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Slovene President Met With Slovak Anthem

LJUBLJANA, July 11 – The tiny Alpine republic of Slovenia, often ruffled by being confused with Slovakia, took another hit when President Milan Kucan was welcomed to Romania with the wrong national anthem, officials said.

Kucan stepped off his plane at the start of a state visit in Bucharest Monday to be greeted by the correct Slovenian flags but the wrong music, the president's spokeswoman said, confirming Slovenian newspaper reports.

"Unfortunately, they really played the Slovak anthem," the spokeswoman said. Kucan ignored the slip, newspapers said.

Confusing Slovenia and Slovakia at sporting events and political meetings has been a frequent mistake in the last decade since Slovenia declared independence from the former Yugoslavia and Slovakia split with the Czech Republic.

President Bush, then governor of Texas, once famously welcomed Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek by referring to him as the leader of Slovakia.

Both states entertain hopes of being accepted into the European Union in the first wave of EU enlargement in 2004.

Thanks to Philip Hrvatin for this news item.

185 St. Festival Schedule

The hot and humid dog days of late July, early August signal the setting for the 24th annual East 185th Street Festival about half way north of I-90 on the East 185th Street strip and on the lot of O. H. Perry School between Harland and Schenely Avenues.

There are amusement rides and games, outdoor and barbecue, old world beer garden with the Polka Hall of Fame, and the WELW Polkaradio bandstand featuring outdoor dancing under the stars for five days, Wednesday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 4. In addition, there are numerous food and game stands in the street plus two contemporary music bandstands right on E. 185th surrounding the area.

Besides the polka, barber-shop singers and big band music, the event will get kicked off with an appearance by the "Moments to Remember" guys – Bernie and the Four Lads.

The Plain Dealer sponsors a polka and waltz dance contest on Saturday night plus there will be pizza-eating contests.

Schedule for Perry School Lot

WELW's Tony Petkovsek is Master of Ceremonies.

Wed., July 31 – 5 p.m. – Hank Guzel Sr.,

7 p.m. – Grand Opening Anthem, Welcome, Intros.

7:30 – The Four Lads with all the great hits

8:00 – Tony Fortuna Orchestra - polkas and waltzes

9 p.m. – Four Lads

9:30 – Tony Fortuna

Thurs., Aug. 1 – 5 p.m. – The Magic Buttons "Magic to Your Ears"

7:30 – Eddie Rodick Orchestra - Polkas & Pops

Friday, Aug. 2 – 5 p.m. – Carmelina's "Touch of Italy"

8 p.m. – Hank Haller Orchestra "German International"

Saturday, Aug. 3 –

4:00 p.m. – Swingtime Big Band

6:00 p.m. – Euclid Barbershop Chorus

6:30 p.m. – Zeke & Charlie's Gang

7:30 – Bob Kravos and "The Boys in the Band"

Sunday, Aug. 4 – 11:30 a.m. Polka Mass with Father Sterk of St. Christine's parish, accompanied by Joey Tomsick & J.T.O.

1:00 p.m. – Traditional Community Parade on the avenue

2:00 p.m. – Joey Tomsick Orchestra

4:00 p.m. – Button Box Connection

6:00 p.m. – "Bass is Back" – Ron Sluga presents Michigan's Gaylord Klancnik & special guest musicians.



Congratulations to Lisa March who won a Television Emmy Award at the 33rd Annual Cleveland Regional Emmy Awards Ceremony held Saturday, June 8 at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland. Lisa was nominated and won in the category of "On-Air Station Promotion-Station Created News Topicals." This is a prestigious award among journalists, not only in Cleveland, but the regional market. Lisa is a Promotions Producer for FOX 8 News of Cleveland.

Lisa is the daughter of Bob and Shelli March and the granddaughter of Don and Nancy Slapnik. Lisa's grandfather pointed out that "33" happens to be Lisa's lucky number. Don and Nancy Slapnik celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this Saturday. – Congratulations to Lisa from family and friends.

What Being Catholic Means To Me

by KATERI SOMRAK

Being a Catholic Christian means many things to me. It means that I need to be loving, considerate, accepting, forgiving and understanding. Being a Catholic gives me a sense of belonging, a sense of unity; it helps me to deal with life's everyday problems, and it provides me with a source of emotional and spiritual strength. But most of all, it means living my faith.

Throughout my life, I have been highly involved in the church. Even at a young age I was passionate about helping. I vividly remember my little brother and me swinging from the bell rope after Mass at Saint Rose of Lima parish in Wrangell, Alaska. When my family moved to Ketchikan, my father immediately had me start altar serving. Whenever I got nervous, or scared that I would mess up, he would say, "At least you don't have to do it in Latin." Soon after that, I started lecturing at Masses, and joined the youth choir, which sang, not al-

ways correctly, but with great passion. This sense of service that I obtained from helping during Mass made me feel complete. It made me feel like I was a part of something wonderful, part of something that was meaningful to others. And I was.

One of the elements of the church from which I benefit is the Life Teen Program. Every Sunday I look forward to not the completion of Mass, but the beginning of another youth group session. I started as a Freshman in high school and now attend as a graduating Senior, wondering how I am to survive next year in a strange environment without the support and love it provides.

Through this program, I have been able to do many things. During August of 2000, I was lucky enough to travel to Rome with 2 million other Catholic youth to participate in World Youth Day. I saw St. Peter's Square, La Pieta, the Sistine Chapel, and even the Pope from about 8 feet away. The experience was so amazing and moving it is difficult to

describe in words. The unity and sense of belonging that being with hundreds of thousands of other Catholic youth gave me, is unbelievable.

I also remember the confirmation retreat our youth group went on to Wrangell. At adoration, each of us individually prayed for a gift of the Holy Spirit. I got to hear Gavin Piercy speak in tongues and Joey Fama cry. I personally, after praying for the gift of laughter, had to be removed from the chapel and re-seated in an armchair in the rectory before I would hit my ankle on the pew again from laughing so hard.

I have gained lots of good friends through my involvement with the church, but am confused by the actions of some of my peers. We go to church together on Sundays, but then I hear from others about their behavior the Saturday night before. They don't talk to me about it, because they know I disagree with what they are doing, but I wonder how they miss the whole message that we are
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REFLECTIONS BY RUDY

Meeting Some Polka Heroes

by RUDY FLIS

"Jack on St. Clair," "The Old Country Wedding Polka," and the "Summer of 1952" came to mind last Wednesday as I browsed through the re-located Polka Hall of Fame. Eddie Habat recorded that music and a girlfriend of mine bought me the record. The record is long gone, but the girlfriend is still here; she is now my darling wife, Therese. It was great to see Eddie Habat out and about after being under the weather for a while. Thanks for the memories, Eddie, and you are in our prayers.

Therese and I enjoyed the fine company of Fr. George Balasko, the Polka Priest, his sister Maude, and her husband, Joe. When we finished touring the Hall, we sat and enjoyed each band and their lively music, provided by the capable people who worked so hard toward this day.

Then the five of us left the grand opening and headed toward Dubrovnik Gardens in Eastlake, Ohio and a delicious supper. Arriving last at the restaurant, as we walked in, we saw Fr. George conversing with people at the next table. He enjoys people, so why not speak with them, right?

As I am ready to sit down, Father says to me, "Turn around and meet Joe Fedorchak." I have never met Joe, but do enjoy his

music. After the handshake, Father points to the gentleman sitting next to Joe Fedorchak and said to me, "Rudy, shake hands with Eddie Kenik." - "Wow," Eddie Kenik, I think, the strong masculine voice which has serenaded me for years, meeting him in the flesh. You know how my wife, Therese, feels about the singing of Andre Bocelli? Well, that is how I feel about Eddie Kenik's recordings, and now I have met him. Fr. George finished off by introducing me to another great polka musician, Gary Sebert.

Now you know why I hang around with Fr. George. See the people I meet? Each of these gentlemen was enjoying supper with his lovely wife.

Wednesday I had a great experience and a delicious meal among special people. The Polka Hall of Fame with all of its festivities was a great experience for me. Thank you American Slovenian Polka Foundation, each and every one.

And I must say, "Thank you Fr. George," for that special treat at supper, the introduction of Joe Fedorchak, Eddie Kenik, and Gary Sebert.

You folks know I am an old man, but I am not so old that I don't get excited when I meet artists whose works enhance my life. Your music has not fallen on deaf ears.

it rattling was some job and each time Frank took it to the main post office in Karlsruhe, they would not accept it, for it rattled and again Frank would bring it back and say, "Ray you gotta re-pack it again and make sure it doesn't rattle." For the love of God, help me, Frank. Okay, Ray, because you and I drink together, I'll help. He brought a roll of toilet paper and he opened each little side door in the coo-coo clock and wadded toilet paper inside. We wrapped the cones and weights separately and wrapped the coo-coo-itself so that it would not come out on the hour to do his musical bit. We wrapped him tightly in toilet paper.

Hey, we succeeded, you could throw that box from here to eternity and you would not hear one bing-bong coo-coo from the box. I knew that when you put an Italian mind now in heaven and perhaps smiling down on me and saying, "Ray you remember." Frank got killed once we landed stateside.

Well, the package was on its way, bound for 13301 Bennington Ave. I had no fear of anything breaking for with all that toilet paper packed in any crevice, nothing could go wrong. A few weeks later Frank and I were in town having our stein of German beer and Frank said to me, "I hope your folks know enough to remove all the toilet paper before they attempt to make the clock keep time."

Holy smoke, I never thought of that. One might think they would only take out the toilet paper from the outside surrounding the delicate carvings of the coo-coo clock. Frank, we got to get back to the Kaserne so I can get a letter off to the folks and send the letter by the fastest means possible so that it gets there before the clock arrives to explain that be sure to open each side door to the coo-coo clock to remove all the toilet paper.

Well, some weeks later I got a letter from home that the clock arrived in one piece, but then I had no fear for aside from the coo-coo clock, they had enough toilet paper in the box to keep the bathroom furnished for some weeks ahead. The one thing I also packed in the box special for Pa, was a box of super chocolate candy from Germany. It was not ordinary chocolate candy because the inside of the chocolate they had filled with liquid liquor. One piece of that candy and soon you would be singing, "Dom o doli Rosje Roste." Pa wrote back and said, "Ray you gotta send me more of that same candy," and he went on to say it helps him sleep soundly. But then being 100

octane in booze, it would make anyone sleep.

So Ma got her coo-coo clock and Pa got his special box of chocolates. This is the day the Lord hath made. Thanks to my friend Frank Saratore, the mail clerk from New York.

In the meantime may the Good Lord bless and watch

Being Catholic

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supposed to gain by being Catholic.

Being Catholic is about being a good person, being honorable and respectful in your actions towards others. It is about loving others, not talking about them behind their backs. It is not about partying on the weekends and then coming to confession Sunday morning, hoping to make it all go away. It is about living our faith every day, and not forgetting it when convenient. I must admit, being a teen in the 21st century is hard, but I feel that with the help of the church and my Catholic faith, I can grow up righteously, making my parents and myself proud while helping others around me who are not as fortunate.

Even growing up Catholic, I still don't know every-

over all of you and may you all have a good friend like I had in Frank in Germany. Over the years I developed a lot of good comrades while in the service, but unfortunately a lot of them have gone to God's Army in heaven. "Frank, show me the way to get there."

thing there is to know about my faith. But I do know that being Catholic means loving others no matter what their differences, helping others no matter how large the inconvenience, and trusting God no matter how skeptical you may be. It means not only going to youth retreats and helping at Mass, praying on Sunday and sitting with your family in your usual pew. Being Catholic is not forgetting you're Catholic for six days out of the week. Being Catholic is living your faith, and living it to help and love others.

*Knights of Columbus
Scholarship Essay 2002
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University of Chicago*

Kateri earned a \$500 scholarship from this essay. Thanks to **Bob Somrak Sr.** for submitting this article.

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



Was at the St. Vitus parish picnic last Sunday at Slovenska Pristava. What a wonderful day; the weather was perfect, a little warm, a little breeze, and no rain. The rain held off until Monday and Tuesday.

The day began with a 12 noon Mass celebrated by pastor Rev. Joseph Boznar, co-celebrated by Rev. Stanko Rozman, Slovenian missionary on leave from Zambia, Africa.

The meal. What can I say, it was above delicious; it was superb. Breaded and barbecue chicken, and pork chops and so many vegetables it could not all fit on the plate. One of the best dinners ever served at Pristava. And the bake sale was great. Thanks to the person who made all those chocolate cup cakes with white frosting, a dozen of which ended up with me.

Of the over 1,000 folks there, we probably knew 95%. Thought we were going to leave in 2 hours, but we stayed until after 7 p.m. The most friendly people imaginable were at the St. Vitus picnic last Sunday.

The music was excellent.

The Joey Tomsick band featuring saxophonist and news gatherer Phil Hrvatin did their usual splendid job. Around 5 p.m. the Zeke and Charlie ensemble took the stage. They were promoting their new album, the proceeds of which that day went entirely to St. Vitus parish. They are the epitome of a good-time group and their fun button-box sound carried over to the crowd who enjoyed the music immensely. They really know how to wear out the dancers. Their first number lasted exactly 22 minutes as timed by Al Pestotnik. By the end, the full dance floor dwindled down to a hearty dozen.

It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Send comments to: Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103 or e-mail ah@buckeyeweb.com

Mlakar Marches Down Memory Lane



by RAY MLAKAR

I am back; are you ready for a joke? This one is for all the Catholic baseball fans. By now you are probably wondering where does Ray get all these jokes that he has in his articles. Well do you know where Bob Hope, Jack Benny, and George Burns got all their jokes from? Like I was around when they were looking for material. Anyway, the pastor had a large group of children around him for his weekly sermon. "What is the object that I have in my hand?" he asked. A hand shot up and little "Cody" exclaimed, "a baseball." "That's right," the pastor said, "And when you see a baseball, what do you think of?" Cody answered, "God." "You mean this baseball reminds you of God?" the inquisitive pastor asked. "Why is that?" - "Well, preacher," Cody said,

"I know you didn't get us up here to talk about baseball."

Well, back to the Kaserne and one of the first things that I had to do was mail the coo-coo clock I bought in Baden Baden and send it home. I'd have a better chance of mailing back one of the 90mm guns with less trouble than I had with the coo-coo clock. I knew our Battery Mail Clerk, Frank Saratore, a nice Italian kid from New York and he and I were the best of friends and took a lot of furloughs together, but when it came time to mail the coo-coo clock back home, he gave me one big headache from day one. I even tried to talk to him in semi-Italian and it did not work.

For some reason whenever any one sends a package back home from Germany, it should not rattle. Well, trying to send a coo-coo clock back home without

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Life in the Refugee Camps

by ANTON ZAKELJ,
translated and edited
by JOHN ZAKELJ

(Continued from last week)

Monday, Nov. 5, 1945

Franc Kokelj (one of the men in our room) has had a prayer book, 4 sheets and 2 shirts which he found along the road last May when the Partisans attacked a group of refugees. The refugees left everything they had and fled. Today Franc learned that these things belong to the Povirk family, and he returned them all to Mrs. Povirk.

It is now 6 months since we left Slovenia!

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1945

Cilka and I dug potatoes from a field near Weisskirchen for 4 hours this morning. We got 50 kilos (over 100 pounds). We gave them to Cene Kokelj in exchange for a can of meat, one-fourth kilo of bread, a small bit of bacon, and a little margarine.

UNRRA (the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency) officially completed their takeover of the camp yesterday.

The food is getting worse again.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1945

Janko somehow obtained an accordion. Janko, Jakob and Karel are playing it often.

Thursday, Nov. 8, 1945

Our wall clock, which Jakob had made from a time bomb 54 days ago, stopped working. We tried winding it and fixing it, but it just won't work.

Friday, Nov. 9, 1945

Mire returned from 10 days of traveling.

Every evening, all the refugees from our home town of Ziri gather in our room. First we pray the rosary, then we play chess and other games. Judge Levicar and Fric Nathlacen (the gymnast) also visit every day. Even though Natlacen's mother lives in nearby Knitelfeld, he has enrolled as a refugee in this camp. When we pray, Levicar just sits quietly on a bunk.

After we pray, we (especially the men) often play "spank the judge." (In Slovenian, this is called "biti rihtarja." In this game, one person sits with an upturned hat in his lap. Then the person to be spanked bends over and buries his face in the hat so he can't see who spanks him. After he gets his spanking, he has to guess who did it. If he guesses right, the person who spanked him has to be the next one to get spanked. If he guesses wrong, he gets spanked again until he

guesses right) In our group, the person who is spanked most often is Janez Levicar, who is very good-natured. Back in Slovenia, he was a real judge.

When Levicar is bent over with his head covered, all our big "cannons" gather behind him. The person who spanks him immediately jumps behind the rest. Levicar can't figure out who spanked him, so he has to get spanked again and again. Sometimes he'll say, "Oh, my gosh, that one hurt!" but he never gives up.

Some evenings we dance and make music with mouth organs, pans, brooms, combs and an other "instruments" we can find. Our accordionists are terrible.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 1945

Last night, snow fell and turned everything white.

Trcek, Strajt and others got letters from home. The letters make them think: should they go back home or not?

This evening, three young men broke into a room in a different part of our camp. They shot and killed Dr. Sekula Drljevic (the former foreign representative from Montenegro), and wounded his wife.

We hear there are riots in Graz. We saw police vehicles rushing from Judenburg toward Weisskirchen.

At 10 p.m., eight Englishmen began searching the entire camp. We had inspection at midnight.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 1945

Mrs. Drljevic died in a hospital. People say that Dr. Drljevic was in charge of a refugee camp during the war. He treated the refugees very poorly, and now some of them have had their revenge. People also say that the Judenburg police found a large amount of gold and money in his room.

This afternoon we listened to J. Prezelj, who had just escaped from the communists in the northern part of Slovenia. He believes they would have killed him, and he warns the rest of us not to go back. In spite of news like

this, it looks like some of our friends in the camp will go back home: Tone Trcek, Strajt, Janez Pesek, and Andrej Andreuzzi.

Monday, Nov. 12, 1945

Someone delivered a truckload of turnips. They taste good, but they are not filling.

Mire bought some meat bones for 15 RM. That gives enough fat for our potatoes for a week. He also traded a pair of shoes for 8 kilos of flour, 1 kilo of bread and a little bacon.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1945

From 8 - 10 a.m. and 2 - 5 p.m., I cut firewood with Domenic, a Croatian. Before the war, he bought a number of pairs of shoes from my father by mail order and he still remembers our home address.

I received letters from my brothers Stanko and Janez, saying they are alive. Even though the letters are very short, I am very happy to hear the news.

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Bill Gates to H.S. Students

Bill Gates recently gave a high school speech about 11 things students did not and will not learn in school.

1. - Life is not fair - get used to it.

2. - The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

3. - You will NOT make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone until you earn both.

4. - If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

5. - Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping - they called it opportunity.

6. - If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

7. - Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They

got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.


8. - Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

9. - Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

10. - Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

11. - Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

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4 Petals from Slovenian Cultural Garden

by MARY ANN VOGEL
Chairperson

These have been both the best of times and the not so best of times for the Slovenian Cultural Garden Association (SCGA). Here is what has occurred in the past few weeks.

First, the good news. The Dollar-a-Slovenian Campaign is moving forward at a steady pace. Thank you to all who have contributed in some way to the cause. You will find a list of all who have donated as of June 10, 2002 at the end of this article. If your name was erroneously omitted from the list, please accept my heartfelt apologies. Also contact Helena Nemeč (Treasurer) at (216) 731-0024 if you have any inquiries regarding your donation. Once again thank you to all who have donated. May you realize the riches of gardens both here on earth and in heaven.

Secondly, please visit St. Mary's Church in Collinwood to view the completed bust of Bishop Frederic Baraga that will be placed in the SCG in the near future. If I may add my own personal opinion, I believe the bust to be a beautiful capture of Bishop Baraga's likeness in his later years. The funds from the Dollar-a-Slovenian Campaign will be used to fund the purchase, design, and installation of a granite pedestal for this bust. The cost of this will be approximately \$11,000. The additional funds will be utilized for the remaining busts of Jakob Gallus, Simon Gregorcic, Karel Mauser, France Preseren, Skof Anton Martin Slomsek, Primoz Truber, and Ivan Zorman, along with other garden ornamentals and to begin an endowment fund.

As you can see we have a "long row to hoe" so to speak before we can say the garden is complete.

Thirdly, thank you to the groups that have opened their doors and allowed me to speak about the SCGA to their organizations. The Slovenian Cultural Garden Association would like to thank The Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation and the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges for welcoming me to their meetings.

Murphy (with respect to the Murphy of Murphy's law fame) must have found a way to connect with being Slovenian. The idea of, if it can go wrong it probably will, has happened even to us at the SCG. Just as we were happily telling people that we have had no theft in nine

months, in the 10th month we were struck not once, but twice.

The theft has been well covered in both the press and TV. Of the \$29,000 worth of plants, trees, and shrubs that we have planted, 24 plants at a cost of \$1,000 have been stolen. It was disheartening, but WE WILL NOT GIVE UP!

It is fairly certain that the thieves were landscapers. You just cannot take what was stolen and walk home with it.

Our neighbors and the police are on a constant look-out, but so far no luck finding the thieves. We have addressed the Mayor and Councilpersons for help. No large plants/shrubs have been taken in the last month which is a good sign. Though the publicity was negative, at least it let some people in the Greater Cleveland area know that there is a chain of Cultural Gardens and that they are being renovated. Hopefully we will not look at this as a negative, but somehow a positive.

People are now aware that the Gardens are under a major renovation, they know people are watching the Gardens, and we will no longer sit silently as people try to damage the Garden and what they symbolize: Unity through Diversity.

The only reason there was anything to steal within the Gardens recently is because of the current resurgence in interest and the renovation of them. People care enough to keep them from being forgotten.

We, the Board of the Slovenian Cultural Garden, will continue to work with the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation and the City of Cleveland in developing the entire chain of Gardens into an area that is once again safe, beautiful, and family friendly.

If you have not already done so, please contribute to the SCGA. Also, please take a walk on East Boulevard, South of St. Clair and visit not only OUR garden, but the entire chain of Gardens. Use them as a site to bring visitors to our wonderful city.

I will continue to send updates every few weeks to keep all readers of the American Home informed. I hope you will enjoy them.

Please feel free to contact me at the following address: 20951 Goller Avenue, Euclid, OH 44119. Phone: (216) 383-9307.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

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Father Boznar Marks 30 Years at St. Vitus

(Continued from last week)

Meanwhile, Father Boznar saw to the spiritual needs of the parish and broader community with a series of "parish missions" and guest speakers or visitors, calling for spiritual renewal on a personal and community basis.

In 1987 Father Boznar encouraged the development of the "St. Vitus Alumni" whose primary purpose was to renew and maintain ties of former alumni to St. Vitus Parish and School. The primary organizer and promoter for this organization was fellow parishioner Joseph Zelle. At the same time a parish reorganization began with the establishment of a parish Finance Advisory Council as mandated by revised Code of Canon Law. St. Vitus was one of the first parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland to form this council, founded on Feb. 16, 1987. The purpose of this council was to assist pastors and bishops to manage the temporal affairs of respective parishes and/or dioceses.

By 1988 the first steps were also undertaken to begin the work toward establishing a pastoral council. This work was concluded with the first meeting of appointed and elected members on January 20, 1989.

By 1990/91 the most important parish work was the preparation for the parish centennial year, 1993. Toward this end the concern was how to renovate the interior of the church. It was decided to put it under the personal direction of parishioner Paul Kosir.

After a few meetings, a plan of action was developed and finally implemented in February 1993. The majority of the work was completed in time by September 1993 for the Centennial Mass and Banquet held later at the Slovenian National Home.

The end result was nothing short of a beautifully renovated church interior that remained true to its classical architecture design while at the same time meeting the changes as recommended or mandated by the Second Vatican Council. In addition to displaying specific art work to its Slovenian roots, new murals were added in the church as well as new Marian Chapel, Marija Pomagaj z Brezje (Mary, Help of Christians).

Throughout the late 1980's and into the 1990's a series of meetings and consultation work was held for the urban city Catholic parishes to determine what approaches could be used to remain viable into the 21st century. Toward this end, Father Boznar provided the

leadership toward the establishment of a parish endowment trust fund, with the thought in mind for future parish needs.

A re-commitment was made to maintain a Catholic elementary school as long as the parish could fulfill its other obligations. To this end, the parish has maintained this commitment while many other Catholic parishes closed school operations. Continuing school operations has been made possible with the introduction of weekly bingo under the capable management of Rudy Sterk as well as ongoing annual parish subsidy. It should be noted that the Diocese of Cleveland does not, nor has it ever, provided a direct subsidy for the parish school.

By the 1990's the state of Ohio allowed use of "school vouchers," approved for such use in June 2002 by the United States Supreme Court. By 2002 approximately 70% of the students attending the parish school were at, or below the poverty level.

In addition to operating a parish school, the parish also provided assistance to those families who support two parishes.

Father Boznar, with assistance of the parish finance advisory council, guides and administers both Joseph and Antonia Mihevc Scholarship Endowment Funds of St. Vitus and the Dr. Neilsen Grant Program, which provide grants for parishioners who attend tuition paying schools from grades 9 to 14. For the past 13 years approximately \$325,000 has been distributed for this purpose.

The most recent major parish undertaking has been the development, construction, and now operation of

St. Vitus Village, a new three-story 33 suite independent living facility for seniors. This development and construction work provided a new street, new sidewalks, tree planters, light poles, all underground wiring and cables, plus rework of all front steps. Preliminary work began in 1994, and the huge project was completed in November, 2001.

A priest may remain five, seven, or perhaps 10 years at a parish. Thirty years at one parish is indeed an accomplishment. And not simply for the number of years, but for all the good performed on behalf of the parish, neighborhood, and broader community in northeast Ohio.

One only has to think of the number of Baptisms, First Communions, Confessions, Marriages, and sadly, funerals as well as daily and weekend Masses, recitation of the rosary, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Singing of Marian Hymns, etc., that have occurred in the parish during the past 30 years to better appreciate the impact Father Boznar has personally had on the parish.

Current news stories highlight the fallen and amoral religious, but neglect the simple goodness and charity of the hard-working humble priests, such as Father Joseph P. Boznar.

To Father Boznar we say thank you for your many years of priestly service at St. Vitus Parish, Diocese of Cleveland. And thank you for your loyal friendship to so many people. We simply say, *Ad multos annos! Bogu Hvala!* Many more years of good health, friendship, and service.

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Death Notices

JOE L. ZAB

Joe L. Zab, 83, of Bratenahl, OH, passed away in Lake West Hospital on Sunday, July 21, after a brief illness.

Joe was born in Cleveland on April 12, 1919.

He retired from White Motors in 1981 after 40 years as a mechanical engineer. He continued to work at Mayfran in Highland Heights for another 10 years.

Joe was a member of the Board of Directors of American Mutual Life Association for 32 years. For 26 years he served as the Vice President of Finance. He also served as Secretary of AMLA Lodge #1 for 28 years.

Mr. Zab was a member of White Motors Pensioners. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He served in Europe and received many decorations including the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two bronze stars.

Joe was the husband of Mary (nee Stanislas); the father of Robert (Julie), Ronald, Richard (Elizabeth), George, Dennis, and Joseph (Pam); grandfather of Robert, Nathan and Jacob. He was preceded in death by his son James and a sister Helen Ponikvar.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Wednesday, July 24 from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m., where services will be held Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 9:15 a.m., and at St. Jerome Church, 15000 Lake Shore Blvd., at 10 a.m. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Memorial donations in his name to the Slovene Home for the Aged, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland 44119; Holy Family Cancer Home, 6706 State Rd., Parma 44134; or a charity of your choice.

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MINKA SLAK

Minka Slak (nee Likozar), 80, wife of the late Jernej; mother of Mary, Helen, Bartholomew and Thomas (Cynthia); sister of two brothers and one sister in Slovenia and a brother Joseph (deceased); grandmother of Claire, Emily and Gregory; aunt of many.

Minka was a member of KSKJ, and St. Vitus Church Altar and Rosary Society, and Slovenska Pristava.

Family received friends Tuesday, July 23 from 7-9 and Wednesday, from 4-8 p.m., at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Mass of the Resurrection at St. Vitus Church on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

Love never dies as long as there is someone who remembers.

Donation

Thanks to **Marija Bajc** who donated \$20.00 in memory of her husband, **Louis Bajc**.

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Thanks to **Vinko Levstik** of Diplomat Hotel, Gorizia, Italy who donated \$20.00.

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Thanks to **Terri Grdina Koch** of Durham, NC who renewed her subscription plus added a generous \$30.00 donation. She writes, "We miss Jim's columns." Terri is the daughter of Betty and Tony (the photographer) of Cleveland.

Podboy Honored

Polka promoter Mike Podboy will be honored at the Slovenian Society Home (Recher Ave., Euclid, OH) on Sunday, August 18 from 4 to 9 p.m.

Music will be provided by bands from Minnesota, Canada, and local favorites. Admission \$6 in advance and \$7 at door. Call (216) 383-8601 for further information.

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Annual Slovenska Pristava Campers Steak or Chicken Dinner from 6 - 8 p.m. Steak: \$15, chicken: \$12. Music - Advance tickets call (216) 529-0579 or (440) 942-4688.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Picnic by retirees of Slovenska Pristava.

Friday, Aug. 9

Donation

Thanks to the **Konrad Pekljar Family** for their generous donation of \$50.00 to the American Home newspaper.

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On the 31st Anniversary of the death of



Louis Klemencic

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We miss you now, our hearts are sore, As time goes by, we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, No one can fill your vacant place.

Sadly missed by: Children, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren

Concert singing group Liguster and quartet Vita (from Maribor, Slovenia) in St. Mary's Church in Collinwood at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Korotan picnic at Slovenska Pristava with special guests student singing group Liguster, quartet Vita and ansambel Storzcic from Maribor. Dinner served between 5 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Primorski Club picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Singing group Liguster and Quartet Vita will sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Vitus Church, Lausche Avenue in Cleveland.

Sat., Sun., Aug. 17-18

St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club, 6599 Ravenna Rd., Concord, OH, Canadian Challenge Weekend. Dinner Saturday night.

Sunday, Aug. 18

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Pretekli teden je premier Janez Drnovšek obiskal ljubljansko vojašnico Franc Rozman Stane in rekel, da je poklic vojska treba narediti dovolj zanimiv, da se bodo mladi ljudje zanj odločili. Izrazil je zadovoljstvo, ker je v odnosu med vojsko in politiko vzpostavljen politični mir in se politični boji med strankami in drugimi ne vodijo več na hrbtu Slovenske vojske.

V novi generaciji nabornikov je 900 mladcev, po koncu služenja (7-mesečni rok) bodo najboljšim ponudili zaposlitev v SV. Prvi zaplet je nastal v Mariboru in na Ptuj, kjer 12 novincev ni hotelo sprejeti vojaške oborožitve oziroma opreme. Vojake so že premestili v Novo mesto, grozijo jim disciplinske kazni ali celo ječa (do enega leta).

Odlikovanje za avstralskega Slovenca in za ameriškega vojaškega častnika

Predsednik Slovenije Milan Kučan je s častnim znakom svobode odlikoval patra Valerijana Jenka (v mašnika je bil posvečen leta 1952 in je med drugim 50-letnico mašniškega posvečenja praznoval pred nedavnim tudi v Lemontu (AD pretekli teden s fotografijo) za njegovo socialno in kulturno dejavnost med Slovenci v Avstraliji (od leta 1963, za svoje delo je prejel tudi avstralsko državno odlikovanje). Pater Valentin je sodeloval tudi pri ustanovitvi in organizaciji prvih slovenskih društev v Sydneyu, pri ustanovitvi in razvoju radia v Sydneyu, kjer je s svojimi prispevki še vedno stalen sodelavec, in v slovenskem tisku v Avstraliji.

Obrambni minister Anton Grizold je pa pretekli teden obrambnemu atašeju ZDA podpolkovniku Keithu M. Lavertyju ob njegovem odhodu iz Slovenije podelil zlato medaljo Slovenske vojske.

Več naložb v tujini in v Sloveniji

Slovenske neposredne naložbe v tujini so po podatkih Banke Slovenije konec leta 2001 dosegle 949,5 milijona dolarjev (+181,9 milijona dolarjev kot ob koncu leta 2000). Slovenija največ investira v države nekdanje Jugoslavije (58 odstotkov, od tega na Hrvaško 39 odstotkov vseh investicij v tujino).

Neposredne investicije tujcev v Sloveniji so dosegle 3,2 milijarde dolarjev (+316,3 milijona dolarjev kot ob koncu leta 2000). Največ investirajo države Evropske unije (86 odstotkov vseh naložb, na prvem mestu je Avstrija s 47 odstotki pred Francijo z 12 in Nemčijo z 11 odstotki).

Kučan sprejel nove slovenske veleposlanike

Pretekli teden je predsednik Milan Kučan na sprejemu gostil nove slovenske veleposlanike, ki odhajajo na svoja nova službena mesta. Med njimi sta bila Ludvik Toplak, ki gre k Sv. sedežu kot naslednik dr. Karla Bonuttija, in Veronika Štabej, ki je služila v veleposlaništvu v Parizu, odslej je pa veleposlanica v Kanadi.

Z osebno izkaznico v Francijo

Odslej lahko slovenski državljani po zagotovilu slovenskega zunanjega ministrstva v Francijo potujejo le z veljavno osebno izkaznico. Število držav, za katere ni potreben potni list, se je tako povečalo na sedem (pogojno osem: Črna gora med turistično sezono): Avstrija, Francija, Hrvaška, Italija, Liechtenstein, Madžarska in Svica.

Ljubljansko župansko mesto vablivo

Sedanja županja Ljubljana je Viktorija (Viki oz. Vikica) Potočnik, iz vrst LDS. Letos bodo tudi županske volitve in se Potočnikova zanima za ponovno izvolitev. Med drugimi se bo morala pomeriti s sledečimi protikandidati: Janež Drobnič (NSi), Andrej Bručan (SDS), Lojze Marinček (SLS) in Branko Omerzu (DeSUS). Iz Združene liste uradnega kandidata še ni.

Jehovove priče aktivne v Sloveniji

Pretekli teden so v prenosnem bazenu pred ljubljansko dvorano Tivoli med območnim zborovanjem Jehovove priče (več kot 1700 udeležencev, v Sloveniji so uradno od leta 1976, na svetu je 6 milijonov takih vernikov) krstili nove vernike (samo odrasli se lahko pri polni zavesti odločijo za to vero, trdijo Jehovove priče). V Sloveniji je sicer uradno registriranih 31 verskih skupnosti.

Tečaj tolarja: Po tečajnici Banke Slovenije za 22. julij je 1\$US prinesel 224,75 SLT, kanadski dolar pa 145,26.

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Piknik upokojencev—

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave vabi na letni piknik, ki bo v nedeljo, 4. avgusta. Sv. maša ob 12. uri, sledi kosilo in zabava. Dopis na str. 9.

Misijonar nas obiskal—

Pretekli petek se je v pisarni in uredništvu oglasil misijonar iz Zambije g. Stanko Rozman. Lastnik je pokazal naše prostore, g. Rozman se je z nami zadržal v prijetnem pomenku. Hvala za obisk in veliko uspeha v delu, g. Rozman!

Koncert—

V petek, 9. avgusta, ste vabljeni na koncert vokalne skupine Liguster in kvartet Vita (oba iz Maribora), ki bo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete s pričetkom ob 7.30 zv. Več v dopisu na str. 9.

Korotanova veselica—

V soboto, 10. avgusta, priredi pevski zbor Korotan vrtno veselico na Slovenski pristavi. Pričetek ob 5h popoldne. Vsi podatki v dopisu na str. 9.

Primorci vabijo—

Primorski klub ima svoj letni piknik v nedeljo, 11. avgusta, na Slovenski pristavi. Ob 12h bo sv. maša. Hrana in pijača se bo začela servirati ob 1h pop. V popoldanskem času bodo nastopili gostje iz Slovenije, ki so opisani v dopisu na str. 9. Vsi ste dobrodošli, pridite med prijazne Primorce in Primorke.

Novi grobovi

Minka Slak

Umrla je 80 let stara Minka Slak, rojena Likozar, vdova po Jerneju, mati Mary, Helen, Bartholomewa in Thomasa (Cynthia), sestra brata Josepha, dva brata in sestra so v Sloveniji, 3-krat stara mati, članica Oltarnega in rožnovenškega društva pri sv. Vidu, KSKJ in Slovenske pristave. Pogreb bo v oskrbi Zakavoda na 6016 St. Clair Ave. danes dop. ob 9.30, v cerkev sv. Vida ob 10h in od tam na pok. Vernih duš.

Joe L. Zab

Dne 21. julija je v Lake West bolnišnici po kratki bolezni umrl 83 let stari Joe L. Zab iz Bratenahla, rojen v Clevelandu, mož Mary, roj. Stanislas, oče Roberta, RONALDA, Richarda, Georgea, Dennisa, Josepha in že pok. Jamesa, 3-krat stari oče, brat Helen Poni kvar (pok.), veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriški vojni v Evropi in prejel kar dve bronasti medalji, zaposlen kot mehanični inženir pri White Motors 40 let, do upokojitve 1981, nadaljnjih 10 let zaposlen pri Mayfran na Highland Hts., član glavnege odbora AMLA polnih 32 let, do svoje upokojitve 30. junija letos, 26 let podpredsednik AMLA kot načelnik odbora za finance, tajnik društva št. 1 AMLA 28 let. Pogreb bo danes, 25. julija, v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda, zj. ob 9.15, v cerkev sv. Jeroma ob 10h in od tam na pok. Vernih duš. Družina priporoča darove v pokojnikov spomin Slovene Home for the Aged Foundation, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119, ali Holy Family Cancer Home, 6706 State Rd., Parma OH 44136.

Mirjana Lipovšek v Metropolitanški operi v New Yorku

Newyorška Metropolitanška opera v svojem sporedu oper za prihajajočo sezono (pričela se bo 23. septembra, končala pa 3. maja 2003) sporoča, da bo v operi Elektra skladatelja Richarda Straussa debitirala slovenska mezzosopranistka Mirjana Lipovšek, že leta ena vodilnih mezzosopranistk na svetu.

Lipovškova bo pela v štirih predstavah te opere, dirigiral bo vsakič slovit James Levine. Pe-tje bo v nemščini.

Predstave bodo v sredo, 25. septembra, s pričetkom ob 8h zv.; v soboto, 28. septembra pop. ob 1.30; v sredo, 2. oktobra zv. ob 8h in soboto 5. oktobra, tudi ob 8h zvečer.

Vstopnice so v predprodaji in so cene od \$25 na kar \$280 za sedež. Baje so nekatere kategorije sedežev že razprodane.

Dalje, na seznamu pevcov in pevke za letošnjo sezono Metropolitanške opere je Heidi Skok, slovenskega rodu, ki izhaja iz severovzhodnega Ohia oz. okraja Lake. Ur.



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Ljubljana – Zaradi dopustniškega časa se je 19. julija pred za javnost odprtimi vrati na svoji drugi seji sestal rahlo okrnjeni strateški svet za varnostna vprašanja, ki je skušal odgovoriti na vprašanje, ali globalizacija in slovensko vključevanje v evroatlantske integracije lahko ogrozi narodovo identiteto. Trije predstavniki civilne družbe – nekdanji ustavni sodnik dr. Tone Jerovšek ter nekdanji in sedanji predsednik SAZU dr. France Bernik in dr. Boštjan Žekš – so si bili enotni, da bo narodova identiteta ogrožena ravno toliko, kot jo bomo ogrozili sami.

Z oceno premiera Janeza Drnovška, ki je v svojem prispevku ugotovil, da slovensko vključevanje v EU in NATO ne ogroža nacionalne identitete, ampak jo celo krepi, so se strinjali vsi sodelujoči. Zunanji minister Dimitrij Rupel je menil, da je premier izpostavil vprašanja, ki bi jih tudi sam.

“Na spletni strani sem, ko sem se pripravljajal za to sejo, našel tvoj govor (torej predsednika vlada, op.p.), kjer si razmišljal o globalizaciji. Tisto, kar si tam zapisal, ni zgubilo na veljavnosti. Celo nasprotno, saj me je usmerilo v moje razmišljanje.”

Minister pa si je zastavil še dodatna vprašanja – vprašanje naroda, države in prihodnjega življenja v EU. “Menim, da se nam EU kot nekega globalizirajočega gibanja ni treba bati, saj unija sama skrbi za ravnotežje.” Celo več, po ministrovem vedenju se še nobenemu narodu znotraj EU ni zgodilo, da bi izginil. “Nasprotno. Odkar obstaja unija, so nastale nove kulture, se utrdile nekatere etnične skupnosti, ki pred tem niso bile videti močne ...” Izpostavil pa je tudi vprašanje kulture v ožjem pomenu besede, predvsem jezika.

Tej točki so največ pozornosti namenili tudi Bernik, Žekš in Jerovšek. Po mnenju nekdanjega predsednika SAZU slovenske kulture ne ogroža globalizacija, temveč neprimeren odnos nas samih tako do jezika kot kulture. Jerovšek je poleg tega opozoril še na žalostno podobo državnih proslav in (ne)spoštovanje slovenskih državnih simbolov. Žekš pa se je spraševal, katere prednosti ima Slovenija kot država. “Menim, da bi morali največ pozornosti nameniti znanosti, kulturi, znanju in šolstvu.”

T. S. N.

Delo fax, 20. jul. 2002

Dan Pristavskih upokojencev v nedeljo, 4. avgusta

CLEVELAND, O. – Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave priredi svoj letošnji piknik v nedeljo, 4. avgusta, na Slovenski pristavi. To ne bo navaden piknik, temveč srečanje vsega članstva, njihovih družin, prijateljev in znancev. Praznovali bomo tudi 15-letnico obstoja našega kluba.

Piknik bomo pričeli s sv. mašo ob 12. uri popoldne, katero bo daroval č.g. Franci Urbanija, ki je na obisku iz Argentine. Po maši bo na razpolago okusno kosilo. Popoldan nas bo zabaval Matija Grdadolnik s svojim orkestrom. Ves popoldan bo na razpolago dobra hrana, pijača in domače pecivo. Dobiček piknika pa vedno darujemo v blagajno Slovenske pristave. V zadnjih 15 letih gre za več kot 30 tisoč dolarjev. Tarkisti se bodo pomerili na popodanski turneji, seveda tudi balincarji.

Poletje je na višku, vročina pripeka, na Pristavi pa vetrček vedno pihlja. Izkoristite, dragi rojaki, te lepe poletne dni in pridite v nedeljo, 4. avgusta, na piknik upokojencev. Povabite in pripeljite s seboj svoje družine, prijatelje in znance, pa tudi živahne otročiče, da se bomo ob teh pomlajali tudi mi “starejši” upokojenci. Vsak bo dobrodošel, vsak sprejet z odprtimi rokami.

Pri sv. maši se bomo spomnili vseh naših pokojnih članov. V zadnjem poročilu smo objavili imena vseh pokojnih članov našega kluba. Pomotoma je izostalo ime Milana Doviča. Naj nam njegovi oprostite.

Na veselo snidenje, domače srečanje v nedeljo, 4. avgusta, na Slovenski pristavi! Odbor kluba

Pevski zbor Korotan vabi na nastope glasbenih skupin iz Slovenije

CLEVELAND, O. – Leta 1998 je tukaj v našem mestu gostovala študentska vokalna skupina Lira in Zdovčeve Dečve ter s petjem narodnih in religioznih pesmi navdušila tiste, ki so se udeležili njihovih koncertov. Takratno gostovanje je bilo pod pokroviteljstvom pevskega zbora Korotan. Pri podpori tokratnega gostovanja pa sodelujejo tudi druga društva v ZDA in Kanadi.

Člani te študentske vokalne skupine so danes dejavni v dveh drugih skupinah in sicer v moški vokalni skupini Liguster in v ženski Vita.

Skupina Liguster šteje devet pevcev. Štirje se profesionalno ukvarjajo s solo petjem na srednji glasbeni in baletni šoli v Mariboru ter graški univerzi za glasbo. Leta 1999 so prejeli nagrado za najboljšo izvedbo slovenske ljudske pesmi na reviji študentski pevskih zborov v Ljubljani. Skupino od jeseni 2000 vodi prof. Jožica Lovrenčič Lah.

Tri članice kvarteta Vita so bivše članice vokalne skupine Lira. Repertoar kvarteta vključuje

slovensko duhovno, narodno in sodobno umetno, tudi zabavno in jazz glasbo. Kvartet je izdal zgoščenko slovenskih narodnih pesmi in ga čakajo številni nastopi v letošnji sezoni. Vodi ga Nina Šalamun, ki je končala Srednjo glasbeno in baletno šolo v Mariboru in pogosto nastopa kot solistka.

Člani tria Storžič prihajajo iz Gorenjske. So zelo znan in uspešen narodno zabavni ansambel, ki je leta 1994 osvojil finalni pokal na festivalu v Števerjanu. Naslednje leto so na istem festivalu zmagali kot najboljši trio. Na najbolj znanem slovenskem festivalu na Ptujju so dobili srebrnega in zlatega Orfeja. Izdali so lastno kaseto Gorenjski raj.

Celotna skupina gostov šteje sedemnajst. Število je glede na pestrost repertoarja majhno. V vseh večjih centrih, kjer so večje slovenske skupnosti, bo skupina izvajala koncerte, sodelovala pri zabavi in tudi pri nedeljskih bogoslužjih. Skupino spremlja tudi duhovni vodja č.g. dr. Ivan Štuhec.

Izpod zvona sv. Marije Vnebovzete

CLEVELAND, O. – Teden za tednom je vabilo, da se prijavimo za romanje k brezjanski Mariji v Lemont. Zakaj naj bo ta pot tako važna? Vsak narod ima svojega priprošnjika v nebesih, ki ga v težavah prosi za pomoč. Mi imamo našo nebeško Mater Marijo za našo priprošnjico. Med vojsko smo se k njej zatekali, jo ponesli v begunstvo in ko smo se ustalili, nadaljujemo, da jo prosimo za varstvo in pomoč.

Vsaka mati je vesela, da se je otrok spomni, ne samo takrat, ko rabi pomoč, pač pa tudi z zahvalo. Veliko milosti prejemo dan za dnem, zakaj se ne bi ji zahvalili, dokler še lahko hodimo, nas starost še ne ovira, nas bolezen še ni priklenila na posteljo? Koliko je dobrot, ki jih imamo, niso velike povodnji, je malo suše, par toplih dni, da si naberemo toplote za zimo.

Ko boste brali te vrstice, sklenite, da se boste podali na pot in pokličite Kristi Nemeč na 216-731-5827 – in to danes! Ne odlašajte za jutri!

Lavriševa

Tu v Clevelandu bosta vokalna skupina Liguster in kvartet Vita priredila svoj koncert v petek, 9. avgusta, ob pol osmih zvečer v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu. Prostovoljni prispevki so zaželeni, saj so namenjeni za škofijsko gimnazijo v Mariboru.

V soboto, 10. avgusta, bo celotna skupina sodelovala na Korotanovi vrtni veselici na Slovenski pristavi. Pričetek veselice bo ob 5h popoldne.

V nedeljo, 11. avgusta, bosta Liguster in Vita sodelovala pri nedeljskem bogoslužju v cerkvi sv. Vida pri pol enajsti sv. maši.

Pevski zbor Korotan lepo vabi, da se v velikem številu udeležite koncerta, dalje Korotanova vrtna veselice in sv. maše pri Sv. Vidu. Deležni boste izrednega glasbenega užitka, prijetne zabave v prosti naravi na Slovenski pristavi, in gotovo doživetega petja pri sv. maši.

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ZAHVALA

Slovensko ameriškega sveta

CLEVELAND, O. – Slovenski ameriški svet se iskreno zahvaljuje vsem tistim, ki so velikodušno darovali za spomenik pomorjenim domobrancem v Kočevskem Rogu. V spomin svojih dragih in v spomin tistih, ki so doživeli svojo tragično usodo v Kočevskem Rogu so darovali:

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Nabirka se še nadaljuje, zato, če še kdo želi darovati, lahko pošilja da na moj naslov:

Maruša Pogačnik
7628 Chapin Falls Lane
Kirtland, OH 44094.
Čeke, prosimo, naslovite na Slovenski Ameriški Svet.
Najlepša hvala vsem skupaj!

Za SAS: Maruša Pogačnik
Tajnica

Korotan vabi

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Sprejmimo to mladino z veseljem, saj prihajajo med nas, da nam prinesejo pozdrav iz slovenske dežele, oziroma iz Štajerske in Gorenjske, in v pričakovanju veselega snidenja z nami pravijo:

"Vemo, da tam pri vas živi veliko zavednih Slovencev, ki si iskreno prizadevajo za ohranjanje slovenstva in jim s svojo

pesmijo in glasbo želimo prinesiti vsaj delček slovenske domačnosti."

Naj omenimo tudi, da bodo pevce, pevke in ansambel, v času njihovega bivanja tu v Clevelandu, sprejeli Korotanci na svoje domove in, da bo del prebitka Korotanove vrtnice veselite darovan za tako potrebno škofljsko gimnazijo v Mariboru.

Prisrčno vabljeni!

Za odbor:
Maruša Pogačnik

INTERVJU: Dr. France Arhar, kandidat za predsednika republike

Nedeljo spoštujem. Če le možno, grem v cerkev

- II. del -

V skupini uglednih posameznikov, ki podpirajo vašo kandidaturo, je tudi rektor dr. Jože Mencinger, ki nasprotuje vstopu Slovenije v NATO. Iz vaših nastopov je mogoče sklepati na določeno zadržanost do NATA. Vsaj vtis je tak. Kateri so razlogi zanjo?

Najprej, ta odločitev je tako pomembna, da moramo o njej odločiti vsi na referendumu. In drugič, korektno je, da se pred tem dajo na mizo vse opcije.

Katere pa so opcije, alternative NATU?

Po mojem prepričanju prave alternative v resnici ni. Zakaj ne? Bilateralna pogodba, kot jo imata z Združenimi državami Amerike recimo Izrael in Jordanija, ne pride v poštev, ker - vsaj mislim si tako - za ZDA nismo tako pomembni kot ti dve državi.

Tako geostrateško pomembni ali da bi imeli toliko bogastev in denarja, da bi, kadar bi nam grozila nevarnost, lahko nekoga poklicali na pomoč, kot sta to storila Kuvejt in Savdska Arabija, spet nismo.

Tretja, bistveno drugačna okoliščina glede na preteklost, je izginotje klasičnih dveh blokov, tako da smo tudi tu priča nekakšni monokulturi in zdaj tudi med ZDA in Rusijo nastaja partnerstvo.

Potem se seveda vprašate - kdo pa je potlej sovražnik, če je vsa moč skoncentrirana na enem koncu? Sovražnik je neznan javnost, ki jo eni

imenujejo terorizem, drugi drugače, lahko tudi borci proti globalizmu, ne nazadnje. Čeprav mislim, da bodo ta civilna gibanja vse močnejša. Združevanje v Evropsko unijo pomeni jemanje moči klasični državi in prav je, da se tudi civilna iniciativa čedalje bolj širi prek meja.

In še četrti element: ne morete biti repriza Švice, kajti tudi njena nevtralnost je nastala v čisto določenem, za zdaj neponovljivem zgodovinskem obdobju.

Pete solucije jaz ne poznam.

Če je zunanji mir in varnost eden najpomembnejših elementov mojega bivanja, je cena NATA ob takih alternativah oziroma nealternativah zame sprejemljiva. Je pa treba dati na mizo vse elemente in vse analizirati! Tudi finančne!

Če danes dajemo nekaj več kot 1 odstotek BDP za obrambo, potem pa jih bo treba dati 2 ali več, je zame pomembno vprašanje, kje bomo vzeli. Se bomo še bolj zadolževali? Če ne, koga bomo za ta sredstva prikrajšali?

V pomembnem delu javnosti je zadržanost do NATA pričela naraščati po lanskoletnih dogodkih. Ne takoj po 11. septembru, ampak po ameriški intervenciji v Afganistanu, v kateri mnogi vidijo maščevanje nad nedolžnim prebivalstvom, preveč kruto, preveč globalno. NATO bi moral postopati bolj človeško. Zato se se mnogim začela zastavljati vprašanja, podobna onim, ki so se Američanom zastavljala v času vietnamske vojne - zakaj umirati na tujem, kje je tu naš interes?

Mislite, da se slovenska zunanja politika preveč naslanja na Združene države Amerike in premalo na Evropo?

Amerike in Evrope sploh ne bi enačil. ZDA so federacija, Evropa pa Bruselj in toliko in toliko članic. Je bruseljska administracija, potem pa so še nacionalni interesi posameznih držav. Večkrat sem v kontakih s tujci doživel, da so se sklicevali na Evropo, v ozadju pa je bil njihov lastni interes. Bodisi interes njihove korporacije, njihove banke ali koga drugega. Zaenkrat je to evropska realnost.

Evropejci državam kandidatkam stalno govorijo o implementacijskem deficitu, sami pa še naprej delajo po starem. Recimo, na področju zavarovalništva imajo velika Francija, Španija in Portugalska še naprej stare predpise. Če ste veliki in ste bili zraven prej, potem vi diktirate drugim, ki šele prihajajo. To smo v zadnjem desetletju Slovenci večkrat doživeli.

Ali do Evropske unije pristopamo preveč servilno?

Včasih da. Morda še najbolj zato, ker premalo nastopamo z argumenti. Kadarkoli sem v pogovorih z Evropejci prišel z argumentom, so se stvari zasukale drugače. Tudi pri privatizaciji bank. Ko sem jih vprašal, kako imajo lahko državo a priori za slabega lastnika, če pa je v dominantnih treh državah Evrope državna lastnina bank preko 40-odstotna, mi na to niso znali nič odgovoriti.

Po več kot desetletju od osamosvojitve so ostala glavna vprašanja s

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Predsedniški kandidat dr. France Arhar: Intervju

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Hrvaško še vedno odprta. Zakaj? Je Hrvaška morda zgodovinsko tako težka soseda? Je Slovenija delala napak?

Gre za tri kapitalna vprašanja: nuklearka, meja in banke. Ne vsa s čisto enakim pomenom in tudi ne z enako preteklostjo.

Moje stališče je vedno bilo, da bi si morali prizadevati, da bi vse tri stvari prinesli na "oltar" hkrati, ker gredo vse tri v parlament na ratifikacijo. Vsaka ima svojo skupino ljudi, ki jo posebej prizadeva in jih drugi dve zadevi ne zanimata. Konec koncev gre za odnos s sosedo. Star slovenski pregovor pravi, da je dober sosed pogosto boljši kot prva žlahta, boljši kot sta brat in sestra.

Eno od pomembnih prednosti dr. Drnovška pred vami so njegove zunanje politične izkušnje, zveze in poznanstva, ki ga vežejo s tujimi državniki.

To do neke meri drži. Vendar se moti, kdor misli, da sem sam brez izkušenj v zunanjem svetu. Kot guverner sem imel vsak dan kontakte s tujino. V prvi vrsti seveda s centralnimi in poslovnimi bankirji, v drugi vrsti pa tudi s politiki, posameznimi ministri ali celo predsedniki. To je bil sestavni del mojega vsakdanjika.

Še več. Od leta '93, '94 sem mesečno hodil v Basel na srečanje 32 gu-

vernerjev na čelu z Greenspanom. Tam je meni - in ne komisiji za pogajanja o sukcesiji, ki se je sestajala 8 let - uspelo izpogajati 600 milijonov dolarjev baselskega zlata. In to je, kolikor vem, zaenkrat edini rezultat cele zgodbe.

Več let, ko je bil še guverner pa zakladni minister itn. sva se srečevala s sedanjim predsednikom Italije, Ciampi-jem. Dvakrat mi je, recimo, dejal, da se slovenski politiki v Rimu ne pogajajo s pravimi ljudmi. Hočem reči, da imam mednarodne povezave.

In drugič, tudi sam sem se prepričal, da evropska demokracija priznava nova dejstva. V desetletju, ko sem bil guverner, se je zamenjala vrsta guvernerjev centralnih bank po Evropi, pa so vsi novi guvernerji bili takoj sprejeti kot enakopravni. Zaupanje v nove guvernerje je bilo takojšnje, kajti v ozadju je vselej predpostavka, da so bili skladno z domačim redom in na demokratičen način izbrani, izvoljeni.

Tudi razmišljanje, koliko je kdo poznan ali nepoznan in da če je bolj poznan, da bo imel pretekcijsko, ne vzdrži resne presoje. V mednarodnih odnosih večinoma šteje dvoje: moč argumenta in velikost oziroma pomembnost države.

Primer: evropske centralne banke v Frankfurtu nič kaj prida ne zanjajo dogodki na Irskem,

ki predstavlja en odstotek evropskega BDP, močno pa jo zanima, kaj se dogaja v središču, v triperesni deteljici Nemčije, Francije in Italije.

Kako bi sebe svetovnonazorsko opredelili?

Moj svetovni nazor je znan in nespremenjen že od vsega začetka. Za seboj imam krščansko vzgojo. Tudi zaradi nje me prejšnji sistem, ki mi je omejeval to pravico, ni nikdar prepričal, me pridobil zase.

Na drugi strani spoštujem in cenim vsakega človeka, ne glede na njegov nazor. Nisem pristaš pripadnosti organizacijam, strankam, ki nato nastopajo druga nasproti drugemu. Mene zanima, ali ste človek; ali ste človek dejanj, ali držite besedo. Zato sem vedno lahko imel dobre odnose s pripadniki zdaj različnih, nekdanj pa samo ene stranke.

Po drugi strani sem prepričan, da večina ljudi vendarle ima neko vero. Ali je to vera v Boga ali v kaj drugega, ali je to vera v sočloveka... Nihče ni brez stisk in v stiskah potrebuje upanje, tolažbe.

Drugo je Cerkev kot organizacija, ki je najstarejša organizacija in je pustila pečat tej civilizaciji. Vi lahko še toliko govorite o ateizmu, ampak korenine Evrope so v hebrejskem razodetju in v grško-rimski humanitas.

Tu je zasidrana Evropa, za razliko od Amerike in zato tudi stavim na Evropo in iz tega zornega kota na socialo.

Kot je dejal Andrej Costolany, znan borzijanec, drugače pa filozof in glasbenik: Ko se v Ameriki rodi otrok, najprej vpraša, kdaj bo imel svoje podjetje. Evropa pa je že tako dekadentna glede sociale, da nemški otrok ob rojstvu vpraša, kdaj bo dobil svojo rento.

Morda je to dejansko najtežji izziv zdaj za Evropo, ki si je postavila za cilj, da do leta 2010 postane najbolj konkurenčna, najbolj dinamična regija.

Ni to nekoliko utopičen cilj?

Glejte, jaz mislim, da ni tako.

Sprememba naslova

Ko se selite, trajno ali začasno, ste lepo naprošeni, da naši pisarni posredujete pravočasno tako Vaš nov naslov kakor sedanji. To omogoča, da boste brez prekinitve dobivali naš list, prihranili boste pa pisarni strošek 60 centov, ki jih računa pošta za vsak povrnjen oziroma ne dostavljen izvod lista. Uporabljajte ta obrazec za posredovanje potrebnih informacij.

Nov naslov

Ime _____

Naslov _____

Mesto, Država, Zip _____

Star naslov

Star naslov _____

Mesto, država, zip _____

Ne?

Ne. Če pogledate zadnjih 30 let, je gospodarska rast v Evropi bila 2,6-odstotna, v Ameriki pa samo 1,6-odstotna. Res je, da so se stvari v zadnjem času spremenile, ampak tudi evropsko integriranje mora prej ali slej prinesiti sinergijo. Če bo Evropa našla konsenz glede sociale, bo v veliki prednosti pred Ameriko.

Kakšna pa je sploh oblika vaše vernosti? Se deležujete obredov?

Običajno se. Nedeljo, če se le da, spoštujem. In če le morem, obiščem cerkev.

Se vam institucionalno, zunanje izkazovanje vernosti zdi pomembno?

Da. Če imate otroke, jim s tem dajete pomemben zgled. Otroci so testo. To ve vsak sistem, vsak režim. Obiskovanje obredov je pomembno zaradi tega demonstracijskega učinka. Saj se lahko z Bogom pogovarjate pravzaprav kjerkoli. Ampak obredje je tudi vrsta druženja, je občestvo.

Zlasti veliki prazniki dajejo še posebno vzdušje. Praznike človek potrebuje. Saj si jih ni izmislil kar tako. Saj ni stroj, je živ organizem z dušo in telesom. Mora se ustaviti.

V tujini sem videl, kakšna je logika trga: ljudje so permanentno v pozitivnem pričakovanju, od enega praznika do drugega praznika. Ko mine božič, se že začenjajo pogovarjati o pustu, za pustom o veliki noči, nato o počitnicah itn. Stalno so v pričakovanju praznikov, kar na človeka deluje pozitivno.

Slovenska rimskokatoliška Cerkev se čuti izključena iz javnega šolstva. Zahteva, da naj verski pouk poteka v vseh razredih osnovne in srednje šole, da naj učne načrte in učbenike pripravlja in potrjuje sama, o namestitvi in s tem primernosti učiteljev pa naj odloča krajevno pristojni škof. Podpirate te zahteve?

Izhajam iz pomembne dobrine, ki je tudi evropska - ločitve cerkve od države.

Druga stvar - človek se rodi, osebnost se pa vzgoji. Vemo, kako dolgo traja ta proces. Glede na to, da smo heterogeni, pluralni - v Sloveniji je prek trideset različnih verskih skupnosti, čeprav je to le statistika, zadaj so različne količine - ne more samo eden sodelovati pri tem. Pričakujem, da bo pri verouku ali nekakšni teološki vzgoji imel odločilno besedo ali večji vpliv tisti, ki to vsebino najbolj pozna.

Se pravi cerkev?

Reciva tako. Sam sem obiskoval verouk in vem,

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V spomin 50. obletnice smrti

našega brata, ki je umrl 20. julija 1952



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Hribarjeva družina v cerkvi Brezmadežne v Torontu
28. junija 2002

BOLTON, Ont., Kan. – Petdeset skupnega življenja sta 28. junija v krogu družine in prijateljev praznovala Tone in Dragica Hribar. Zahvalno sv. mašo je daroval župnik Ivan Plazar v slovenski cerkvi Brezmadežne v Torontu. Pri bogoslužju je sodelovala Hribarjeva hči Dorothy.

Slavljenca sta bila rojena v Sloveniji, Dragica v Kamnici pri Šentjanžu na Dolenjskem, Tone v Trnju pri Pivki. Poročila sta se v Val D'orju v provinci Quebec 28. junija 1952. V zakonu so se

jima rodile tri hčerke: Marija (že pok.), Dorothy in Kathy. V veliko veselje so zlatoporočencema tudi štiri vnukinje in dva vnuka.

Leta 1965 se je družina preselila iz Quebeca v Toronto. Kmalu po priodu so Hribarjevi pričeli taboriti na Slovenskem letovišču pri Boltonu.

Tone je bil mnoga leta član izvršnega odbora letovišča in je mnogo doprinesel pri gradnji in napredku le-tega. Še vedno pomaga pri nedeljskem bogoslužju.

Kot pridna in sposobna kuharica, Dragica je vsa leta in tudi še vedno priskoči na pomoč v letoviški kuhinji. Specialistka je v pripravi domačega jabolčnega zavitka oziroma "štrudelj".

Slavljenca sta naročnika in z veseljem vestno bereta *Družino*.

Lepo pripravljena in okusna večerja je bila v hotelu Old Mill (Stali mlin) v Torontu, kjer sta hčerki staršem nazdravili in se jima zahvalili za neštete življenjske darove in dobro vzgojo.

Orkester je igral prijetne melodije, med njimi tudi poskočne polke in valčke. Zlatoporočena in vsi navzoči smo se veselo zavrteli.

Tonetu in Dragici Hribar se zahvaljujemo za njune doprinose slovenski kanadski skupnosti ter jima želimo zdravja in še mnogo srečnih let. SK

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"Stara gospa" Kostanjevica, mesto kulture

Vzdolž slovenske reke Krke so bile, kot nam govorijo arheološki in številni drugi podatki, speljane pomembne prometne poti od vzhoda na zahod in od severa proti jugu. Lahko si zamislimo, da je bila soteska reke Save nekoč daleč bolj divja kot danes in zato težje prehodna od porečja Krke.

Že v predantičnem času so se ob spodnjem toku reke Krke, na ravnini in bližnjih hribih, naseljevala ljudstva, ki so gradila naselbine, rečna pristanišča, mostove in mostičke, brodove in cestninske postaje.

Kot so ugotovili raziskovalci, segajo tudi prometne poti po Krki že v predantični čas, saj je bila ta, gledano z današnjimi očmi, manjša zelena rečica, plovna. Rimljani so imeli v naselju, kjer je današnja Kostanjevica, rečno pristanišče, rečni pristan pa je bil tudi pri Otoku.

V srednjem veku, ki je ob Krki zapustil slikovite sledi fevdalnih gradov, so bile ob reki poleg središč fevdalnih gospodov in njihovih posesti ter poznejših graščin tudi cerkvene posesti s samostani in cerkvami, od katerih sta zagotovo najimennitnejša kartuzija Pleterje in cistercijski samostan v Kostanjevici.

Tod so vodile predpisane prometne poti, ki so jih popotniki plačevali na mitnicah in cestnih postajah. Tako so iz srednjega veka, razmeroma blizu Kostanjevice, najstarejši ohranjeni habsburški trg Kronovo na otoku z današnjim imenom Tržič, pa freisinški Otok in seveda Novo mesto ter Kostanjevica.

Novo mesto je mestne pravice dobilo leta 1365, Kostanjevica pa je postala mesto že leta 1252 in ima letos torej natančno 750 let. V teh letih pa se zaokroža tudi 700-letnica uveljavitve tako imenovanega konstanjeviškega mestnega prava, ki v slovenskem zgodovinopisju velja za prvo pisno mestno pravo na tedanjem Kranjskem in je bilo pozneje z enakim besedilom



V 13. stol. so prekopali rokav reke Krke, nastal je otok, na njem pa pozneje še mesto.

dodeljeno drugim novo nastalim kranjskim mestom.

Za časa najboljšega slovenskega kronista Valvasorja je bilo v dolini reke Krke kar 65 gradov in nič čudnega ni, da jo še danes imenujemo tudi dolina gradov, dolenska lepota in zelena lepota. Krka, ki je od nekdanj zaznamovala Kostanjevico in življenje v njej, je dolga 111 kilometrov in na ozemlju Slovenije izvira in se tudi izlije v večjo reko Savo (pri Brežicah).

Znani slovenski etnolog dr. France Bezlaj povezuje ime Krka z imenom Gürk, ki da je izvedeno prav iz slovenskega imena reke, slednje pa vleče koren iz grške besede korkorai, kakor je ime Krke zapisal grški zemljepisec Strabon, potem pa so to ime v različicah povzeli Rimljani. Vendar so strokovnjaki prepričani, da je ime še starejšega, predantičnega izvora.

Ta mila mirna reka pa zna ob močnem deževju pokazati tudi svoje zobe. In prav 750-letna jubilentka, Kostanjevica, je to pogosto doživela. Med največjimi poplavami je namreč reka zalila Kostanjevica tolikokrat, da se je je že zaradi tega prijelo ime dolenske Benetke, čeravno je dobila to zvoneče ime tudi zaradi umestitve jedra mesta na rečnem otoku.

Slikovitih visokih jesenskih in pomladanskih povodnji danes ni več, ker so izginili nekateri umetni jezovi, prej potrebni za mline, svoje pa je opravila tudi regulacija Save pod izlivom Krke. Re-

ka namreč danes odteka hitreje kot nekoč.

Kostanjevica je menda še danes najmanjše mesto v Sloveniji. Njeno mestno jedro sestavljajo malomestne hiše, ki so v večini videti tako, kot jih je pustil konec 19. stoletja in čas med obema vojnama. V bližini so po pokrajini posejana arheološka najdišča od paleolitika do rimske dobe in z dokazi pričajo o zgodnji poselitvi teh krajev.

Kostanjevica je imela svojo kovnico denarja že okrog leta 1215 in kovanci z napisom CIVITAS CANDESTRO pričajo, da je bilo mesto najbrž že starejše od svojega uradno priznanega datuma.

To je bil čas velikega razcveta in rasti, ki je trajal tja do hudih turških vpadov v 15. stoletju. Ti pa niso bili edini, saj je bila navsezadnje Kostanjevica za vojaške vpade razmeroma lahko dostopna. Svoje so tako v zgodovini "postorili" Uskoki, dodatno pa so mesto v valovih pretresale še znane nadloge takratnega sveta: kužne bolezni, lakote, požari in – kot že omenjeno – poplave.

V dneh proslav ob 750. obletnici mesta je Kostanjevica dočakala tudi jubilejno znamko, ki prikazuje mestece na otoku z znamenitim cistercijskim samostanom.

Danes je Kostanjevica dolenska privlačnost zaradi številnih raznovrstnih zanimivosti. Naj tokrat na prvem mestu omenimo slikovito naravo njene okolice, v skoraj 360 sto-

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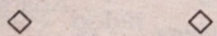
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Prav iskren misijonski pozdrav vsem čitateljem teh vrstic!

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Kaj se dogaja v Sloveniji? Berite Ameriško Domovino in boš vedno zelo na tekočem!

"Stara gospa" Kostanjevica

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pinjskem loku tekočo in mestece objemajočo Krko, prijazne obronke bližnjih pobočij Gorjancev, polnih prekrasnih obnovljenih vinogradov, res skrbno zgrajenih ali tudi obnovljenih kmečkih domačij, številnih kmečkih turizmov in vinotočev, ki nudijo znameniti cviček, lahko rdeče vino, ki dobro dopolnjuje gostinsko ponudbo izvrstne domače hrane.

Tudi zato bo za novodobnega turista kolesarjenje po Kostanjevici in njeni okolici nepozabno doživetje, saj ga bo lahko povezal z obiskom naravnih znamenitosti (Kostanjeviška jama) in številnih zgodovinskih kulturnih spomenikov (od Pleterja do kostanjeviškega samostana), predvsem pa ga bo prevzelo srečanje s sodobnimi lesenimi skulpturami na prostem, ki so trajna sled in likovna zapuščina kostanjeviškega mednarodnega kiparskega simpozija imenovanega Forma viva, ta pa je del širše zastavljene slovenskega projekta.

Sicer pa je Kostanjevica mesto kulture od glave do pete, saj v svojih galerijah hrani zapuščino imenitnih slovenskih likovnih umetnikov, od del Božidarja Jakca do del bratov Kralj, skulptur Franceta Goršeta, slikar-

Dr. France Arhar

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

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Tudi.

Pogosto?

Vsake toliko časa. Ko se v cerkvi ob nedeljah bere evangelij, me kaka stvar pritegne in grem pogledat posamezno vrstico ali citat. V Svetem pismu je polno resnic, ki so še vedno aktualne.

(se nadaljuje)

skih del Zorana Didka, kipov Janeza Boljke - vse to v galeriji Božidarja Jakca.

V okviru te galerije deluje tudi Gorjupova galerija - z mednarodno zbirko sodobne umetnosti, pa tudi Pleterska zbirka evropskih mojstrov. Galerija je tudi prirediteljica mednarodnega kiparskega simpozija Forma vida, ki je po nekajletnem dremežu v zadnjih letih spet oživel.

V lapidariju je razstava originalne arhitekturne plastike danes že restavrirane samostanske cerkve (ki je imeniten galerijski prostor) ter fotografskega gradiva o cistercijskem samostanu v Kostanjevici pred preno-

vo. Dela starih mojstrov Pleterske zbirke so last bližnje kartuzije Pleterje, ki je modro omogočila ogled teh umetnin širšemu občinstvu in jih umestila v galerijo Božidarja Jakca že leta 1977. Obsega 44 olj flamskih, nemških, francoških in italijanskih mojstrov iz 17. in 18. stoletja.

Gorjupova galerija je v kostanjeviški osnovni šoli in je odlični primer spleta ustvarjalne umetnosti in pedagoškega likovnega dela. Zajema obvezno zbirko del mednarodnih zvenečih imen 20. stoletja: znanih Slovencev Gasparija, Piona, Avgusta Černigoja, A. G. Kosa, Stiplovska, Planinca, Slane, Jemca, Preglja, Lenassija, Batiča, pa Hrvatov Murtiča in Šuteja, italijanskih mojstrov, kot je denimo Renato Guttuso, Japonca Eisakuja Tanake pa znamenitega kiparja Džamonje in drugih. Najnovejša postavitev je iz 1998. leta.

Za razcvet umetnostnega čutenja Kostanjevice in za vse, kar jo je v desetletjih, že v prejšnji državi Jugoslaviji, povzdignilo med izrazito kulturniška mesta, gre največja

zasluga neumornemu spiritusu agensu tega kraja, Ladu Smrekarju, šolniku in kulturniku, ki je nedavno dopolnil sedem križev.

Danes je že upokojen in ni več neposredno v središču kulturnega dogajanja, a je v mislih vsakega domačina in vseh poznavalcev, ki imajo radi kulturno Kostanjevico, oče in nesporno najzaslužnejši mož za to kulturno podobo in kulturno bogastvo, ki ga dolenske Benetke hranjo in dajejo obiskovalcu na ogled.

Leta 1953 se je začelo Smrekarjevo sožitje s Kostanjevico in sožitje Kostanjevice z njim. Sprva je nadaljeval predhodnikovo delo za dograditev medvojno porušene šole, kaj hitro oživil gledališko dejavnost, in domačini so se z novim vetrom vedno bolj zaneseno pridruževali domačemu ljubiteljskemu odru in vse bolj dejavno sodelovali v kulturi.

Vse te galerije in zbirke, vse obnove in restavracije so povezane z imenom Lada Smrekarja. Kdor danes v kulturnih krogih izreče ime Kostanjevice, imenuje hkrati z imenom tega kraja tudi njegovo ime. Uspelo mu je pritegniti umetnike, restavratore in druge kulturne delavce pa tudi, roko na srce, potrebno pomoč države.

Za takšno široko področje delovanja so sposobni ljudje, ki imajo enako radi umetnost in ljudi. In takšen je zagotovo gospod Smrekar.

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