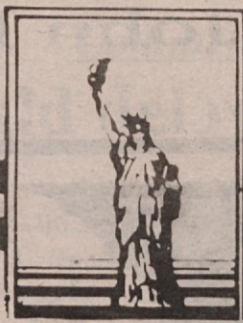
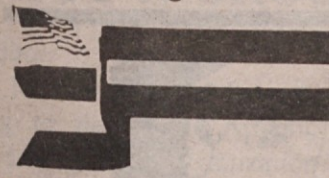


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Angela Kovach, center, formerly of the St. Vitus area and now residing in Berea, Ohio, was treated to a surprise 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Sterle's Restaurant on E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street in Cleveland. The party was given by her daughters, Carol Kovach, left, and Jeanne. (Photo by ANNA LUNDER)

### Fr. Zagorc serves spiritual needs of visitors

## Grand Canyon priest goes it alone

By Katie Daly  
Catholic Sun Correspondent

GRAND CANYON - In a typical weekend, Fr. Francis Zagorc, CSC, may say four Masses in two locations without the help of altar servers, host a picnic for nearby residents and make rosaries in the evenings.

That's just how it is when you're the only priest serving the staff and some of the 5 million visitors who show up in the course of a year at the world's most famous hole in the ground.

"It's the presence of the Church and the will, not of me, but of the Diocese of Phoenix to serve the spiritual needs of the people, who will undergo kind of a spiritual experience themselves when they come to the Grand Canyon," Fr. Zagorc said. "I get a lot of tourists who make an effort to come to Mass."

Fr. Zagorc, 65, has lived at the Grand Canyon for four years. He's the third Holy Cross priest in 20 years to attend to the needs of the Catholics at the park - the South Bend Ind.-based order has informally taken on the ministry at Grand Canyon.

At crowded Masses at the park's El Cristo Rey Catholic Chapel, which seats just 50, churchgoers will often

spill over into the priest's adjacent living quarters, where they'll sit on his furniture and listen to the Mass. Fr. Zagorc doesn't mind.

the Department of the Interior. The Department has also granted him permission to increase the size of the chapel one and a half times, but he's not sure where he'll find the \$55,000 to do it.

"Everything you want to do here is very expensive," he said. "If I dig a hole somewhere and find some money, I probably will (do the renovation)."

The chapel receives no subsidies from the diocese or outside sources and depends on the generosity of tourists as well as residents. For now, Fr. Zagorc does his best to

make Catholics feel welcome. The Catholic community at Grand Canyon isn't exactly thriving, he said, since many attend church in Flagstaff on Sunday when they travel there for errands and shopping.

"I try to just make them feel good about coming to church," Fr. Zagorc said. "Never speak down to them."

But the community still comes together. About 40 local kids showed up for an Easter egg hunt the church hosted and Fr. Zagorc tries to reserve a Sunday Mass during the summer for residents only.

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Fr. Francis Zagorc

"What can I do? I don't feel they're going to take anything. I've never had any problems," he said.

The tiny, low-ceilinged chapel is decorated with a dramatic pastel mural of a stormy day at the Grand Canyon. The mural was painted by Grand Canyon resident and former Baptist minister Frank Weatherbee. Stations of the cross line the walls and top stands decorated with Hopi sand paintings.

Fr. Zagorc has a special use permit for his residence and the chapel granted by

## Opening Day at Slovenska Pristava

This year's first picnic at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio, will be held this coming Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Since the observance of the feast of Corpus Christi is also on Sunday, St. Mary's parish will stage the traditional procession on the Pristava grounds.

Mass will be at 12 noon.

The dinner will be held following the Mass.

After 3 p.m., Veseli Godci will play for dancing.

Come and attend the holy service in the natural setting of Slovenska Pristava and have fun dancing and enjoy the good food, too.

--M.R.

## WELW to simulcast on West Side

WELW Radio 1330 am of Lake County, Ohio announces a local agreement with Lorain County-based WRKG Radio 1380 to simulcast nearly 90 hours each week of WELW programming to the west side of Greater Cleveland on 1380 a.m.

"We are creating a 'Family Fun Radio Network,'" stated Ray Somich, WELW General Manager. "There is a real need on radio for valuable information and family-oriented entertainment, and we can now serve a larger community with our unique programs."

The anchor programs are radio simulcasts of CBS-19/WOIO television news broadcasts. WOIO newscasts can now be heard on 1330 am and 1380 am Monday through Friday during morning drive time periods of 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; from noon to 12:30 p.m.; and during evening drive time from 6 to 6:30 p.m.; the 6 p.m. newscast will also be broadcast on Saturdays.

For over 32 years WELW has been well known for serving Cleveland's nationality communities with locally-produced daily pro-

grams. The Family Fun Radio Network now broadcasts nearly 30 hours weekly of Slovenian, Croatian, Irish, Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Jewish, German and French programs.

"There has been such a demand for nationality programming on Cleveland's west side," said Tony Petkovsek, WELW's Vice President and 35-year host of a daily "PolkaRadio" program. "We take our opportunity to serve these people very seriously, and would like to expand our nationality programming even further."

The network also broadcasts community talk, health, scholastic sports, senior talk and music, religious, and other unique programs.

The agreement unites Spirit Broadcasting Corp., a Petkovsek-Somich Company, WELW's licensee, with Baldwin Communications, licensee for WRKG, as well as WZLE-104.9 fm. Baldwin Communications has filed for a call-sign change for 1380 am with the Federal Communication Commission.

## Goulash & Polenta dinner benefits SNPJ farm

On Sunday, June 1, the Progressive Slovene Women of America (PSWA) Circle #1, will sponsor a Goulash and Polenta Dinner at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road.

Serving of this delicious dinner will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until 3:00.

Also available will be Roast Beef or Sausage Dinners. Included with the meal

will be either salad or sauerkraut, homemade "krofe" and coffee.

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# Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



Music, music, music.

"Ah, yes, I *remember* it well." - from the musical, "Gigi."

Crawling along with traffic during the *rush* hour Tuesday morning I somehow managed to find the "on" bar of my car radio, turned it on and heard a song titled, "Hey, There." from the play "Pajama Game." In it, the words sung are, "You used *ta* be too wise." I looked *ta* up in the dictionary; it wasn't there.

Maybe they meant "to." Possibly they didn't want to use "to" two times in the same sentence. Editors do those things. It reminds me of the classic English problem, "How do you spell "to" in the sentence there are three different "to's" in the English language? The answer is, you spell it "tu."

If you think of it, that makes it four "tu's", consequently making it so confusing, one is tempted to give up. On the other hand, there are really no "tu's" in the English language. Therefore, we could argue either side of the problem and never come to a satisfying conclusion.

Which makes it easy to see the simplicity of being on the *radio* where you don't have to worry about writing such things.

Next they played Petula Clark's popular hit, "Don't Sleep in the Subway." The words go, "Don't stand in the pouring rain." It reminded me of Sunday, May 25 in front of St. Vitus church. The Catholic War Veterans held their annual Memorial Day church service at which the distinguished Joseph Baskovic read all 169 names of the deceased members during the 9:15 Mass. After which, under the able direction of Officer of the Day, Tony

Baznik, the Vets marched in the *pouring rain* from the church to in front of the school where the six riflemen expertly fired their newly purchased semi-automatic rifles, three times.

Bob Mills's riflemen led the way with Rev. Bill Jerse, Post Chaplain, right along side the Vets. A little rain did not dampen their determination to remember their fallen members.

Father Bill had an interesting sermon. At the beginning he talked about what makes a person a "saint." He said one definition is, "A saint is a sinner who *tries* harder." It makes sense to me.

Some people say they enjoyed the Memorial Day listening to good toe-tapping polka music. Personally, I have never heard toe-tapping music. When watching people listening to polka sounds, I see their feet going up and down in time with the music's beat. But due to the fact most of them are wearing shoes, I seldom see their toes tapping. And if their toes were tapping, it probably wouldn't make much noise.

In the summer, some polka fans may take off their shoes and dance in their bare feet. Others, listening, without shoes, seldom tap along for fear of injuring their big toe. The other toes, usually, simply follow along, not being inclined toward independence from the big toe.

Therefore, when enjoying the sound of a good polka band, I'm going to do some *foot-tapping*.

The good Lord surely must love weeds. He made so many of them. We spend a day eradicating them. Next week, He puts them back. We take them out again; back they come again.. Makes you wonder, "Why are we sparring with the Lord?" The people in Florida are smart. We northerners pull out the crabgrass. They plant it.

I suppose us Northerners are *trying* harder. We should be great candidates for sainthood. But then again,

we don't have to cut the grass all year long; the Floridians do - making *them* also candidates for sainthood. (See; it's a beautiful life, if you think about it.)

Each Memorial weekend we remember our young Americans fallen in war. It's bad enough the old people have to pass on, it's even more intolerable for the youth to be subject to an excruciating demise. The sensible thing to do is try to eradicate wars. We've been working on the problem for 2,000 years. If we keep at it, maybe some day we'll succeed.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;..." *Battle Hymn of the Republic* (1862).

Speaking of songs, have you ever heard the beginning of the "Today in Cleveland" show on Channel 3 at 6:30 a.m. weekdays. It is hosted by the knowledgeable, genial gentlemen Tom Haley and Del Donahoo. Often, their opening number, to get you in the mood for the news and commentaries, is a rip-roaring polka. They have played Frankie Yankovic records; they have played Joey Tomsick, and quite a few others.

When one of them goes on vacation, they ask various eminent guests to fill in. A few months ago, appearing for a week was our very own Euclid resident, August Pust of the Governor's office. He did a *very* commendable job.

The part of the show I like best is the corny jokes they tell. My lovely bride, Madeline, likes Tom's movie and play reviews and loves to see the restaurants Del visits.

Guess what? The management at the station has saw fit to cancel the show in the middle of June. If you believe that waking up with Tom and Del goes just right with a cup of coffee in the morning, give the station a call, like we did, at 344-3333, or write WKYC-TV3, Paul Trelstad, 1403 E. 6th St., Cleveland, OH 44114. Tell them you want Tom and

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Why can't a bicycle stand upright alone?  
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## ASK THE TRAVEL EXPERT

By Patricia Coil  
EUCLID TRAVEL

**Question:** I know it is illegal to bring plants, fruit, vegetables and meats into the United States from foreign countries, but what else is illegal?

**Answer:** Here is a list of illegal items to bring into the U.S., as written in "99 Travel Tips for Mature Travelers" by Vantage:

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- Most crocodile and Cayman leather
- Most coral
- Any goods made in Cuba, even if purchased in another country
- Antiques or works of arts from some countries.

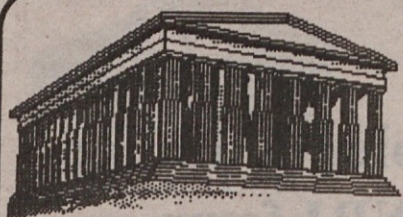
**Question:** What advice can you give on getting through customs with the least amount of hassle?

**Answer:** Keep your receipts for valuable items that you purchase handy to show the custom inspectors along with your passport. It would be a good idea to keep track of what you paid in foreign currency for each item and how much this would be in US currency. In general an individual may bring in \$400 worth of goods duty free.

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# NATO should delay Slovenia's entry

Editor: Member nations belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will meet in Madrid, Spain in July to discuss and decide new member candidates.

NATO "member countries agree to defend one another: in the event of an armed attack against one or more of them... (It) shall be considered an attack against them all." (Article 5 NATO treaty). In addition to this joint action in a time of war, member countries also agree to "joint military and economic cooperation during times of peace."

That in a nutshell is the primary function of NATO. The demise of the Iron Curtain and the Warsaw Pact in the late 1989-1990 made possible for the first time since NATO's founding on April 4, 1949 in Washington D.C. admission of Central/Eastern European countries. Three such countries are certain to be extended the offer to join: Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

The only other serious candidate being considered is the Republic of Slovenia.

Heavy lobbying is being done by Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek, who has been to the corridors of U.S. political powers in Washington, D.C. at least twice in the past three weeks, plus Slovenian Ambassador to USA, Dr. Ernest Petric. This suggests the importance the Slovenian government has placed in winning the approval of the American government to gain admittance in the so-called "first-round."

But the lobbying and political networking have experienced a loss of steam on some members of Congress with accusations by Slovenian citizens, both internally and externally, of its neglect and poor performance regarding privatization in a democratic format to close the books on a sorry past (late 1940s-1980s) on the sensitive issue of outright theft and seizure of private and institutional property without due process of law and compensation.

Painting a different picture for refusing to implement the approved governmental directive and promise of the Denationalization Law in 1991 is the Slovenian Association of Former Owners of Nationalized Property. The organization, according to its president, Franc Izgorsek, in a February 20, 1997 letter to members of (U.S.) Congress, represents 200,000 members, 10% of the country's population.

In the letter specially addressed to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of the United States of America, Mr. Izgorsek notes that while the Slovenian Parliament enacted the Denationalization Law in 1991 less than 10% of the total value of 46,000 claims have been processed to date. On a more questionable level, two recent referendums have been offered by members inside the Slovenian Parliament that would make it virtually impossible for anyone, including the various religious orders and Catholic diocese in Slovenia, to ever reclaim or be compensated for property seized by the former Slovenian

Communist government.

While Dr. Petric noted on May 13, to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) that Slovenia gave nearly 200,000 non-Slovenes citizenship during the breakup of former Yugoslavia, he "forgot" to state how the Slovenian government made it very difficult or nearly impossible to offer the same citizenship right to those Slovenes and their offspring who were forced to leave Slovenia.

Mr. Petric also noted that day how 80,000 refugees from war torn Bosnia-Herzegovina were given refuge in Slovenia. What Mr. Petric conveniently forgot to mention was the financial and material support, in excess of \$1 million, mainly (came) from the American and Canadian Slovenians to Caritas, a Catholic relief agency banned for more than four decades by Mr. Petric's employer in Slovenia, to provide relief for the human suffering and misery endured.

One has to beg the question, that if the Slovenian government has not yet to date moved on legitimate requests on illegally seized private property, what motivation would they have after being admitted to NATO.

Illegal seizure of private property is a direct violation of a most basic human right that is universally accepted. And in particular in the USA. Respect for due process and a just approach to valid claims by either judicial or legislative action are cornerstones in American society.

But not the Slovenian government. Their solution: We stole your land, your houses, buildings, etc. Now you will have to pay to prove who and how we stole it. Or receive next to nothing for the misery inflicted upon you and your offspring.

Americans again need to ask our leaders in Congress and the White House: is this the type of country we seek to support and defend as a NATO member?

A recommendation was made to Dr. Petric's to establish a charitable fund by the Slovenian government for aging American Slovenians, and their offspring, who lost their property during and after World War II, as a community and general charitable fund, to meet the most basic and fundamental medical, social, cultural and spiritual needs. Dr. Petric declined the suggestion.

The final question that has to be addressed goes to the very reason of NATO's existence: would Americans be willing to sacrifice *their sons and daughters* in this land of 2 million souls?

Slovenia has made much progress toward returning to its historic roots of electing and acting like a democracy as it once did when for centuries when they installed their Dukes of Carinthia. But not until this issue is addressed in a more concrete and satisfactory manner Slovenia should not be admitted this time around to NATO.

When Slovenia acts like a mature democracy then it will have merited its entry into NATO and the civilized community of nations.

--Stane Kuhar  
Wickliffe, Ohio

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*Slovenia...* Joseph Zelle  
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World famous St Stephen's Cathedral; of Vienna, is celebrating its 850th anniversary this year.  
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, renowned German newspaper had an interesting article by Johann Georg Reismuller. In the article he discussed the difficult position of the Catholic Church in Slovenia with respect to the government regarding the return of Church property. It was confiscated by the communists after they had seized power in the revolution that followed World War II. Many Slovenians who fled the country and scattered throughout the world are also still waiting for reparations of their lost or confiscated properties.

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Host Joe Godina

12 - 1 p.m. Mario's International Music

Host Mario Kavcic

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Almar with Guest Musician

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Polkatime America

#### Sunday

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Magic Sound of the Button Box

Host John Pestotnik

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Reflections of the

New Slovenia

Hostess Linda Cimperman

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Polka Fun With Al & Harry

Host Al Markic & Harry Faint

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Polka Tributes

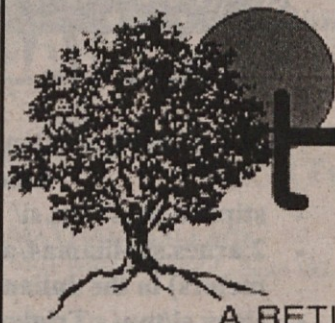
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Fr. Zagorc also keeps himself busy volunteering in the village's community library and enjoying nature. He makes rosaries," while "I'm sitting in front of the boob tube," he said. He makes one kind for tourists, which he sells for a contribution of three to four dollars, and the others he sends to the mission rosaries.

Last month he also traveled back East to say a Sunday Mass for his sister, an Ursuline nun who celebrated her golden anniversary of profession. Fr. Zagorc thinks he'll stick around the Grand Canyon for another five years or so, "until I retire to a golf course at Notre Dame," he said.

On Easter, Fr. Zagorc dashed about the chapel after the 7 a.m. Mass, snapping off lights and replacing the collection basket. Vestments in hand, he rushed over to the non-denominational Shrine of the Ages, next to the Visitor Center, to say Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tourist Bill Samsel and his 8-year-old daughter Miranda, from Rock Springs, Wyoming, were at the shrine early and volunteered to hand out missalettes to arriving churchgoers. Samsel was at Grand Canyon this Easter with his family "just to do something different," he said. "We want to get away from the snow."

"They're kind of bummed they're not getting as much stuff," Samsel said of his children, "but we're seeing lots of new things, right?" Miranda nodded.

As Fr. Zagorc opened draperies and set up the altar, he called to the rapidly filling shrine for volunteers.

"I still need one volunteer to read the petitions at Mass," Fr. Zagorc said. A woman raised her hand. "Oh, grand," he beamed. "It's going to be a grand and glorious Easter."

The service had special touches only a service in a national park could provide. After the congregation renewed its baptism vows, Fr. Zagorc blessed it with a Juniper branch dipped in holy water.

"I took this from a tree near my house," he said. "Don't tell the ranger."

The Zagorc family is from Cleveland's St. Mary's parish in Collinwood.

Thanks to Jean Edwards of Phoenix for submitting this informative article.

## May Devotions to Mary in Southern California

With some attendees of the 1951 Smarnica (held in Corona, California), Southern California Slovenians attended the Devotions to Mary - Mass and Benediction at St. Joseph's Church, Fontana, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 4th of May. Father Timothy Jernejcic of St. Edwards Church, Corona and Father Stanley Jazbec (retired) of Joshua Tree, California celebrated Mass in Slovenian. Father Timothy's sermon in English dwelt on St. Mary's life of love for her Son and the injunction of Jesus to love our families and each other.

Some members and families of the KSKJ Lodge St. Joseph No. 253 of Fontana and the SNPJ Lodge No. 723 of Fontana and the SNPJ Lodge No. 615 of Los Angeles were present, including the Frank Horzen Family, the Frank Vidergar Family and the Arnold Koci Family from Laguna Beach.

Mrs. Strnad led the ladies choir with her beautiful organ playing. As she responded to her enthusiastic audience, she commented that she and her sisters just get together for the one Mass each May and she enjoys playing the organ and singing together. What a dedi-

cated person. For near 50 years she and her husband have been coming and helping to provide the music for those in attendance, some of whom came from many miles away. Included are Mr. and Mrs. Bogdan Kovacic from Manhattan Beach, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lipic from North Hollywood, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mlach from Sun City, Angie Balaker from Carlsbad, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hren from Westlake Village.

Frances X. Levy spoke of his family and friends' recent visit, along with Father Snój, to Slovenia. He told of the Mass celebration at Brezje which Father Snój held in remembrance and at which his family also attended. Father Snój held the last Mass there before the Nazis closed the church in 1941. The huge crowd present applauded along with the church bells ringing for at least 10 minutes in joy and thanks to God.

Of special note, Ida Stone, assisted by her husband, Randy, served a delicious Slovenian dinner. The klobase was made by Ida's butcher in accordance with her Slovenian recipe. They were delicious.

We pray for the recovery of Ida's mother in Slovenia. Ida left to visit her right after the dinner.

Father Jernejcic is making reservations for next year's Smarnica for the **first Sunday in May** in St. Joseph's Church. Please reserve May 3, 1998.

We are indebted to many persons for their contributions: Father Timothy for continuing the Smarnica and for donating monies raised for the Bishops Baraga and Slomsek causes. We thank Father Jazbec for saying Mass despite his heavy burden of continuing disabilities.

Frank and Nada Stopar have helped by collecting donations and dinner contributions so that Father Jernejcic can pay the bills and forward (this has been done since the first Smarnica) what is left to the Bishop Baraga and Bishop Slomsek causes.

Choir singers (some since 1951) were Mrs. Petric, Mrs. Bajuk, Mrs. Zebot, Mrs. Zivec, Angie Balakar and Frances Jazbec, to whom we are all indebted.

We are blessed.

--E.R.

## Lodge 53 Picnic

The time has come again for the annual picnic of SNPJ Lodge V Boj No. 53 which will be held at SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio on Sunday, June 22.

Delicious dinners of roast pork, roast beef, or sausage will be prepared by the ladies. Serving will be from 1 to 3 p.m. the cost of a dinner is \$6, not including gate admission.

Roast beef, sausage, and hot dog sandwiches as well as krofe will also be served all day. Bring the entire family and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon and evening.

Back by popular demand *Joe Grkman and his Orchestra* from Pennsylvania will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Joe is famous for "Grkmania," his button box recording. This is his only appearance at the Farm this summer.

As is our tradition, we will be honoring our members who are celebrating 50, 60, and 70 years of membership in SNPJ. Our 50 year members are Jennie Gorjanc, Martha Meglich, Raymond Hirz, and Fred Hribar.

Our 60-year-members are Anna Lapash, Jennie Logar, Mary Yontez, and Frances Winton. We have one 70-year-member Katherine Klemencic.

Two of this year's honorees are lodge officers: Jennie Gorjanc who is president, and Martha Meglich is secretary.

Congratulations to everyone.

--Patricia Habat,  
Recording Secretary

### In Memory

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$50.00 for one year subscription, and the remaining \$20.00 in memory of the **Baznik and Per Families**.

--Valerie Baznik  
Euclid, Ohio

### In Memory

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P.S. - Jim your articles are just great.

--Elsie Zaletel  
Highland Hts., OH



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## SLOVENIANS ON INTERNET by Frank Tursic

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- [stipend.mss/edus.si/](http://stipend.mss/edus.si/) - Scholarships for study in Slovenia
- [2.arnes.si/~liiama4/article2.htm](http://2.arnes.si/~liiama4/article2.htm) - All about caves in Slovenia. Describes the world's deepest shafts (643 meters) in the Julian Alps of Slovenia.
- [sigov.si/tnp/](http://sigov.si/tnp/) - Triglav Park page
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# An Insider's View of Arms Control

Karl Ryavec does not normally spend time with physicists or military officers, but he did last year.

The Political Science professor (University of Massachusetts) returned last June from a year-long fellowship program with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in Washington, D.C. Ryavec was one of five academics chosen nationwide to participate in the Williams C. Foster Fellows Visiting Scholars Program, established in 1983 as a way to give specialists in disciplines relevant to the agency's activities a chance to actively participate in arms control, nonproliferation and disarmament.

Agency membership consists of 250 full-time civil service employees who represent an eclectic mix of backgrounds ranging from aeronautical engineers to weapons specialists. Among other things, said Ryavec, the agency strives to help stabilize the nuclear aspects of U.S.-Russian relations and advance the control of nuclear weapons. The agency often consults and contends with foreign countries as well as other federal offices such as the State Department and the Pentagon.

Ryavec was chosen for the fellowship program largely because of his knowledge of Russian bureaucracy and U.S.-Russian relations, both hot topics for the agency. He wrote a book in 1989 entitled, "United States-Soviet Relations," and one in 1975 on the "Implementation of Soviet Economic Reforms: Political, Organizational and Social Processes."

"I was the unofficial advisor on where Russian politics is now," said Ryavec.

Much of his experience in dealing with Russia has been in nuclear weapons technology, said Ryavec. That could be one of the reasons he was chosen to work on the seven-person Strategic Transition Division in the agency's Bureau of Strategic and Eurasian Affairs. The division was responsible for defense conversion activities, which aims to move Russian nuclear weapons scientists out

of the armaments industry and into non-military business activities.

One project involved scientists from Arzamas-16, a Russian nuclear weapons design laboratory, who proposed designing oil well perforators using "shaped charge technology." That method involves "perforators," or high explosives usually found in nuclear weapons. In the case of the oil wells, the perforators would be used to blow small holes in oil well pipes at appropriate levels in oil-rich rock.

Although the Arzamas-16 scientists had the technology to create a highly-desirable product, they did not possess the business know-how to market it. That's where the agency came in.

"Western investors want to see a business plan," said Ryavec. "We paid for some short courses on business planning so the Russians knew what to tell the western investors and how to tell it to them."

In the first few days of a June 1995 workshop, the Arzamas-16 scientists were unable to answer basic business-related questions about cost, cash flow and profit. By the end of the workshop, the scientists had a basic plan for a stand-alone division and financial control.

After months of searching, the agency finally found a major U.S. oil fields company in Texas interested in working as a partner to assist Arzamas-16 in the establishment and growth of a commercial enterprise for the filters. Representatives from both groups met in Russia for the first time in December 1995, when Arzamas-16 said it had established a separate operating division charged with creating the filters and that costs were being directly tracked and managed.

Because of government downsizing, the agency was forced to drop defense conversion activities in Russia. Ryavec said, however, that Arzamas-16 and the Texas company are still involved in plans together.

The Strategic Transition Division also offered profit incentives to Ukraine for

downsizing its weapons stock. The agency set up a program where Ukraine would ship its missiles and warheads to Russia, where fissile material such as uranium would be extracted and sold to the U.S. Profits from the sales would be returned to Ukraine. The problem with the program, said Ryavec, was that it did not work well for weapons containing plutonium.

"Plutonium is very dangerous," he said. "One speck of it can kill you, whereas you can handle uranium. The issue was moving the plutonium around."

Still, said Ryavec, the program employed a unique idea by generating revenues for the two financially-pressed nations.

Ryavec was also responsible for compiling meeting reports for superiors and fellow workers, commenting on speech drafts by agency officials, contributing ideas on possible future arms control efforts, composing reviews of publications and other materials, and doling out advice and writing short papers on Russian politics and arms control.

Much of the work Ryavec did, especially the written reports and commentaries, required him to work in conjunction with agency members, something he especially enjoyed.

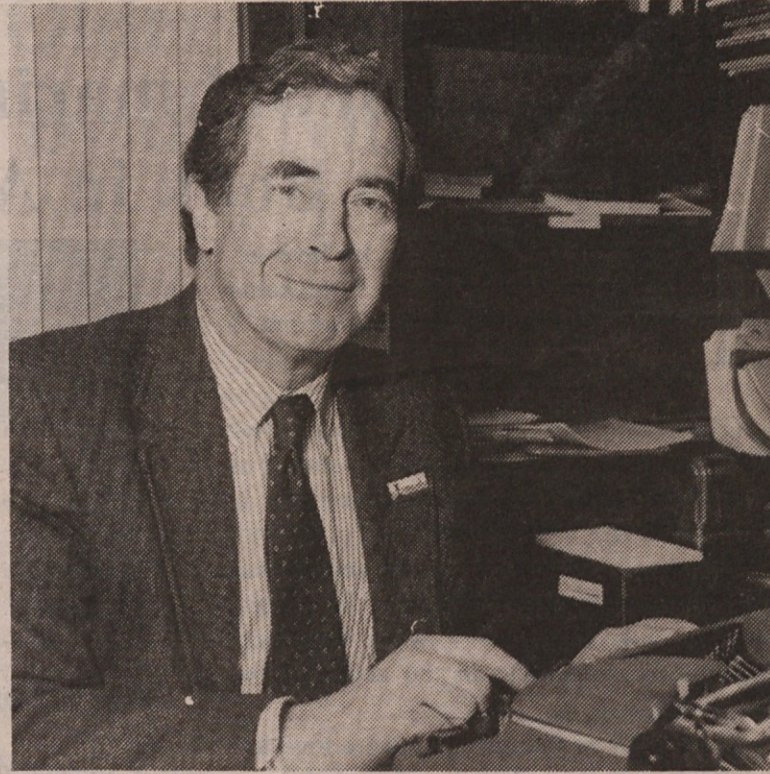
"You don't work alone, like you do... in academia," he said. "I would get instant feedback. If you have a super-strong ego, it may be hard. I found it valuable and something you don't always get in a university setting."

When Ryavec told his wife that he had won the fellowship, she left her job of 23 years as a librarian at Amherst Regional High School so she could move with him to Washington. Ryavec said he and his wife miss the capital city.

"You don't run out of museums to see in a whole year," he said.

More than anything, Ryavec misses being privy to confidential government information. Before he was accepted by the agency, he underwent a federal investigation. After being cleared, he was granted "Top Secret" and "Q" clearances, the former allowing him to view private documents and the latter giving him permission to listen in on conversations about nuclear weapons. Those privileges are granted only for certain federal government employees, a group to which Ryavec no longer belongs.

"I miss getting the fresh



Karl Ryavec

stuff," he said. "I would read things only hours after they were written. I feel cut off [now that] I have to depend on newspapers and e-mail."

Since Ryavec has been visiting Russia regularly since the 1960s, he has witnessed the dramatic changes in that country.

"It's a shock" said Ryavec, who speaks fluent Russian. "Before, the billboards would say, 'Long Live Communism.' Now, they are advertising products."

Ryavec said he applied for the fellowship program because he wanted to gain

"experience in how the U.S. deals with the government in Russia." But he also learned a lot about the governing powers under which he lives.

"I saw how much [U.S.] agencies struggle with each other," he said. "The inter-agency process that it takes to arrive at a conclusion can sometimes get quite ugly. I learned an enormous amount about how the U.S. government operates. The books you read on it don't do it justice."

--BG

*The (University of Massachusetts) Campus Chronicle, December, 20, 1996.*

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# A Slovenian Submariner's Diary Becomes Book in Australia

A wartime diary, thought to be love letters, and discovered in a hat box in the cellar of a Cooma, Australia home has become a book.

The diary was kept by a well-known Cooma man, John de Majnik, who served as a submariner in the Yugoslavian navy in World War II.

The book, *Diary of a Submariner*, was discovered about six years ago by John's two children, John and Juanita, while they were looking for something in the cellar of the family home.

"The children thought they were love letters because they could not read the words.

"I kept the diary (written in Slovenian) from March 25, 1941 because things did not look good for my country at that time," Mr. de Majnik said.

The book relates the escape of 19 of the 52-man crew, in the submarine, through enemy lines to join with the Allied forces in the Mediterranean Sea.

Mr. de Majnik said the book had been written for the 19 submariners who were willing to give their lives for their country and its freedom.

Through his words and thoughts this heroic escapade by the submariners brings to light a story that has been known by only a small number of people.



John de Majnik with son John and friend

Cooma-Monatro RSL sub-branch president, Vic Prowse, launched the book at a well attended ceremony at Cooma Ex-Serviceman's Club on Saturday morning, April 12.

In attendance was Helena Drnovsek-Zorko, the first secretary of the Slovenian Embassy who made a special trip from Canberra for the book's launch.

Mr. de Majnik said any funds raised from book sales would go to the Life Boy Fund and the Submarine Welfare Fund.

In Cooma it is available from only three outlets - Percy's Newsagency, the Cooma Ex-Serviceman's Club and John O'Brien Newsagent in the Hains Centre. All three locations are in Australia.

Eighty-one copies were sold at the launch.

The book appeared in serial form in the American Home newspaper.

## Mark Ryavec urges Slovenian entry into NATO

Mark Ryavec, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia, from California, sent the following letter to the Honorable Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C.:

With these words, "I would be very happy for Slovenia to become a member of NATO, as long as it is the only new country to do so," Russian Ambassador Alexei Nikiforov recently underscored one of the leading arguments for inclusion of Slovenia in the first tier of new countries admitted to NATO.

The Alliance's argument that enlargement is not anti-Russian, but rather, pro-European, is strengthened by inclusion of Slovenia, a central European country. Slovenia did not belong to the Warsaw Pact and was never considered within the Soviet sphere of influence. Slovenia's participation would lend credence to the Alliance's argument that enlargement advances regional security and peace across Europe, not just on the Eastern front facing Russia. Conversely, leaving Slovenia out of the first wave, while only inviting former Warsaw pact countries to join, would further confirm Russian suspicions

about the intent of enlargement.

The other principal argument for Slovenia's membership - that Slovenia is more than ready - was acknowledged by Congress in 1996 with the passage of the NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act (NEFA). That law declared that Slovenia, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic "have made significant progress toward achieving the stated criteria (for NATO membership)..."

Indeed, on the NATO report card, Slovenia gets all "A's."

1. - It has a viable, smoothly functioning parliamentary democracy.

2. - It enjoys a highly efficient and successful economy; Slovenia is fully capable of assuming all costs of its participation in NATO.

3. - The civilian government exercises full control of its military forces.

4. - Slovenia has an outstanding record of protection of human rights and minority rights, as indicated in the latest report of the U.S. State Department on these matters.

5. - Slovenia has good relations with its neighbors.

Beyond fully qualifying for NATO membership, Slovenia has successfully

demonstrated its capabilities. It was an early and competent participant in the Partnership for Peace program and has actively supported IFOR's peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Slovenia is also strategically positioned between Italy - a current NATO member, and Hungary, a likely NATO member, and thus would provide a strategic land-bridge between these future NATO partners.

I am convinced that U.S. and Slovenian interests converge on the issue of Slovenia's membership in NATO. The U.S. wants to advance peace, security and democratic values across Europe. Democratic Slovenia sees the realization of its own historic desire for integration in a secure and peaceful Europe through membership in the European Union and NATO, the "structures that have created and sustained peace in Europe since 1945" (NEFA).

I urge your support of the Roth-Lieberman Concurrent Resolution calling upon the Alliance to extend invitations to several nations that are ready to contribute to NATO, including Slovenia.

--Mark Ryavec  
Honorary Consul

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### DID YOU KNOW

Slovenia... Joseph Zelle  
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This year the world famous Marian shrine of Sveta Gora will mark 280 years since its founding. At that time the Slovenians were dedicated to our Lady. It was that time that a shepherdess by the name of Urška Feligoj had a vision there. The shrine has since been held in very high regard by not only the Slovenians but Italians, Germans, Austrians and people of other European countries. The shrine is under the care of the Franciscan Fathers.

Rev. Franc Bols, Editor of the very popular monthly magazine, *Ognjišče*, was honored by the city fathers of Koper in recognition of his work as editor and promoter of FM and TV stations in Slovenia. Our congratulations to Father Bols!

For the 100th anniversary of the birth of France Gorše, famous artist and painter, a plaque was dedicated in Zamostec pri Sodrazici. Following World War II, Mr. Gorše lived a few years in Cleveland. His works at that time were largely for Cleveland and Toronto churches. He returned to Europe, to Carinthia in Austria, where he worked diligently painting and sculpting until his death.

Mohorjeva družba in Celovec has published Milena Merlak Detela's *Svet Svitjanja*.

### Thanks

The following donors are thanked for their contributions to the St. Vitus Slovenian School benefit brunch held on Sunday, May 18th:

Father Joseph Božnar (\$10), Mr./Mrs. Franc Musič (40), Dr. Uroš/Ljudmila Roessmann (\$20) and anonymous (\$7).

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Widely renowned Lev Detela had his new book, *Kocbekovo br rilo - Kocbek's Lesebuch* (Kocbek's Reader) introduced. The latter book contains writings of Kocbek in Slovenian and German. Kocbek was very active in Catholic Action in Slovenia before World War II and sided with the Communist Revolution following the war.

Slovenian Gymnasium in Celovec is celebrating its 40th year as an institution of higher learning.

*Traditional Slovenian Cookery* has been published by Mladinska knjiga in Ljubljana. It carries the subtitle "Culinary Riches of the Regions of Slovenia". The book is illustrated in color and covers 144 pages.

Slovenia has been one year on the Internet already. The address is:

<http://www.uvi.si/slo/>  
or

<http://www.ijs.si/slo/>

Zeljko Bagon recently celebrated 70 years of organ playing. He was 17 years old when he played the organ for the first time on Whitsunday in 1927 in the parish church of Vrtojba. Congratulations!

On May 7, 1952 the first issue of *Druzina* made its appearance in Ljubljana. It was started by the Apostolic Administrator, Dr. Mihael Toroš. *Druzina* is the Diocesan newspaper for all of Slovenia. Our best wishes for many more years of successful religious publication.

On May 1, Bishop Kvas blessed the new church bells of sv. Marjeta in Horulje. The heaviest bell weighed 2,800 kg. The second one weighed in at 1,200 kg. and the third one was 700 kg. Some 2,000 parishioners attended the ceremony.

### Meeting

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Seniors will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Plans for the July picnic will be discussed.

Money will be collected from members who signed up for the June 10th mystery trip.

At our last meeting in May, we had 120 members present. Our membership stands at 160. It is always an enjoyable afternoon, socializing with friends. Refreshments and Bingo follow the meeting.

--Jennie Schultz

**Donation**  
Thanks to Jennie Turk of Richmond Heights, Ohio who donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

## DEATH NOTICES

### JANE U. LUBE

Jane U. Lube (nee Stefancic), 85, died on Monday, May 26, 1997.

Born in Slovenia on Oct. 19, 1911, she resided in Cleveland. She was a member of St. Vitus Altar and Rosary Society, KSKJ Lodge No. 191, Slovenian Women's Union Branch 14, and Servants of the Paraclete.

Jane was the wife of the late John Lube; daughter of Ivana and Frank Stefancic (both deceased); sister of Mary (Joseph, dec.) Mersnik, Stanley (Jennie) Stefancic, Steffie (Arthur) Petrie, and the following deceased: brothers and sisters Frank (Catherine) Stefancic, Slava (Anton) Milavec, John and Louis Stefancic; sister-in-law of Edward (Mary) Lube; aunt and great-aunt of many.

Family suggests contributions to the Slovene Home for the Aged, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland 44119.

Friends may call at the Grdina-Faulhaber Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd. today (Thursday), where services will be held Friday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. and from St. Vitus church, 6019 Glass Avenue at 10 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

### STEPHEN J. SHIMITS

Stephen J. Shimits, 85, long-time resident of the Cleveland area, died suddenly on Saturday, May 17, 1997, at his home in Worthington, Ohio.

He was born in Bedford, OH, and graduated from Warrensville Hts., High School. He was a Stationary Engineer and had retired from GE in 1976.

Mr. Shimits was very active in the Kiwanis Club and their many activities including playing Santa and tutoring students. He was a 50-year-member and Past-President of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge 99, Cleveland Natural Science Club, Jadran Singing Society, and the Slovenian and Croatian Pensioners' Clubs.

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He had a great love for reading and gave many travel presentations as a member of the GE Travel Club.

Mr. Shimits is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Jay W. Moore of Westerville; grandchildren, Meredith Moore of Dayton, and Steven Moore of Miami University; sisters, Helen Tollon of Cleveland and Marian Choromanski of Cincinnati, former spouse Anne Shimits, nieces and nephews.

At Mr. Shimits request, no funeral services were held.

### FRANCES SKRAB

Frances Skrab, 71, was the loving sister of Rose Siarka, James, Joseph (Chris) and William (dec.) (Gertrude); aunt of 10; and great aunt of six.

Family received friends at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Wed., May 28 where funeral services will be held Thursday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. Mass follows in St. Vitus church. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

### CHARLES JEZERINAC

Charles Jezerinac, 55, was the husband of Dolores (nee Lemerise); father of Kimberly and Cindy; grandfather of Christopher; brother of Joseph (PA) and Raymond (dec.).

Family received friends Wednesday, May 28 at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland where services will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m., followed by 10 a.m. Mass in St. Francis Church. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

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Anna Jalovec,  
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### In Memory

Enclosed find check for \$55.00 for a one year subscription and \$25.00 in memory of my husband, Joseph Plemel.

--Joyce Plemel  
Cleveland, Ohio

We are all born equal — equally helpless and equally indebted to others for whatever our survival turns out to be worth. —Cullen Hightower

Only a person who has faith in himself can be faithful to others. —Erich Fromm

# Older Americans: by the Numbers

Health... wealth... and sex ratios. It's all part of *A Profile of Older Americans*. Once again, the U.S. Administration on Aging and the American Association of Retired Persons have teamed up to provide this popular brochure. The latest version (with 1994 and 1995 data) contains the most recent demographic statistics on older persons. Some highlights of the updated brochure include:

□ The 65-plus population totaled 33.5 million in 1995. These older adults comprised 12.8 percent of the U.S. population, about one in every eight Americans. About 2 million Americans turned 65 in 1995 (5,575 per day).

□ In 1995, 19.8 million older Americans were women and 13.7 million were men, for a "sex ratio" of 145 women for every 100 men. This ratio jumps to 257:100 for the 85-plus group.

□ Since 1900, the percentage of Americans age 65 and older has more than tripled (from 4.1% at the turn

of the century to nearly 13% in 1995). In actual numbers, this is an 11-fold increase, from 3.1 million to 33.5 million.

□ By 2030, about 70 million Americans will be 65 and older, more than double the 1995 population. The 85-plus group will grow even more rapidly, increasing from 3.6 million in 1995 to 8.5 million 35 years later.

□ Minority populations will make up one-fourth of the older population in 2030, compared to 13 percent in 1990.

□ The median income of older persons in 1995 was \$16,484 for males and \$9,355 for females. Their income came from: Social Security (42%), pensions (19%), asset income (18%), earnings (18%) and all others (3%).

□ In 1994, older people accounted for 37 percent of all hospital stays. About 28 percent of all older Americans assessed their health as "fair" or "poor," compared with 10 percent of those under 65.

--Ohio's Heritage

## Coming Events

### Sunday, June 1

Friends of the Slovenian National Home (St. Clair) Dinner and program 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.

### Sunday, June 1

Progressive Slovene Women of America Circle 1 Goulash & Polenta Dinner at SNPJ Farm, Heath Rd., Kirtland, OH from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets \$6. Gate admission \$3. Dan Peters Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30. Information call 481-3187.

### Sunday, June 1

Year's First Picnic at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio. Noon Mass followed by dinner. At 3 p.m. Veseli Godci plays for dancing.

### Sunday, June 8

St. Mary (Collinwood) Slovenian School Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Dinner, music, games.

### Friday, June 20

Pork, kraut and dumpling dinner 5:30 to 8 p.m. at

### Evening at Races

The Slovenian National Home, presents "An Evening at the Races" on Friday, June 6, at 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Post time is 7:15 p.m.

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### Sunday, June 22

First Picnic (Prvi Picnic) of Slovenian Cultural Society (Triglav) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

### Sunday, June 22

SNPJ Lodge V Boj No. 53 picnic at farm on Heath Rd. Kirtland, Ohio featuring dinners for \$6. Also roast beef, sausage, hot dogs, krofe will be available all day. Joe Grkman and Orchestra plays for dancing.

### June 22 - 29

200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bishop Frederick Baraga's birth celebration in Marquette, Michigan. - Slovenian Mass on Sat., June 28 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral. -Sunday, June 29: English Mass at 4 p.m. Banquet and Annual meeting 6 p.m. in Superior Dome.

### Wednesday, June 25

Waterloo Pensioners Picnic at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd., with dinner at 1 p.m., dancing at 3. Cost is \$10. Tickets call 486-1505.

### Sunday, June 29

Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges annual Picnic at the Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio. Games, food, refreshments, and music by

the Veseli Godci.

### Wednesday, July 9

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Club Picnic at St. Joseph's farm on White Rd., from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Entertainment by Fred Ziwich at 3 p.m. Food and refreshments available. Information call 943-3784 or 261-1678.

### Sunday, July 13

Slovenian Cultural Society (Triglav) of Milwaukee, Wis., Mission Picnic at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

### Wednesday, July 16

Euclid Pensioners Club picnic at SNPJ Farm featuring pork chop dinner by Joe Stavanja. Entertainment by Joe Samsa and the Chromatic Club. Tickets \$10 call 585-2845 or 946-3878.

### Sunday, July 27

St. Anne KSKJ Lodge No. 150 Feast Day Mass at St. Lawrence Church, Newburgh, Ohio, at 10 a.m. Dinner at Sterle's at 12 noon.

### Sunday, Aug. 17

Second Picnic of Slovenian Cultural Society (Triglav) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

### Sunday, Sept. 7

St. Vitus Altar Society Annual Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium.

# The Colorful Story of Ljubljana

Ljubljana's geographical position has governed its colorful past. A brisk migration of nations flowed through the Ljubljana gateway, part of the natural entrance from Central Europe to the Mediterranean, the Balkans and on towards the East. So it is not surprising that settlements of **pile dwellers**, and later **Illyrians** and **Celts**, grew up in this region more than 5,000 years ago.

At the time of **Roman** hegemony, from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> centuries, AD, the capital of contemporary Slovenia was called **Emona**.

Ljubljana is first mentioned in written sources from 1144, its historical rise beginning in the 13<sup>th</sup> century when it became the Capital of the Province of **Carniola**. In 1335 it came under **Hapsburg** rule.

From the end of the Middle Ages onward, the town gradually assumed the role of the Slovenian cultural capital. Slovenian Protestantism, as the most power-

ful social movement of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, was a major influence in this. Ljubljana was then the meeting-place of the nationally conscious.

*Primoz Trubar*, who gave the Slovenes their first book in 1550, worked there, and many years later, *France Preseren* and *Ivan Cankar*, two important figures in the struggle for the cultural and political freedom of the Slovenian nation produced their works there.

Ljubljana had an important role in **Napoleonic** times, even being the Capital of the entire Illyrian province between 1809 and 1813.

The building of the **Vienna-Trieste Railway**, linking Ljubljana with the world was decisive in the further development and organization of the town.

Ljubljana has twice experienced earthquakes: the first in 1511 and the second in 1895, when almost the whole town was destroyed in the natural catastrophe. Reconstruction gave Ljubljana its new contemporary image.

World War I brought the break with the **Hapsburg** dynasty. Austro-Hungary disintegrated and Slovenia and its capital joined the new state, the **Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes**.

After World War II Ljubljana became the capital of Slovenia, one of the six republics of the **Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**.

Ljubljana is today the capital city of the **independent state of Slovenia**, the heart of the political, economic, cultural and scientific life of the Slovenian nation.

The rich cultural life of Ljubljana undoubtedly has its roots in its permanent links with the world, all that it has accepted from it and given to it in its integration in European and world culture.

Adapted by Mark Martinec from: Ljubljana, the Capital of Slovenia, published Oct., 1993.

## Great Lakes Blueberry Pie

- 1 quart blueberries, fresh or frozen (4 cups)
- 3 T. tapioca
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 T. vinegar
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1 T. butter

Mix the first five ingredients in a bowl. Pour into a pie crust. Sprinkle with brown sugar and dot with butter. Cover with top crust. Make slits on top and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 425 for 10 minutes and then at 325 for 40 to 50 minutes.

## Chicken Pot Pie

### Pastry for 9-inch Two-Crust Pie

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas and carrots
- 1/3 cup margarine or butter
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/4 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups cut-up cooked chicken or turkey

Rinse frozen peas and carrots in cold water to separate; drain. Heat margarine in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat until melted. Stir in flour, onion, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is bubbly; remove from heat. Stir in broth and milk. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in chicken and vegetables.

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Prepare pastry. Roll two-thirds of the pastry into 13-inch square. Ease into ungreased square pan, 9x9x2 inches. Pour chicken mixture into pastry-lined pan. Roll remaining pastry into 11-inch square. Cut out designs with cookie cutter. Place square over filling. Turn edges under and flute. Bake about 35 minutes or until golden brown.

6 servings; 645 calories per serving.

## Impossible Cheeseburger Pie

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup Bisquick Original Baking Mix
- 2 eggs

Heat oven to 400. Grease 9" pie plate. Cook ground beef and onion until beef is brown; drain. Stir in salt. Spread in plate; sprinkle with cheese.

Stir remaining ingredients with fork until blended. Pour into plate.

Bake 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. 8 servings.

## Sheliga is there to help

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Left, Tim Bright, Pharmacist, and Tom Srsen, Manager

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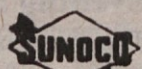


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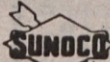
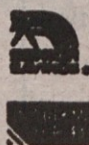
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### VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

#### Intenzivna diplomatska aktivnost še traja Cilja sta povabilo k članstvu v Natu in EU Ivo Vajgl zopet obiskal Washington

Obiski različnih tujih državnikov, predvsem iz Zahodne Evrope, se vrstijo v Sloveniji kot na tekočem traku. Vsak teh izraža svojo podporo oziroma podporo svoje države za slovensko članstvo tako v Evropski zvezi kot v Natu. Odločilna beseda pa še ni nikjer padla. Ključno za Slovenijo sta dvoje. Glede Evropske zveze mora slovenski parlament ratificirati pridružitveni sporazum z EU, ki je bil sicer podpisan skoro že pred letom dni. Še vedno so pa v Sloveniji vprašanja glede ustavnosti tega sporazuma in o potrebnem črtanju člena 68 slovenske ustave. V zvezi z Natom je zadeva bolj zapletena, kajti je očitno, da imajo pri tem ključno besedo ZDA, konkretnije sam predsednik Clinton. Ameriška vlada pa se še noče opredeliti javno oz. dokončno. Beseda tu bo za Slovenijo padla najpozneje do prvega tedna julija, ko bo v španskem Madridu sestanek na vrhu vseh Nato držav-članic. Ob vseh pohvalnih besedah Sloveniji v prid, predstavniki ameriške vlade nočejo reči, da bo Slovenija prejela povabilo za pričetek pogajanj o svojem članstvu v Natu v prvem krogu širitve le-te.

Pretekli teden je bil na drugem nedavnem obisku v Washingtonu premier Janez Drnovšek, v zadnjem tednu pa še zopet Ivo Vajgl, sekretar v zunanjem ministrstvu. Za javnost se da izvedeti le, da so bili različni pogovori z ameriškimi predstavniki v redu.

#### Milan Kučan bo ponovno kandidiral

Kot je bilo sicer pričakovati, je Milan Kučan potrdil, da namerava zopet kandidirati za mesto predsednika države. Slovenska ustava dopušča predsedniku države največ dve zaporedni mandatni dobi, vsaka pa traja pet let. Ker je bil Milan Kučan izvoljen decembra 1992, bodo volitve proti koncu tega leta. Po anketah javnega mnenja kaže, da bi bil Kučan zopet s sorazmerno veliko večino zopet izvoljen. To je tudi mnenje komentatorjev, ki so o zadevi pisali. Ti pa poudarjajo, da je do volitev še pol leta, in da se še ni oz. niso pojavili nobeni morebitni protikandidati. Predsedniške volitve bi namreč bile novo priložnost, da bi se mogle konservativ-

nejše oz. desničarske stranke združile v podporanju najmočnejšega možnega tekmeča. Če bodo mogle takšno soglasje doseči je pa glede na sedanje razprtije med njimi težko pričakovati.

#### Stavka železničarjev še traja — Vlada ni pripravljena popustiti — Izid spora nejasen

Več tisoč slovenskih železničarjev je ta teden nadaljevalo stavko. Stavka sicer ni popolna. V torek na primer so vozili vsi potniški vlaki, tovorni so pa stali. Stavka dela železnicam seveda dodatno izgubo. Stališče vlade je, da so zahteve železničarskih sindikatov nesprejemljive, slednji pa pravijo, da so dohodki zaposlenih daleč prenizki. Obe strani obdržujeta stike, a ni znakov, da bi mogli najti kompromisno rešitev. V državnem zboru nekateri poslanci predlagajo izredno sejo, ki bi obravnavala razmere na železnicah.

#### V Sloveniji pričel veljati dokaj strog zakon o kajenju v javnih prostorih in lokalih

Od nedelje, 18. maja, je v Sloveniji prepovedano kajenje v javnih prostorih in lokalih oziroma je v veljavi obvezna ločitev nekadilskih in kadilskih prostorov v gostinskih lokalih. To je drugi del zakona o omejevanju uporabe tobaknih izdelkov. Pretekli november je namreč začel veljati prvi del zakona, ki je med drugim prepovedal sponzorstvo in oglaševanje tobakne industrije ter delodajalcem naložil razdelitev delovnih prostorov na kadilske in nekadilce. Gostinci so pa dobili še šest mesecev časa, da prilagodijo ureditev svojih lokalov določilom zakona. Ta rok je potekal z 18. majem. Po poročilih tekom prvega tedna veljave zakona, je že bilo nekaj kršiteljev, ki so bili kaznovani. Kazen je pa lahko do 250.000 tolarjev ali celo več.

Omenjeni protitobačni zakon določa še, da morajo proizvajalci ali distributerji tobaknih izdelkov na cigaretne škatlice natisniti opozorilo o škodljivosti kajenja. Ta člen zakona je baje že bil izpolnjen.

#### Katastrofalna suša v Pomurju

Nekajmesečna katastrofalna suša v Pomurju je najbolj prizadela travnike in žitarice na več kot deset tisoč hektarjih. Zaradi suše bo pridelek žitaric manjši za 60-70%.

#### Obisk pri nadškofu



Tiskovni urad slovenske škofovske konference in Urad predsednika Republike Slovenije sporočata, da je predsednik Republike Slovenije Milan Kučan v sredo, 14. maja, obiskal ljubljanskega nadškofa in metropolita dr. Franca Rodeta. Govorila sta o nujnosti vključevanja Slovenije v evropske povezave ter se strinjala, da si ni mogoče predstavljati prihodnosti Slovenije brez čimprejšnje vključitve v polnopravno članstvo Evropske zveze. Soglašala sta s potrebo za čimprejšnje nadaljevanje dialoga pri iskanju sprejemljive in evropsko primerljive ureditve nerešenih vprašanj med državo in Cerkvijo.

Družina, 25. maja 1997

TISKOVNI URAD SŠK

### Iz Clevelanda in okolice

#### Otvoritev Slovenske pristave—

Otvoritev Slovenske pristave za letošnjo sezono bo to nedeljo, 1. junija. Ker je praznik Presv. rešnjega telesa tudi to nedeljo, bo župnija Marije Vnebovzete imela procesijo na SP. Bogoslužje se začne ob 12. uri. Po maši in procesiji bo tradicionalno kosilo. Gospodinjam se priporočajo za pecivo. Po tretji uri bodo za ples igrali Veseli godci. Pridite in prisostvujte Božji besedi v naravi in izkoristite nedeljo za zabavo ob dobri jedachi in pijači, vabi Odbor SP.

#### Prodaja peciva—

To soboto zjutraj vas vabi Oltarno društvo župnije Marije Vnebovzete v šolsko dvorano na prodajo krofov in peciva. Pridite in kupite!

### Novi grobovi

#### Jane U. Lube

Dne 26. maja je umrla 85 let stara Jane U. Lube, rojena Stefancic, vdova po Johnu, sestra Mary Mersnik, Stanleya, Steffie Petrie ter že pok. Francka, Slave Milavec, Johna in Louisa, teta. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, iz Grdina-Faulhaber zavoda na Lake Shore Blvd. dop. ob 9.30, v cerkev sv. Vida ob 10., od tam pa na pokopališče Vernih duš. Ure kropljenja bodo danes od 2. pop. do 8. zv. Družina priporoča darove v pokojnični spomin Slovenskemu domu za ostarele, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119.

#### Joseph A. Zalar

Dne 27. maja je v Euclid Meridia bolnišnici nenadno umrl 87 let stari Joseph A. Zalar, rojen v Kraynu, Pa., mož Elizabeth, roj. Laurich, brat Henryja (pok.), do svoje upokojitve 1. 1962 lastnik Woodworth grocerije, član SNPJ št. 576. Pogreb bo v soboto, 31. maja, iz Želetovega zavoda ob 8.45 zj., v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete ob 9.30, od tam pa na pokopališče Vernih duš. Ure kropljenja bodo jutri, v petek, od 5. do 8. zv.

#### Frances Skrab

Umrla je 71 let stara Frances Skrab, sestra Rose Starka, Jamesa, Josepha in že pok. Williama, 10-krat teta, 6-krat prateta. Pogreb bo v oskrbi Zak zavoda, 6016 St. Clair Ave., danes dop. ob 9h, v cerkev sv. Vida ob 9.30, od tam pa na pokopališče Kalvarije.

#### Cecilia Sustersic

Umrla je Cecilia Sustersic, rojena Rychterowicz, vdova po Vincentu, mati Jamesa Codneya, LaVerne Zaza, dr. Vincenta in Camille Zimmer- (dalje na str. 14)

#### Spominska svečanost—

Tabor DSPB vabi, da se udeležite spominske svečanosti na Slovenski pristavi in sicer v soboto in nedeljo, 14. in 15. junija. Sv. maša v nedeljo bo ob 11. uri dop. Več v oglasu na str. 11.

#### Izvoljena—

Pri volitvah v Pastoralni svet župnije sv. Vida, udeležilo se jih je 200 faranov, sta bila izvoljena za nova člana Marie Burgar in Mario Perčić. Triletno delo v svetu sta zaključila Mojca Slak in Edward Mishic.

#### Odbor—

Odbor Oltarnega društva sv. Vida za l. 1997 sestavljajo sledeči: Duhovni vodja č.g. Jože Božnar; predsednica in blagajničarka Marija Leben; podpreds. Marija Goršek; zapisničarka Gabrijela Kuhelj; tajnica Juliana Smole; nadzorni odbor Frances Kotnik in Ann Brinovec; vratarica Ivanka Pretnar.

#### Piknik lepo uspel—

Vsakoletni Spominski dan piknik na letovišču ADZ v Leroyu je letos zelo lepo uspel. Udeležba je bila zelo velika, skoro vsi so se zadržali v dvorani, ker je bila temperatura malce hladna.

#### Spominski dar—

Nada Roberts, Wellington, Fla., je darovala \$20 v podporo AD, v spomin na brata Davorina. Hvala lepa.

#### V tiskovni sklad—

Zdravnica dr. Margaret Gorenšek, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., je darovala \$25 v naš tiskovni sklad. Stansa Žitnik, Richmond Hts., O., je darovala \$20. G. Joseph in ga. Zalka Boh, Madison, O., sta tudi poklonila \$20. Vsem darovalcem se najlepše zahvalimo.

#### Zadnja vest—

Ob zaključku redakcije je prišla preko Interneta vest, da je Ustavno sodišče Slovenije razsodilo, da zahteva 52.000 volilcev za razpis predhodnega referenduma o prepovedi vračanja gozdov in zemljišč bivšim fevdalcem in Cerkvi, ni skladna z ustavo. Ustavno sodišče je mnenje sprejelo z večinskim glasovanjem. Gibanje 23. december, ki želi razpis referenduma o ustavnosti pridružitvenega sporazuma z Evropsko zvezo, je že petič vložilo pobudo v ta namen Janezu Podobniku, predsedniku parlamenta. Prve štiri pobude je Podobnik iz različnih razlogov že zavrnil, če bo še peto, grozi Gibanje, ga bo kazensko ovdilo.

#### Piknik Slov. šole—

Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzete bo imela piknik v nedeljo, 8. junija, na Slovenski pristavi. Več prihodnjic.













