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Classical Concert at St. Mary

The Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, during February, Slovenian Cultural Month, presents:

A Concert of Classical Music

The music will be performed by Slovenians from the Cleveland area.

We will listen to clarinet trio (John Nemeč, Martin Marsic, and Dušan Marsic), violinist Joey Stepec, organ-

ist Ed Ferrazzoli, guitarist John Šrsen, and pianist John Šrsen, Jr., along with others.

The program will be conducted by Slovenian Consul General Dr. Zvone Zigon, reading Slovenian poetry and prose.

The Concert of Classical Music will take place on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Church of St. Mary's in Collinwood.

Free admission.

Reminder

The American Home (Ameriška Domovina) will only be printed the first three Thursdays of each month. NOT every week.

There will be NO American Home on Feb. 23. The next issue will be dated March 2.

Not Working Can Ruin Your Retirement

After decades in the workforce, many recent retirees discover that a life of endless leisure can be utterly terrifying writes Paul Sullivan.

Ken Dychtwald looks at retirement the same way he looks at death: in stages. And what he has found among American retirees can be almost as dark.

In a study released last week, Mr. Dychtwald chief executive of Age Wave, a consultancy that has advised companies such as American Express, CBS and Blue Cross on the implications of aging, mapped the stages of retirement and found that people go through a stronger-than-expected psychological and emotional transformation when they leave the workforce. In the past retirement, "all had to do with numbers - cash flow, dollar amounts," he says. People now recognize that "It is an enormous lifestyle change."

Mr. Dychtwald, a psychologist, has worked with Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, the psychiatrist and author who achieved fame in the 1970s with her "five stages of dying."

The new study, which was funded by Ameriprise Financial, the financial advisor, draws on interviews with Americans aged 40 to 75. It breaks down the results on retirement into five stages or processes, just as Ms Kubler-Ross divided people's feelings about death into denial and isolation, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

For those who have not retired yet, the study's findings are a cautionary tale: however important retirement investing is, what they also need is a clear idea of what they are going to do when they are no longer working. "Having a vision for the future and planning for that vision are as important as money in achieving a fulfilling retirement," the study concluded.

The first three stages that Mr. Dychtwald found are straightforward. In the "imagination" phase, between 15 and six years before retirement, people think occasionally about what they might do when they stop working but are not actively engaged in planning it.

Starting from five years before retirement, people enter the "anticipation" stage in which they become serious about financial planning. "This stage is a time of great excitement and hopefulness - emotions that continue to intensify as people get close to their actual retirement day."

Then, on retirement, people enter a "liberation" period. They feel happy and

relieved - 72 percent say their retirement preparation has paid off, with 93 percent saying they will spend more time with family, and 79 percent planning to travel. But this lasts only a year.

What follows is far from the fairy-tale version of the golden years. In the "reorientation" stage, which can last for 15 years after retirement, people start to worry.

The degree of anxiety depends on which of four categories people fall into. The "empowered re-inventors (19%) fare best because they plan to continue working in some way, even if that means volunteering at a museum or church, and also have plans for hobbies.

The "carefree contents" (19%) are happy with a less frantic lifestyle. The "uncertain searchers" (22%) have mixed feelings, largely because they did not give a lot of thought to what they would do in retirement.

Worse off are "the worried strugglers" (40%) who have lower aspirations for their new life and a sense of emptiness.

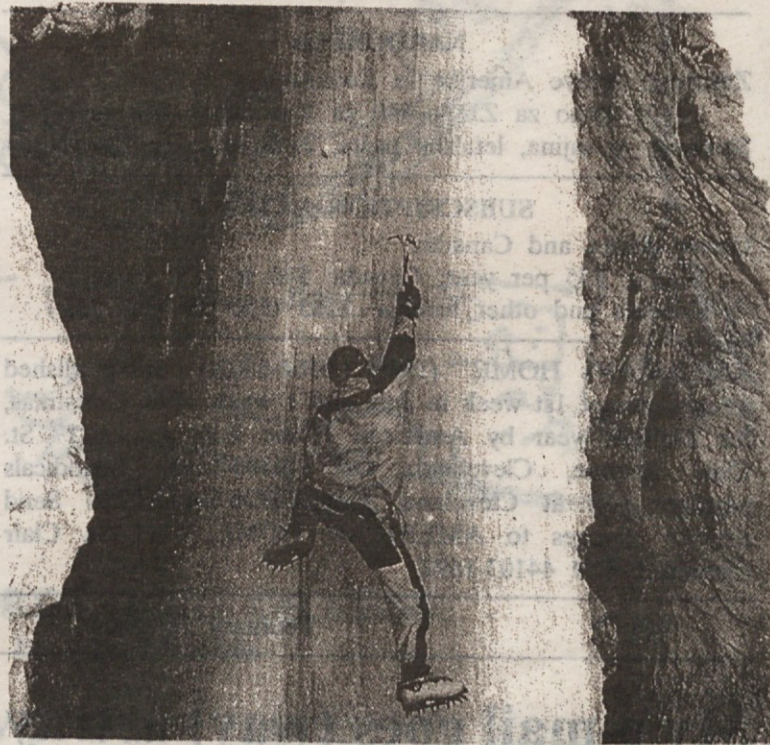
Mr. Dychtwald partly attributes the sadness felt by the last two groups to a lack of financial planning, but the prospect of doing nothing until death is a bigger factor. People with tens of millions of dollars in the bank are just as susceptible to dark moods if they have nothing meaningful to occupy their days. Yet someone with a modest retirement scheme who is engaged in his, or her community, escapes this depression.

"I think we have overstated the heavenly values of 24/7 leisure and how necessary the connection is with colleagues," says Mr. Dychtwald. "A sabbatical of a year or two is good, but the prospect of 25 years of leisure is terrifying."

In "reconciliation," retirees feel sad about the death of their friends and become aware of their own mortality but they also begin to give more thought to leaving a legacy. There is, however, good news for those still working. Mr. Dychtwald is optimistic that baby boomers, the oldest of whom turn 60 this year, will be "empowered re-inventors."

"Today's retirees have the lowest volunteer rate of any group," he says, noting they watch an average of 43 hours of television a week - double the amount that is cited with concern for children. In contrast, boomers have the highest rate of volunteerism, with a third active in various organizations.

--Financial Times



Ice Climbing in Slovenia

Slovenia's geographical characteristics provide for a wealth of ice climbs at the heart of the Julian Alps as well as lower elevations. Indeed, many ice climbs and icefalls can easily measure up to the most difficult terrain found in much larger mountain ranges.

Ice climbing began in Slovenia in 1979 when Venja Matjevec, Blaž Oblak and Lado Vidmar climbed Mokre peči at Martuljek. The icefall that has since come to be called Lucifer was initially climbed by carving ascent holds into the ice.

This was followed by a rush of ice climbing in the 80s, when Slovenia's top climbers scaled most icefalls recognized today as training for long and excruciating mountain expeditions.

Much like elsewhere in the world, the 90s brought about major changes in the ethics of climbing. In ice as well as rock climbing, it is important not only to climb an icefall but also how you do it. The most esteemed way is to climb without resting or hanging on ice axes, to brave the stretch with one's own power alone and, lately, to refrain from using slings.

Under the influence of global trends and due to a shortage of new, difficult icefalls, ice climbing has combined with rock climbing to produce dry-tooling, essentially ice climbing with stretches of dry rock that are all braved with crampons and ice tools.

Areas with the biggest concentration of icefalls include the Logarska Dolina Valley, Jezersko and the Kokra Valley, as well as the

Krnica and Koritnica Valleys.

There are over 300 icefalls recorded in Slovenia, as well as 50 combined routes and over 100 long icy Alpine routes.

Slovenians do not lag behind Europeans in combined climbing. Aljaž Anderle has climbed the currently highest technical grade for combined climbing. Gregor Kresal and Dejan Miškovič have climbed the route Podstreha at Slovenske stene, one of the most difficult combined routes in the world.

Just as rock climbing gave rise to competitive rock climbing, ice climbing has developed into a competitive sport. In 1993 Bohinj locals created a 50-meter icefall by spraying water on rock to stage one of the first speed ice climbing competitions in Europe. After seven years of competition and due to organizational problems, the event moved to Solčava where local climbers created several ice routes on a man-made metal construction. Additionally, the Slovenian Ice Climbing Cup has been organized since 2002. The event is open to foreign climbers and competition is getting fiercer by the year.

Despite the increasingly apparent climate changes, many waterfalls freeze in Slovenia each year and few of them are left unclimbed. The sport has gaining popularity and with artificial ice falls, even beginners can try out their skills. The development and future of ice climbing seems to have gained a firm foothold in Slovenia.

--Sinfo

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My e-mail goes (way) astray

by RUDY FLIS

There was a solution to the parking tickets from 1994 I wrote about last week. Therese was told by a friend to press the operator button, and she eventually would hear a human voice, and she did. The last four digits of a social security number did the trick. The woman told my wife to discard the warning and to just throw the notification of late parking tickets away. We'll hold on to it for a while in case we should receive another.

A surprise phone call came from City of Cleveland Councilman Joe Cimperman, whose ward is where the tickets were issued. I wasn't there, but he was a little upset about the letter as he spoke to my wife, Therese. He thought the City of Cleveland had more important matters to attend to than 12-year-old parking citations. I appreciate that Councilman Joe Cimperman found time in his busy day to call us and see if he could help, and if all had turned out well for us. I was sorry I had missed the call.

Joe is a subscriber to American Home and will read this "Thank you, Joe." My problem is nil [compared] to the sadness that grips the St. Clair neighborhood which experienced a senseless and ruthless killing of a husband, father, son, brother and grandfather, and the ending of a life full of promise and hope. Life is a precious gift from the creator, not valued by all in our midst, as shown by the brutal act that ended the meaning-

ful life of Frank Tominc. Our prayers are for all of the grieving Tominc family. I cannot fathom your loss as I pray for each of you. God help us at a time like this.

As I become more proficient at coaxing things out of my company lap-top computer, enjoying and using the new things I am learning, I am blind-sided by the sneaky, no good little "inanimate" object that can drive me nuts at will. And it happened this week, big time. Here is what happened.

When spending a day or two out of town, I like to have my appointments set up for a fruitful trip. I do this by e-mailing my customers and phoning some of them. This past Tuesday afternoon, I was e-mailing my third customer, one of my better customers. I typed out the address, and then my one line message. My computer then let me know it "ain't going to send out this e-mail." I didn't feel like fooling with it and thought I'd get back to it at a later time.

A few minutes later my cell phone rang. It was my boss who lives in Toronto, Canada. "Why'd you send me this e-mail?" he wanted to know. "I didn't send you an e-mail." "You sent me and everyone else in our company an e-mail, including our CEO and the rest of the bigwigs."

"I don't know how to do something like that," I said. My boss responded, "Well, you did."

I did, because soon I was receiving e-mails from Canada and all over the USA. Even the gals I work with in

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



Last Wednesday evening as I was leaving the American Home building about 8:30 p.m., I went to my car parked on St. Clair Avenue and began brushing a couple of inches of snow from the windows and frame of my car. As I was about halfway through, unnoticed by me, a police car came alongside where I was standing and turned on the bright red lights and blasted the siren.

I jumped about a foot in the air and dropped the brush, it had frightened me so much. Then I realized he was pulling over the car in front of him. One officer got out and questioned the car's driver, asking if it was his car.

I finished brushing, and began loading my car with briefcases and other items we usually take back with us to work at home. By the time we backed up (because the police car was blocking our forward exit), both officers were standing on either side of the pulled-over car and had their hands on their holsters.

It was the day of Frank Tominc's funeral and the policemen may have been checking to make sure the cars weren't stolen from City Motors, where Tominc was the owner.

I looked around and there were police cars up and down St. Clair, even in the St. Martin de Porres High School lot.

The next evening, unexpectedly, the same thing happened. I was out removing snow from my car, when again a police car came along-side me, about three feet away, and blasted the siren, turned on his lights scared the you know what out of me and pulled another car over in front of the American Home building. Councilman Joe Cimperman must have put a special watch on our area and the police were giving tickets

the office sent me an e-mail, wishing me success on my trip. At that point I could have used a nice strong hammer to teach my computer a lesson.

That evening my son came over and I related my interesting e-mail story, and told him I couldn't do it again in a 100 years. He figured out the problem. Instead of hitting dot com, I hit comma – com which sent my message all over the system.

and checking errant drivers. Well, the third day I was very wary and mentally prepared. I looked up and down St. Clair to make sure there were no patrol cars lurking about, because I figured being scared out of my wits two days in a row was enough.

You're probably way ahead of me now because sure enough, I was standing facing my car, with my back to St. Clair when for the third time in a row, a cop car nudged along side me, waited until I was absorbed in packing away our brief-

cases in the trunk, when EEEEEEE went the siren, and to make the perfect hat trick (three in a row) I jumped up, but this time hit the top of my head on the bottom of the open trunk lid. Where that police car came from, I don't know.

In the meantime Councilman Joe Cimperman has been calling people in the area, gathering money for "Crimestoppers," to be used for the apprehension and conviction of the killers of St. Clair businessman Frank Tominc.

In response to Rudy Flis

Editor,

I read with interest a letter from Rudy Flis "Sneaking out of Slovenia." I was completely sure that I was reading an old issue from the forties or fifties, however, later I realized this was a very recent publication.

I recommend Mr. Flis not go to Slovenia at all. Marshall Tito might come back from the grave and imprison him. In addition, Stalin has been dead only for 53 years, and Hitler for 61 years. If these monsters of the past do

not wake up while he is touring the country of his parents' birth, Napoleon might come back and take away Rudy's freedom. (Remember, Slovenia was part of Napoleon's Ilyrian provinces.)

It is best for Rudy to remain in the environment he knows best. he should remain in Cleveland for the rest of his life and cherish all freedoms he enjoys in the USA.

--Matjaz Sebenik, MD
Jacksonville, FL

Martin Krpan Newsletter

On January 28, over 400 men, women, and children converged on the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair for the eagerly anticipated **Pristavsko Noč**. Young and old enjoyed a delicious three-course meal and packed the dance floor as Veseli Godci played their hits.

Mladi Janez expressed his disappointment that the Pristava ski jump renovation project was shelved for yet another year. But he was fortunately able to dull the pain with mass quantities of delicious Union Pivo.

Although members still have five long months to wait for their beloved Pristava to open, they were nevertheless excited by film and photography of the new hall's construction.

St. Mary's Slovenian School held their annual fundraiser and dinner which resulted in a phenomenal 500 meals sold and a great deal of money raised for an excellent cause. Witnesses to the event claim the food was so delicious it defied description.

Slovenia News:

The eighth-ranked Slovenian national ski jump team has vigorously prepared for the 2006 Torino games where they hope to improve on their 2002 bronze medal. Leading the way to the Olympics will be Robert

Kranjec, who is currently ranked 14th in the world. This ranking does not impress Mladi Janez, who claims that, "I'd win the gold if Pristava would re-open their ski jump."

The men's team will also be aided by cagey veteran Jure Košir. Led by Tina Maze, the women's team is hoping to return to their early 1990s dominance.

In a controversial move, Slovenia decided to send four of its army officers to Iraq. The Slovenian government has repeatedly denied reports that military hero Juri Kozjak was one of the soldiers sent to the Middle East. Although they do admit that he would likely be able to win the war and capture oil-rich Iraq for Slovenia.

Prešeren Awards

The nominees for this year's Prešeren Awards were:

Fantje na Vasi
Glasbena Matica
Folklorna Skupina Kres
Slovenian Consulate General Zvone Žigon.

And the winner of this year's Cleveland Prešeren Award is:

Slovenian Consulate General Zvone Žigon. Congratulations – Cestitam!

Comments to the newsletter can be sent to martin_krpan@hotmail.com

What's in a Name?

People's last names, or surnames, originate from only four categories: a place name, father's name or patronym, trade or occupation name, nick-name or characteristic.

(Conclusion)

Supan (Al Zupan) (Zupancic) – A mayor of a town. "cic" means the son of...

Svetina (Svetnik) – One who is worldly or wise and holy. From the Slovenian "svet" (world) (counsel), and (sacred). A wise and holy believer of faith.

Tolar – One who deals in money from the Hindu word "tola" (balance). A money lender.

Tomsic – A descendant of Thomas, "twin." Also the initial letter of the Greek alphabet "theta."

Tuma – A synonym for the nickname "Tuman" (fog), or mysterious.

Verbiscer – A topographical name for someone who lived by a conspicuous wil-

low tree or among willow trees. From the Czech "vrba" (willow).

Vicich – Occupational name for a parish priest.

Vidmar – One who sees ahead. "From German "vidi" to foretell the future. – One who is in charge of the parish church.

Verhovsek – One who lives on the top of the hill, the most desirable place because the crops were at the lower end of the hill.

Yelenc – A nickname for a stag.

Zehirl – One who yawns often.

Zak (Zakrajsek) – A nickname for a youthful or studious person. From Polish word "zak" (student). Also, a candidate for the priesthood.

Znidar – An occupational name for a tailor.

Thanks to Eugene Kogovsek who submitted this information written by Franck A. Korosec.



100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

"HOW TO STAY YOUNG"

(Received via e-mail, author unknown)

- "Throw out non-essential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay them.
 - Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
 - Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle.
 - Enjoy the simple things.
 - Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
 - The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be alive while you are alive.
 - Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
 - Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
 - Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but not to where the guilt is.
 - Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
- Always remember that life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. And if you don't send this to at least eight people – who cares?"

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Lessons from my Mother

My mother taught me to appreciate things.

My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that stain will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

My mother taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"

My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado hit it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times – Don't exaggerate."

My mother taught me about HEREDITY.

"Stop acting like your father."

My mother taught me about JUSTICE:

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

These humorous tidbits came from Phil Hrvatin.

4 Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Well, it appears that now we are paying the price for all the nice weather we had been having in January, and can only hope that the snow flakes won't continue to pile up on us. I am at the point now that I sit on the inside and watch it come down on the outside. For even with a snow thrower, the doctor forbids me in any way to plow the snow, so guess it is best that I listen to him. Well, as we look at the calendar, we can say we have just maybe six more weeks of this, and the flowers will appear.

Before I go on, I might add that John Zakelj wrote a very befitting Eulogy in behalf of his father. I am sure that his dad was as proud of his son as his son was of his dad. Without a doubt over the years the readers of the American Home newspaper looked forward to the articles of the life that Anton Žakelj led. For without a doubt like all of our parents, they went through much suffering and hardships before they arrived in America.

When they did come to this country, it was primarily to get away from the hardships they lived day in and day out. In most cases when they came here, they knew no one and truly had to start from scratch, looking for a place to live and a place to work. All of us, of the so-called second generation of Slovenians can learn a lot from them for without a doubt they truly came up the hard way.

In most cases, what we ourselves have attained now, we owe to them. Without a doubt a lot of our mothers, fathers, and grandparents went through what Anton did and suffered a great deal, far beyond imagination as to what life was like back in Slovenia during the war years, with each one hoping that tomorrow will bring back freedom. It goes without saying that a lot of them left with only the shirt on their back.

Our country is what it is today because of what our forefathers did for us. I guess what I have said time and time again, we who enjoy life as we do today in spite of the various setbacks from time to time, fail to say, "Thank You." We fail to thank our creator and moreover we fail to thank our parents for all they went through to make for us the life we enjoy today. Through their hard work and dedication we were able to get an education and make something out of ourselves. In most cases when they came here in the 1920s and '30s, they, too, were faced with living through a depression. They have truly carried their cross and bring up families as well. It is never too late to say, THANKS MOM AND DAD for all you have done for me.

Well, time I start to bring this column to an end and give other writers a chance. I might add by the time this article appears in the paper, I will have gotten my new specially made arch supports and new shoes. I don't expect to do any dancing but I

will be able to walk better than I have. I learned my lesson and hope you take my advice when I say, "Keep your Shoes on," and you can be rest assured that you will not suffer from spurs, flat feet, fallen arches. When Happy Harry walks better than I do, it is time for me to take notice. Well now that Dr. Mlakar has spoken, it is time for jokes. Are you ready?

There were two fellows who were working at a saw mill. When the first one got too close to the saw and got his ear cut off, it fell into the sawdust pit and he was down there trying to find it. The other fellow jumped into the pit and said he would help him. He got down on his knees and started looking around. "Here it is - I found it," said the helpful fellow. The first man looked at it, gave it the once over and said, "Keep on looking, mine had a pencil behind it."

Okay, one more for the road. O'Toole worked in the lumber yard for 20 years and all that time he'd been stealing the wood and selling it. At last his conscience began to bother him and he went to confession to repent. "Father, it's been 15 years since my last confession and I've been stealing wood from the lumber yard all those years."

"I understand my son," says the priest. "Can you make a Novena?" O'Toole said, "Father, if you have the plans, I've got the lumber."

Well, time to say good night and May the Good Lord bless and watch over all of you and keep you in good health.

UN leaves Slovenia and Croatia to Talk it Out

LJUBLJANA, Slo. - A senior European Union official Friday declined to intervene in a border dispute between Slovenia and neighboring Croatia.

The E.U.'s enlargement commissioner, Olli Rehn, said the two countries must resolve the matter on their own.

"We consider the border a bilateral matter," he told reporters after meeting with Slovenian Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel, whose country has requested E. U. Help. "I want to encourage both countries to solve the issue."

Rehn also said Croatia, as an E.U. hopeful, should seek a negotiated solution. "Good neighborly cooperation is expected by all candidates," he said.

Slovenia joined the E.U. in 2004. Croatia opened membership talks late last year and hopes to become a member in 2009.

Most of the border between the two countries was fixed when they simultaneously seceded from the former Yugoslav federation in 1991, but a few villages and a border at the sea remain disputed, fueling persistent tensions between the two previously good neighbors.

Rupel told reporters Slovenia has asked the European Commission to talk to Croatia about a disputed bay.

POT ROAST

3½ lbs. beef shoulder or cross-rib roast, rolled and tied

1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

3 Tbls. best-quality olive oil

1½ to 2 cups beef stock

2 cups dry red wine

1 bunch of parsley, chopped fine, plus additional for garnish

1 tsp. salt

7 whole cloves

2½ cups coarsely chopped yellow onions

2 cups peeled carrot chunks, 1-inch chunks

8 medium-size potatoes, scrubbed and cut into thirds

2 cups canned Italian plum tomatoes, with juice

1 cup diced celery

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rub roast with black pepper. Heat olive oil in a heavy flameproof casserole or Dutch oven and sear roast for several minutes on each side, browning well.

Pour in stock and wine and add parsley, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon black pepper and whole cloves. Stir in onions, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, and celery. Liquid in casserole should just cover vegetables. Add additional beef stock if necessary. Bring to a simmer on top of the stove, cover, and bake in center of oven for 2½ hours.

Uncover and cook roast longer, until meat is tender, about 1 ½ hours, basting frequently. Transfer roast to a deep serving platter and arrange vegetables around it. Spoon a bit of sauce over all and garnish the platter with parsley. Pass additional sauce in a gravy boat.

Makes 6 servings.

--Brother Richard
Gilmour Well Seasoned cookbook

Consider a Split Annuity for Income

by Lydia Marquardt
American Slovenian
Catholic Union (KSKJ)

If you're retired and need an income, let me give you an idea of what KSKJ can do for you.

How would you like to invest a lump sum of money, receive a monthly income for 5 years, pay very little income tax, and at the end of 5 years, still have all of your original deposit?

KSKJ can do that for you! It's called a Split Annuity.

Here is an example.

John is 72-years-old and has \$25,000 to invest. He needs income, but wants to make sure he doesn't lose any of his \$25,000 principal.

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years). At the end of 5 years, John stops receiving the income checks, but he now has his original investment of \$25,000 sitting in an annuity account. John may now either withdraw the \$25,000 or start the process all over again with a new contract and possibly different interest rates.

How did this affect John's income tax? If he is in a 20% tax bracket, he only pays \$25.06 a year in taxes on this income. Why so little? Because the monthly income he receives is mainly return of his principal.

At the end of this 5-year-period, John's total return on his \$25,000 investment is \$30,289.90.

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Super Button Box XXIV: April 2, 2006.

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Meetings every 4th Wednesday of second month: Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov. in St. Mary's school (meeting room), 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

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Branch #50**

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Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the club room of the Collinwood Slovenian Home (Holmes Ave.). New members (up to age 90) are always welcome.

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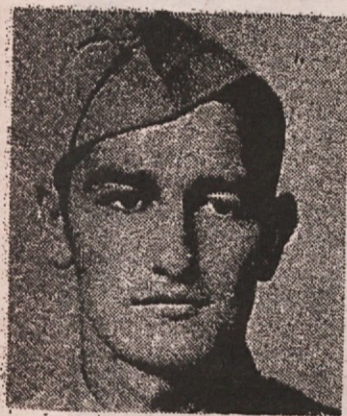
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Death Notices



CARL L. SCHULTZ

Carl L. Schultz, beloved husband of Jennie D. for 57 years; loving father of Linda J. Frick (husband Jan), and Dr. Ray C. Schultz (wife Dr. Hebe); grandfather of Christopher Frick; brother of George, Edward and the late Henry; uncle, great-uncle, and great-great uncle of many.

Mr. Schultz saw active service in the U.S. Army Air Force 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, Pacific Asiatic Theater in WWII as a Master Sergeant Crew Chief, and as a C47 flight engineer between 1940 and 1946.

Mr. Schultz enjoyed reunions with the 89th Troop Carrier Group.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Collinwood, the Holy Name Society, St. Mary School Alumni, and St. Mary Seniors.

He was also a former board member of the Collinwood Slovenian Home serving on the House Committee. He was also a member of the Holmes Avenue Pensioners, Euclid Veterans Association, USAM-MAPS, and the Iron Workers Local 17 as an Ornamental Iron Worker.

Mr. Schultz was recognized in 1964 as Craftsman of the Year for Ornamental Work at the Cleveland Convention Center.

Memorial contributions in Carl's name may be forwarded to St. Mary Church Building Fund, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110, or the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH.

Private burial service from Brickman & Son Funeral Home in Euclid, Ohio.

MARIJA VAVPETIC

Mass of Christian Burial for Marija Vavpetic, 85, of Thompson, Ohio was at 10 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 13 at St. Patrick's Church, in Thompson, OH.

Mrs. Vavpetic passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Born on March 19, 1920 in Bizovik, Slovenia, to Anton and Marija (Gostincar) Oblak, Marija was the eldest of three children raised in the difficult depression era of pre-World War II Slovenia. Ever the big sister to her siblings, her love of family never waned.

Marija and her husband, Blaz, were married on May 25, 1941 at St. Peter's Church in Ljubljana.

Marija and her husband, Blaz, started a family as they struggled through some of Slovenia's most difficult times. Children, Mary and Nick were born in Slovenia during the war years. With the Communist occupation of Slovenia during the aftermath of World War II, they were forced to leave their beloved homeland in 1945 and fled to Austria where they lived in a Displaced Persons Camp in Spittal, Austria, where son, Joseph, was born in 1948.

In 1950, Marija, Blaz, and family left Austria, emigrated to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. While living in Cleveland, the family continued to expand with the births of their third son, Anthony, in 1951, and a second daughter, Kathy, in 1957.

1958 saw Marija's and Blaz's final move to a place where they would live out the remainder of their lives together.

They moved to Thompson, Ohio, where they purchased a small farm that was Marija's pride and joy, her garden of paradise. That special place was to become known as "The Farm" to all her family and friends. She was the heart and soul of the farm and the family.

Because Marija was a homebody, her choice was to entertain her family and friends, shower them with the fruits of her labors and share in the breaking of her homemade breads, potica, and strudel. Marija was extremely generous to her family, friends, and strangers alike, from providing her lavish home-cooked Sunday

meals, to freely passing out fruits, vegetables, meats, and eggs without discrimination to anyone she felt might need them.

Raising farm animals and crops on her apple orchard, the vineyard, numerous large vegetable gardens, and flower beds was a source of pride. Despite objections from some of her children, she continued to garden and raise chickens until she was incapacitated by a broken hip in February of 2005.

Her largest source of pride, however, was her family. Marija and Blaz raised a family that flourished and consisted of five children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Each had a special place in her heart.

An extremely proud Slovenian woman, the strong, resilient, outspoken matriarch of the Vavpetic family instilled into her family the importance of religion, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to loving and helping both family and friends. She insisted that her children speak Slovenian, "the mother tongue," at her home. Prayers at the farm were always spoken in Slovenian, led by Marija and Blaz.

A lifelong devout Catholic and member of St. Patrick's Church for 48 years, Marija had a regimen of weekly communion, praying the rosary, and daily prayers. Her strong faith was an example and model for her entire family.

Daughter Mary Rankel provided constant, unselfish, loving care for both Marija and Blaz during their last years, and Marija was very grateful for that.

Survivors are her daughters, Mary Rankel of Geneva and Kathy Logsdon of Austinburg; sons Nick (Christine) of Roaming Shores, Joseph (Mary) of Thompson and Anthony (Helen) of Concord Township; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Margaret Oblak of Roaming Shores, and Mici Bizjak of Kamnik, Slovenia; and a host of nieces and nephews in Ohio, Canada, and Slovenia.

Marija was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Blaz; parents Anton and Marija (Gostincar) Oblak; brother, Anton Oblak of Roaming Shores; sister, Antonia of Toronto, Canada; brother-in-law, John Valant of Toronto, Canada; nephew, John Valant of Toronto; and great-granddaughter Renee Rose Sintic of Painesville.

The family suggests contributions in her memory to Harbor Light Hospice, 734 C Alpha Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143.

JULIA M. ZAK

Julia M. Zak (Zakrajsek) (nee Jarc), 99, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 12 2006 at her residence in Eastlake. She was born on Feb. 3, 1907 in Kamnik pod Krimon, Slovenia.

She was employed at Sorn's Restaurant as a French Pastry Chef for 20 years.

Julia was a member of AMLA Lodge #27, Euclid Pensioners, Ladies Guild of St. Christine Church, P.S.W.A. #3, Senior Board of Euclid Hospital.

Julia is survived by daughter Marilyn Vidmar; granddaughters Linda (Bob) Gray, Maxine (Greg) King, Lorraine (Dr. Richard) Gustafarro and Kirsten (Chuck) Williams; grandsons Richard (Carmen) Frech and Joseph (Tracy) Frech; six great-granddaughters; 3 great-grandsons; and two great-great granddaughters. She was aunt, great-aunt, great-great aunt, and great-great-great aunt to many.

Deceased family: husband Frank Zak; daughter Juliana Kobal, son-in-law Don Vidmar; sister Frances Yarshen; brothers Joseph A. Jarc, Victor A. Jarc; parents Frank and Frances (nee Kobi)

Friends may call on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 2-8 p.m. at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Cleveland.

Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 20 at St. Christine Church, 840 E. 222 St., Euclid, Ohio. Burial in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, OH.

Donations in her memory to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

In Loving Memory
of the 11th Anniversary
of the death of our beloved
mother, grandmother,
great-grandmother,
and sister



Frances Novak

(nee Orazem)

Died Feb. 27, 1995.

*In Life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
No one can ever fill.*

Sadly missed by:
Children:

Ray, Norb and Dolores
In-laws: Lil, Jean and Tom
Sister Marie, and
remaining relatives

Stronessville, OH

In Memory

"Enclosed is a check for \$100 of which \$50.00 is from E. Webber, and \$50.00 is from Tony and Betty Grdina, sent in memory of both their cousin Gail Potokar who died Jan. 4th of this year.

Donation

Thanks to Dolores Sierputowski of Highland Hts., OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$50.00 donation. She writes, "The Slovenian community is fortunate to have available a newspaper of your high stature. Wishing you continued success."

Donation

Thanks to Mrs. Edward Glicker of Euclid, Ohio who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. She writes, "The additional money is for your great newspaper."

In Loving Memory

13th Anniversary



Anthony M. Yert

1916 - 1993

In our memories you are always near. - Loved and remembered - But we miss you more as time goes by.

Your loving family
wife - Jeanette
daughter - Patricia
granddaughters:
Emily and Jennie

In Loving Memory
of the
41st Anniversary
of the passing of
my dear "Pop"



John Muniza Sr.

died Feb. 16, 1965

*You have been gone
since Feb. 16, 1965;
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New View of Slovenian History

(Venice, CA) - Books of Slovenia is pleased to announce the availability of a new book which answers the frequently asked question: "How did Slovenia and the Slovenians survive through so many years of subjugation."

The newly arrived book, "Slovenia" Discovering a European Nation" by Jozko Savli, answers that question in a compelling manner by arguing that Slovenia has effectively been its own nation for thousands of years and that the Slovenians of today are the descendents of the Veneti, an indigenous people who have lived in the greater Slovenia area for thousands of years. He suggests that the earliest Slovenians were not Slavs, but an Afro-European culture which existed in the earliest times on the European continent.

Mr. Savli devotes considerable attention to the earliest Slovenian national entities which existed as provinces in Roman times and later as the Duchy of Carantania, arguing that that duchy was the foundation of the current nation of Austria.

The book attempts to present a third vision of the Slovenians against the two other well-known views, i.e., that Slovenians have no history by themselves and have always been either a subjugated population under the reigns of Germanic rulers or part of a broader Slavic culture dominated by the Russians.

The book, which is written in English, provides ample historical detail to argue the author's position, and includes many illustrations and photographs to support its case.

The 223-page book was published by Studio RO - Humar Publishing House in 2004 and costs \$69, plus shipping and handling, for total price of \$77.95. Available in hardback only. (ISBN 961-6097-19-9)

Orders can be placed by credit card on-line at www.BooksOfSlovenia.com or by sending a check (or purchase order) payable to Books of Slovenia, to 453 Rialto Avenue, Venice, CA 90291.

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Slovenian Olympic Team 2006

Slovenian Culture

Slovenia is the only country in the world with a Culture Day. The Slovenian national cultural holiday also honors France Preseren, the 19th century poet, whose most famous poem is "Zdravljica" or in English, "A Toast." The seventh stanza of this poem which hails world peace and the brotherhood of man has become the Slovenian national anthem.

Slovenians R Us

Slovenian School Dinner

St. Vitus Slovenian Language school Annual Benefit Dinner of Pork Roast or Chicken is being held on Sunday, Feb. 26 in the St. Vitus Auditorium.

Meals will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Take-outs available in the Social Room. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from Slovenian School parents or at the door on the day of the event.

Come join us for this community event and help support our school.

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Happiness is a way station between too much and too little.

--Ray Mlakar

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The Making of the Slovenian State/1988-1992; and the Collapse of Yugoslavia

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Slovene-English Dictionary

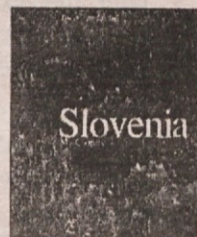
At 935 pages, this hardcover edition is intended for most translation tasks. At the condensed size of 5" x 3" x 1", the dictionary is great for travelers. Price - \$65.95



National Atlas of Slovenia

"It is indeed impressive when a country that is smaller than Lake Ontario and has about two million people - fewer than many U.S. cities - can put out a national atlas as well presented as this one." - *The Library Journal*, 2002

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Slovenia: My Country

This is one of the best photographic portraits of Slovenia ever published. It was produced by Joco Znidarsic, the long-serving photo editor of DELO, the major daily newspaper in Slovenia. "My Country" captures the stunning beauty of Slovenia in 277 photographs over its 200 pages. English narration. Price - \$87.95



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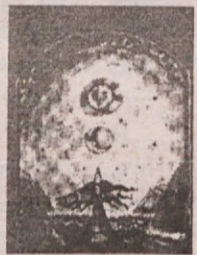
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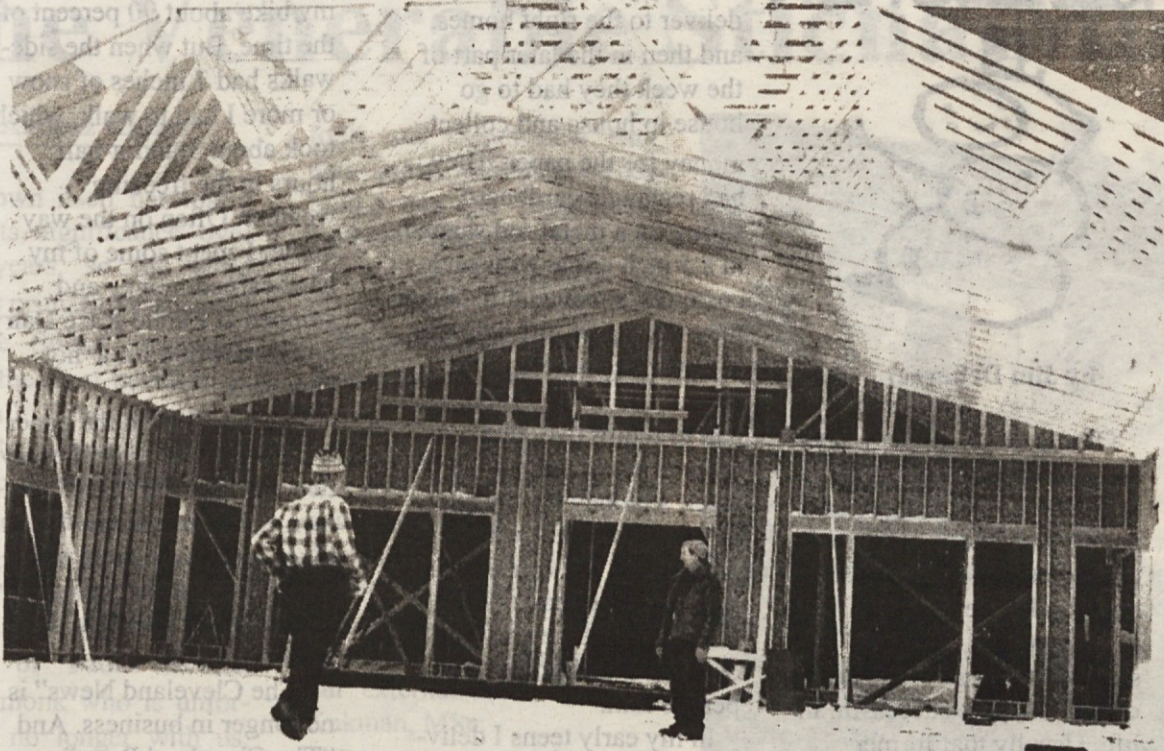
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Stanley Rus and Ivan Zupancic look over the many wooden beans which will support the new Slovenska Pristava gathering place.

God gave us a difficult winter so we may more fully enjoy the tulips of April

Wonderful World of Home Entertainment

by JOE GLINSEK

Radio was an important part of my childhood, but not the consuming habit that TV would become. Radio's Tom Mix, who advertised a cereal I didn't like, and Jack Armstrong who sold Wheaties, my favorite, had short week-day programs that, like the soaps, advanced the story with glacier-like speed.

Weekly evening broadcasts were longer. I Love a Mystery, with heroes Doc and Reggie, and a memorable organ theme, was one of my favorites. Gang Busters and Inner Sanctum, disapproved by my parents, were enjoyed on the sly. The entire family listened to Jack Benny, Amos and Andy, Charlie McCarthy, Fibber McGee, and The Hit Parade. Each with their own style, the popular newscasters of the day were Heater, Kaltenborn, and Winchell.

For my 13th birthday, I was given a small table radio with a Bakelite case, a product that pre-dated plastic. The Farnsworth radio, named for its maker, was a quality product. He was an important man in the industry, but is virtually unknown today.

The radio was a godsend, especially during my annual two-week bouts with painful sore throat and fever, now recognized as *strep*. Confinement was made more tolerable by that radio, on from morning until night at my bedside. I began the day

with Arthur Godfrey, and continued with the trials and tribulations of soap opera: Vick and Sade; Stella Dallas; One Man's Family; and others I can't recall. They passed the time until the evening programs.

Our family radio was on top of the sheet-music cabinet in the living room. For many years it was a Crosley - its inverted U shape is often replicated. Though called a table model, it was much larger than my radio. A thin wire, attached to its metal chassis, snaked out a nearby window to the highest point of the house. The aerial, as it was called, improved range, reception and volume: everyone in the room could easily hear the program.

Just before the war, Dad traded in the Crosley for an RCA with AM and two short-wave bands; FM didn't come along until much later. This powerful table model had a modern cabinet; square, with curved corners. With a green tuning eye, broad horizontal dial and oversized control knobs, it had an impressive Art Deco look. All through the war and well into the 1950s, the RCA served us well.

Dad listened to his beloved Cleveland Indians baseball on radio. He saw them on a friend's TV, but wasn't impressed. Before he died, in 1958, we went to a baseball game at The Stadium. He was politely grateful, but stuck to Jack Graney and Hunter on the radio - Dad visualized the game.

Widely marketed by 1948, TV was expensive and, by today's standards, screens were tiny. Dumont and Admiral, popular brands, had 10-inch screens, considered large. Stories circulated about early TV sets, just as they did about radio; the latest toy of the 1920s. Neighbors had come over to listen to my uncle's radio; the first on our street. "We heard a band from Des Moines on Mike's radio last night. Imagine. All the way from Iowa." From the stories I heard, these comments were typical; they were more excited by the distance than the music.

In the late '40s, the stories were about neighbors gathering around your Dumont to watch Friday night boxing or wrestling. If you were lucky, they brought their own snacks. If they were lucky, you had the latest accessory; a magnifying lens clipped in front of the little round screen.

We bought Mom a Zenith TV at Christmas in 1959. She'd never admit it, but she was soon addicted to several soap operas and had entered the TV generation. What would she think of the latest assaults to the eyes and ears, and the glossary of its new acronyms - it's brain bogging.

The major crisis in home entertainment today is a dead remote. Imagine having to leave your chair to change a channel.

With money in your pocket, you are wise and you are handsome and you sing well, too. --Yiddish proverb

Dancing is a wonderful training for girls. It's a first way you learn to guess what men are going to do before they do it.

If you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. --Ray Mlakar

Coming Events...

Friday, Feb. 17

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Ray Polantz. Donuts and coffee.

Friday, Feb. 24

Concert of Classical Music in St. Mary's Church (Collinwood) at 7 p.m. Slovenian Consul General Dr. Zvone Zigon will read Slovenian poetry and prose. Musicians will be John Nemeec, Martin Marsic, Dusan Marsic, Joey Stepec, Ed Ferrazzoli, John Srsen, Sr., and John Srsen, Jr., along with others. Free admission.

Friday, Feb. 24

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Bob Kravos. Donuts and coffee.

Sunday, Feb. 26

St. Vitus Slovenian School Annual Pork Roast or Chicken Benefit Dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take outs available. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Annual Koline Dinner sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Garden Association, in St. Mary's (Coll.) Parish Center from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., featuring (1) One blood sausage with one fresh garlic sausage, or (2) One rice sausage with one fresh garlic sausage, or (3) Three fresh garlic sausages. \$12 adults, \$6 for children.

Friday, March 3

Fish Fry dinners at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Friday, March 3

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Joey Tomsick.

Sunday, March 5

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Palacinka (crepe) and sausage breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in parish center. Cost \$7 adults, \$4 child.

Friday, March 10

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Ed Rodick.

Sunday, March 12

Catholic Mission Aid annual fund-raising dinner in St. Mary's Church Hall (Holmes Ave.) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Slovenian dumpling soup, lots of fresh salad, roast chicken or roast beef. For tickets call (216) 531-2728.

Friday, March 17

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Wayne Tomsic.

Sunday, March 19

Spaghetti Dinner at Collinwood Slovenian Home honoring "Our Woman of the Year" Helen Kozlevchar from 1 to 4 p.m. Donation \$7, children: \$3.

March 19 - 26

Annual Slovenian ski trip to Steamboat, Colorado. Call John Kamin at (718) 424-2711, or weeknights: (212) 691-5551 or (518) 734-5515 weekends.

Friday, March 24

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Frank Moravick

Saturday, March 25

Federation of Slovenian Homes annual awards banquet at SNH on St. Clair. Main honorees are Kathy Hlad and James Slapnik, Jr.

Friday, March 31

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m., featuring Bob Kravos.

Thursday, April 6

Meeting of St. Vitus Alumni in St. Vitus Village.

Sunday, April 9

(Palm Sunday)
St. Mary's (Collinwood) Palacinka (crepe) and sausage breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in parish center. Cost \$7 adults, \$4 child.

The Parking Tickets Joke

I went to the store the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a Senior a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a name. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a worse name. He finished the second ticket and put it on

the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner and this one had a "Hillary in '08" bumper sticker on it.

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important, especially because I'm a Republican.

—Ray Mlakar

10 Slovenian Cultural Garden's Annual Koline Dinner

The Christmas season is now long over and Lent is just around the corner. It is time to make arrangements for celebrating Fat Tuesday – Slovenian style.

The Slovenian Cultural Garden Association invites you to attend the annual *Koline* on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Collinwood Parish Center.

There will be three choices of dinner from which you may choose:

- 1) One blood sausage with one fresh garlic sausage
- 2) One rice sausage with one fresh garlic sausage
- 3) Three fresh garlic sausages.

All dinners come with all the fixings: home fried potatoes, sauerkraut, bread, coffee, and a krofe (Slovenian doughnut). The cost is \$12.00 for adults or \$6.00 for a child's portion. All of the sausages will come from Azman's market and the krofe will be made with love and care by the St. Mary's Altar Society. When ordering, please specify your choice of sausage dinner. Beverages for adults and children will be available. Take-out orders are also available.

Tickets may be ordered by calling JoAnne at the St.

Mary's Collinwood church rectory (216) 761-7740 or by calling any SCGA board member. Make this a night to invite family and friends to a meal together at St. Mary's Parish Center. The company will be great and the food fabulous.

The SCGA would like to thank you for your past help. It is because of you that we have been able to make numerous landscape additions, finish the Gregoric monument, complete the marker for Metod Klemenc, and complete the Baraga bust and pedestal. The pedestal for the Baraga bust is now with the monument company nearing completion.

Our next endeavor is to recast and rework the Ivan Cankar monument and wall. We have obtained the original plaster mold created by Rudolph Mafko. The original monument was dedicated into the Garden in 1944. The proceeds from all upcoming events within the next two years will go towards the completion and rededication of this monument. We may even be able to have the plaster mold on exhibit during the Koline. It is through your generous help that the renovated Garden is becoming more than a dream: It is becoming reality.

Hard to Find Conversions

We all need to convert something, dollars to euros, fractions to inches, gallons to liters, etc. Here are some of the answers you have been searching for, just sound out the answers:

1. – Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. – 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. – 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. – time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 banana-second
5. – Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. – Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. – 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
8. – Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. – 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz
10. – Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. – Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line

12. – 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. – 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. – 1 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. – 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. – 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. – 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. – two thousand fresh falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
19. – 200 pounds of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. – 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. – 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. – 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. – 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. – 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. – 4 nickles = 2 paradigms
26. – 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Dartmouth College = 1 IV League.
27. – 100 Senators = One indecision.

Su nitted by:
Joe Snyder

REFLECTION



by Jim Debevec)

Often, when I meet a person and explain that I work at the American Home newspaper, they exclaim, "I used to deliver that paper." Frequently that person is a doctor, lawyer, a professional, business person or otherwise quite successful in life. Usually that former American Home carrier will state they went to St. Vitus School and brought the paper to their customers during recess or during lunch-time, or after school. Others delivered in Collinwood, the Petric family in Cleveland, and others in various sections of Euclid, and for a few years even in Richmond Hts.

When I ask where they peddled their papers, they can name every street, and can recall just about every subscriber.

It always astounds me to discover so many successful people who began their careers as delivery persons for the Ameriška Domovina. I was thinking about this the other evening while walking to deliver my favorite newspaper to my four customers, the same number of papers I had when I began my deliveries over 55 years ago.

I wondered where had all the newspaper boys and girls gone? When I was young, it was a badge of honor to deliver newspapers. On our street, E. 174 between Grovewood and Lake Shore Blvd., there were three other youngsters who delivered papers. They were looked up to as young business people. They had to be responsible, making sure they were at the

delivery pickup each day, deliver to the right homes, and then in the later part of the week they had to go house to house and collect money for the paper. They had rectangle cardboard strung on a metal rod shaped in a 5 inch circle with each customer's name on it. When they were paid, the delivery kid punched a hole in the date of the week. Often, they had to return two, three, or more times to collect the week's money for the paper. Regardless if the customer paid or not, the carrier was responsible to pay the full amount to the person who delivered the bundle of papers to him.

In my early teens I delivered the Ameriška Domovina, but didn't have to collect any money because there were salespeople who did that chore. And most customers paid directly to the company.

To make up for the advantage of not having to collect subscription money, the paper routes were spread far and wide. I had to walk from my street down Ozark, thru Humphrey's Field (across from Euclid Beach Park) to Lucknow, Ridpath, Arcade, Waterloo Rd., etc., up to the street in back of St. Jerome's Church, around E. 148 St.

But before delivering the paper, I would spend a half hour folding the 65 papers into little squares. The reason was so I could "sail" the papers on to the customer's front porch without having to stop. Some houses were double and I had to sail the papers to the second level porch. If there was an errand throw, or a sudden gust of wind, the American Home would land in the gutter or be damaged enough so a second shot had to be attempted. Luckily the company always gave a couple of extra papers for just such an emergency.

Because the paper route

was so far spread out, I rode my bike about 90 percent of the time. But when the sidewalks had 7 inches of snow or more I had to walk, which took about 3-and-a-half hours in the freezing weather. Often on the way home, I spent some of my hard-earned money and stopped at Euclid Race Dairy on Grovewood for a hot chocolate.

The nice part of the paper route was getting paid every two weeks. I purchased my own Schwinn chrome-black bike, and later a great tape recorder made by Revere which I used so often, it literally wore out.

"The Cleveland News" is no longer in business. And "The Cleveland Press" folded years ago in spite of the fact Joseph Cole, a multi-millionaire, took it over. Today we have only one morning newspaper being delivered and that is by a couple in their car. Somehow the Ameriška Domovina is still in business, albeit now only three times a month with only three carriers, the rest goes by mail.

The former delivery persons of the American Home developed character by being on time, and trustworthy, who efficiently with determination, carried out a task assigned to them. This noble lesson paid off the rest of their life.

Today I saw a young girl driving a brand new car, on a cell phone, giving a drug in exchange for money to two kids running across St. Clair to her. It would be better if all three of them peddled papers.

When a fellow says it hain't the money, but the principle o' the thing. It's the money.
--John Mercina

Food joke

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Kenny: Here king, here boy, that's a good doggie.

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Learn to say "no" and it will be more use to you than Latin.
--Ray Mlakar

The Venerable Stična Monastery Lives

by Andraž Kajzer

The town itself has lost a lot of its significance over recent years, so the word Stična is primarily associated with the Stična monastery (one of the most beautiful in Slovenia.) Even accidental visitors to Slovenian grocery stores can discover some great Stična products such as Stična cheese. One of the "proper" monastic products is also the natural apple vinegar of Father Simon Ašič, a monk who is unfortunately no longer with us, who was well known in Slovenia for his expertise in medicinal herbs.

Stična is located a good 25 km from Ljubljana, accessible via the modern Ljubljana-Novo Mesto highway. The town is located about 2 km from the main road and is now part of the Ivančna Gorica municipality. Definitely worth visiting, Stična is becoming an increasingly popular tourist destination, not to mention the hills in its hinterland, offering numerous possibilities for cycling, hiking or car trips.

In the days before Christmas, the Stična monastery is tranquil, almost romantic. The surrounding hills are covered in snow. Perhaps this is the right time to visit the 'white monks,' which is a term for the Cistercian order of the monastery, reputed for numerous activities despite its tranquil and calm life.

The Stična monastery has been run for numerous years by Abbot Dr. Anton Nadrah, originally from the town of Višnja Gora, not far from Stična. Currently, there are 11 monks in the monastery, seven of whom are priests.

During our short interview with the abbot, our first question was how the monastery participates in the modern life of its location and that of Slovenia. Dr. Anton Nadrah said, Monks, especially monastic brothers, have always taught modern agriculture and economy in general. They cleared forests, had fish farms, drained marshland to acquire fertile land. They introduced the iron plough, improved other agricultural

tools and raised new fruit and grain varieties. They built roads and bridges and furthered trading. They also worked in the sphere of medical science.

An eminent member of the Stična monastery was Father Simon Ašič, with the monastery pharmacy famous far and wide. Today, its tradition continues with the Sitik company, a manufacturer of various teas, apple vinegar and other natural medicinal products. It is managed by our external associate, Jože Kukman, MSc.

Our order undertakes intellectual and physical work. Both are a service to God and people and an excellent exercise in Christian perfection, which primarily manifests itself in love of God and every human being. Our current activities are quite colorful. The maintenance of the buildings, an important cultural and historical monument, the roofs of which comprise an area of two hectares, already takes a lot of time and energy.

The monastery also manages the Slovenian Religious Museum with external staff and the Retreat Center. Apart from that, we provide pastoral care in our home parish, and write and publish books with spiritual content, study theological questions, work in the garden and the orchard, keep bees, bake wafer bread for the entire Ljubljana diocese. Every week our Retreat Center hosts groups aspiring to deeper spiritual experiences.

In recent years, the monastery has also held a number of symposiums. And every September, the monastery attracts several thousand young people from all over Slovenia."

Culture and Art

Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries have traditionally been centers of spirituality and Christian culture. The Stična abbots have also commissioned the best artists of their ages to create paintings and sculptures for the monastery, their parish and its subsidiary churches. Closely connected with the Stična monastery in the 15th century were the eminent painters Janez Ljubljanski (John of Ljubljana) and later



The Stična monastery - the east side view.

Fortunat Bergant.

In the second half of the 12th century, the Stična monastery became a famous international center where lay artists and monks gathered and created a unique collection of illuminated Latin manuscripts with opulent initial letters and minute decorations, known as the Sitticum Collection.

In the 15th century the famous Stična Manuscript was written in the monastery. It is in the Slovenian language and contains a prayer before the sermon, the 'Ave Regina' prayer, two general confessions, some Latin-Slovene terms and the beginning of the Easter song, 'Our Lord Rose from Death.'

Active in the scope of the monastery's theology school for priests also was the music school where the eminent Slovenian composer Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591) received his first musical education.

Cistercians Arrive in Stična

The first monks arrived at Stična from Marimond in France in 1132, together with the architect Michael, who was the designer and constructor of the Stična monastery.

In 1135, the first monks were joined by a group from the monastery in Rein near Graz, founded several years before the monastery of Stična.

The Aquileian Patriarch Peregrinus issued the founding document of the monastery in 1136. He was also the formal founder of the monastery as the monks came to Stična upon his urging.

In the following centuries, the monastery received gifts from a number of benefactors, though a lot of damage was caused by the Turkish invasions, especially in the second half of the 15th century. The most important buildings preserved from that period are the Roman-

esque monastery church, the cloister and the tracts around it.

Important Sights of Stična

Especially important is the monastery church, dedicated to the Mother of God, not really showing its original age on the outside. In the 17th century, it was restored in the Baroque style, but the old-Romanesque layout still remains.

Also one has to see the paintings of the Stations of the Cross, painted in 1766 by the Slovenian painter Fortunat Bergant.

The cloister is the center of the monastery's activities, with the old Romanesque layout, although it was later restored in the early Gothic style. The cloister leads to the newly restored and furnished Baroque chapter hall, the monastery refectory and the library, which no longer keeps the famous Stična Manuscripts, an essential

part of the history of the Slovenian language. After the abolition of the monastery, the Manuscripts were taken to the Austrian National Library in Vienna, but most of them are kept at the National and University Library in Ljubljana.

The monastery is becoming more and more pleasantly arranged from year to year, which proves it is still full of life. In addition to the monks, it is also taken care of by its occasional or regular visitors - both those seeking inner peace and the increasingly frequent tourists or buyers of the monastic products.

The monastery is very solemn during various church holidays, especially at Christmas, when Christmas carols echo in the church during the midnight Mass.

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"Fender Skirts." What a blast from the past. I haven't thought about "fender skirts" in years. When I was young, I considered it such a funny term. Made me think of a car in a dress. Thinking about fender skirts made me think about other words that quietly disappeared from our language with hardly anybody noticing.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I've been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms. Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

And when did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake." I'm sad that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

Are you old enough to have waited at the street for your daddy to come home so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or bag of candy. "Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "worldwide" for granted.

On a smaller scale, "wall to wall" was once a magical term in our house. In the 1950s everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with wow, wall-to-wall carpeting. Today, everyone replaces "wall-to-wall" with hardwood floors.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company, and absolutely forbidden in the movies or on TV. It's hard to recall that the word "divorce" was once said in a whisper. And no one is called a "divorcee" anymore. Certainly not a "gay divorcee." Come to think about it, "confirmed bachelors" and "career girls" are long gone,

too. Today the term "single parent" is nonchalantly used.

I always loved going to the "picture show" but I considered "movie" an affectation. Most of these words go back to the 1950s, but here's a pure 1960s word I came across the other day - "rat-fink." Ooh, what a put down. Here's a word I miss - "perculator." That was fun to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffee-maker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "Dyna-Flow" and "ElectraLuxe." Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV now with "SpectraVision." Food for thought: Was there a telethon that wiped out Lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mother's threatening their kids with castor oil anymore. Maybe Ray Mlakar's WD-40 is today's cure for everything.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most is "supper." Rudy Flis still uses it. Now everyone says "dinner."

--Joe Snyder



Ohio's only five term governor Frank J. Lausche was on the cover of *Time* magazine on Feb. 20, 1956 - exactly 50 years ago. Judge Ron Suster pointed out that Lausche will probably be the only Ohio governor elected five times due to term limits.



Ohio's official beverage is tomato juice.

Cellphone Use Raises Car-Crash Risk

by Karen Lundgaard and Jesse Drucker
The Wall Street Journal

Drivers using cellphones are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves than if they didn't talk on the phone, according to a new study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Using data from actual crashes and cellphone records, the study also found that so-called hands-free phones are no safer than hand-held ones. New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Washington, D.C., have laws banning hand-held phones for drivers, as do a number of European countries, despite repeated research that shows hands-free phones aren't safer.

Trying to pinpoint with actual phone records whether people were on the phone at the time of the crash has been considered an important piece in the growing body of research on the issue of cellphone use and driving. Last month, researchers at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said they found

that cellphones contributed to the most crashes, near-crashes and other incidents, according to a yearlong study tracking 100 cars and their drivers.

For this most recent study, the Arlington, VA group, the research arm of insurers, had to go to Australia to conduct the research since it said U.S. cellular companies wouldn't give them access to phone records.

Anne McCartt, the Insurance Institute researcher on the study, said that from a policy perspective, the study offers further evidence that laws that bans hand-helds "don't address the problem." She said "it makes sense to have a law that would make it illegal to use any type of phone while driving, but it would be very difficult to enforce. Still, she notes, educating drivers and even passing laws have been shown to be inefficient at changing people's behavior.

"We've never wavered from telling people that talking on a cellphone can be one of many potential distractions - whether it is hands-free or hand-held," said John Walls, a spokesman for the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association.

It takes a long time to grow an old friend.

--John Leonard

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More of Phil's Philosophy

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.

A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

A day without sunshine is like, -- night.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Always try to be modest and be proud of it.

Anything worth taking seriously is worth making fun of.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Be nice to your kids. they'll choose your nursing home.

Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Daddy, why doesn't this magnet pick up this floppy disk?

Death is hereditary.

I've learned that my teacher always calls on me the one time I don't know the answer.

Few women admit their age. Few men act theirs.

Get a new car for your spouse; it'll be a great trade!

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

I used to have a handle on life, and then it broke.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Laughing stock: cattle with a sense of humor.

Make it idiot proof and someone will make a better idiot.

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

There's too much blood in my caffeine system.

Warning: Dates in calendar are closer than they appear.

Wear short sleeves. Support your right to bare arms.

What is a free gift? Aren't all gifts free?

What's the speed of dark?

--Phil Hrvatin



– VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE –

Predsednik Slovenije Janez Drnovšek ostaja v ospredju pozornosti, tokrat s pomilostitvijo znanega obsojenca

V zadnjih tednih je slovenski predsednik dr. Janez Drnovšek skoro dnevno na prvih straneh dnevnikov. Najprvo je presenetil s svojim zavzemanjem za razne humanitarne pobude po svetu, predvsem za begunce v sudanskem jugu, nato je podrobneje spregovoril o svoji življenjsko zelo nevarni bolezn, sledil je njegov izstop iz Liberalno demokratske stranke, ki ji je bil predsedoval kar 14 let, končno pa je razburil javnost, ko je podpisal odlok o pomilostitvi Danila Kovačiča, ki je bil zaradi zlorabe položaja v zadevi Hit (igralnica) obsojen na zaporno kazen treh let in osmih mesecev.

Drnovšek je sicer izrazil svojo prepričanost, da je Kovačič v 13 letih, toliko časa pač traja njegov proces, najbrž veliko pretrpel in po svoje že poplačal tisto napako, ki jo je bil po mnenju sodišča zagrešil. V svojih treh letih kot predsednik Slovenije, je Drnovšek doslej pomilostil 61 oseb, v desetih letih pa jih je njegov prednik Milan Kučan pomilostil 200 obsojencev.

Močno je Drnovška kritizirala sedanja državna tožilka Barbara Brezigar, ki mu je sicer bila kar močna protikandidatka na zadnjih predsedniških volitvah. Kritično je tudi pravosodno ministrstvo. Drnovšek je vse kritike zavrnil, češ da zanj ni primerno komentirati na kritike, prav tako da ni primerno, da oni komentirajo njegovo odločitev. Kovačič sam vseskozi trdi, da je nedolžna osebnost.

Po Drnovšku še Ivo Vajgl

Iz LDS je izstopil tudi Ivo Vajgl, tudi nekdanji (takrat še jugoslovanski) konzul v Clevelandu. Na lanskem kongresu LDS je

bil Vajgl, sicer novejši član te stranke, celo predsedniški kandidat, zadovoljiti se je moral le s tem, da je glasoval proti zmagovitemu Jelku Kacinu. Z Vajglom je stranko zapustil še bivši član vodilne ekipe Bogdan Biščak. Oba sta rekla, da se nameravata pridružiti Janezu Drnovšku pri Drnovškovih pobudah. Drnovšek imenuje svojo pobudo Gibanje za pravičnost in razvoj. Vajgl je dejal, da LDS potrebuje vodstvo, ki bi znalo strniti vrste in spodbujati nove ljudi, da vstopijo v stranko, ne pa da predsednik z nekakšnim zadovoljstvom usmerja kretnice za tiste, ki stranko zapuščajo.

Odločitev Janševe vlade za napotitev štirih (prostovoljcev) vojaških inštruktorjev v Irak opozicija ne in ne more preboleti

Ta teden je parlament na zahtevo 21 opozicijskih poslancev spet moral razpravljati o odločitvi vlade za sodelovanje pri usposabljanju iraških vojakov. Opozicija vidi v zadevi možnost za povečanje svojega vpliva pri tistih državljanih, ki odklanjajo ameriško vlogo v Iraku in pri tem vladi očitajo, da je dejansko pod premočnim ameriškim vplivom. Takšnih očitkov je v prvi vrsti deležen zunanji minister Dimitrij Rupel. Opozicija sicer nima dovolj podpore v državnem zboru, da bi mogla uspeti, lahko pa dvigne precej prahu.

Počastitev slovenske kulture

V torek, 8. februarja, je bil v Gallusovi dvorani Cankarjevega doma v Ljubljani tradicionalna državna proslava na predvečer državnega praznika, Prešernovega dne. Letošnjega prejemnika nagrade za življenjsko delo sta pesnik Milan Dekleva in režiser Karpo Godina. Naslednji dan je bil Prešernov dan, v Ljubljani in po Sloveniji so bile številne komemoracije.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Upokojenci Slov. pristave—

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave bo imel svoj redni mesečni sestanek v sredo, 22. februarja, ob pol dveh pop. v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Vsi člani lepo vabljeni.

Ponovno 2. marca—

Prihodnji teden naš list ne bo izšel, zato bo naslednja številka lista izšla 2. marca.

Prodaja peciva pri M.V.—

Oltarno društvo fare Marije Vnebovzete bo imelo prodajo krofov in peciva v petek, 24. februarja, popoldne in v soboto, 25. februarja dopoldne, v župnijski dvorani.

Kosilo Slovenske šole—

Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu vas vabi na vsakoletno kosilo, ki bo v nedeljo, 26. februarja, v šolski dvorani. Postreženi boste z domačo juho, pečenimi piščanci ali svinjsko pečenko z vsemi prikuhami. Serviranje bo od 11. dop. do 1. pop., cena kosilu je \$12 za odraslo osebo in \$6 za otroka. Kosilo boste lahko tudi vzeli domov, za to pridite v društveno sobo zraven avditorija. Nakaznice imajo starši šolskih otrok, naprodaj bodo tudi pri vhodu na dan kosila. Pridite!

Koncert klasične glasbe—

V petek, 24. februarja, ste vabljeni na Koncert klasične glasbe, ki ga pripravlja Generalni konzulat Republike Slovenije. Koncert bo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete na Holmes Ave. in se bo pričel ob 7h zvečer. Nastopila bo vrsta naših "domačih" glasbenih umetnikov, program bo pa povezoval sam gen. konzul dr. Zvone Žigon. Vstopnine ni, podrobnosti so na str. 14.

Slovenska Čitalnica—

Preteklo nedeljo je imela Slovenska Čitalnica, ki sicer letos obhaja svojo stoletnico, letno sejo v SND na St. Clairju. Na volitvah je bil izvoljen za predsednika Joseph Valenčič, podpredsednik je urednik AD, knjižničar, tajnik in blagajnik je ostal Franc Kovačič, nadzornika sta Frank Lovšin in Larry Hocevar. Predsednik se bo pozanimal za organiziranje primerne obhajanja stoletnice. Za družbeno srečanje po seji sta poskrbela sam predsednik in Marija Kovačič, kot že mnoga leta, za kar zaslužita lepa hvala.

Pustna večerja—

Ta bo v torek, 28. februarja, v župnijski dvorani pri Mariji Vnebovzeti, to v korist Slovenskega kulturnega vrta v Rockefeller parku. Cena večerji bo \$12 in sicer za riževo ali krvavico in pečenico. Nakaznice imajo v župnišču, lahko jih rezervirate po telefonu, če pokličete na 216-761-7740.

MZA kosilo—

Kosilo bo v nedeljo, 12. marca, v župnijski dvorani pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Kosilo se bo serviralo od 11. dop. do 1. pop. Izbrali boste pečeni piščanec ali pa govejo pečenko. Cena kosilu bo \$12, za otroka \$6. Nakaznice bodo imele člani MZA ter jih boste dobili tudi pri vhodu na dan kosila.

Osmrtnice—

Te so danes na str. 20.

Podpora listu—

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SLOVENSKA OLIMPIJSKA EKIPA, KI SODELUJE NA 20. ZIMSKIH OLIMPIJSKIH IGRAH V TORINU, ITALIJA – Olimpijci so se predstavili v Unionski dvorani v Ljubljani. Na igrah tekmuje 41 slovenskih športnic in športnikov, nekateri drugi na fotografiji so njih trenerji itd. Slovenski atleti tekmujejo v devetih disciplinah. Predsednik Olimpijskega komiteja Slovenije je še vedno Janez Kocijančič, ki je ekipi zavelel kar največ uspeha, nagovorili so jih tudi minister za šolstvo in šport dr. Milan Zver ter tudi italijanski veleposlanik v Sloveniji Daniele Verga.

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PROST VSTOP – JAVNOST VABLJENA

Potrpežljivo obračanje tankerja

Zgodovinar dr. STANE GRANDA od 24. januarja predsednik
novega programskega sveta RTV Slovenija

Pogovor je vodil in pripravil za objavo v tedniku
Družina (5. febr. 2006)

BOGOMIR ŠTEFANIČ ml.



Za začetek, nekoliko "sebično-uredniško vprašanje: ali vas bomo še brali v kolumni *Na prepihu v Družini*? Izkazalo se je namreč, da vam to pisanje očitajo kot nekakšen "greh" zoper politično korektnost – še zlasti zdaj, ko ste na izpostavljenem javnem položaju predsednika programskega sveta RTV Slovenija.

Moram reči, da me vsi, ki te dni pišejo o meni, vedno predstavljajo tudi kolumnista *Družine* – praviloma v slabšalni zvezi. Po pravici povedano, pa sem zelo vesel, da sem kolumnist *Družine*. Bilo bi mi zelo žal, če ne bi mogel biti več, če-

prav vem, da se bom nekoč tudi "izpisal", "pre-sahnil". Seveda bom še naprej sodeloval, in to z velikim užitkom – morda še z večjim kot do zdaj!

... in se vas bo zato morda še bolj kot do zdaj držal pridevnik "katoliški". Ob parlamentarni odločitvi, kdo iz civilne družbe bo sedel v programskem svetu nacionalke, je bilo že sicer slišati očitke o nadpovprečni kandidacijski "uspešnosti" katoliških društev in ustanov. Ali se je v svetu res oblikovala nekakšna katoliška frakcija?

Do zdaj smo imeli eno sejo in vtisa, da bi se v svetu oblikovala "katoliška frakcija", po kateri sprašujete, nisem imel.

Kolikor poznam ljudi v svetu, tudi močno dvomim, ali bi lahko govorili o čem takem. Vendarle gre za neodvisno, svobodno intelektualno srenjo. Predvsem pa mislim, da ta srenja nikoli ne bo privolila v to, da bi pri-

padnost katoliški Cerkvi označevali kot strankarsko pripadnost ali jo celo enačili z njo.

Je pa res, da znajo nekateri razmišljati le v teh razsežnostih in si Cerkev ne morejo predstavljati kot versko opredelitev, temveč samo kot strankarsko. Tega je v Sloveniji veliko – pravzaprav celo preveč.

Kako bi sicer po prvi seji ocenili ekipo programskega sveta?

Kakšnih "groznih" nestrpnosti ne bo. Bodo seveda padle marsikakšne besede, a ne dvomim, da se ne bi mogli pogovarjati na intelektualni ravni, z argumenti. Kakšnega kulturnega boja, če ga morda kdo pričakuje, najbrž ne bo. Vsaj moj prvi vtis je tak.

Pričakovanja glede sprememb na nacionalki so v nekaterih krogih izjemno velika, v drugih pa so enako velike bojzani pred "revolucijo" v njej. Kako v tem navzkrižju interesov vidite vlogo predsednika programskega sveta?

Moje načelo je, da se moramo držati zakona in zakon je zelo jasen v tem, kaj mora televizija biti. To je prvo. Upoštevati je treba tudi kodeks novinarske etike, ki ga imajo na televiziji.

Če bi upoštevali samo ti dve stvari tako, kot se spodobi v pravni državi,

Patru Valerijanu Jenku ob 80-letnici

Predragi naš slavljenec, Valerijan, Frančišku svetemu vdan in predan, ki z njim znaš ljubiti, garati brez mej, slaviš zdaj častitljivi svoj jubilej.

Na celinah že treh si z zgledom učil. Goriškemu slavčku zvesto sledil, da "dolžan ni samo, kar veleva mu stan: kar more, to mož je storiti dolžan!"

Frančiška Asiškega ljubljani sin, si dvigal nas ovčke s prepadov globin. Kjer koli je človek slovenski trpel, z veseljem v pomoč si mu prihitel.

V Avstraliji daljni že leta garaš, kot le malokdo se razdajati znaš, saj zate je vsakdo v Kristusu brat, žrtvuješ za vsakega srčno se rad.

Molitve zdaj naše k Bogu hite, naj On Ti bogato poplača prav vse, Ti zdravje in milosti svoje deli, nekoč pa v nebesih Te nagradi!

Tvoje hvaležne ovčke in kostruni

bi bilo vsaj 60 odstotkov pričakovnaj ljudi uresničenih. Res ni treba na nacionalki izvajati revolucije, res pa je tudi, da mora delovati kot pravna država: treba se je držati zakonov, pravil, morale, vljudnosti, kulture ... Če samo to dosežemo, bo ogromno urejeno.

Kakor konkretne pomanjkljivosti bi bile s tem odpravljene?

Na primer: informacije bi bile objektivne, preverjene, ne hujskaške, temveč strokovne in verodostojne.

Drug primer: stvari bi vsaj pravilno poimenovali. Poglejte samo, kakšne težave imajo nekateri novinarji s pojmom "kristjan". Na radiu in televiziji je lahko "krščan" pa "hriščan" pa še kaj drugega. Čuda božja, kaj vse

človek sliši, samo kristjan ne!

Zanimivo je tudi, da ne poznajo besede mučenec, temveč múčenic.

Polno je takih in podobnih, sicer drobnih napakm za katere pa ni mogoče reči, ali so vedno le posledica neznanja ali pa gre za nemarnost, malomarnost in podobne negativne stvari.

Katere pristojnosti programskega sveta se vam zdijo najbolj bistvene?

Najbolj bistvena pristojnost je ta, da se programski svet strogo držal določil, ki jih predvideva zakon – to je vrsta alinej, ki jih zdaj najbrž nima smisla vseh naštevati – in brezpogojno zahteva njihovo spoštovanje. Torej ali bomo vsi skupaj ravnali tako, kot pravi za-

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INTERVJU – Zunanji minister dr. DIMITRIJ RUPEL ...

“Praktično prvič v zgodovini Slovenija nekaj dobiva”

Pogovarjal se je METOD BERLEC

(DEMOKRACIJA, Ljubljana, 12. januar 2006)

(Ur. AD – Sledi nadaljevanje in konec pretekli teden pričetega pogovora zunanjega ministra dr. Dimitrija Rupla s tednikom Demokracija z dne 12. januarja 2006. Z njim se pogovarja novinar Metod Berlec.)

Če preideva še na odnose Slovenije s sosednjimi državami. Za lansko dogajanje v odnosih s Hrvaško je premier Janša dejal, da bistvenih premikov ni bilo, čeprav je nova slovenska vlada pokazala precej volje za nov začetek s to državo. Po obetavnih prvi polovici leta se je po njegovo Hrvaška odločila za “nerazumljivo” dejanje, se pravi za dvostransko dogovarjanje z Italijo o razdelitvi epikontinentalnega pasu v Jadranskem morju. Sedaj pa smo priče sporu med državama glede ribolovnega območja.

Ta ribolovna štorija in ribolovne cone so majhen del problematike. To je začasna zgodba, to je zgodba morda za te zimске mesece. Vsekakor si prizadevamo, da bi čim prej prišli do izvedbenih pravil (...) Izvedbena pravila so v pristojnosti EU. Pogajanja potekajo med EU in Hrvaško. Nekateri ne razumejo, ko pravimo, da je čas, ko se Hrvaška

približuje EU, pravzaprav tisti idealni čas ali idealna priložnost, da uredimo več problemov ...

Imate v tem v mislih tudi predsednika države?

No, jaz bi pustil to debato ...

... konkretna imena?

Dejstvo je, da se naši problemi rešujejo v luči našega članstva v EU in približevanja Hrvaške EU. Tudi vprašanje ribolovnega režima, izvedbenih pravil za SOPS, ki je, kot je znano, ratificirana mednarodna pogodba, ima vsa pravila, ki jih pač spodbuja in sprejema EU. To ni nekaj, o čemer se lahko pogodita Slovenija in Hrvaška, ker je ribolov eno izmed področij, ki so v pristojnosti EU. Nemogoče je tako reči, da so to problemi samo med Slovenijo in Hrvaško, ampak so to problemi med EU in Hrvaško.

Nekateri menijo, da je Hrvaška do Slovenije tako arogantna in nediplomatska zaradi tega, ker je zaradi notranje-političnih potreb ustrezna stalen “zunanji sovražnik”. Slovenija naj bi bila zaradi svoje domnevne majhnosti in nespretnosti v preteklosti ravno pravšnja,

medtem ko na drugi strani Hrvaška popušča večjim sosedom; recimo Italiji in v zadnjem času Avstriji, ki sicer ni njena neposredna sosedka.

Gotovo sta Avstrija in Italija močnejši, bogatejši in pomembnejši državi od Slovenije. S hrvaškega stališča je najbrž pomembnejše graditi odnose s tema državama kot s Slovenijo.

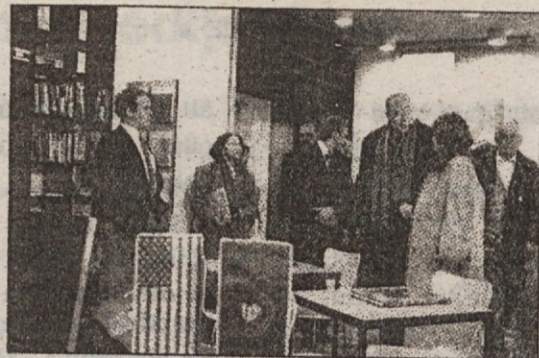
Ampak, mislim, da je tu še drug problem. Na Hrvaškem mislijo, da so pooblaščenim oziroma privilegiranim naslednikom nekdanje Jugoslavije in da so pravzaprav oni največja regionalna sila na Zahodnem Balkanu ...

Dejstvo je, da obstaja samostojna Slovenija, ki ločuje Hrvaško od Zahoda oziroma Hrvaško od Italije in Avstrije. Zato se mora Hrvaška s to državo o marsičem dogovoriti. Če se z nami ne dogovori, ne more naprej. Slovenija bo zato pač izkoristila tiste mehanizme, priložnosti in možnosti, ki so na razpolago.

Kaj pa odnosi Slovenije z Avstrijo, ki so na splošno zelo dobri? Edino kar jih resnično bremeni, je nerešen položaj slovenske manjšine na avstrijskem Koroškem, ki se mora še vedno bojevati za temeljne manjšinske pravice, kot so dvojezični napisi itd.

Strinjam se z vami. Odnosi z Avstrijo so zelo dobri. Imamo pa težave na lokalni ravni na Koroškem, kjer se očitno ne morejo posloviti od nekaterih starih konceptov. Osebnostno se čudim, da imajo problem s slovenščino na Koroškem. Slovenščina je eden uradnih jezikov EU in ima enak pomen in položaj kot nemščina. To je dejstvo,

Pretekli teden v Kopru odprli Ameriški kotiček



Koper – Slovenija je v ponedeljek, 6. februarja, dobila v pritličju Pretorske palače prvi kulturno-informacijski center – Ameriški kotiček Koper. Nastal je kot oblika sodelovanja med Univerzo na Primorskem in veleposlaništvom ZDA v Sloveniji. Po svetu deluje kakšnih sto podobnih ameriških centrov, njihov namen pa je spodbujati vsestransko, predvsem pa kulturno in študentsko sodelovanje držav z ZDA.

V Sloveniji so ZDA že leta 1969 ustanovili ameriški kulturni center, nekakšno predhodnico tokratnega kotička, a so ga leta 1996 zaprle in preselili na veleposlaništvo v Ljubljani. Po besedah ameriškega veleposlanika v Sloveniji Thomasa Robertsona ima največ zaslug za ustanovitev Ameriškega kotička rektorica kopske univerze Lucija Čok. K ustanovitvi so povabili vse vse tri slovenske univerze, vendar je bil koprski projekt najbolje zasnovan.

“Poslanstvo Ameriškega kotička bo prenos znanja, odprtost informacij, spodbujanje medkulturnosti in izobraževanje,” je v nagovoru poudarila rektorica kopske univerze. Veleposlanik Robertson je izrazil upanje, da bo kotiček prispeval k povečanju števila študentov iz Slovenije v ZDA.

Ameriško veleposlaništvo je za projekt zagotovilo deset milijonov tolarjev pomoči, mestna občina Koper je za približno deset milijonov tolarjev uredila 70 kvadratnih metrov (v kotičku bo tudi kavarniška gostinska ponudba). Emona Obala, ki je članica sveta zaupnikov, je prostore opremila s pohištvo (devet milijonov tolarjev), Univerza na Primorskem pa bo prostor vzdrževala in skrbela za dejavnost.

Ameriški kotiček vodi anglistka in publicistka Breda Biščak. Na fotografiji zgoraj: Lucija Čok, Thomas Robertson in zunanji minister Dimitrij Rupel z gosti med odprtjem Ameriškega kotička. (Delo, 7. febr. 2006)

ki je sedaj staro leto in pol. Želim si, da bi se na Koroškem tega dejstva čim prej zavedeli.

Slovenščina, Slovenci in Slovenija smo postali enakopraven dejavnik v EU. Morda komu to ni všeč, vendar je dejstvo. V Avstriji večinoma to sprejemajo z naklonjenostjo. Sam nimam nikakršnih težav v stikih s predstavniki avstrijske države na zvezni ravni, enako velja za predsednika vlade in druge predstavnike slovenske države ...

V preteklosti so vam kar naprej očitali, da ste pretirano proameriško usmerjeni. Nekako se zdi, da so se v zadnjem času ti očitki nekoliko polegli oziro-

ma izginili iz medijev.

Takšni komentarji so bili deloma neupravičeni, deloma neutemeljeni, v bistvu pa precej zgrešeni. ZDA so močno povezane z EU, se pravi, ameriška politika je povezana z evropsko. Zdaj ko smo člani EU, vse to čutimo, vidimo in spoznavamo. Ob vseh razlikah, ki jih imamo, moramo vedeti, da ta svet spada skupaj.

V Sloveniji je bilo nekaj predsodkov do ameriške politike in tudi kulture. To je povezano z ideologijo, ki jo poznamo iz preteklosti, iz povojnega obdobja, iz časov socializma. Ti predsodki se počasi poslavljajo. Nova vlada, ki se je s svojim obstojem dobro uveljavila, je brez težav pometla z njimi in skopneli so kot lanski sneg.

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Sprememba naslova

Ko se selite, trajno ali začasno, ste lepo naproseni, da naši pisarni posredujete tako Vaš novi naslov kakor sedanjí oz. stari. To omogoča, da boste brez prekinitve dobivali naš list.

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kon, ali pa – nič drugače.

Ne predstavljam si, da bi delovali voluntaristično, samoupravno in krojili neko politiko mimo zakona. Ne! O njem je bil celo referendum. Pa tudi če bi dobili samo pol glasu večine – bil je demokratično sprejet in konec. To je temeljno merilo, tudi vodilo, za katero se bom trudil kot predsednik programskega sveta.

Treba pa se je zavedati, da je televizija tako kadrovska kot finančno gromozanski tanker. Obrniti ga ni preprosto. Že samo obrniti ga s sedanje poti je velik napor; predstavljam pa si tudi, če ga že obrnemo v pravo smer, ga zlepa več ne bo mogoče obrniti v prejšnjo. Bo pa za takšno obračanje treba veliko dobre volje, potrpežljivosti in vztrajnosti.

Omenili ste številne alineje tistega člena zakona o RTV Slovenija, ki določa delo programskega sveta. Od ducata se jih skoraj polovica začneja z besedami "na predlog generalnega direktorja" svet sprejema to in ono. Ali to pomeni, da bo vaša vloga podrejena direktorjevi?

Ne. Sedanji direktorji so se vedno izgovarjali, da nimajo nobenih pristojnosti. Novi zakon daje direktorju veliko kompetenc, tako da bo lahko z veliko mero postavjal in odstavljajal.

Ne bo se mogel izgovarjati, da ne more ničesar narediti, temveč bo moral narediti, kar bo programski svet od njega zahteval. Veliko bo res odvisno od novega generalnega direktorja, toda to ne pomeni, da ni ničesar "nad" njim. Zakon je nad generalnim direktorjem, in če bo programski svet ugotovil, da ga ne spoštuje ...

Ta trenutek vam ne morem povedati, kakšne so sankcije, toda gotovo se bo nekaj začelo dogajati. Kajti tudi direktor ne more privatizirati te ustanove, saj je javna, nacionalna, državna – kakor že hočete. Sam nacionalna ne znam prevesti drugače kot državna. Delovanje mimo zakona

ali po lastnih interpretacijah zakona ne bo dovoljeno.

Sami novega direktorja vidite kot dirigenta velikega orkestra, zato si bo najbrž želel imeti ob sebi take glasbenike, ki bodo sledili njegovemu taktu. Seveda pa se zastavlja vprašanje, po čigavih notah bo direktor dirigiral.

Direktor bo predstavil svoj program, ki ga bo programski svet sprejel ali pa ne. Programski svet bo imel tudi pravico do nekaterih izboljšav, zahtev.

To ne pomeni, da direktor ne bi imel nobene svobode. Nikakor ne bo lutka programskega sveta. Vsaj za takt pa se bomo že morali skupaj dogovoriti, ali bo štiričetrtinski ali tričetrtinski. Glede tega, mislim, da ne bi smelo biti spora.

Programski svet naj bi po zakonu med drugim obravnaval pripombe in predloge gledalcev in poslušalcev RTV Slovenija ter se do njih opredeljeval. Ali se ne bojite, da boste dobesedno zasuti s takšnim gradivom?

Seveda se bojim, še zlasti, ker vemo, da je to zelo dobro naštudirana taktika: ljudi zasuješ s podrobnostmi zato, da se ne bi mogli ukvarjati z večjimi zadevami.

Na hitro pa si predstavljam uresničevanje tega določila tako, da bomo verjetno sestavili odbore, ki bodo te stvari "filtrirali" in bo svet kot celota dobival "prečiščene" stvari. Kajti nemogoče bo na sejah sveta prebrati na stotine pisem in se nanje odzvati.

Po drugi strani pa ima vsak naročnik pravico, da se oglasi, še zlasti ker mora plačevati naročnino. Če bi bila to zasebna televizija, bi bilo kaj takega nesmiselno, ker pa je po zakonu predpisano plačevanje, je treba imeti pred očmi uresničevanje zahtev in pričakovanj. Sicer bi morali čez čas računati s kakšno obliko državljanске nepokorščine ali čim podobnim.

Skratka bo treba ugoditi kar največjemu številu ljudi, vsem pa seveda nikoli ne bo mogoče.

Za predsednika programskega sveta RTV ste bili izvoljeni na praznik sv. Frančiška Saleškega, zavetnika časnika. Ali se mu boste tudi kot predsednik vodstvenega telesa ustanove, v kateri je informativni program eden ključnih stebrov, od zdaj bolj priporočali?

Pri svojem delu bomo potrebovali pomoč z vseh koncev in krajev in tudi

Frančišek Saleški nam gotovo ne bo škodil. Res pa je, da nisem vedel, da se je moje imenovanje zgodilo prav na njegov god. Zanimiva koincidenca ... Tudi tisti, ki so na ta dan sklicali prvo sejo programskega sveta, nanjo gotovo niso pomislili. Toda tako pač je v zgodovini – velikokrat se stvari čudovito ujemajo. ■

politični prostor glede na to, da ste bili nekoč predsednik Slovenske demokratične zveze. Se vam zdi normaliziran? Kako vidite razprtije znotraj SD in LDS?

Tudi po zaslugi odločitev SD in LDS po volitvah – ko sta obe stranki odločno zavrnila sodelovanje v vladni koaliciji, kasneje pa tudi s koalicijo – se je slovenski politični prostor polariziral.

Polariziral se je približno tako kot po prvih demokratičnih volitvah: stranke kontinuitete na eni in demokratične stranke na drugi strani.

Spomnite se, da se je LDS nekoč skušala uveljaviti kot združevalna stranka, saj je pritegnila zsmjs-jevce, socialiste, demokrate in zelene. Na koncu je z Ropom prevladala levičarska usmeritev.

Danes se kot stranka in sila slovenskega političnega združevanja kaže SDS, kar mi je še posebej ljub, saj se v njej na neki način čuti izročilo nekdanje SDZ.

Sicer predvidevam še več notranje dinamike v današnjih opozicijskih strankah. Kolikor v politični prostor štejete tudi medije in sodstvo, ta prostor žal še ni popolnoma normaliziran, ker je pod novimi plastmi še toliko starih kamnin. ■

Rupel: Slovenija prvič v svoji zgodovini nekaj dobiva

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 15)

Veliko razburjenja je v začetku leta povzročila vaša zapisana izjava, da bi drugod mediji dobro premislili, preden bi šli v vojno s politično opcijo, ki je na volitvah zmagala. To naj bi bila po njihovo nekakšna napoved pogroma nad nekaterimi mediji.

Ne vem, da bi se kjer koli zgodil kakšen pogrom. Ničesar nisem napovedoval, ampak sem samo izrazil svoje osebno začudenje nad vedenjem dela medijev v Sloveniji. Žal so nekateri mediji še vedno zelo nerazumno polni predsodkov zoper modernizacijo in racionalizacijo Slovenije.

Tu mislim na reforme, na naše delovanje v EU in NATO. Tu pa tam še vedno prevladuje apriorno negativno stališče do te vlade, do zahodne usmeritve in do moderne tržnoekonomske usmeritve naše države. Ti mediji niso na ravni siceršnjega življenja v Sloveniji.

Pričakujem, da se bodo normalizirali, ne zaradi mene ali morda zaradi oblasti, ampak zato, ker je neznosno, da je razmerje med negativnimi in afirmativnimi član-

ki, povezanimi z vlado, to velja za vse slovenske medije, v razmerju 1 proti 5 v korist negativnih prispevkov. To je izjema, ki je skoraj ne boste našli v nobeni drugi normalni evropski državi.

Povsod boste našli seveda negativne in pozitivne prispevke, vendar bodo relativno uravnoteženi. Tako neuravnoteženo razmerje med prispevki, kot je v Sloveniji, je nekaj abnormalnega in se bo moralo spremeniti. Ne zato, ker bi tako želela politika, ampak zato, ker je to nenormalno, nena ravno razmerje.

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34. OBLETNICA

Umrli 30. oktobra 1972

Ura slovesa je davno odbila, težke ločitve spomin se budi; ljubezen do vaju še vedno je živa, v našem življenju kot lučka gori.



6. OBLETNICA

Umrli 17. februarja 2000

V miru božjem zdaj počivajta, draga, nepozabna nam; v nebesih rajsko srečo uživajta do snidenja na vekomaj.

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Dr. PETER STARIČ

Komentar

Leninovi posnemalci

Zadnje čase smo lahko videli, da se je opozicija oprijela starih revolucionarnih metod iz katekizma V. I. Lenina, ki že močno smrdijo po naftalinu.

To sem spoznal, ko mi je prišla v roke knjiga "Slovenija 1945: Memories of Death and Survival After World War II", ki sta jo na podlagi pričevanj napisala Angleža John Corsellis in Marcus Farrar.



Ljubljana (Demokracija, 2. februar 2006) – Na avstrijskem Koroškem je po maju 1945 ostalo še nekaj tisoč prebeglih slovenskih protirevolucionarjev, večinoma civilistov, ki jih Angleži niso vrnili Titovi vojski. (Kot vemo, so večino od okoli 12.000 vrnjenih domobrancev in članov njihovih družin naši revolucionarji pobili.)

Potem ko se je vračanje beguncev ustavilo, so na Koroško občasno še prihajali agenti Ozne in jih nagovarjali, naj se vrnejo. Po navedbah v knjigi (str. 145-146) so ti agenti dobili iz Beograda naslednja navodila:

"Neutrudno je treba poglobljati razkol med različnimi političnimi skupinami v smeri komunističnih ciljev. Opozarjati begunce na razliko med

tem, kaj pišejo njihovi časopisi, in med njihovim resničnim življenjem tako v taboriščih kot tudi tam, kjer delajo. (Nekateri begunci so se medtem že zaposlili.)

Poglobljati nasprotja med starimi in novjšimi begunci, med njihovim višjim razredom, še zlasti med tistimi, ki so politično aktivni. Vzpodbuhati tekmovalnost med tistimi, ki so bolj ali manj sposobni, tako da se bodo drugi počutili zapostavljeni. Njihov protikomunistični boj je treba preoblikovati tako, da se bodo prepirali med sabo. Vsakršno vrsto nezadovoljstva je treba čim bolj izkoristiti, prepire, ki bi izbruhnili, pa podpihovati.

Odkrivati trenja med begunci in zavezniškimi oblastmi ter med njimi in administracijo taborišč, tako da bodo begunci začeli sovražiti svoje zaščitnike. Med njimi, okupatorji in tamkajšnje policijo je treba ustvariti takšno nesoglasje, da se bodo begunci vedno počutili kot divjaki, kriminalci in nevaležni delomrzneži.

Državo, kamor name ravajo emigrirati, je treba prikazati v najbolj neugodnih barvah. Zavirati je treba kulturne aktivnosti med begunci, tako da jih bodo njihovi morebitni delodajalci videli v kar najslabši luči. Pri tem naj se poslužujejo tudi (svojih) ideoloških sopotnikov, duševno zaostali (kako lepo se to dvoje sklada!) ali kriminalcev. Tamkajšnji časopisi so že poročali o napadih na samotne gorske kmetije, odkoder so odpeljali razne stvari, konje ali drobnico ter pobili kmete, ki so se jim upirali."

Po tem, kar zganja sedaj naša opozicija, bi lahko rekli, da se ravna točno po navedenih smernicah. Pa naštejmo nekaj primerov:

Ni pomembno slovensko gospodarstvo, ki zaradi nepravočasnega prestrukturiranja delovno intenzivnih panog nazaduje. Nadvse pomembno je to, da se obrambni minister Karl Erjavec ni vrnil v državo skozi pravi obmejni prehod.

Niso pomembni Slovenci po svetu, ki navkljub dolgoletnim prizadevanjem še niso mogli pridobiti našega državljanstva. Pomembni so tako imenovani izbrisani, neslovenci torej, ki so živeli pri nas in niso verjeli, da bomo Slovenci ustanovili svojo državo, zato so večinoma špekulirali. Tem pa bi morali dati državljanstvo, o čemer so veliko razpravljali v parlamentu.

Potem so tu še poroke istospolnih, umetno oplodjevanje, postavitve džamije, preobrazba RTV, odprava neučinkovite komisije proti korupciji idr., kar vse jemlje vladi ogromno časa, za povrh pa še (večinoma nepotrebni) referendum, od katerih vsak stane davkoplačevalce več kot 600 milijonov SIT.

Sedaj na dolgo in široko razpravljajo o napotitvi štirih vojaških inštruktorjev v Irak, ki odhajajo tja prostovoljno, češ, kako nevarno je to za njihovo življenje. Pa menda ne toliko kot zbiranje mladih pred lokalom Lipa, kjer so do smrti pomendrali tri mlada dekleta?

Med SDS in NSi so si že vseskozi prizadevali narediti razkol, ko so v medijih vztrajno blatili Andreja Bajuka kot nesposobneža. Ko pa ga je angleški časopis *The Banker* razglasil za finančnega ministra leta, so končno utihneli.

Iz vse opisane aktivnosti spoznavamo, da opozicija spodkopava vlado tako, da ji zaradi obrobni problemov jemlje čas za reševanje pomembnejših zadev, pa čeprav utegne iti zaradi tega vsa Slovenija po zlu. V to je vpregla vse organizacije, nad katerimi še ima moč: sindikate, ŠOU, mirovnike in podobne skupine ter vse svoje medije. Njihova morala je hotentotska: Kaj je slabo? Če meni kdo ukrade kravo. Kaj je dobro? Če jaz komu ukradem kravo!

Zato postaja njihova aktivnost čedalje bolj pre-

Rodnost v zadnjih sto letih ...

Najmanj otrok v Evropski uniji rodijo Slovenke

Prebivalstvo EU in Slovenije se povečuje predvsem na račun migracij Slovenka v povprečju rodi 1,22 otroka



Ljubljana – V Evropski uniji je 1. januarja 2005 živelo 459,5 milijona ljudi ali 0,5 odstotka več kot dvanajst mesecev prej. Med temi 2,3 milijona novimi prebivalci je bilo 1,9 milijona priseljencev, 0,4 milijona pa je naravnega prirastka.

Tudi v Sloveniji se je število prebivalcev povečalo – 30. septembra lani nas je bilo 2.003.584, vendar predvsem na račun migracije. Poltretji odstotek jih ima tuje državljanstvo.

Čeprav so se javne razprave o padanju rodnosti začele pred približno 20 leti, ta pojav sega veliko dlje v zgodovino – rodnost pada že več kot sto let. Za toliko časa so dosegljivi podatki.



K povprečnemu enodototnemu naravnemu prirastku v EU največ prispeva Irska, kjer se je leta 2004 prebivalstvo povečalo za skoraj devet odstotkov. Ircem sledijo Francozi, Ciprčani in Luksemburžani z nekaj več kot 4-odstotnim prirastkom.

Na nasprotnem koncu lestvice vodi Latvija, kjer je smrti toliko več kot rojstev, da imajo 50-odstotni negativni naravni prirastek. Za njo sta Madžarska in Litva.

V povprečju rodijo največ Irke (1,99), Francozinja (1,90) in Finke (1,80), najnižja rodnost pa je v Sloveniji, kjer ženska povprečno rodi 1,22 dojenčka, ter na Češkem in Poljskem (1,23).

Skoraj tretjina dojenčkov, ki so na svet prijo- kani leta 2004, je razve-

poznava kot načrtno sabotiranje vlade in s tem vse države Slovenije. Res je, da nimamo idealne vlade, vendar je bilo še veliko huje v časih, ko so nam vladali idealisti. Saj še pomnite, tovariši iz opozicije, da smo takrat imeli celo Goli otok, ki je bil vse kaj drugega kot zdajšnji Guantanamo.

selila starše, ki niso bili poročeni. Delež rojstev zunaj zakonske skupnosti je najvišji na Švedskem in v Estoniji (več kot 55 odstotkov), kar je približno enako kot na Koroškem in Štajerskem pri nas, slovensko povprečje pa je 43,5 odstotka, kar nas uvršča na peto mesto v EU.

Tendenca, da imajo ženske vse manj otrok, je pri nas opazna že sto let, je pri proučevanju rodnoti ugotovila dr. Vojka Šircelj iz Sektorja za demografske in socialne statistike Statističnega urada RS.

Kazalnike je primerjala po generacijah – v eno generacijo spadajo osebe, rojene istega koledarskega leta.

"Rodnost generacij merimo tako, da ženske ob koncu rodne dobe pri popisu vprašamo o številu živorojenih otrok, ali pa da sproti, od leta do leta, sledimo statistiki rojstev," je razložila dr. Vojka Šircelj.

Najstarejše generacije, za katere imajo podatke, so na svet prišle leta 1873 (v povprečju so imele 4,7 otroka), najmlajše, za katere je bilo še mogoče ugotoviti potomstvo, so bile rojene v letih od 1957 do 1961.

"Generacije, rojene od 1926 do 1930, so bile zadnje, ki so rodile dovolj otrok za obnavljanje prebivalstva," je povedala Širceljeva.

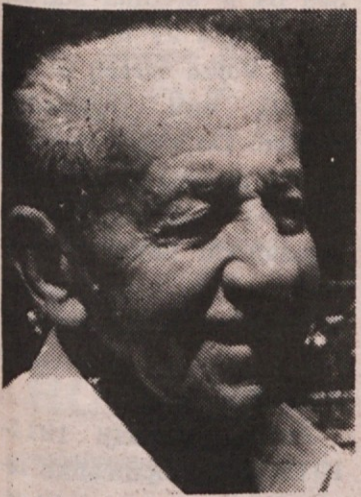
Med ženskami, rojenimi v sedemdesetih in osemdesetih letih 19. stoletja, jih 20 odstotkov sploh ni imelo otrok. Približno enako je bilo tistih, ki so imele enega, dva, tri, štiri in vse do petnajst otrok, torej so bile družine zelo raznolike.

Pozneje so se zniževali odstotki na ekstremih – čedalje manj je bilo takih brez in z veliko sinov in hčera. V generaciji 1957-1961 je 55 odstotkov žensk rodilo dva otroka. Ta generacija je izjemna

(DALJE na str. 18)

V LJUBEČ SPOMIN

ob deseti obletnici smrti



JAKOB MEJAČ

Umrl 25. februarja 1996

Deset let že samevamo, spomine sladke si obujamo; tihih, toplih Tvojih naukov – pristne nam domačnosti. Njih zaklad nam za vedno bogato življenje, in, misel na srečanje s Teboj se spremeni v veselje.

Njegovi žalujoči:

Julija, roj. Erzar – žena
Stane, Edi – sinova
Zdenka Zakrajšek in
Bernarda Ovsenik – hčerki
Linda, Sonja – snahi
Ivan, Tone – zeta
France – brat v Sloveniji
in ostalo sorodstvo

Euclid, Ohio, 16. februarja 2006.

MARCEL KOPROL

Ur. AD: Novinar Dela Stojan Žitko je v redni rubriki "Pod žarometom" 27. januarja komentiral o razrešitvi Marcela Koprola, ki je bil med drugim nekaj časa generalni konzul RSlovenije v Clevelandu in se je spoznal s številnimi rojaki. Po prihodu nove vlade Janeza Janše po zadnjih parlamentarnih volitvah v Sloveniji je bil Koprolu ponujeno kar odgovorno mesto v tej vladi. Postal je državni sekretar v Janševem kabinetu, pristojen za evropske zadeve, to v obdobju, ko se Slovenija pripravlja za predsedovanje EU v letu 2008. O celotnem ozadju razrešitve še komentirajo v slovenskih medijih, levičarski tisk se pa veseli nad nepričakovanim dogajanjem, kar je opaziti tako v Žitkovem članku kakor tudi v dopisu Roka Praprotnika, ki je tudi ponatisnjen. O zadevi je precej skromno komentiral tudi tednik Demokracija, tednikove besede so prav tako posredovane. Najprvo Žitko:



Novica o nenadni razrešitvi Marcela Koprola kot enega od državnih sekretarjev v premierovem kabinetu je bila nemara prav tako presenetljiva kakor pred dobrim letom novica, da je zasedel ta položaj. Ko so decembra 2004 iz vlade sporočili, da bo med štirimi novimi državnimi sekretarji v kabinetu premierja Janeza Janše eden pristojen za evropske zadeve, je njegovo ime na tem seznamu presenetilo, ker se nikoli ni potrdil kot boljši poznavalec tega področja; še več, pred dobrim desetletjem je kot zunanje-politični komentator zdaj že ugaslega dnevnika *Slovenec* zelo nasprotoval tudi slovenskemu vključevanju v Evropsko unijo. Zato smo tudi to šтели kot politično izbiro.

Novi premier Janša je nekaj časa sicer menda omahoval, kako naj bi uredili zapleteno področje Evropske unije – naposled se je le končalo s precej ne navadnim imenovanjem dotedanjega konzula v Clevelandu Koprola na položaj državnega sekretarja. Zdaj niti ni več pomembno, ali se je na ta položaj dokopal tudi zato, ker je bil nekaj let prej tudi drugi mož slovenske misije pri EU v Bruslju.

Kakor koli že gledamo na to, moramo priznati, da je bil Marcel Koprol tudi kot državni sekretar formalno med odločilnejšimi slovenskimi pogajalci o prihodnji finančni perspektivi, poleg tega je znal okoli sebe zbrati dovolj ljudi, ki so mu pri tem veliko pomagali. Premierju Janši je bilo zato verjetno lažje decembra sklepati kompromise na odločilnem srečanju evropskega sveta, ko je bilo pogosto slišati, da finančna perspektiva zelo koristi Sloveniji.

V naših razmerah je za vse prizadete vselej najbolj priročno, če objavijo, da so odstopili zaradi osebnih vzrokov, morda celo zdravstvenih. To velja za vodilne ljudi v gospodarstvu, nič manj iz politike. Tedaj je namreč tudi teže kopati po morebitnih globljih vzrokih. Vsekakor se je Koprolu zgodilo nekaj najbolj neprijetnega: čeprav so tudi pristojne vladne službe tr-

dile, da njegova razrešitev nima prav nič opraviti z domnevnimi uradnimi obtožbami za domnevno spolno nadlegovanje sodelavk na delovnem mestu, je verjetno prav to poglaviti razlog za njegov odhod s pomembnega položaja v slovenski uradniški hierarhiji. Razlaga, da se vrača v slovensko diplomacijo, češ da je s končanimi pogajanjmi o finančni perspektivi uresničil vse načrte, je na zelo majavih nogah.

Gledano širše bi bilo za državo veliko slabše, če bi nazadnje ugotovili, da je to prej cena za morebiti preslabe priprave na prihodnje slovensko predsedovanje Evropski uniji. Koprol je namreč organizacijski vodja, premier Janša pa predsednik pripravljalnega odbora. Slišati je namreč namige, da morda le niso tako uspešne in učinkovite, kot nam zatrjujejo.

Stojan Žitko

Poznavalsko o ministru Ruplu

Ljubljana – Državni sekretar za evropske zadeve Marcel Koprol, vlada ga je včeraj (tj. 26. jan., op. ur. AD) razrešila, bo delo nadaljeval v diplomatski službi. Podrejen bo torej zunanjemu ministru Dimitriju Ruplu, katerega bo verjetno redno pošiljal poročila. Koprol novega šefa dobro pozna. Že leta 1995 je imel o Ruplu zelo izdelano mnenje, ki ga je večkrat predstavil v propadlem časniku *Slovenec*.

Koprol je 6. januarja 1995 Ruplu, ki je bil takrat ljubljanski župan, pisal, da ne bo mogel ravnati tako, kot načrtujejo v predsedniški palači – predsednik je bil takrat Milan Kučan. Ruplu je prilepil podrejenost partijski nomenklaturi in dodal:

"Dr. Dimitrij Rupel se je mestnih zadev lotil v nasprotju z vsemi pravnimi in civilizacijskimi normami (...) po prevzemu župnijskih časti je pobalinsko zaklenil pisarne vseh nekdanjih mestnih funkcionarjev in s tem štorasto razgalil na-

črte svojih političnih mentorjev: njihov župan bo na oblasti samo zaradi oblasti."

Da o Rupla nima visokega mnenja, je še jasneje zapisal v komentarju 17. maja 1995 z naslovom Mesto – to sem jaz. Koprol piše:

"Vidimo, da v Ruplovi Ljubljani veljajo zakoni pravnega nereda, saj je župan voljan izpolniti le tiste sklepe mestnega sveta, ki mu tako ali drugače ustrezajo; vse drugo pa zanika ter zavrača, čeprav mu zakoni nalagajo drugačno ravnanje (...) Nikoli ne smemo pozabiti, da Ruplovo dejanje in državni udar loči zelo kratek korak, ki ga politiki, ko v svoji oblastiželjnosti izgubijo občutek za demokracijo, storijo zelo hitro."

V nadaljevanju je Koprol Ruplu očital "mestni udar" in da je uvedel "vsem dobro znano politično tiranijo naše polpreteklosti".

V enem naslednjih zapiskov je navedel, da je Ruplov način dela "z razumnim ravnanjem vedno v hudem sporu". Potem mu očita, da je "Ruplovo ravnanje videti takšno, kot da živimo Ljubljančani v Ljubljani samo zato, da nam Rupel župnuje".

Poleg tega je zapisal, da Rupel celo zanemarja županske dolžnosti in da zaposluje njegovi stranki (LDS) zveste somišljenike. "Mestno premoženje ni last Ruplove LDS, niti ni last njegovega prijatelja, predsednika države (Kučana), niti last Ruplove družine", je bil nad zdaj novim delodajalcem leta 1995 ogorčen Koprol.

In ne samo to. Koprol je Ruplu očital tudi, da preveč potuje po svetu:

"Njegova potovanja kažejo tudi to, da nikakor ne more preboleti velike zagrenjenosti ob spoznanju, da je mesto zunanje ministra zanj postalo dokončno nedosegljivo."

Ne dvomimo, da bi Koprol verjetno danes najraje izbrisal zgodovino.

Rok Praprotnik



Takole je tednik Demokracija poročal v številki z dne 2. februarja (str. 66 s fotografijo). Ur. AD

"Kljub uradni razlagi, da je končal projekt, za katerega je bil zadolžen, se širijo govornice o spolnem nadlegovanju uslužbenk, ki so doslej delale z njim. Ker pa v zvezi s tem ni bila vložena nobena kazenska ovadba, nekateri namigujejo, da je razlog za razrešitev ne preveč uspešno vodenje priprav za predsednikovanje EU."

RODNOST

(nadaljevanje s str. 17)

v primerjavi s starejšimi in mlajšimi v dveh vidikih: skoraj vse so rodile vsaj enkrat, mame pa so postale mlade, v povprečju pri 22,5 leta.

Predstavnice nežnejšega spola iz generacije 1930 so v povprečju rojevale pri skoraj 25 letih, danes pa je srednja starost že preseгла 27 let.

Dr. Vojka Šircelj je raziskala tudi regionalne razlike. Do prvih desetletij 20. stoletja je bilo potomstvo najštevilnejše na jugozahodu Slovenije, pozneje se je vrh krivulje preselil v severovzhodni del in posamezne predele Dolenjske.

Že v generaciji 1911-1915 so Ljubljančanke izstopale po nizki nataliteti. Pozneje so enake tendence opazili v Mariboru in postopoma še v drugih mestih in industrijskih središčih. Nižja od povprečja za Slovenijo je rodnost še v Izoli, Piranu, Zasavju (v povprečju 1,7 otroka).

V primerjavi z generacijami, rojenimi pred 2. svetovno vojno, se je najbolj znižala v vzhodni Sloveniji. Največ žensk brez otrok je v Ljubljani, okoli nje pa je obroč nadpovprečne rodnosti, zlasti na območju uprav-

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MIRAN MIHELIC

(Demokracija, 2. febr. 2006)

Tolminski jamarji so od lanskega decembra, ko so podzemne jame zamrznjene, v nenehni raziskovalni vni. Tokrat je skupina, v kateri so bili Samo Cuder, Dejan Ristič, Jure Andželič, Rok Stopar in Andrej Fratnik, uresničila svoje napovedi, da je le še vprašanje časa, kdaj se bodo prerinili skozi skalne tesni in ledene čepe in dokazali, da obstaja v osrčju Kanina sistem med seboj povezanih podzemnih rogov. Doslej so več let prodirali od spodaj pri vходу sistema Male Boke. Letos pa so šli od zgoraj navzdol v Brezno BC 4.

Brezna loči 1.319 metrov višinske razlike. Že ta sistem uvršča Kanina na drugo mesto na svetu

RODNOST

(nadaljevanje s str. 18)

nih enot Ribnica, Trebnje in Škofja Loka.

"Mlajše generacije,rojene po letu 1961, še niso končale rodne dobe, zato ne vemo, kakšno bo njihovo potomstvo. Ker jih je med tistimi, ki so danes stari 32 let, 18 odstotkov brez otrok, je mogoče, da bo njihova rodnost nižja od prejšnjih generacij," je strnila dr. Vojka Šircelj in poudarila, da statistična raziskovanja ne morejo dati odgovorov, zakaj se odločamo za čedalje manj otrok.

Barbara Hočevar

DELO, 1. febr. 2006

(za avstrijskem Lamprechtsofnom s 1.632 metri).

Po besedah enega najuspešnejših jamarjev Dejana Rističa in predsednika sekcije Andreja Fratnika so že pred leti slutili, da skriva v sebi največjo skrivnost podzemlje, vezano na najnižji vhod pri Mali Boki, na 450 metrih, ki se znotraj spusti še za 20 metrov niže, potem pa se večinoma dviga navzgor z le manjšimi vmesnimi spusti oz. sifoni.

Njihov cilj je še vedno najti najvišji izhod nekje v zgornjem delu kaninskih Podov, kar bi bilo sicer manj kot 2.000 metrov višinske razlike, vendar bi zelo verjetno pomenilo nov globinski svetovni rekord.

Tokrat so se v prečni smeri prebili skozi omenjene rove 4.997 metrov po glavnem povezovalnem rovu, pri čemer je skupna dolžina vseh izmerjenih delov Male Boke in tudi stranskih delov sistema 8.168 metrov.

Nazadnje so naleteli na spodnji del brezna, t. i. dimnik, kjer je čutiti močan zračni vlek, ni pa na tem mestu dovolj širokega prehoda za ljudi. Nova težava in še večji izziv!



Nad odkritjem povezave med zgornjim in spodnjim vhomom

V podzemnem svetu pa se pojavljajo še drugi obiskovalci. Lani se je slovensko-poljska ekipa pri raziskavi brezna BC 4 iz tolminske strani zelo približala skrajni točki v Mali Boki, vendar prehoda naprej ni našla. Tolminski jamarji so takoj za tem šli 700 metrov globlje in dosegli dno brezna. Pri tem so naleteli na svoje vrvi, ki so jih uporabljali, ko so od spodaj raziskovali Malo Boko. To je bil pomemben dokaz o povezanosti sistema.

Med 18. in 19. decembrom lani je njihova skupina (že omenjeni Fratnik, Stopar in Cuder ter Jure Andželič) v pičlih 25 urah prečila to brezno in jamo. Po razpoložljivih mednarodnih jamarskih evidencah je to najdaljše podzemno prečenje v taki globini na svetu.

Zaradi razlike v meritvah, ki so jih opravili oni in poljski jamarji, so 12. januarja letos šli še enkrat merit v te rove skupaj z jamarji iz bližnje Italije in potrdili pravilnost svojih meritev.

Po besedah strokovnega merilca Zdenka Rejca je uradna nadmorska višina vhoda v Malo Boko na 433 metrih, dolžina

Trije zdravilni vplivi kumaric

KUMARICE

Ljubljana (Družina, priloga "Naša družina", febr. 2006) - Uživanje in zunanja uporaba kumaric sta znana že od davnine. Rastlina je prišla k nam najbrž iz vzhodne Indije, uporaba njenih sočnih in osvežilnih plodov pa je postala sila raznolika pri nas v Evropi.

Največ uporabljamo sveže kumarice, ki jih pa ne smemo prnesti z vrta prezgodaj. Lahko jih lahko zrežemo, primerne obroke spravimo v plastične vrečke ter hranimo v zamrzovalni skrinji.

Tudi kisle kumarice so zelo priljubljene. Pripravljamo jih z različnimi začimbami, s koprom, poprom, z gorčičnimi semeni, alil pa kupimo že pripravljen kis za vlaganje, če se odločimo, da bomo to delo opravili sami in po svojem okusu in ne bomo kupovali vložnih v trgovini.

Kumarice imajo trije zdravilni vplivi na človekov organizem

1. - Ženejo na vodo in s tem čistijo ledvice.
2. - Uravnavajo iztrebljanje, preprečujejo notranje zastrupljanje organizma.
3. - Čistijo kožo, brezhibna polt pa zgovorno priča o ubrani presnovi in nemotenem delovanju organov. Med vsemi vrstami zelenjadnic ima kumarica največjo množino baz. Omeniti je potrebno tudi vitamin C, ki vpliva na celično presnovo, uravnava obrambni mehanizem telesa, sodeluje pa

vseh izmerjenih delov Male Boke pred povezavo v sistem je bila 6.656 metrov z višinsko razliko 602 metra. Rejc je s svojo skupino opravil pri tem kar 759 meritev na različnih točkah.

Z omenjenim odkritjem povezave med breznom BC 4 in Malo Boko pa je nastala možnost izrisa sistema Male Boke. Nadmorska višina zgornjega vhoda znaša 1.297 metrov; višinska razlika celotnega sistema 1.319 metrov, dolžina vseh izmerjenih delov sistema Male Boke je na 8.168 merilnih točkah. Dolžina glavnega rova skozi sistem pri prečenju pa je 4.997 metrov.

tudi pri nastajanju rdečih krvničk, in če jo uporabljamo kot uveljavljeno dietno jed, bo učinkovito sodelovala tudi pri čiščenju organizma, ker bo odpravljala iz njega škodljive presnovke.

Če trpimo za kronično zapeko, bomo vsak dan pred kosilom pojedli majhen krožnik kumarične solate, pa bomo s tem vseskozi preprostim naravnim ukrepom odpravili to tegobo.

Pravilna priprava zdravilne kumarične solate

Snažne kumarice lahko narežemo z lupino vred. Čebula mora biti res drobno zrezana ali nastrgana. Okisamo jo z limoninim sokom, zabelimo pa s hladno stisnjanim oljčnim oljem. Solato moramo dobro prežvečiti!

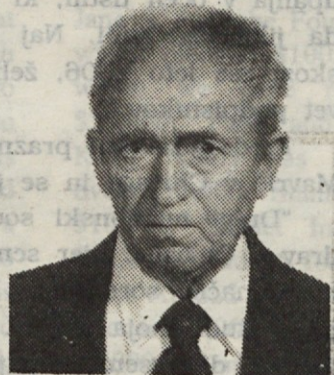
Sladkorni bolniki zelo dobro prenašajo kumarično solato, ker so snovi, ki jih vsebujejo kumarice, podobne insulinu in znižujejo množino sladkorja v krvi.

Če ne prežvečimo dobro kumarične solate in jo hlastno požiramo, lahko s tem povzročimo prebavne motnje. Potem seveda ne smemo obsojati kumarične solate.

(DALJE na str. 20)

V BLAG SPOMIN

ob trinajsti obletnici smrti dragega moža, očeta, starega očeta in strica



PAVEL ŽAKELJ

Umrl je 17. februarja 1993

V miru božjem Ti počivaj, dragi, nepozabni nam, v nebesih rajsko srečo uživaj v ljubezni božji vekomaj.

Žalujoči:

Marija - žena
Otroci - Ani Zitko, Pavle, Stanko, Tone, Janko in Vinko z družinami ter ostalo sorodstvo

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1589. Misijonarka s. Anica Starman, ki deluje

na Slonokoščeni obali, se je oglasila z obširnimi pismom, kako delujejo. Pismo je podano v skrajšani obliki:

"Dragi dobrotniki! Minulo leto je bilo leto pričakovanja miru, a je na žalost še vedno narobe. Bog daj, da bi v tem letu bila dobra priprava za prave volitve.

V tej deželi imamo dve skupnosti. V Frescu delujejo štiri sestre in tri postulantke. Z novim šolskim letom so prišle nove skrbi za dve sestri. V dijaškem domu je prostora za 240 fantov, a jih je prišlo 270. Pri dekletih je prostora za 55 oseb, a jih je prišlo 90 in niso hotele oditi drugam, da je velik dren. S finančno pomočjo kanadske ambasade delajo novo stavbo, z njo bo veliko težav rešenih. Še ena stavba bo kmalu končana. Z denarno pomočjo naših sester v Avstriji gradijo menzo, kjer bo velika jedilnica, ki bo služila tudi za predavalnico. Ena sestra se ukvarja s katehiziranjem in prireja tudi biblične tečaje.

V Ghaghamu smo tudi štiri sestre. V lanskem februarju je bila med nami iz Slovenije Meta Meršin, upokojena medicinska sestra. Med nami je veliko pomagala v medicinsko socialnem centru in to tri mesece. Bogu hvala za njeno prisotnost.

Julija meseca nam je Foundation Massieye podarila rezervoar za vodo in napeljala do vseh stavb na našem ozemlju. To je velika pridobitev, da ni treba nositi vodo in polniti sode.

V septembru je ena naših sester izpovedala večne zaobljube. Ta dan je bila pri nas velika množica sorodnikov, redovnic in sonarodnjakov, ki so zavzeto spremljali evharistično daritev, večkrat čudovito zapeli in zaplesali.

Naša gospodinjstva šola se je pričela, zaenkrat je le 16 deklet, a računamo, da še pridejo nove. Kar tu dobrega naredi se proda in s tem pomaga pri financiranju učiteljev. To je en korak k samofinanciranju.

V medicinskem socialnem centru sprejemamo vedno več malih bolnikov in tudi odrasle. Z vašimi darovi pomagamo pri plačilu zdravil in za operacije. Našo ambulanto smo opremili s preiskovalno mizo, tehtnico za otroke in aparat za merjenje krvnega pritiska. Imamo tudi sedem bolnikov z aids, ki prejemajo anti-retravirano terapijo in se počasi dobro počutijo, da lahko delajo. Župnijski komite skrbi za senzibilizacijo in kolektivno mobilizacijo po vaseh.

Ena sestra dela kot ekonom v katoliški osnovni šoli. V sredo in soboto pa obdeluje precejšen kos zemlje, da imamo zelenjavo in tudi več ton ignama, ki ga bomo lahko prodali. To je tudi korak k samofinanciranju.

Hvala vsem, ki z vašimi darovi prižigate lučke upanja v očeh tistih, ki so ubogi in jim tako poveste, da jih Bog ljubi. Naj vas božji blagoslov spremlja skozi vse leto 2006, želi s. Anica Starman in še devet podpisnikov."

Pred božičnimi prazniki je prišel misijonar Tomaž Mavrič v Chicago in se je oglasil s par vrsticami:

"Dragi misijonski sodelavci - MZA! Prisrčen pozdrav iz Chicaga, kjer sem na obisku pri sestri Moniki in domačih sorodnikov. Iz Argentine je za praznike prišla tudi moja mama. Iz srca se vam zahvalim za tko lep dar vsem skupaj in vsakemu posebej. Bodimo povezani v molitvi, Tomaž Mavrič."

Zopet je smrt posegla v naše vrste in naredila veliko vrzel, ko je nesrečna roka sprožila smrtonosne krogle. Frank Tominc je z veseljem delal v točilnici in pomagal gasiti žejo na kosilih in piknikih Misijonske Znamkarske Akcije. Delal je za mir, blažil trpeče, ljubil bližnjega in mimogrede padel v nemilost in odšel po plačilo k najbolj pravičnemu, Bogu, ki je najboljši plačnik. Naj počiva v božjem miru!

Po svoje plačilo je odšla tudi velika dobrotnica Mary Vavpotič. Naj ji bo Bog dober plačnik za vsa njena dobra dela!

Prav lep misijonski pozdrav od vseh sodelujočih in
Marice Lavriša
 1004 Dillewood Rd.
 Cleveland, OH 44119

Novi grobovi

Marija Vavpetič

Umrila je 85 let stara Marija Vavpetič iz Thompsona, rojena Oblak 19. marca 1920 v Bizoviku, Slovenija, hčerka Antona in Marije (r. Gostinčar) Oblak, vdova po Blažu, mati Nicka (Christine), Joe-a (Mary), Tonyja (Helen), Mary Rangel in Katherine Logsdon, 12-krat stara mati, 13-krat prastara mati, sestra Antona in Antonije Valant (oba že pok.). Pogreb je bil 13. februarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Patricija na Rock Creek Rd. v Thompsonu s pokopom na tamkajšnjem pokopališču. Družina priporoča darove v pokojničin spomin Harbor Light House, 734 C Alpha Drive, Highland Hts., OH 44143.

Caroline R. Zabukovec

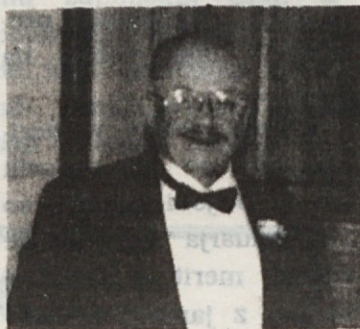
Umrila je 76 let stara Caroline R. Zabukovec iz Perryja, O., prej živeča v Mentorju, žena Williama, mati Randyja Fratena, Thomasa Zabukovec in Geraldine Chappel, 2-krat stara mati, sestra Lesterja in Williama. Pogreb je bil 13. februarja v Mentorju s pokopom na pokopališču Western Reserve Memorial Gardens v Chester Twp.

Dorothy M. Rojc

Dne 9. februarja je umrla Dorothy M. Rojc, rojena Booker, žena Anthonyja, mati Lorette George, Kathryn Hoercher, Carol Ann Rojc-Behm in že pok. Anthonyja, 6-krat stara mati.

V ljubeč spomin

ob drugi obletnici, odkar nas je zapustil naš ata, stari ata in prastari ata



Jože Križman

rojen 28. novembra 1928
 umrl 19. februarja 2004

*Dve leti te že zemlja krije,
 v temnem grobu mirno spiš,
 a tvoje srce več ne bije,
 bolečin več ne trpiš.
 Solze rosijo naše oči,
 odkar te več med nami ni.
 Počivaj v miru, dragi nam.*

Žalujoci ostali:

Žena Ani
 Ann Marie in družina
 Jože ml. in družina
 John in družina
 Terri in družina
 ter ostalo sorodstvo
 v Ameriki

Pogreb je bil 13. februarja v oskrbi Brickmanovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete, pokop je bil privaten, družinski.

Julia M. Zak

Dne 12. februarja je na svojem domu v Eastlake-u umrla 99 let stara Julia M. Zak (Zakrajšek), rojena Jarc v Kamniku pod Krimom, Slovenija, vdova po Franku, mati Marilyn Vidmar in že pok. Juliane Kobal, 7-krat stara mati, 9-krat prastara mati, 2-krat praprastara mati, sestra Frances Yarshen, Josepha in Victorja (vsi že pok.), zaposlena 20 let pri nekdanji Šornovi restavraciji, članica dr. št. 27 AMLA, PSA kr. št. 3 in Kluba upokojencev v Euclidu. Pogreb bo v ponedeljek, 20. februarja, v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Kristine dop. ob 10h s pokopom na Vernih

KUMARICE

(nadaljevanje s str. 19)

Nečisto kožo bomo odpravili, če bomo sveže ali odtajane (iz zamrzovalne skrinje) narezane kumarice stisnili in vsak dan zjutraj in zvečer popili dve jedilni žlici soka, hkrati pa tudi s svežim sokom masirali nečista mesta na koži.

Priprava trajnega kumaricega soka za nego kože. V času, ko spravljamo kumarice, si pripravimo kumaricni sok, mu prilijemo petino njegove količine lekarniškega 96% alkohola, pomešamo ter zaprte steklene kozarce postavimo za nekaj dni na okensko polico. Potem ga nalijemo v majhne stekleničke, zamašimo in shranimo v temnem in hladnem prostoru.

Poglavitna sestavina kumaricega soka je sicer voda, vendar je za naše telo nepogrešljiva, ker vsebuje snovi, ki spodbujajo vegetativni živčni sistem, s tem pa vplivajo tudi na našo duševnost in ves organizem.

Vitamini in minerali so pri polnovredni prehrani nepogrešljivi, vsekakor pa je treba omeniti tudi vlaknine, ki spodbujajo in pospešujejo ciliarno gibanje resic na stenah želodca in črevesja.

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duš pokopališču. Kropljenje bo to nedeljo od 2. pop. do 8. zv. Družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojničin spomin Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Carl L. Schultz

Umril je Carl L. Schultz, mož Jennie, oče Linde Frick in dr. Ray-a, 1-krati stari oče, brat Georgea, Edwarda in že pok. Henryja, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriških letalskih silah, aktiven faran župnije Marije Vnebovzete, član DNIJ in drugih farnih organizacij pri župniji, član Kluba upokojencev na Holmes Ave. Pogreb je bil privaten, družinski v oskrbi Brickmanovega zavoda, družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojnikov spomin St. Mary Church Building Fund, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110 ali Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Antonia Selesnik

Umrila je Antonia Selesnik, rojena Kastelic, vdova po Franku, mati Priscille Levi in Annette Majewski, 5-krat stara mati, 5-krat prastara mati, sestra Berthe Zenz, že pok. Daniela, Anne Tekavcic, Mary, Rudolpha, Franka, Victorja, Rose DiMatteo in Dorothy Zortich. Pogreb je bil 15. februarja v oskrbi Ferfolijevega zavoda na Sagamore Hillsu s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.



V Ljubeč Spomin

Ob 10. obletnici smrti



Stane Hočevar

16. februar 1924

20. februar 1996

Za vedno v naših srcih,
 molitvi in božjem objemu.

Žalujoci:

Žena, sin, hčerka z družino
 in ostalo sorodstvo
 v Ameriki in Sloveniji