my knowledge. (I think I have the marriage certificate someplace around the house).



Robert Debevec took this amazing picture of a UFGCL



## The Deck of Cards

By Rudy Flis

**J**im's Journal last week mentioned that Slovenians love stories and then he mentioned two hit songs from a few years ago, "El Passo," and "Shifting, Whispering Sands." A few years ago, during Desert Storm, another song was brought back.

I can't remember its title, but it was about a soldier in the chapel who pulls out a deck of cards instead of a prayer-book. His sergeant tells him to put the cards away. Later, the soldier was taken before the Provost Marshall.

The soldier was threatened with severe punishment if he could not explain his actions in the chapel.

The soldier explained the deck of cards: "The ace reminds me of one God; with the three card I think of the Blessed Trinity. The six card says God created the universe in six days," etc. This heart-rendering tale was heard on WRMR radio.

I agree with Jim, "Why don't Slovenian polkas tell

these wonderful stories?"

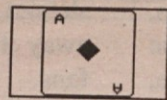
I know some waltzes have plots. I have always enjoyed the "Blue Skirt Waltz." My mom's favorite Slovenian music was a waltz, "Over Three Hills," a love story.

From the one my mom loved most, to the one my wife dislikes the most. My wife doesn't drink alcohol. Can you guess the song I am referring to? It's a polka.

The title is "Moje Baba je Pijana," which translates to "My Wife; She is Drunk!"

Can you imagine that? I know it's a fun polka, but it's one that caught my wife's attention. She asked me, "Why do they make a song like that?" Sadly, I don't have an answer. But I do like the melody. In that instance the melody moves me, but not the words.

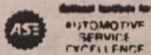
There are many young, talented polka bands on the rise. I am sure we will see, or should I say hear many beautiful new polkas and waltzes from these bands. It may not be the "Shifting, Whispering Sands," but it will be our heritage.



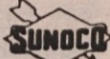
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## Super Button Box Bash is Sweet 16

**S**weet sixteen and not to be missed is how to describe Super Button Box Bash XVI.

A colossal button accordion show with special guest polka king Frankie Yankovic, two Slovenian choirs, and 18 button box bands are on the schedule.

A special tribute will be paid to the winners of the Polka Hall of Fame annual award in the individual category, Jake Zagger who will be on stage, and the button box group Cleveland Lake Erie Ensemble.

The Bash will be held on Sunday, April 5 and runs for 8 hours in two dance halls, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Slovenian Society home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio. The program is sponsored by the Slovenian Junior Chorus of SNPJ Youth Circle 2, under the direction of Cecilia Dolgan.

This is Yankovic's first appearance in his home town since attending the Grammy ceremonies in New York City, where he was nominated in the polka category

for his Cleveland International Records album "Songs of the Polka King - volume 2." The Polka King did not win the award this year, but he is still the all-time polka king in the hearts of the public. Here is your opportunity to see Yankovic, who started in the music field playing a button accordion borrowed from the boarders who stayed at his parents' home in the Collinwood area of Cleveland, and to wish him well in retirement.

Some health problems have caused the 82-year-old entertainer to hang up his accordion, but have not slowed him up to keep him away from his friends and fans.

The Super Button Box Bash will feature the following music groups: Euclid Squeezeboxers, Magic Buttons, Fairport Polkateers, Happy Timers, Homesteaders, Northern Ohio Players, West Park, Cleveland Lake Erie, Maple Heights, The Hobos, Zeke and Charlie, Magic City, and Mahoning Valley - all from Ohio, Mu-

sic Makers, Herminie, Western PA, and Yukon button box clubs - all from Pennsylvania, and Lipa Park Button Box Club from St. Catharine's, Ontario Canada.

The Western Pennsylvania Cultural Group and Slovenian Junior Chorus will sing at 3 p.m., as well as the honorees Jake Zagger of Sharon, PA, and the Cleveland Lake Erie band, will be spotlighted.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Youth Circle 2, the oldest, continuing Slovenian youth group in the United States.

Admission is \$6 for adults. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Polka Hall of Fame, 291 East 222nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123, or at the door on the day of the Bash. Slovenian Society Home is located off East 200th St., just north of I-90, turn right on Lindbergh Ave.

For information call Agnes at 216 - 531-7168, or Cecilia at 440-944-7303.

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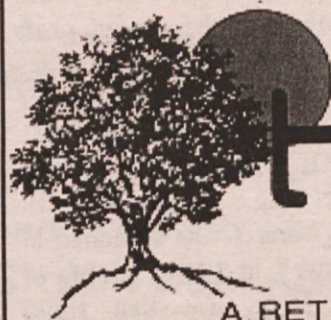
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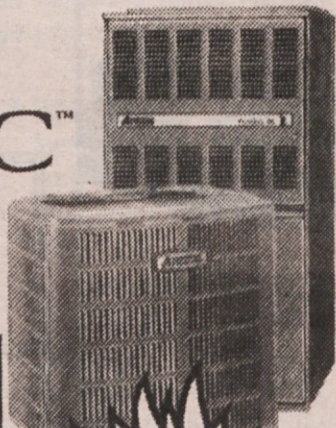
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# The Slovenian Community

It has been said that when you get three French people together they want to talk politics, three Italians in the same room and the conversation is art, but you get three Slovenians and you have a singing trio.

Music and the celebration of community are key elements in the Slovenian culture. A Slovenian in Cleveland has much to sing about — the Slovenian community is one of the largest ethnic communities in Greater Cleveland and represents the largest concentration of Slovenians outside of Slovenia.

Slovenians first came to Cleveland between 1880 and 1920 looking for viable work. After the Second World War, thousands more came, mostly as political refugees fleeing the Iron Curtain's vast reaches.

The neighborhoods where most Slovenians settled were on St. Clair between East 55th and East 71st streets, Union and East 79th, and parts of West Park and Collinwood.

By 1960, Slovenians began settling in the surrounding eastern suburbs of Cleveland, leaving the neighborhoods but maintaining close ties to their roots. According to Frank Zupancic, the "Mayor of St. Clair" and lifelong resident

of the original neighborhood, "We as Slovenians are holding on to what we have, our rich culture. The young people who are interested in their heritage are the lifeblood, and young people are realizing that by embracing their Slovenian culture, they have the best of both worlds."

One way that young people are embracing their heritage is through a weekly Saturday language school (there are two in Cleveland: Saint Mary's in Collinwood and Saint Vitus on East 61st and Saint Clair) where they learn language, literature, history, geography, various dances, and, of course, songs.

According to Martina Jakomin, former principal of the Slovenian language school at St. Vitus, "Second generation Slovenians tended to mainstream themselves more, and the emphasis was on fitting in and blending in. Now, learning your native language has become popular and tracing your roots is seen as important."

This tracing of one's genealogy is visible in the *Ameriška Domovina* (The American Home) a bilingual newspaper dedicated to the preservation of Slovenian culture and promoting communication among Slovenians in Cleveland and

throughout the US and Canada. Each week now, the newspaper has more information on how to find exactly where and how to trace your Slovenian past.

When the whole movement to independence took place in Europe's Eastern front, the Slovenians in Cleveland organized vigorously to help fund the first democratic elections in Slovenia's new post-Communism. This different kind of velvet revolution took course over 10 days and was injected with more than a quarter of a million dollars of Slovenian-American money.

Stan Kuhar, the treasurer of the Slovenian American Council that helped raise the cash says, "This was a major step in the history of Slovenians worldwide, proving that you don't have to use military force to change your government. People should be aware that Slovenians not only don't forget where they came from, they keep an eye on where they're going.

In 1990, well over 25,000 Greater Clevelanders claimed Slovenian ancestry and today, the Slovenians have more rich history than ever to sing about.

Thanks to Frank Cerar for submitting this article.

## Slovenian musician performs in Scotland's Shetland Island

Northern Ohio performing artists Laura Lewis and Paul Kovac will be performing in Scotland at the Shetland Folk Festival from April 2-5.

The Chardon residents will join the Critton Hollow Stringband, the only American group invited to perform at the festival. The Shetland Islands are located in the North Sea between Scotland and Norway.

Originally from Virginia, Lewis is an expert percussive dancer and musician. She performs traditional percussive dances from around the world, as well as Appalachian clogging and original choreography.

A native of Chardon, Ohio, Kovac is a multi-instrumentalist on banjo, guitar and mandolin, and is also a singer and song writer.

In addition to their popular duet, Paul Kovac and Laura Lewis perform with prominent West Virginia musicians Critton Hollow Stringband. The 5-piece

band features traditional and contemporary songs from the Appalachian mountain tradition and highly-spirited instrumentals on hammered dulcimer, fiddle and banjo, and other acoustic instruments as well as Lewis' dances.

Critton Hollow, with Lewis & Kovac, are the only representatives from the United States performing at Shetland's International Folk Festival.

In October, 1997, The Critton Hollow Stringband, with Lewis & Kovac, were again the only American group to perform at the international "Celtic Colours Festival" on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Lewis & Kovac will be presenting concerts and performing at festivals throughout Greater Cleveland in 1998. For performance listings or bookings, contact Paul Kovac at (440) 285-3629. For information on "Fiddlin' Feet!", contact Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland at (216) 421-7222.

## St. Vitus Alumni News

The St. Vitus Alumni Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the St. Vitus Social Room to start the ball rolling towards our one and only special event which is the Hall of Fame celebration.

The General Meeting of the St. Vitus Alumni will also be held in the Social Room on Thursday, April 2. As usual, we will be looking forward to a nice attendance.

To aid us in the selection of the Hall of Fame Honorees for 1998, written resumes on worthy candidates will be appreciated.

That our Savior's Glorious Resurrection will fill our hearts and homes with His Easter Blessings is the sincere wish of your officers.

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# 6 Kollander's Tina Stepec Retires

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, MARCH 26, 1998

Kollander World Travel, in its 75th anniversary year, was very fortunate to have the services of an outstanding loyal employee in the person of MARTINA STEPEC of Richmond Heights, Ohio who began in July of 1962 and retired recently in February 1998.

Tina was the only employee who was on hand as the Kollander agency progressed and expanded from its original office on St. Clair to two different locations on East 185th Street, going from a two or three person staff to close to 30 regular employees.

This responsible individual was quite diligent in her bookkeeping and accounting for the company, going from manual ledger cards to the modern computerized systems of the 80s and 90s.

Her Slovenian background was also an asset

since so many of the Kollander Travel clients required Slovenian language assistance over the years. Being born and raised in Slovenia, she had a special knack for locating remote villages and towns throughout the country while capably catering and selling to interested travelers.

As our organization will commemorate its big 75th anniversary on May 3 at the Manor in Euclid, August and Maia Kollander, Michael and Anne Marie Benz, Joey Tomsick, our entire staff, and myself gratefully acknowledge that Tina spent over three and a half decades of faithful and proficient service to us.

More than just another employee though, she is a great friend and is considered as a "family" member of Kollander World Travel.

--Tony Petkovsek

# Coming Events

## Sunday, March 29

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Spring Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Music by Dan Peters orchestra. Donation \$12.00. For tickets call 943-3784 or 531-2088.

## Sunday, March 29

St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) Slovenian School breakfast from 9 a.m. until 12 noon featuring homemade sausages, crepe (palačinke), eggs and beverage. Adults \$6, children \$3.

## Friday, April 3

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Bob Kravos.

## Sunday, April 5

Benefit Breaded Boneless Chicken or Roast Pork Dinner (with soup) in St. Vitus Auditorium, Cleveland, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, St. Mary Magdalene Lodge KSKJ and St. Vitus Lodge #25 KSKJ. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$10, children \$5. For tickets call evenings 881-9586. Church organ repairs.

## Friday, April 17

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, Ohio from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., featuring Ray Polantz.

## Saturday, April 18

Jadran Concert, Waterloo Hall. For tickets call 481-3187.

## Saturday, April 18

Slovenian American National Art Guild 25th Anniversary banquet at Slovenian Country House, E. 55th St., Cleveland, 7 p.m. Reservations only. \$7 members, \$14 for non-members.

## Sunday, April 26

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 4 to 8 p.m., featuring Bob Kravos.

## Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day Breakfast Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland from 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations requested. \$6 adults.

## Saturday, May 23

Annual May Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Brezje, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, Ohio.

## Monday, May 25

AMLA Lodge 30 Memorial Day Polka Bash at Recreation Center.

## Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Picnic sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society Triglav, held in Triglav Park, Wind Lake, Wis.

## Friday, May 29

Pork, sauerkraut and dumpling dinner, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Slovenian National Home, E. 80 St., Cleveland. Donation \$7.00.

## Sunday, May 31

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Community Band formal concert at Holmes Ave. Slovenian Home at 6 p.m. Refreshments available.

## Sunday, June 14

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

## Wednesday, June 24

Waterloo Pensioners Picnic at SNPJ Farm, Heath Rd., Kirtland. Dinner at 1 p.m. Music from 3 to 6 p.m. For tickets call 486-1505.

## Sunday, June 28

Annual Ohio Federation KSKJ Day Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Veseli Godci orchestra will provide music.

## Sunday, June 28

1st Picnic sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society Triglav, held in Triglav Park, Wind Lake, Wis.

## St. Vitus Lenten Renewal

### Monday to Sunday March 23 - 29

Lenten renewal, Slovenian language, Fr. Ivan Likar, St. Vitus Church

### Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29

Lenten renewal begins at St. Vitus Church with Fr. Theodore Marszal preaching, in English, at the 4:00 Mass and the Sunday liturgies. All are welcome.

### Monday, March 30

Lenten renewal continues (English). Fr. Marszal will preach and lead the Holy Hour in St. Vitus Church starting at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard a half hour before.

### Tuesday, March 31

Lenten renewal continues (English). Fr. Marszal will hear confessions starting at 6:30 p.m. in St. Vitus Church. He will celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m. A social will follow in the church hall.

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--Florence Mirtel,  
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NOTE: Thank you very much to all branch members for your generous donation.

## Band Concert

The St. Mary's Community Band of St. Mary's Parish (Holmes Ave.) will sponsor a formal concert at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 31.

## Benefit Dinner at St. Vitus

The St. Mary Magdalene KSKJ Lodge #162, St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge #25, and the St. Vitus Holy Name Society will co-sponsor a Breaded Chicken or Pork Dinner on Sunday, April 5th in the St. Vitus Auditorium located in Cleveland, Ohio on the corner of Norwood Road and Glass Avenue (one block south of E. 62nd and St. Clair Avenue).

On the menu will be a choice of breaded boneless chicken breast or roast pork with liver dumpling and noodle soup, mashed potatoes, rice, vegetable, bread, dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk.

Serving will be continuous from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

This event will be part of the American Slovenian Catholic Union, KSKJ Matching Funds Program. The Matching Funds will go to St. Vitus Church toward the restoration of the church organ. The Holy Name Society will also make a donation for this cause.

For tickets and further information, call evenings 881-9586. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### VICTOR KMETICH

Victor Kmetich, 73, of Richmond Heights, Ohio, passed away in the early hours of Sunday, March 22, 1998.

He was the husband of Minka (nee Bozic); father of Metka (Margie) (Frank) Zalar, Vic (Anna), and Tom (Michelle); grandfather of seven; brother of 10, all in Slovenia.

Mr. Kmetich was born in Svibno, Slovenia. He was a partner of Bilt Rite Construction for 27 years until he retired.

He was a member of Slovenska Pristava, and was Treasurer of Slovenska Pristava Pensioners. He also belonged to Lilija, Korotan, St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge #25, St. Vitus Holy Name Society, and Bishop Baraga Association. He was also a founding member of the Bishop Baraga Cleveland 1998 Ad Hoc Committee.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday, March 25 at 10 a.m. in St. Vitus Church. Interment All Souls Cemetery. Friends were received Tuesday, March 24, at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

### ANNA HELEN BENCINA

Memorial services for Anna Helen Bencina, 84, of Bethel, Maine, a former Eastlake, Ohio resident, were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at Jakubs-Danaher, A Golden Rule Funeral Home, 36000 Lake Shore Blvd., Eastlake.

Mrs. Bencina died Feb. 16, 1998 at Ledgerview Living Center in West Paris, Maine.

Born Feb. 22, 1913, in Cleveland, to Jacob and Frances (Likovic) Konjar, who had emigrated to the United States from Slovenia, she lived in Eastlake before moving to Maine six months ago.

As a child in an immigrant family, Anna spoke little English before entering public school. Although she had little formal education,

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Mrs. Bencina was one of the "Rosies" who went to work in factories during World War II. She enjoyed the work and did it so well that she continued, advancing to become a skilled tool and die maker for many years until her retirement in 1975.

Survivors are daughter Dolores "Lorrie" (Richard) Hoeh, of Bethel; sisters, Frances Wohlgemuth of Cleveland and Helen Critzer of St. Petersburg, Fla.; granddaughters, Cynthia Stancioff of Chesterville, Katherine Griffin of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Martha Siegel of Bethel; and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Stanley L., died in 1993. Her parents and two sisters also are deceased.

Private interment was in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

### FRANCES J. PONIKVAR

Services for Frances J. "Fran" Ponikvar, 81, of Mentor, Ohio, a former electronic assembler, were at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Mentor.

Miss Ponikvar died March 18, 1998, at Lake-east Hospital in Painesville.

Born Feb. 4, 1917, in Cleveland, she lived in Willoughby before moving to Mentor.

Miss Ponikvar was formerly employed by Xerox Corp. in El Segundo, Calif.

Survivors are sister Elizabeth "Betty" Ponikvar; sister Ann Marie Story; and brothers, Anton, John Joseph and Louis Ponikvar, are deceased.

Burial in Mentor Cemetery.

### HELEN M. WHALLEY

Funeral Mass for Helen M. (Pernush) Whalley, 83, a longtime South Euclid resident and homemaker, were at 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in South Euclid, Ohio. The family had originally been members of St. Mary's parish in Collinwood.

Mrs. Whalley died March 17, 1998, at University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Born June 6, 1914 in Cleveland, daughter of the late Martin J. and Helen M. Pernush, she lived in the Collinwood area before moving to South Euclid 46 years ago.

She was a member of Villa Angela Academy Alumni Association, a member of St. Gregory the Great Church and Ladies Guild and a member of Hadassah.

An avid bowler in her younger years, she did fine needlework and ceramics. Her family meant everything to her. She also enjoyed mystery novels and crossword puzzles and sending cards to cheer people.

Mrs. Whalley worked as an inspector at Eaton Axle during World War II. She also helped her husband, Victor, grow and expand The George Whalley Co.

Survivors are her husband of 57 years, Victor G.; daughter, Jacqueline M. (John) Maiher son George M. (Gail); grandchildren Jeffrey L. (Theresa), Jay G.

(Lisa) and Jack M. Maiher, Jill V. (Christopher) Bazeley, and Beth Ann and Benjamin G. Whalley; great-grandchildren, Joseph, Janelle, Samuel, Kyle, Jeremy and Taylor; and brothers Val of Dayton and Ivan of Ft. Erie, Ontario.

Msgr. William Novicky, Pastor of St. Gregory the Great, officiated at services. Burial in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

The family suggests contributions to American Lung Association, 1621 Euclid Ave., Suite 930, Cleveland 44115.

### ROSE BRANCELY

Rose Branceley (nee Elesh), 84, born in Slovenia on Dec. 31, 1913 to Louis and Mary (both deceased), died on Monday, March 16, 1998 at Euclid Meridia Hospital.

Rose was a housekeeper for the Euclid Board of Education. She belonged to St. Paul church on Chardon Road and numerous Slovenian lodges.

She was the wife of Andrew Doles (dec.), and Frank Branceley (dec.); step-mother of Frank Joseph Branceley of Maine, Jr. and Robert Joseph Branceley of Alaska; grandmother of 7; great-grandmother of 8. She was sister of Mary Kuhar (dec.); aunt of Raymond Kuhar, Tony Skerl; great-aunt of four.

Friends called at the Grdina-Faulhaber Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd., Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, where services were held on Saturday, March 21, at 9:30 a.m. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

### In Memory

Attached is my check for subscription renewal plus \$10.00 in memory of my parents, **Philip and Mary Kalin.**

--Vida Kalin  
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--Joe and Karen Zigman  
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--Caroline Lokar  
Euclid, Ohio

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Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 in memory of my parents, **John and Frances Grill.**

--Rose A. Rodgers  
Euclid, Ohio

### Mike Vidmar Recuperating

The well known St. Clair resident Mike Vidmar, 101½ years-old, is now recuperating at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road. You can send you greetings to him there. Visits by friends are also welcome.

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### Krofe Sale

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Altar Society is sponsoring a Krofi and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 4 at 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

### St. Mary Slovenian School Breakfast

St. Mary (Holmes Ave.) Slovenian School is sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the school auditorium.

Donation is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

On the breakfast menu will be homemade sausages, crepe (Palačinke), eggs and beverage. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### Slovenia donations reduced

In December, the Slovenian Consulate reported that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had allocated \$12,000 for the Slovenian School at St. Mary's in Collinwood, and \$9,000 for the Cultural Center in Lemont, Illinois.

In order to achieve a balanced budget required by the European Union, the funds have been reduced. St. Mary's Slovenian School will receive \$9,000 while the Cultural Center will receive \$6,000.

Even though this might create some problems to both institutions, we are glad there is a definite effort on the part of the Slovenian government to support the preservation and growth of Slovenian heritage in America.

## Rudolph Frank Zelle

† Friday Evening, March 18, 1994.

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There were 145 people in attendance, of whom 74 competed in the Slovenian Duel Giant Slalom Annual Race.

The following members of the Slovenian Business Community donated \$500 each to subsidize the cost of the dinner: Krka, Impol Aluminum, LBS Bank, SCS Textiles, Ltd., STR Inc.

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#### Female: Up to 12 Years

- ① Masa Smonig
- ② Marisa Jenko
- ③ Ana Suc

#### Male: Up to 12 Years

- ① Alex Jenko
- ② Matej Branc
- ③ Kyle Mitrione

#### Female: 13 to 18

- ① Mojca Branc
- ② Nina Smonig

#### Male: 13 to 18 Years

- ① Matthew Henningman
- ② Miklavz Bevc
- ③ Andrej Branc

#### Female: 19 to 35 years

- ① Natasha Smonig
- ② Jasna Misvelj
- ③ Barbara Bulc

#### Male: 19 to 35 Years

- ① Ivan Kamin
- ② Jordan Jan
- ③ Dominik Dolenc

#### Female: 36 to 50 Years

- ① Tina Jenko
- ② Breda Ribič

#### Male: 36 to 50 Years

- ① Stane Razen
- ② Marjan Smonig
- ③ Max Hartmannsgruber

#### Female: 51 and over

- ① Susan Godec
- ② Breda Krusic
- ③ Lidija Misvelj

#### Male: 51 and over

- ① Ivan Kamin, Sr.
- ② Metod Ilc
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Natasha Smonig - Combined time: 61.07

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4. - Matjan Smonig - 61.00
5. - Ivan Kamin Sr. - 61.10
6. - Dominik Dolenc - 61.89
7. - Mathew Henigman - 62.12
8. - Metod Ilc - 62.15
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12. - Borut Cizman - 65.06

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3. - Barbara Bulc - 63.72
4. - Viki Kamin - 64.93
5. - Nives Corak - 70.61
6. - Tina Jenko - 72.15.
7. - Mojca Bdanc - 73.20
8. - Nina Smonig - 76.07
9. - Maja Smonig - 76.07
10. - Helen Višinski - 77.33
11. - Suzanne Godec - 81.29
12. - Breda Ribič - 84.13

# Some Folk Customs of Easter

Lithuanian folk customs associated with the celebration of Easter are livelier than those related to Christmas. Celebrations used to start on Palm Sunday and continue for a fortnight.

Palm Sunday, which commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, used to bring a lot of fun into the peasant's life. This is a day when the reviving nature makes people's hearts rejoice. It is a long standing tradition to attend church on this day with a bunch of green twigs in one's hands. In most districts, it is invariably a bunch of juniper twigs, but in the eastern parts it is usually a bunch of pussy willows. It is always desirable to find juniper twigs with as many berries as possible, and willow twigs covered thick with yellowish furry flowers, for their number shows, as people used to believe, for how many more years a person is going to live.

Sometimes juniper or willow twigs are mixed with twigs of birch tree, lilac or thuja. In the Vilnius region of Lithuania, Palm Sunday bunches are made of dried flowers.

The bunches of green twigs, hallowed in church, used to be dried and preserved because it was believed that the smoke of these herbs when burning protected the house against evil, brought good luck and averted lightning. These

dried herbs were also used as incense in the spring rites when the cattle were first let out to graze in the pasture, or the farmer plowed the first furrow.

Early on Palm Sunday morning family members compete in getting up as early as possible so that they can flog playfully the others who are still in bed with the Palm Sunday bunch. This playful flogging is accompanied by a simple ditty: "It's not me who is flogging you. It's the Palm Sunday juniper who is doing it. Easter comes in a week. Do you promise me an Easter egg?"

On Easter morning the "flogger" is repaid with a nice Easter egg. On the way back from church young people try to tap each other on the hand, shoulder or head with the hallowed bunch and wish each other to be as healthy as the green juniper.

This tradition of smacking each other with the Palm Sunday juniper is very much alive as late as the second decade of the present century. It has not been forgotten to this day as a gentle reminder that Easter is coming.

The Holy Week is the time for spring cleaning. In olden times all Easter food used to be cooked in hallowed water on hallowed fire which was brought from the church. As late as the beginning of the 20th century, on Easter morning peo-

ple used to take food to church in special baskets as well to be hallowed by the priest.

After the Holy Mass was over, everyone hurried back home trying to outdo each other in starting the Easter meal as soon as possible, for it was believed that those who were the first to sit down at the Easter table and break an Easter egg would be the first to finish all the field chores in the coming season.

The first dish to be eaten at the Easter table is always an egg. People strike one egg against another to find the strongest ones which are usually saved for rolling or even until next Easter.

For children, Easter is a day for eggs. Early in the morning they find a present of nice Easter eggs from Easter Granny who leaves them in a nicely made nest outside the house or in a basket hanging in a tree. But the children can never see her, for she comes before sunrise in a little cart pulled by a wax horse which could melt if she came while the sun was shining. Children also get presents of Easter eggs from neighbors, their own mother and always from their Godmother.

After all their eggs are collected, children enjoy testing them for hardness. He whose eggs are the hardest can win all the eggs from his friends. Therefore sometimes some "wise guy" fills

his egg with salt or tar or smuggles in a wooden egg. When this is discovered, the cheat is punished and must leave the game.

Another popular Easter game is egg rolling. When a rolling egg touches another egg which is lying in its way, it wins the latter from its owner. There are experts who manage to roll their eggs in such a way that they win all the Easter eggs from the other players.

Girls enjoy swinging on swings in hay barns or in the open. The higher they go in their swings, the taller their flax is going to grow in summer. This superstition is sometimes responsible for accidents and injuries. In Zemaitija, Lithuania, people used to sprinkle each other with water.

A lot of Easter customs, such as egg decorating, egg rolling, swinging on swings, hurrying home from church on Easter morning — have survived to this day.

A very widely-known Easter custom in olden times was visiting homes on Easter night by groups of young men and musicians, called *lalauninkai*. They sang songs and religious hymns, wished the girls success in finding a good husband, and everybody else good luck. For this they were given presents and Easter eggs. This custom was still alive in the middle of the 20th century in Dzukija, Lithuania.

Most of the Easter games were repeated on the next Sunday after Easter.

--J. Kudirka

## Pointers For Parents

### Egg-cellent Educational Easter Basket Ideas

(NAPS)—Parents can put several eggs in one basket when they use Easter baskets to teach children some important lessons.

As the Easter Bunny hip-hops into your home, consider these helpful ideas:

- Assembling an Easter Basket can be an informative environmental lesson.

Instead of using the traditional "plastic" grass, use environmentally-friendly green recycled paper to shred for the filling of the basket.

Include colorful, plastic eggs which can be saved to use again. These can be filled with a movie gift certificate or "coupons" good for an extra hour of watching TV one night or a visit to a child's favorite pizza parlor.

- Use the "Very Best" basket to teach your child something about the importance and fun of building their own nest egg. Include a \$20 Savings Bond (cost \$10).

- Provide an educational element to your child's basket by including an Easter-themed book or one on the history of Easter traditions.

- To dye your hard-boiled Easter eggs, try creating natural dyes with your children this year. To make red eggs, save the skins from red onions and boil with the eggs for half an hour to an hour.

To create pretty pastels, rub blueberries and cranberries right on the shells for soft blue and



Creating an Easter basket can teach children important lessons.

pink. Usually the more of the natural ingredient you use and the longer the egg soaks the darker the color will be (but remember that eggs left unrefrigerated may be prettier than they are tasty).

- Encourage your child to be creative. Fill a basket with markers, crayons, pens, papers, Easter-themed stickers and non-toxic paint.

- Use the basket as an opportunity for your child to learn about science. Include books about eggs, chicks, lambs and bunnies, all living things symbolically associated with Easter. Or include a book about spring or changing seasons.

- Always use the very best ingredients. Since chocolate has

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# Easter Traditions in Food and Drink

Few Easter traditions are as cheerfully symbolic as the decorating of the egg.

While Christian families have been commemorating Easter with such colorful customs for centuries some of the traditions and legends associated with the observance of this religious holiday have pagan origins.

Egg decorating first gained popularity during a festival honoring mythological goddesses signifying spring and fertility. According to 8th century English scholar, St. Bede, Easter is believed to be named for the goddesses Eostre and Ostra whose celebration took place on the vernal equinox - the

first day of spring, which this year was March 20th. (The origin of Easter as a religious holiday is rooted in the Jewish Passover which celebrates Israel's deliverance from the bondage of Egypt.)

Spring celebration was traditionally laden with symbolic observance. Many of the customs have survived and have become incorporated into current culture. The famous Easter Bunny, for example, took his first commemorative hop in Germany and is mentioned as early as the 1500s. The hare and rabbit were known as the most fertile animals and a likely choice for a

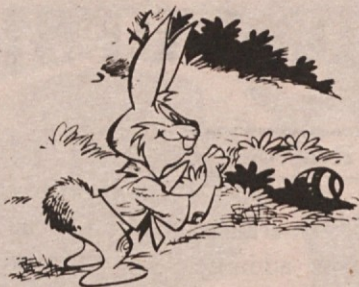
celebration honoring a time of new growth. (It is believed, by the way, that the first chocolate bunnies were made in Germany in the early 1800's). German settlers who came to Pennsylvania during the 1700's brought the bunny lore to America.

The egg, also a symbol of fertility and new life, was originally painted bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring. They made colorful gifts and were exchanged by lovers as we now exchange Valentines.

Traversing both time and tradition, the egg continues to be a favorite Easter symbol and just happens to come with its own cultural diversity. In Greece, eggs are colored crimson to honor the blood of Christ while in some other countries they are actually decorated with pictures of Christ and the Virgin Mary.

The Ukrainians are noted for their intricately decorated eggs. Each portion of the egg is individually colored while the remaining part is covered with tape or beeswax. The results are so beautiful they often look like magnificently detailed mosaics.

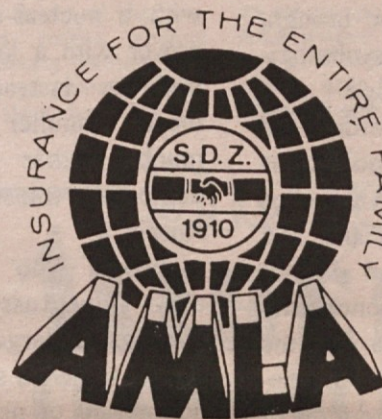
From the very complicated designs of the Austrians, to the simple techniques of the Poles, decorating eggs has become a cheerful sign of Easter as well as spring.



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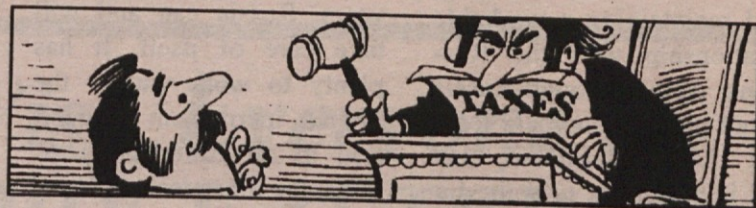
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# NATO Enlargement: Logic versus Necessity

By Karl W. Ryavec

The present American public debate over adding new members to NATO, the long-standing trans-Atlantic alliance that has prevented war for half a century and kept us connected with Europe, is a worthwhile exercise in democracy.

However, those opposed to expansion, now a fashionable stance, are often using logic and rationality in unintelligent ways. Quoting Emerson on consistency being the hobgoblin of little minds may be trite, but it is appropriate in this context. To put it simply, politics has its own logic and it demands *both* that the alliance be expanded, at least somewhat, and that Russian opposition to expansion be mollified and that Russia be brought culturally and psychologically closer to Europe.

This is a tall order, but this is just what politics is for. Although we Americans rail at the politicians and what they do (and do not do), they are the ones who ultimately come up with the formulas, however unsatisfactory as they are to most of us, that keep life fairly routine and us away from each other's throats. Luckily, we now have a President who is one of the best politicians alive and who is fully capable of both enlarging NATO and maintaining a workable relationship with the Russians. Also, although Russia is not getting much aid from the U.S. Government, that aid is important to some interests in Russia, e.g., the officers corps, nuclear scientists and some businessmen.

NATO must be expanded at least to include this first "tranche" of three peoples, the Czechs, the Hungarian and the Poles, plus later a few more such as the Slovenians, the Austrians and the Swedes. To not to do so would be to deny the worth of our efforts and expenditures over almost 50 years to maintain and enlarge a democratic and decent western Europe. To not do so would also be saying that what became under Soviet control the "other Europe" is not European but something else, something less – and thereby consign it to trying resentfully and weakly to limp along to some lesser fate, perhaps even a new colonial relationship with

the stronger Russia which will probably emerge within a few decades.

For to deny admission to NATO to all in East Central Europe would be to say clearly that Russia ought to expand westward once again and also to give away the West's victory in the recent cold war, thereby putting us back where we were in 1945. Balking at the minimal costs of NATO expansion now (only about 50c per year per American, according to Gen. Shalikashvili, the former chairman of our Joint Chiefs) will only produce much higher costs later.

It seems as if some Americans are engaged in the most un-American pose of worrying about the overdog, not the underdog. Ironically, some have bonded with a nuclear-armed great power with a long imperial tradition instead of with those smaller countries much further along the democratic transition than is Russia.

People who worry first about how Russia is taking NATO enlargement are locked either in some sort of admiration of power or fear of nukes – neither being a fit basis for a truly American foreign policy.

Besides, it's cowardly or at least self-deceiving. We did not let such fears dictate our policy over the past 50 years. Russia can and will take care of itself. It has plenty to work with – the French permanent opposition to all American positions, the oil states' ability to spend their wealth on weapons, a long-standing Russian imperial mentality that works all the angles (including our fears and concerns), and a nostalgia of the still semi-Soviet elites for their past power.

As Russia turns out to be a nuisance, let us not blame ourselves or our support for NATO EXPANSION. The present anti-American course of Russian policy was already underway in 1993 due to Russian domestic developments and cannot be stopped by our "caving" on NATO. There just aren't many democrats in Russia, and those that do exist are too macho and stubborn to unite. Russia is just being Russia and will have to find its political equilibrium fundamentally on its own.

Russia, not NATO, creates disquiet in its neighbor-

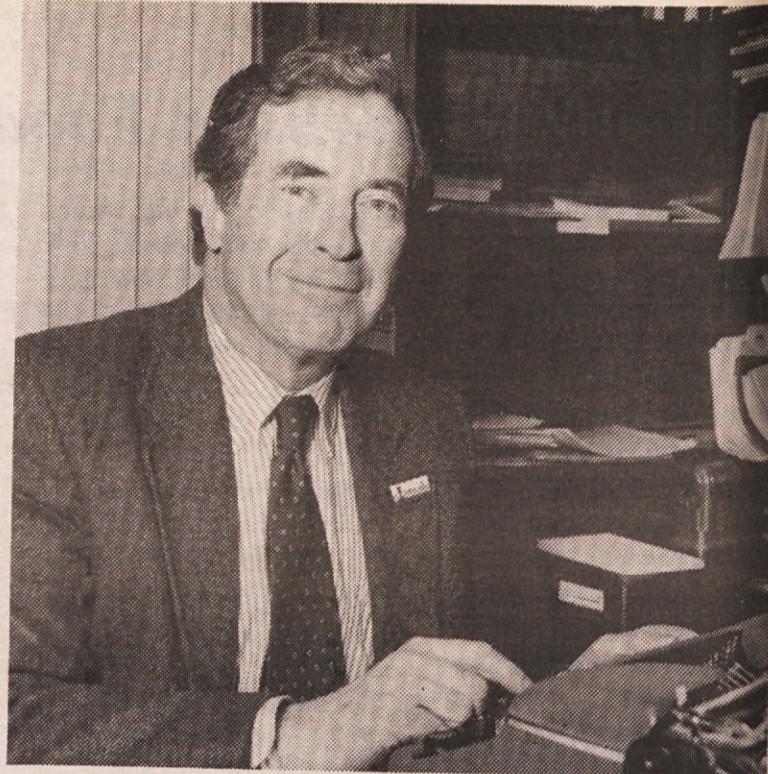
hood and it is Russia, not the US or NATO, that ought to ally that disquiet. Indeed, the Russian foreign minister now says, as NATO is expanding, that he has made better relations with the East Europeans a priority.

We must recognize that NATO proves the saying, "Build it and they will come." It is seen as a working security organization and being in tune with a democratic and prosperous future. Sure, it would be nice, as many suggest, if the East European states could all get into the European Union tomorrow, but that is not going to happen – not with 12-13 percent unemployment in most of western Europe coupled with the unwillingness there to let in cheap farm products and the new nativist fear of foreigners. And, as an East European politician has put it so trenchantly, "Would you Americans rest your security on NAFTA?"

NATO is connected with the U.S. while the EU is not. The U.S., like NATO, is seen as effective "Europe," though developing is still a dream, but only for Europeans, it has no security significance for the U.S., as does NATO.

NATO is an inextricable part of the new Europe that is emerging. One day it may be replaced with an all-European effective security system (which the Russians will probably also oppose) but now NATO, nothing else, supports the job that has to be done. NATO fosters democratization and civilian control of the military; it maintains the movement for European unification; it keeps up the momentum of economic and administrative modernization; it encourages foreign investment; it keeps, in the words of the Nobel laureate Milosz, the "old demons" bottled up; and, to top it off, it makes Russia "nicer" and a bit better neighbor.

Without NATO, "the way politics works" would force those left out to build bigger militaries and rely on alliances and the old "balance of power" politics – which has always failed and brought war. But political realities today seem to dictate that NATO will not expand much. The Clinton Administration is too political to stir up further domestic opposition to its policies.



Karl Ryavec

(And since NATO's own standards are high, only a small number of additional members are possible in the next decade). Accordingly, today's anti-NATO hubbub has had its desired effect.

Realistically, the further expansion of NATO will have to proceed in tandem with creating a new pan-European security system which includes Russia and the slow enlargement of the EU. But as a new Europe "from the Atlantic to the Urals" creeps into being, perhaps along with a "new NATO," that "old NATO" that has served us so well

and is a beacon for many will have to stand strong and take in a few new members. A little illogical and intellectually messy, yes, but that's the way politics – and history – works.

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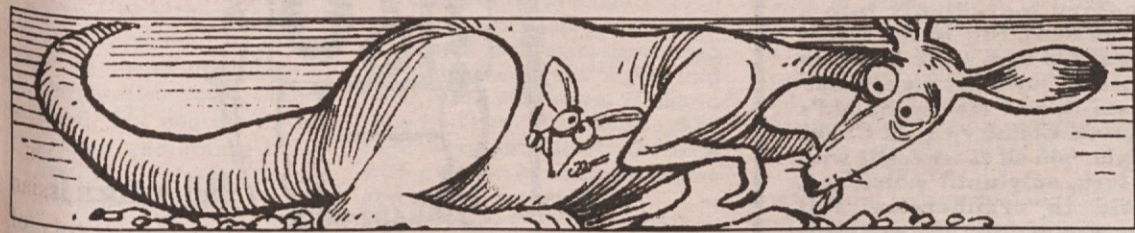
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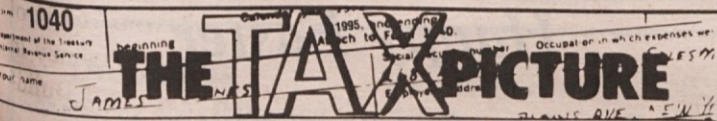
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## How Your Federal Gasoline Tax Is Spent

(NAPS)—Do you know that every time you buy a gallon of gas, you pay 18.3 cents in federal gasoline taxes, or about \$2 per fillup? Do you know how the government spends the gasoline tax you pay at the pump? Do you know that it costs you extra money when you drive on roads in need of repair?

"Many motorists may not realize this, but the federal gasoline tax was devised to pay for needed repairs and improvements to the nation's road and bridge system without tapping the nation's General Fund," says William M. Wilkins, executive director of The Road Information Program (TRIP), a nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, D.C.

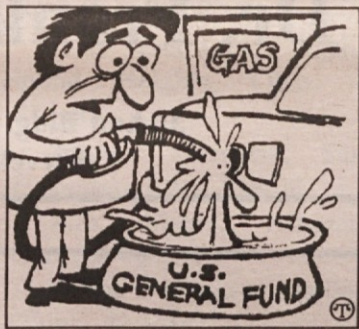
"The gasoline tax was determined to be the fairest way to pay for highway improvements because those repairs are paid for by the very people who use the system—the motorists," Wilkins continues. "But when those road and bridge repairs are not made, it costs drivers extra money."

TRIP states that motorists waste \$23.7 billion a year, or \$134 per driver, in extra car repairs, fuel consumption and tire wear caused by driving on roads in need of repair.

Wilkins explains that revenues from the federal gasoline tax were originally intended to go into the Federal Highway Trust Fund, first established in 1956, to be spent on highway improvements on a pay as you go basis. In recent years federal lawmakers have been tapping the Highway Trust Fund money to finance non-highway programs.

Of the 18.3 cents-per-gallon motorists pay in federal gasoline taxes, only 12 cents per gallon now goes toward making needed highway improvements. Elected leaders in Washington voted a 4.3 cents-per-gallon increase in the federal gasoline tax in 1993 but placed it in the General Fund for non-highway uses. The remaining 2 cents-per-gallon goes into an account for Mass Transit.

"The idea to dedicate all the money motorists pay in gasoline taxes to make highway repairs and improvements has been cast aside," Wilkins said. "That is most



unfortunate because it comes at a time when our nation's road and bridge system is in dire need of additional funding."

TRIP's analysis of Federal Highway Administration data shows that 59 percent of our nation's major roads are in poor, mediocre or fair condition. About one-third of the country's 600,000 bridges need improvement. Moreover, the U.S. Department of Transportation has reported that the nation needs an additional \$15 billion a year just to maintain current deteriorating conditions.

But there is growing support to put all revenues from the federal gasoline tax back into the Highway Trust Fund. Legislation has been introduced in Congress to take the 4.3 cents-per-gallon portion of the federal gasoline tax that goes to the general fund and put it back in the Highway Trust Fund where it belongs.

"This would generate about \$6 billion a year in additional revenues that could be used to make needed improvements to our nation's crumbling infrastructure," says Zack Burkett III, a Texas-based businessman who co-chairs the Transportation Construction Coalition, a nationwide coalition of organizations devoted to improving the condition of our nation's highway system.

"We owe it to the motorists who pay the taxes and who drive on the roads to use the gasoline tax as it was originally intended," Burkett says. "This in turn would help motorists because the money would go to improve traffic safety conditions, relieve congestion and make improvements to roads and bridges."

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14 **Book About Slovenian Submariner**

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"Diary of a Submariner" is a first hand story of a daring escape of a Yugoslav submarine and of her crew from the Germans during World War II, by John Majnik.

The book is published by Asgard Press, Inglewood, WA, Australia.

Janko Majnik was born in Ziri, Slovenia. In 1936 he joined the Yugoslav navy, where he became an officer for communications in the submarine services.

The book can be read as a film script, ready for film-making. It is furnished with many photographs including a picture of John Majnik, a stately man from 1936. There is a map of the Jadran Sea, which centers with Kotor in Boka Kotorska in southern Jadran. There is another photo of the lifting of torpedoes onto the submarine in 1940. There is a group photo with fellow submariners from the submarine "Nebojša (Do not be Afraid).

The heart of the book is a story which would be fit for filming. It is the escape of the crew of 18 submariners with their "cigar" through the Italian blockade to the Grecian island of Crete, and from there to Egypt. For their escape voyage, they

didn't use an airplane, but a submarine.

The story follows diary notes made by John Majnik. It begins on Tuesday, March 25, 1941 and ends on March 27, 1947. On that day the author began his post as an officer in radio communications aboard the British ship SS Latherana. This ship transported people from Alexandria to Geneva. Once Majnik was forced to send an SOS signal because the sea was so high the voyagers and crew were in danger of their lives. An Italian tow-boat pulled them to safer seas.

After years of war, when mines and torpedoes brought havoc to all seas, the cruel nature continued to menace the lives of peace-loving people.

Majnik declined an American visa and joined his friends from "Nebojša" who decided to depart for and start a new life in Australia, a decision he never regretted.

John D. Majnik is still living with his family in Cooma, NSW, Australia.

He says the longest word in the German language is: Oberamergauerpassionfest-spielealpenkrauterklosterdeli-katessenfraustuckskase. Translated into English it is a breakfast delicacy cheese made in Obermaeurgau, the place of the passion play in Austria every 10 years.

**Cranberry-Oat Muffins**

(NAPS)—Those who prefer fitness to fatness may delight in this delicious recipe by Ms. L. Pauls, recipe contest winner at the Kansas State Fair.

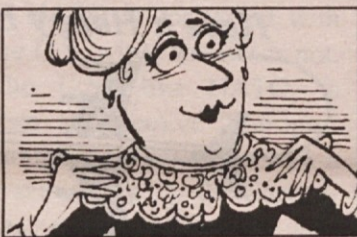
It uses Country Crock Churn Style, which has a rich, creamy, sweet, fresh-from-the-farm butter taste, but with less fat than butter or margarine, and no cholesterol.



**CRANBERRY-OAT MUFFINS**

- ¾ cup fresh or frozen cranberries, halved
- ½ cup confectioners sugar
- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3½ teaspoons baking powder
- 2 Tablespoons wheat-germ
- ½ cup oats
- 1 egg, well-beaten
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 6 Tablespoons Shedd's Spread Country Crock Churn Style®

Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix the cranberries with confectioners sugar; set aside. Sift the dry ingredients into a large bowl. Stir in the wheat germ and oats, make a well. In another bowl, mix the egg, buttermilk and melted Shedd's Spread Country Crock Churn Style. Add all at once, stir with a fork, only until moistened. Fold in cranberries. Fill greased muffin tins two-thirds full. Bake for 25 minutes or until done when tested with a wooden pick and golden brown. Remove to cooling rack. Makes 12 muffins. ©



Lace as we know it developed in Italy in the 1400s. It grew out of cutwork or open pattern in embroidery.

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# Last Minute Cook

## Springtime Asparagus Celebrates Spring With Nature's First Green

(NAPS)—With this year's expected bumper crop of fresh asparagus, one of the earliest garden offerings, creating quick dishes that celebrate spring's flavors is easy.

The key is to keep it fresh—and simple.

Spring asparagus, especially sweet, is the ideal ingredient for a speed-scratch creamy asparagus soup accented with a hint of orange. The rich taste of this soup makes it an elegant starter for a Mother's Day or graduation brunch, as well as a satisfying lunch or dinner accompaniment to savory sandwiches, such as smoked chicken with melted Brie. And though this springtime creation tastes like a complicated, "from-scratch" recipe, it takes only minutes to prepare using ready-made soup as the base, plus a finish of grated orange rind for a touch of tangy citrus flavor.

"Springtime Asparagus Soup à l'Orange is an excellent example of just how delicious quick recipes can be when fresh foods are married with those that are already prepared," suggests George Bay, vice president of Bays Corporation and a Cordon Bleu Chef. "The delicate flavors of asparagus and orange transform even this everyday canned soup into a stellar classic."

For more delicious spring recipes and seasonal party planning ideas, visit the Bays Web site at <http://www.bays.com>.



### SPRINGTIME ASPARAGUS SOUP À L'ORANGE

Serves 4

2 cups water  
2/3 pound fresh asparagus spears  
2 cans (10-3/4 ounces each) cream of celery soup  
1 cup cooked rice  
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped  
Grated orange rind  
In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Cut tips and tender part of asparagus spears into 1/2-inch pieces. Add water and blanch 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in soup and rice. Heat thoroughly. Ladle soup into bowls. Garnish with a dollop of whipped cream and grated orange rind.

### SMOKED CHICKEN AND MELTED BRIE SANDWICH

Serves 4

4 Bays English Muffins, split, lightly toasted

### Sun-dried Tomato Mayonnaise

(see below)

12 ounces sliced cooked chicken breast, smoked or regular  
Roasted red pepper strips  
4 ounces Brie, sliced  
Italian parsley  
Spread each muffin half with 1 tablespoon of Sun-dried Tomato Mayonnaise. Top with chicken slices, red pepper strips and a slice of Brie. Place on baking sheet and broil about 2 minutes until cheese is melted and muffin is golden brown. Garnish with Italian parsley.

### SUN-DRIED TOMATO MAYONNAISE

Combine 1/2 cup mayonnaise and 1-1/2 tablespoons of sun-dried tomato paste or 2 tablespoons of sun-dried tomatoes in oil pulverized in blender. Makes 1/2 cup.



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### Church Bulletin Bloopers:

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The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement noon Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

Twenty-two members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

Thursday night-Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Best Wishes for a Happy Easter!

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## VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

**Marjan Podobnik zanika vse trditve o nezakonitem financiranju SLS — Tožil bo tednik Mladino — Stranka ravnala zakonito**

V zadnjem tednu razburja slovensko javnost zadeva v zvezi z domnevnim nezakonitim financiranjem Slovenske ljudske stranke za kampanjo pred državnoborskimimi volitvami leta 1992. Dnevnik *Delo* je v ponedeljek objavil poročilo, v katerem omenja denarne prispevke od podjetij Infin in Intels. Prejeti denar — prispevki naj bi bili nezakoniti — je bil uporabljen med drugim za oglaševanje SLS na RTV Slovenija in v dnevniku *Slovenec*. Točna vsota denarja ni znana, *Delo* omenja višino do 150.000 nemških mark. Obsežne trditve je objavil tudi tednik *Mladina*. V tem primeru naj bi šlo za podjetje Lek.

Zadeva je dovolj resna za SLS, da je o njej v ponedeljek razpravljala strankin izvršni odbor. Odbor meni, da naj bi stranka v zadnjem času postala za nekatere preveč močna in jo zato skušajo diskvalificirati in da gre za »grobo blatenje«, strankin predsednik Marjan Podobnik se je pa odločil za tožbo zoper *Mladino* in sicer »zaradi lažnivih in grobih diskvalifikacij njega osebno«. Izjava izvršnega odbora SLS pa pove med drugim: »SLS se je financirala v skladu z veljavno zakonodajo, kar je razvidno tudi iz poročila revizije poslovanja in pregleda Računskega sodišča. Če je kdo drug na račun SLS kršil zakonodajo in se okoristil, naj zato odgovarja.« *Delo* 25. marca pa poroča, da je minister za gospodarske dejavnosti Metod Dragonja na tiskovni konferenci zavrnil trditve medijev, da naj bi podjetje Lek leta 1992 financiralo volilno kampanjo SLS.

**Ministrstvo za kulturo zavrnilo vrnitev Blejskega otoka v naravi — Minister Jožef Školč brani svojo odločitev**

Pretekli teden je minister za kulturo Jožef Školč, bivši predsednik parlamenta in pripadnik leve struje v LDS, povedal med obiskom občine Bled, da se je njegovo ministrstvo odločilo izdati odločbo o denacionalizaciji, s katero je zavrnilo zahtevo župništva Bled po vrnitvi Blejskega otoka v nara-

vi. Ko bo ta odločba pravnomočna, so sporočili iz kulturnega ministrstva, se bo le-ta odločilo, kdo bo upravljalec otoka. Odločitev ministrstva dejansko pomeni, da bo otok ostal v državni lasti. Svoje poročilo v *Delu* z dne 17. marca je novinar Teo Lipicer zaključil takole: »Sicer pa je še vedno veljavna odločba iz leta 1992, po kateri je blejsko župnišče dolžno skrbeti za otok; po mnenju strokovnjakov je zanj nujno boljše vzdrževanje. O morebitnem upravnem sporu naj bi odločalo upravno sodišče Republike Slovenije.«

**V petek protestna demonstracija kar treh sindikalnih central — Zahteve delavcev očitno prevelike za vlado**

Ta petek naj bi sodelovale tri sindikalne centralne v organiziranju protestnega shoda pred vladno palačo in sicer opoldne. Gre za organizacije KS 90 Slovenija, Pergam in KNSS - Neodvisnost. Predstavniki central so povedali, da bodo na protestu zahtevali od vlade dogovor o plačni politiki, pokojninski reformi, politiki zaposlovanja, socialnem partnerstvu in pravni varnosti.

V torek je bila seja upravnega odbora Gospodarske zbornice Slovenije, na kateri so ugotovili, da je letošnji slovenski proračun krepko nasproten zborničnim priporočilom.

**Vlada o spornem sporazumu z Izraelom**

Pretekli četrtek se je slovenska vlada na svoji seji seznanila z vsebino tako imenovanega tajnega varnostnega sporazuma z Izraelom. Novinar *Delo* Vladimir Vodušek je naslednji dan pisal, da je vlada ugotovila, »da pri spornem aktu, ki sta ga podpisala direktorja vojaških obveščevalnih služb, ne gre za mednarodno pogodbo, ampak za tehnično-operativni akt dveh služb, ki določa, kako zagotoviti ustrezno varovanje tajnih podatkov. Tega akta vlada zato nikoli ni dobila v postopek niti ni bila z njim seznanjena. Spor ni akt je nastal v obdobju po osamosvojitvi, kot je naša država potrebovala ustrezno oborožitev, edina resna partnerica pa je bil le Izrael, ki pa je za pogoj postavil podpis ustreznega akta o varovanju vojaških podatkov.«



**PRISRČEN SPREJEM PRIMOZA PETERKE** — Na nedavni skandinavski turneji je slovenski skakalski prvak Primož Peterka dosegel kar tri zmage in eno drugo mesto. Ko se je vrnil v Slovenijo, so Peterko pričakali na brniškem letališču številna publika. Preteklo nedeljo si je pa komaj 19-letni Peterka na tekmovalju v Planici že drugič prisvojil svetovni pokal (obširno poročilo ste gotovo videli v angleškem delu).

## Iz Clevelanda in okolice

**Vabilo na zajtrk—**

Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti vabi to nedeljo na zajtrk, ki bo v šolskem avditoriju med 9. in 12. uro. Zajtrk stane za odrasle \$6, za otroke pa \$3. Prebitek bo pomagal kriti stroške šolskega potovanja v Slovenijo julija letos.

**V domu za ostarele—**

Znani rojak, 101 leto stari Mike Vidmar, stanuje v Slovenskem domu za ostarele, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119. Obiski in bodrilne kartice dobrošli.

**Prodaja peciva—**

Oltarno društvo fare Marije Vnebovzete ima prodajo peciva in krofov v soboto, 4. aprila, od 9. dop. dalje, v šolski jedilnici. Pridite in pokupite.

**Preložena—**

Predstava dram. društva Lilije, napovedana za preteklo nedeljo, je bila preložena za nedoločen čas.

## Novi grobovi

**Viktor Kmetič**

Dne 22. marca zjutraj je umrl 73 let stari Viktor Kmetič, rojen na Svibnu, Slovenija, mož Minke, roj. Božič, oče Metke Zalar, Victorja in Thomasa, 7-krat stari oče, deset bratov in sester je v Sloveniji, 27 let bil solastnik podjetja Bilt Rite Const., član Korotana, Lilije, Slovenske pristave, blagajnik Upokojencev Slovenske pristave, član KSKJ št. 25, DNIJ pri Sv. Vidu, Bishop Baraga Assoc. in odbornik ad hoc odbora za praznovanje Baragovih dni v Clevelandu septembra letos. Pogreb je bil 25. marca v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

**Rudolph R. Stanisha**

Umrli je 62 let stari Rudolph R. Stanisha, vdovec po Mary, oče Mary Ann Edwards, sin Rudolpha st. in Jennie (r. Otomicar) (oba že pok.), brat Doris Bryan. Pogreb bo 26. marca dop. ob 10.30 iz Zeletovega zavoda na Verne duše pokopališče.

**Mary Jean Ovanin**

Umrli je Mary Jean Ovanin, rojena Jereb, žena Georgea, sestra Julie Travnikar in Paule Meglan. Pogreb je bil 25. marca s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Pavla na Chardon Rd. in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Pogreb je bil v oskrbi Zeletovega zavoda.

**Mary P. Orehovec**

Umrli je Mary P. Orehovec, rojena Perko, vdova po Josephu, mati Mary Sawyer, Anne

(dalje na str. 21)

**Dobrodelno kosilo—**

V nedeljo, 5. aprila, vabijo DNIJ pri Sv. Vidu ter društvi št. 25 in 162 KSKJ na kosilo: ocvrtega piščanca ali svinjsko pečenko. Servirali bodo nepretrgoma od 11. do 1.30 pop. Prispevek je \$10 za odrasle in \$5 za otroke. Kosilo je del KSKJ »Matching Fund Program«. Prebitek je namenjen za obnovo cerkvenih orgel. Nakaznice imajo v župnišču ali jih dobite pri članih gori navedenih organizacij.

**Ribje večerje—**

Očetovski klub pri Sv. Vidu ima ocvrte ribe vsak postni petek od 4. do 7.30 zv. v družabni sobi. Na izbiro so večerje kanadskih postrvi in rakcev po \$6.75, in »Pierogies« večerje po \$5, z zeljnato solato, ocvrtim krompirjem in kavo.

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**Družabni večer—**

Društvo Tabor DSPB vabi na družabni večer, ki bo v soboto, 18. aprila, ob 7h zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue. Za rezervacije in več informacij, pokličite S. Vrhovca na 216-731-0195. Dopis na str. 18.

**Napredovanje—**

Pripadnik ohijske državne policije Joe Mannion je postal član varnostne straže guvernerja Georgea Voinovicha. G. Mannion je sin Anne Mae Mannion iz nevburške okolice. G. Mannion je član ADZ, KSKJ in SNPJ, njegova mati je II. podpredsednica Ameriške Dobrodelne Zveze in zelo aktivna pri Slovenskem narodnem domu na E. 80 St. in cerkvi sv. Lovrenca. Čestitamo!

**Frankie Yankovic gostuje—**

V nedeljo, 5. aprila, bo znani polka glasbenik Frankie Yankovich gost na harmonikarski prireditvi Kr. št. 2 SNPJ v SDD na Recherjevi. Sodelovalo bo tekom 8 ur kar 18 harmonikarskih ansamblov. Pričetek bo ob 1. pop., vstopnice (\$6 za odrasle) dobite pri vhodu, za več informacij lahko pokličete Agnes Turkovich na 216-531-7168 ali Cecilia Dolgan na 440-944-7303.

**Družinska tragedija—**

V požaru, ki je preteklo nedeljo zajel hišo na Grand Blvd. v Wickliffu, so umrli 14-letna Elizabeth Jerman ter njena stara starša, pri katerih je živela, 63-letna Rolande in 65-letni Stanley Jerman. Dijakinja je bila odlična študentka in športnica. Požar naj bi se začel v kletnih prostorih, preiskovalci pa do tega poročanja še niso odkrili pravega vzroka.













