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Easter: The Jubilee Journey Continues in Haste

by Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla
Bishop of Cleveland

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In my Lenten message I invited all people of good will to join the Lenten Journey 2000, a journey toward a new and revitalized evangelization of the world. That invitation was but an echo of that of the Holy Father, our diocesan planners and parish leaders. Now as Easter approaches, I wish to invite you all to pick up the pace.

Although Easter is the greatest of our liturgical feasts, it is one that I am not certain we fully grasp. It is easy at Christmas to luxuriate in the warmth of the Christ-child's birth among us. It is far more difficult to take hold of the One who rises from the dead and is out of sight. And yet, the reason that we celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the Birth of Christ is that this birth led to his death and his vindication in the resurrection: *dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life*. Such a glorious mystery invites us to pick up the pace on our Jubilee journey.

Realization of the resurrection of the Lord pushed Peter to proclaim the wonders of God to the world. Remember how in chapter 10 of the Acts of the Apostles Saint Peter stood in the house

of Cornelius and preached his heart out. His sermon briefly summed up the life of Jesus with some descriptions of his death. But Saint Peter was in a hurry to get to the joyous Easter elation. He raced to tell of the resurrection and the current - here and now - activity of the Lord. He preached that Christ risen from the dead was commissioning, judging and forgiving. Saint Peter was in a hurry to tell all the world that the resurrection was not some past event in the life of Jesus, but that resurrection freed Jesus to continue to labor on the world's behalf with new and enormous power.

Realization of the resurrection of the Lord pushed Paul not only from his horse, but pushed him to proclaim that all of creation has been transformed and

changed. Paul preached and penned that all the wintry shadows of our lives have been "put to death": immortality, impurity, inordinate passion, evil desires and greed. What lives forever is the eternal springtime of the risen Christ alive in the lives of ordinary Christians like you and me doing extraordinary things for the life of the world.

Realization of the resurrection of the Lord moved Mary Magdalene - the very first to witness the resurrection - to run to tell others. She testified to a reality greater than any empty tomb. She announced what was announced to her that the Lord was risen. the first could be seen, the second could only be believed. And when we do believe, the wintry and shadowy death gives way to a new springtime of life, life totally transformed. As we will proclaim in the Exsultet: we live no more in the night but in perpetual day.

Such incredibly good news can only push us to pick up the pace. We need to be in a hurry because the news we bring is so stirring and the world in which we live needs it so desperately. Such incredibly good news can only push us to continue the work of reconciliation to which this Jubilee invites us. Sin shattered, death defeated, grace given - all is forgiven - and all relationships made right with God by the death and resurrection of the Lord, how can we do other than forgive those who have caused us hurt and harm? And if you



worry that you are not capable of such forgiveness, remember what Jesus did from the cross. He prayed: *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."* I may not be able to forgive, you may not be able to forgive, but with God nothing is impossible.

For the forty days of Lent we fasted from the "Alleluia!" Patiently we waited. We who fasted may now be fast in saying: "Praise the Lord" for all the wonders God has done. And the best alleluia acclamation is to be Easter people, people whose lives proclaim loudly and clearly the incredible and marvelous truth that winter is no more and the shadows are banished forever in our care and concern for those who find themselves without hope or home, shoulder or shelter, power or peace.

Finally, perhaps no group among us has been more in a hurry to race into the Journey of Easter 2000 than our catechumens and candidates for full communion who will have celebrated Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Let us be in no less a hurry to support them in this life-long journey from glory to greater glory with God.

How blessed we are to be living in the Jubilee time. With Mary, the Mother of all faithful, may we open our hearts this Easter season to the Risen Lord so that all the world will know what we know: *"Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!"* We have reason to rejoice!

By John Mercina

EASTER 2000 !

If it were created by the Hollywood crowd, Holy Week and Easter would be billed as "THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH". Movie-goers by the millions around the globe would pay to see the spectacle of the trial, crucifixion and death of Christ. The show, due to its violence and graphic content, would undoubtedly be rated "R". The finale of the spectacle would be the Resurrection on Easter morning. Trumpets would blare, Heston would play the lead role of Jesus and the audience would be brought to a frenzy that only Hollywood could orchestrate.

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Those of us that are believers will take part in this show, although the spectacle will not be recreated by Hollywood. Show's title will not be seen on the marquee. It will be simply called "The celebration of Easter". Countless millions of believers will take part in the observances of the Holy Week, followed by Christ's resurrection. From sadness to happiness, the faithful will follow the steps that were taken by Christ. We will pause and reflect on where we have been and where we are going. With Christ, we will be part of this celebration.

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Saying Thank You With a Klobasa

by Rudy Flis

How do you pay back a favor? How do you say thank you?

On Friday, April 14th I did just that to all my co-workers. They experienced a "Thank You" from me which had klobase, sauerkraut, bacon, fresh sliced white and rye bread with horseradish, to cradle the delicious smoked klobase I picked up from Malensek's. Our dessert was a large pan of apple squares, thanks to my wife, Therese.

There was a large roster of sauerkraut and klobae, a pan filled with 10 pounds of Malensek's smoked klobae and 10 pounds of German potato salad with that vinegar touch.

A couple times a month, I bring doughnuts to my co-workers, but once a year, which was last Friday, they get the ethnic treatment,

which I am able to do. My co-workers are not critical of my cooking, so my job is pleasant.

You know it is really hard to mess up sauerkraut and klobase and that is the reason for my menu. Another reason is our area is flooded with sauerkraut lovers, many of them my co-workers.

So last Friday at 11:30 a.m., the Morway Corp. employees sat down at the dinner table, gassed up on sauerkraut and klobase, because years past, I sat down at the dinner table with my mom and dad and brothers and sisters and learned to enjoy these great ethnic foods.

As the sauerkraut and klobase entered my mouth, and my palate succumbed to a great taste, I closed my eyes, thought of my family members who have died, and with pure pleasure said, "This is for you." What a great prayer.

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The *Slovenska Sola pri Svetem Vidu* honored their *mamice* and made them proud with dance, song, and declamation in the Slovenian language. Many proud parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends filled St. Vitus Auditorium to see and hear the next generation proudly show the fruits of their labor and efforts in pre-

serving the Slovenian language and culture here in America.

Blessed Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek was also given tribute as one and all present joined in to sing the chorus to *Slomšek je naš patron*. This was truly a fitting end to the program. Slomšek had a deep devotion to the blessed Virgin Mary, a model for all of us, especially mothers. Moreover, he realized the role of the mother as the heart of her family and strive to educate Slovenians through his songs and writings so that all understood the vital role of a *mamica*.

We wish all our blessed *mamice a veseli Materinski Dan*.

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The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate only a moment be-

fore taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lie in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save you.

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Button Box Virtuosos , left to right, Lou Trebar, Al Battistelli, and Joey Tomsick

First Polka Auction Generates Much Action

"Sold! For \$750." That was the first Polka Song Auction's top bid for "The William Tell Overture," played by button accordion virtuoso Al Battistelli of Lorain, Ohio.

The musical auction proved to be a very entertaining show, as masterful accordionsists Joey Tomsick, Lou Trebar, and Battistelli played 12 polkas and waltzes selected by the highest bidders.

The program started with a \$10 bid to hear Joey Tomsick play "Mister Buttons Polka," and increased to the next plateau of \$200 songs, and climaxed with a total of \$1,425 to have Al Battistelli play the final three songs.

Thank you from the Slovenian Junior Chorus of SNPJ Youth Circle 2, who realized nearly \$3,000 toward its concert tour fund, to the following auction participants: Andy Cashen, Paul Hribar, Don Anzells, George Knaus, Josephine Misic, John R. Telich Sr. Family, Stella Rupe, Mary and Richard Sterle, Kollander World Travel, and the Battistelli Boosters.

Each player added to the momentum of the music by putting a personal imprint on the songs each played, i.e., Joey Tomsick, Circle 2 alumnus, was featured on the song option choice, playing the Kollander Polka for the bid of Kollander World Travel. "Waltz King" Lou Trebar displayed the smooth

artistry on the keyboard, for which he is famous. Al Battistelli played the button accordion where no other player has ventured to get the maximum out of the instrument.

The enthusiasm of the jam-packed audience called for an encore, played by all three performers, and accompanied by John Ross, drums, Hank Guzel, bass, and Mike Dragas Jr., banjo.

The bonus is that viewers will be treated to this extraordinary musical event, the Polka Song Auction and highlights of Super Bash XVIII, on channel 51, Euclid Cable. Cameraman John Lennon filmed about six hours of video.

The Circle 2 organization is not large in numbers, but with the help of many supporters and hard work, is able to present another facet of Slovenian heritage - continuation of the oldest American Slovenian children's group and promotion of the button accordion and the groups who play this unique instrument associated with Slovenian folk music.

Thanks to Assistant Circle Director Agnes Turk for lining up the volunteers, Steve Royer head of the bar and refreshments, the alumni moms directed by Janet Loiko for starting out at 6 a.m. to prepare 1,000s of donuts, Karen and Dick Tomsic, and of course the parents and friends who worked throughout the eight hours, and for caring enough

to have their children participate in the Slovenian Junior Chorus. Thank you to Joe Valencic, for emceeing, too.

Cheers to the button accordion groups who most sincerely made our day: Happy Timers, Homesteaders, Magic Buttons, Button Box Connection, Magic City Button Box Club, Euclid Squeezeboxers, Maple Heights Button Box Club, Fairport Polkateers, Northern Ohio Players, Cleveland Lake Erie Ensemble, Joe Novak and Friends, the Hoboes, Western Pennsylvania Button Box Club, Mahoning Valley Button Box Club, and Lipa Park Button Box Club.

The event was well-attended and a large thank you to the media who got the word out, including the *American Home* newspaper, *Prosveta*, *The News-Herald*, Bill Miller of *The Plain Dealer*, and radio announcers Tony Petkovsek, Dennis and Dale Bucar, George Knaus, Val Pawlowski, and WATJ broadcasters. The donation of fresh carnations by Jim Slapnik Florists is greatly appreciated.

Circle the date of the next big polka reunion, Wednesday, May 3rd. Join in the fun at "Pecon-Trebar Day" at Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, in cooperation with the National Cleveland Polka Hall of Fame.

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Our Slovenian Easter

By Joe Glinsek

For immigrants from predominantly Catholic Slovenia, Easter is inseparable from Lent, a season most carefully observed. Here in the new land, Christ shared his birthday with Santa, while Easter, arriving after 40 days of strict abstinence, fasting and penance, stood alone as a beacon of our redemption, competing only with a bunny. We complained, but today's lenient rules seem to lessen the feeling of spiritual cleansing associated with The Resurrection. We fasted on all weekdays and abstained from meat on Fridays and 'Ember' Wednesdays. On all other days, except Sunday, meat was allowed only at the main meal of the day.

By "Holy Week," the week before Easter Sunday, people were pretty sick of meatless lunches, the most boring meal during Lent. For the working men carrying their lunch buckets and the children going to school with their brown bags, Lenten lunches were monotonous variations of eggs and cheese. Egg salad sandwiches developed a "special smell" in a school locker by lunch time, and it's a miracle we weren't "salmonella'd" en masse. Our three working "bread-winners" didn't like tuna or peanut butter, and schoolboys had no vote.

"Fasting" was defined as abstaining from solid foods between meals, with supper not to exceed your combined breakfast and lunch. For me, the most difficult penance was no snacking between meals. "Abstaining" was stringent, allowing no meat or stock made from meat, which eliminated most soups. "As well to eat the devil as drink his broth," was a phrase often heard.

"Good Friday" was fast and abstinence like other Fridays in Lent, but with a few extras. Having been reminded of the story dozens of times over the years, there is one transgression that will never be forgotten. I was about 10 at the time, and people were passing our house on their way to Good Friday services from noon to three. We were expected to observe silence or prayer during these three hours, and people filled our church. The crucifix was on the altar steps, and it was the custom to kneel at the cross and kiss the feet of Jesus on this day.

A few of the "sainted" older women shuffled on their arthritic knees the entire length of the aisle to approach the cross.

Good Friday, especially from noon to three, was the most solemn time of Lent and as improbable as it sounds, this really happened. Some distant cousins had unexpectedly come to visit, and my mother had been called to attend an old friend on the next street who was very ill. I was playing a game of "rummy" with my cousins on the front porch, and they suggested it was time for lunch. Being a good host, I made salami sandwiches and brought them out to the porch with some "Pepsi."

The front porch of all places. We were oblivious to the faithful parishioners on their way to church this most solemn day. Passers-by must have viewed our card-playing as disgraceful - and they didn't know about the salami.

Our cousins soon left, but news of our behavior must have reached mother's ears by local "telegraph." Innocently unaware, I was alone to face the music when Mom came storming in. During her stern lecture about the card-playing she saw the dirty plates with remnants of the salami, and the scolding escalated to fury. Enjoying a social lunch, we had simply forgotten about the restrictions. To avoid eternal damnation, I offered up my lousy supper as penance.

The penitential aspect of Lent was capped by enduring our traditional Good Friday "štok" fish supper. A week earlier, we had bought ours from Caputo's Grocery in Little Italy. Italians called it "bacala," whole gutted cod dried as stiff as a board. We used a saw to cut it into chunks that were soaked in a crock of water down in the cellar for the entire week. Though the water was changed daily, it's hard to describe the smell that fouled the air in the house. If it had been soaked outside or in the garage, it probably would have attracted every cat and rodent within miles. It tasted only a little better than it smelled, but to preserve our old country customs we dutifully ate our štok fish stewed in tomato sauce.

"Holy Saturday" was "parole day" from penitential prison - fast and abstain-

until noon, and then Lenten rules were suspended. We were also expected to "give up" something for Lent, and for kids that meant candy. Chocolate bunnies "found" on Easter morning were often "wounded." Saturday afternoon as another custom was observed. Small bits of bread, hard-boiled egg, orange, and horseradish root were covered with a white linen napkin in an old basket and taken to church to be blessed.

We were using my grandma's old basket, except we barely covered the bottom with these items. In her time, the basket would have been full, and some folks still brought large baskets heaped with food. At the same church service, our holy water bottle was replenished from a barrel of water that had been blessed that day.

The great Easter morning dawned and we all walked through the cheerful din of ringing of bells to early Mass on Sunday. The bells rang their happiest song on Easter morning. They had been quiet since Holy Thursday when they were "taken to Rome," a Slovenian explanation for this custom. This palpable silence was broken with magnificent gusto on Easter morning. Since we lived so close to the church, the bells of St. Mary's were an integral part of our life.

Usually only the large bell tolled, but on Easter Sunday all the bells in the church steeple were ringing. There were four in descending sizes, and our custodian with a hammer in each hand, struck them in a random sequence. Mr. Mivšek was not a young man and he suffered our pranks during the school year, but on this special day he was the envy of every little boy. Imagine the deafening sound as he stood amid the bells within the small hexagon of that belfry, and hammered them bells with a vigor belying his age. Responding with a joyous peal, they sang over the roof tops.

Having fasted from midnight to receive Holy Communion, we arrived home hungry with anticipation. It was one of the rare days when the kitchen table was covered with linen, and our breakfast was served as a buffet - in fact the meal extended through most of the

day.

But first we broke our fast with a few morsels of blessed food from the basket. After a slice of orange, a bit of bread and hard-boiled egg, the horseradish root was thinly shaved and wrapped in a slice of ham to make a delicious tidbit with a bite of sweet nut *potica* as a foil. Our ham was not the softly tender stuff injected with fluids. Though not tough, it had the substantial body, texture, and concentrated flavor of properly smoked salt-cured ham. Raw shavings of horseradish seemed to sensitize your smell and taste and enhanced the flavor of the ham.

There were Slovenian *krofe*, (like jelly donuts without the jelly), dusted with powdered sugar - I "improved" mine with jam. *Flancate* however, were tender crisp bow-knots of rich deep-fried dough, and required no adornment other than the powdered sugar. I've never met anyone who didn't like them. The *Potica* made at Easter was very "dirty," meaning it had more filling than dough. A "breadier" variation with thinner bands of filling was baked for lesser holidays.

As for the Easter eggs, most were the same reddish-brown color, having been dipped in a dark brew of boiled onion skins. Our first coloring kit used wire holders to dip and pull the eggs up through floating colored pigments, producing a lovely marbleized effect, but the success rate was about one in 10: the rest were merely defaced by colored ink blots. My dad treasured a beautifully decorated egg that he kept in the buffet drawer. It had been hand-painted especially for him by an artist who I suspect was an "old flame" but this subject was never broached.

I never cared much for hard boiled eggs, though

shaved horseradish made them more exciting. Easter mid-afternoon, the eggs became part of the game that was a family tradition. In retrospect it seems peculiar, considering Slovenian reverence toward food and their abhorrence of waste. Depending on the weather, it was played outdoors or on the front porch and served as an excuse to give children a few coins.

Pennies and nickels were handed to me as I stood astride an egg and tried to bury the coin by pitching it down into the egg. If you succeeded there were kudos all around. It wasn't easy and the rest of our family tried it as well, but as the only child among four adults, all the coins that missed their mark became mine. It was a great game, even if it did ruin a few eggs. When played on the front porch, a considerable mess had to be swept up afterwards.

The tradition was continued with our children when they went to grandma's house for Easter. By then, my mother and uncle were alone in the old house. The game was the same, but the coins were now quarters. Does anyone know the origin of this custom?

Easter evening we often went to church for *pejte litanije*. This translates as being a "singing litany." The recitation and responses were sung rather than spoken. Some older women of the parish went to three Masses in the morning, and both the afternoon and evening service on this most important day. Living sainthood seemed to be the reserved domain of elderly widows.

Glinsek grew up Slovenian in Collinwood and now lives in Sarasota, FL. This article is excerpted from a book he hopes to have published.

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Florence is very active in the Slovenian community, singing with Jadran, and serving as President of the Progressive Slovene Women of America, and is an officer with the Polka Hall of Fame.

Slovenian Actress Says Cleveland Audience Rude

Editor,

For more than three months, many in the local Slovenian-American community were looking forward to the performance last Saturday evening, April 8 by Slovenian actress Sasa Pavcek. It was a rare opportunity for us here to experience firsthand one of the leading cultural figures from our native Slovenia.

Ms. Pavcek, too, was looking forward to performing in Cleveland as well. After all Cleveland prides itself as a major cultural center of the Midwest. Instead, she was greeted by what she would later describe as the worst, and least receptive audience she's encountered in her 20 year acting career.

The incessant talking, hissing and disruptive loudness of some of the audience members not only forced Ms. Pavcek to cut her performance short, but pretty much ruined it for those of us who came to the Primorski Club's Annual Banquet specifically to see her performance.

Moreover, the rudeness

displayed vividly brought to life the widely perceived stereotype held by many Europeans of the "Ugly American," that of a self-absorbed, impatient, and loud boor with the attention span of a five-year-old. As an actress whose talent has been recognized and awarded by the most prestigious dramatic circles in Slovenia, Ms. Pavcek certainly deserved better from her Cleveland audience.

Using his ties to Slovenia's cultural community, Slovenia's Consul in Cleveland Tone Gogala helped arrange the performance by convincing the Slovenian Ministry of Culture to fund the visit by Ms. Pavcek and Mr. Kreslin. The cultural circles in Slovenia are small, and news, particularly that of a bad variety, travels quickly. If the rude reception Ms. Pavcek received in Cleveland jeopardizes future appearances by modern Slovenia performers, we have a small and vociferously pathetic group of people to blame.

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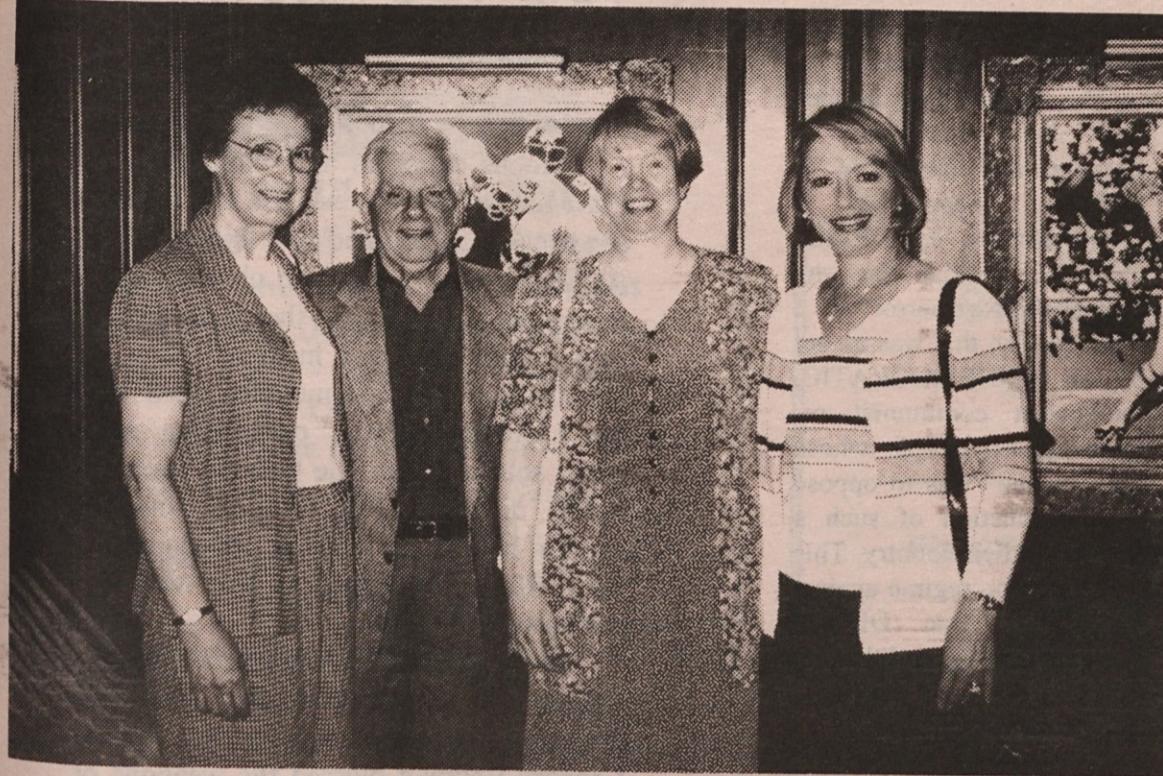
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Sister Rose Elizabeth, Development Director of the Ursulines, Frank Mozzicato, Sister Virginia DeVinne, General Supervisor of the Ursulines, Anna Marie Mozzicato, graduate of Sacred Heart Academy in Cleveland, enjoy a lunch at Don Shula's Restaurant in Naples, FL on Friday, March 24, 2000.

The Ursulines Visit Florida

This year has been one of celebration for the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. In 1850 at the invitation of Bishop Amadeus Rappe, four Ursulines and an English lay woman (who later professed vows in the order) traveled from France to Cleveland to establish an Ursuline foundation. Within weeks of their 1850 arrival they opened a school for 300 students.

In the first half-century of their arrival, they assumed responsibility for the operation and staffing of the Cathedral Parish School; built and opened Villa Angela Academy; established St. Joseph Seminary as a boarding school for young boys; founded Ursuline College, the first charted women's college in Ohio and one of the oldest Catho-

lic women's colleges in the United States; founded independent communities in Toledo, Tiffin and Youngstown, and provided staffing for 13 parochial schools.

During their second fifty years in Cleveland they assumed staffing of an additional 25 parochial schools.

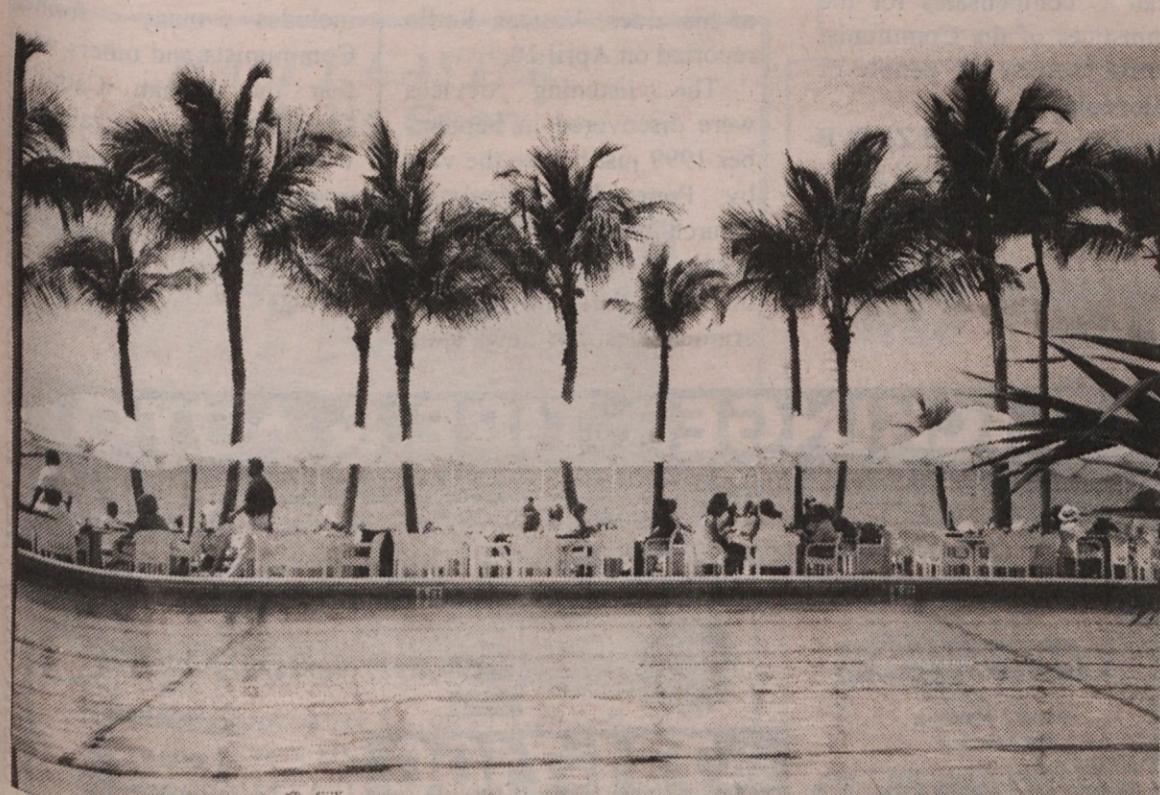
In the last half century, the Ursulines erected their present mother-house on Lander Road; relocated Ursuline College to new buildings on the Pepper Pike property, expanded ministries to meet the new challenges of Church and society and introduced their presence in El Salvador as part of the Diocesan Mission Team.

In joy and thanksgiving, representatives of the Ursuline Sisters, Sr. Virginia

DeVinne, General Superior, Sr. Rose, Elizabeth Terrell, Development Director, Sr. Diana Stano, President of Ursuline College, Sr. Maureen Doyle, Director of Urban Community School, and Sr. Rita Mary Welsh, President of Beaumont, brought the celebration to Florida.

Saint John College Alumnae, alumnae of Ursuline Academies and Friends of the Ursulines gathered in several locations across the country to celebrate this landmark year.

In Florida, the celebration culminated in Naples on Sunday, March 26. A Celebration Mass was said at St. Ann's Church followed by a luncheon at the Port Royal Club.



View at the Port Royal Club, Naples, FL where the Ursuline Celebration Lunch was held on Sunday, March 26 at 12 noon.

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A Message for President Kucan

Mr. Milan Kucan, President of the Republic of Slovenia, made the following statement at a recently concluded International Forum on holocaust held in Stockholm, Sweden on Jan. 27, 2000:

"Following the international agreements reached after the war, democratic Europe tried to compensate for the injustices of Fascist and Nazi terror."

Applying this statement to Slovenia, Mr. Kucan continued: "This is why Slovenia will not accede to the demands which in the context of the preparations... for its membership in the European Union might be construed as demands for the abolishment of the decisions and acts by which the then Slovenian state in the spirit of Potsdam punished the occupying criminals and those who collaborated with them in crimes against the Slovenian people."

The statements refer to the time immediately after World War II from 25 May through 30 June, 1945, when the communist Partisans of Marshal Tito massacred some 15,000 members of the Slovenian anti-communist Home-Defense units, who sought political asylum with the British troops in southern Austria and were promised the same when they first met the British. Though they never acted outside the

Province of Ljubljana and in most cases not even outside their own villages, this right, as well as the presumption of innocence was denied them. The British then lied, (saying) they were being transferred to Italy.

Instead, they were extradited to Yugoslavia. By the end of June 1945, most of these people were dead.

Mr. Kucan, the last Chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Communists of Slovenia, himself admitted to the criminal nature of the 1945 massacre. He even tried to atone for it by attending in 1992 a Commemorative Mass at the massacre's largest site in Kocevski Rog. Likewise in 1999, he placed a wreath at the memorial erected to these people at Teharje, near Celje.

His statement at the Stockholm conference ignores the fact that the 1945 Potsdam Conference confirmed the basic decision by the Allies to bring the Nazi leadership (and by implication all Nazi officials and the alleged war criminals) TO TRIAL and not to summarily execute them.

Mr. Kucan's statement also indicates that the Slovenian Government is determined to sacrifice even Slovenia's entry into the European Union to maintain its stand that the actions of

its predecessor in the spring of 1945 were justified.

Mr. Kucan also implies that the massacres at Kocevje and elsewhere in Slovenia, were but a "compensation by DEMOCRATIC Europe for the Fascist and Nazi terror."

In reality, this was an act by an UNDEMOCRATIC, totalitarian communist regime against people whose only "crime" was to oppose the introduction of such a regime in their country. This was the same regime against which the true DEMOCRATIC Europe and the rest of the free world waged a 40-year cold war.

Furthermore, the massacre in Slovenia had been accomplished by the end of June 1945, WELL BEFORE talks on any international agreements even began. In fact, it was carried out so quickly and efficiently [only a handful of people escaped] precisely because the Communist authorities were afraid that any international agreement might prevent them from getting rid of future political opposition and that any trial in the presence of international observers might prove their innocence of charges of war crimes.

We want Slovenia very much to be included in the European Union and NATO. Slovenia has been a part of WESTERN Europe since time immortal. As a member of the European Union and NATO, the Slovenian Government would have to conduct its business according to true democratic principles and not according to some convoluted definition of what real democracy is or is not.

We insist, however, that any Slovenian Government owns up to its past, that is to the past of its predecessors, and - to paraphrase Mr. Kucan - "compensates for the injustices of the Communist terror against the people of Slovenia."

--Tabor ZDSPB
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* DID YOU KNOW *

* Slovénia ... Joseph Želle *

Famous ballerina and choreographer, Pia Mlakar, died on March 29. In 1929 she became acquainted with Pino Mlakar. At first the two performed choreographic dances as a duo. Later she performed in solo dances with her husband, Pino, as her director. She became associated with the Ljubljana Opera, performing as a ballet soloist. Later she became choreography director. Ten features and 30 shorter ballets as well as choreography for a film are credited to her. May she rest in peace!

Anton Drobnič of Ljubljana wrote to Radio Célové in Carinthia (Austria) requesting copies of reports that Bishop Gregory Rožman blessed the weapons of war for the Italians, Germans, and Slovénian Communists. Drobnič has been studying Rožman's career and claims there is no document to substantiate the Célové (Klagenfurt) radio reporter's accusations. The radio station has not answered two of Drobnič's inquiring letters.

Josip Ipavé was a composer who lived from 1873 to 1921. He was first of all a medical doctor, born in Šentjur. During his life time he was neglected as a composer. Now a new appreciation of forgotten Ipavé has appeared in the SAZU (Slovénian Academy of Arts and Science) anthology, *Josip Ipavé in njegov čas* (Josip Ipavé and his Time). Dr. Igor Grdina calls Ipavé the "Slovénian Mozart". This title is an extremely high honor, considering that Mozart is one of the greatest composers of all time. There was for instance the comic opera, *Princésa Vrtoglavka* (Princess Giddy). And the first Slovénian ballet, *Možiček*, (Little Man). Strangely *Princésa* was given its first performance in November 1997.



In ancient Egypt, where men shaved for cleanliness as early as 3000 B.C., both kings and queens sometimes wore a false beard as a symbol of royalty.



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Slovenian Secret Service Bugged Bishop

Workers found several microphones planted in the offices of Maribor Bishop Franc Kramberger and one of his aides, Vatican Radio reported on April 10.

The listening devices were discovered in September 1999 just before the visit by Pope John Paul II. Church officials did not publicize the discovery until the fall of the Drnovsek government, lest the news spoil

attempts to improve Church-state relations, the broadcast added.

The Slovenian leadership includes many former Communists and others who fear the Roman Catholic Church wants to regain the wealth and political power it enjoyed before 1945. Slovenian society after 45 years of Communism is largely secular.

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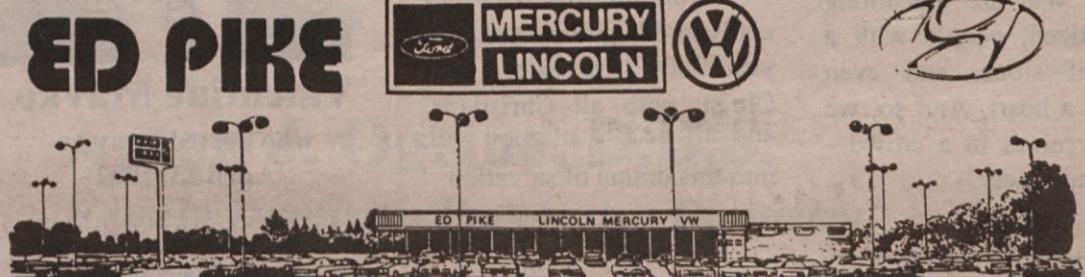
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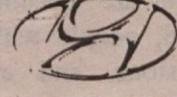
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A light-hearted musical skit entitled, "The Well Will Tell," surrounds the young people of a village. You will meet "Marička," who has a problem because she is desperately in love with "Francel," but her mother wants her to marry an old

rich man named "Janez." Come find out how the "Well Will Tell" Marička her fate.

Admission for the evening is \$18 for adults, \$9 for children 12 years and under. Tickets can be purchased from any Zarja member or the Polka Hall of Fame in the Euclid Cultural Center. You can also order tickets by phoning Vicky Kozel at (216) 531-5542 or Barbara Elersich at (440) 257-2540.

We thank our many friends and you the audience for your continued support. You help us to maintain our Slovenian heritage and customs and we promise to provide you with a memorable evening. We'll keep singing as long as you'll keep coming.

--Marion Bocian
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The Drama of Salvation

by Dr. Vinko Potočnik
(translated by Ivo Ravnik)

With great joy I join the Slovenian community in San Francisco as we enter together the events of Holy Week. Palm Sunday is a majestic overture to the dramatic events of Holy Week. The faithful are invited to join Christ on His way that leads - through trials and suffering to the joy of Easter.

Because of the style of contemporary life, I believe the events of Holy Week to be especially current. Ever more dominant is human individualism, the selfishness of individuals, of groups, and of nations. Each person looks to one's own interest, to one's own benefit and profit. There is less and less room for others.

We do not know how to be properly interested in others, nor really understand others. Above all, we no longer have empathy for others. We are becoming desensitized, people with a heart of stone, and even without a heart. And so, we find ourselves in a crowd - alone and lonely.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week challenge us to look at the face of the suffering Christ; and see the distress, the wrongs, at the injustice in the world, and to join with others to shout in protest against all this. This is a cry for justice and solidarity.

When I arrived in Chicago about a month ago, I noticed near the University of Loyola chapel that the body on the cross had no arms - apparently destroyed by a vandal act. The message on the sign near the crucifix was all the more apt and meaningful:

Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, needs your arms to continue to bless; He needs your strength, to continue His work; your eyes, in order to see; your voice, to continue to preach; your heart, so He can love.

Christ needs everyone of us to continue his redemptive mission in today's world.

We are all invited - especially in this jubilee and holy year 2000 - to enter, with Christ, with all Christians, and all people of good will, into this drama of salvation.

May Devotions in Fontana

It is that time when we gather together to celebrate our Annual Slovenian May Devotion, and give praise and honor to Our Blessed Virgin Mary who is our Queen and Mother.

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A full lunch will be served at 1 p.m. on May 7 at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 17080 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, CA. Holy Mass and Benediction will follow at 3 p.m. in the Church. St. Joseph's has need of their church at 1 p.m.

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--Fr. Timothy L. Jemejcic

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Sunday, April 30

Bishop A. Edward Pevec celebrates Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Christine Church in Euclid, Ohio, marking the parishes 75th anniversary.

Wednesday, May 3

Polka Hall of Fame Spring Fundraiser saluting Lou Trebar's 80th birthday, and the Pecon Orchestra's 25th Anniversary, Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland from 3 to 9 p.m. Tickets \$5 at door.

Friday, May 5

Pork, Sauerkraut, & Dumpling Dinner at Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80 St. from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost \$8.

Sunday, May 7

Polka Bash, Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80 St. 1 to 7 p.m. Cost \$5 or \$4 with can of food.

Sunday, May 14

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80 St. Mother's Day Breakfast-Brunch serving from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sunday, May 21

Dinner-Dance honoring Newburgh Slovenian Man of Year William Mannion, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland. Serving 1:30. Music by Joe Novak. Cost \$15.

Tuesday, May 23

Annual May Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Brezje at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Rd., Euclid, Ohio sponsored by Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges. Main celebrant: Bishop A. Edward Pevec

Sunday, June 25

Ohio Federation of KSKJ lodges family picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Noon Mass and outdoor Corpus Christi procession. Games, food, refreshments. Music by Joey Tomsick. Everyone invited.

Wednesday, June 28

Polka Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Chardon Rd., Euclid, Ohio at 6 p.m. with Rev. George Balasko.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

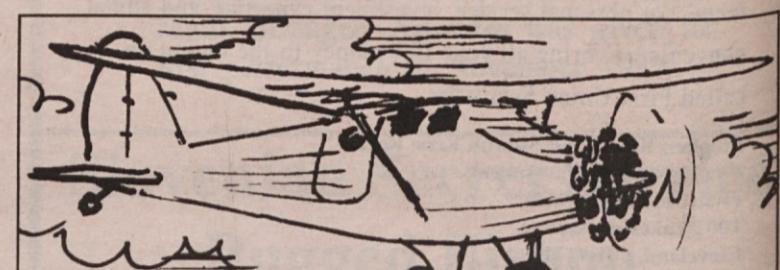
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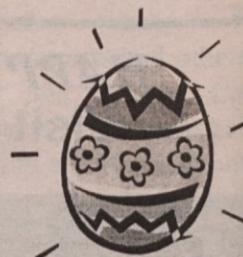
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Mlakar's Walk Down Memory Lane

By Ray Mlakar

Are you ready for Ray's Million Dollar Jokes? Here goes: BUMPER STICKERS: "Jesus is Coming; Look Busy." "The more you complain, the longer God lets you live." A sign outside a San Diego Church, "Will it take six strong pall bearers to bring you back?"

Okay, one more for the road... Question: "What's the difference between Noah's Ark and the Titanic?" Answer: An amateur built Noah's ark, the Titanic was built by a professional."

Okay, come back with me one more time to the old Annunciation Church. Who can forget the May Crownings. They were events that everyone looked forward to. In each classroom itself, the class had its own May Crowning with a Statue of the Blessed Virgin in each classroom. You had to be one special good student to be picked to place the Crown of Flowers on Mary's head.

On the last Sunday in May, there was the Big May Crowning in the church. The church was packed, standing room only. Again the girls wore their white dresses and marched in with flowers picked from their home gardens, tulips, daffodils, and lilacs, placing them in the vases provided at the Altar of Mary.

Then slowly the "Chosen Special Girl" walked up carefully on a ladder covered in white satin to place the crown made of flowers, white lilies of the valley, on the head of the statue of the Blessed Mother, while the choir sang, "Oh, Mary We Crown Thee... Crown Thee With Blossoms Today..." The chills just ran up and down one's spine. This was truly paying homage to the Mother of God.

For some reason it was always a girl who crowned the Blessed Mother, but then I knew from the start that even if boys were chosen, I had as much of a chance of being selected as a Snow Ball in Hell for Nuns remembered when they made me a lamb on stage in the Birth of Jesus, and even then I got lost during the play. Nuns could just picture me going up a satin covered ladder in church to crown the Blessed Mother. "Down would come Raymond, Mother and all." Guess I was never meant to be Clark Gable. I was more in line to play one of the Three Stooges.

Now that I look back, guess I was sorry that I

never studied to be an Altar Boy for it meant giving responses in Latin and I had enough just concentrating on English. But the boys who were Altar Boys had it made. Serving at a wedding, well they can be rest assured they were always given a few dollars.

And then there were the funerals. If the funeral was held on a school day, there were *beaucoup* (that's French for a lot) of boys yelling, "Sister, I'll serve." Hey, anything to get out of class, and who knows, maybe even going to the cemetery with the priest to hold the holy water and incense burner.

But if it was on a Saturday, Sister had to plead with the boys who came up with all kinds of excuses, "My Ma says I gotta clean the yard," "My Pa wants me to cut grass, gotta hoe the garden, gotta clean the chicken coop." You name the excuse, the Nuns heard it... over and over again. Usually the boys really wanted to go and play baseball.

Even though I was not an Altar Boy when someone

would get married, especially if they were Italian, I'd make it a point to go. Because when the bride and groom would come out of church and down the walk to their cars, friends would throw rice all right, but there was a lot of candy being thrown, too. And some threw pennies. Hey, pennies and me went together. With the pennies fetched I soon found myself at Thomas' Candy Store or Mlakar's Candy Store and really concentrating on what kind of candy I could get for a penny.

Well, I will close this column and perhaps Jim Debevec is saying, "What, Ray ran out of something to say?" Well, not by a long shot. The rest will come in the future. In the meantime May the Good Lord Bless You All. Here is hoping Gladys Gollic is still putting these articles in a book for it will be one of the top sellers. St. Mark, Luke, and John, move over, Ray is in town. I would have written Saint Raymond but I know that Sister would not let me get away with that.

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Sausage is indicative of God's favor and generosity and also a symbol of the Lord's scourging.

Eggs are a sign of new life and resurrection.

Salt necessary for flavoring, reminds us of our Christian duty to others.

Horseradish is symbolic of the passion of Christ.

The Basket represents the tomb of Christ and the cloth covering is symbolic of the shroud that covered Christ's body.

Wine is symbolic of the Blood of Christ, poured out for our salvation.

--St. Mary's (Collinwood)
Church Bulletin

*Best Wishes for a
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Emilee Jenko

Euclid, Ohio

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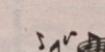
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Death Notices

LOUIS V. SUPAN

Louis V. Supan, a retired General Motors Corp. employee and former Cathedral Latin School basketball star and honor student, died Wednesday, April 5, at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. He was 70.

Mr. Supan began his career with the auto-maker in 1957 as a timekeeper in the financial department. He held a number of positions during his decades-long career.

When he retired in 1987, he was a department head.

He served on the board of the General Motors Retiree club.

He gave up a medical career to support his siblings when his father died, said his brother, Paul of Parma.

"He was more like a brother, more like a father symbol," he said. "He was devoted to his family."

He graduated from high school in 1948 and studied pre-med and biology at Western Reserve University, where he played basketball and baseball. He graduated

in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in biology.

He served in the Army as a corporal.

He was an avid golfer and a charter member of the Broadway Golf Association.

Mr. Supan also was instrumental in the formation of the Laurentian Athletic Club.

He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Other survivors include his brother, Gus of Middleburg Heights; sister, Bernadette Lekan of Arlington Heights, IL, Marianne Teorsky and Barbara Crawford, both of Cleveland, Mercedes Gribchaw of Sun City, Ariz., Annette Zucca of Highland Heights and Charlotte of Parma Heights.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Parma.

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Thank you

Last September I had a heart attack and a stroke. I wish to thank everyone for their calls, prayers, visits, and get well cards.

Now I am recuperating at the home of Walter and Caroline Frank, 240 E. 250 St., Euclid, Ohio 44132.

Visits are welcome.

Happy Easter everyone!

--Caroline Lokar
Euclid, Ohio

In Memory

Thanks to Kim A. Kaifesh of Wickliffe, Ohio who donated \$50.00 to the American Home in memory of her favorite uncle, Ed Kirchner.

Thank You



The family of

Anna M. Silc

expressed their deepest appreciation for the prayers, hugs, and kind expressions of sympathy extended during the time of our loss. May you be blessed with the joys of the Easter Season.

Louis Silc,
Carole Czeck,
Gina Ilacqua
and families

In Remembrance



Gabriel Drobnic

2nd Anniversary

Sadly missed by . . .
Ann Cendol - cousin
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In Memory

Thanks to JoAnn Kaifesh of Kirtland, Ohio who donated \$50.00 in memory of her brother-in-law, Ed Kirchner.

Donation

Thanks to Charles and Mary Loncar of Willoughby Hills, Ohio who donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

In Memory

Thanks to Daniella Avsec of Willowick, Ohio who donated \$10.00 to the American Home newspaper in memory of her wonderful husband, Edward Avsec.

In Memory

A big thank you to Ivana Volčjak of Willoughby Hills, Ohio who renewed her subscription plus enclosed an additional \$25.00 in memory of her wonderful husband, Jože Volčjak.

Copper Pennies

Ingredients:

2 lbs. carrots, sliced

1 can tomato soup

½ C oil

½ C vinegar

½ C sugar

1 onion, chopped

1 t mustard

1 t Worcestershire sauce

1 green pepper, chopped



Directions:

Cook sliced carrots until just tender. Drain and add ingredients for sauce. Add green pepper just before serving so it stays crisp. Serve cold.

This can keep in the refrigerator for several weeks.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh

Our Family Recipes

Likes Kim's Recipes

I am renewing my subscription to American Home of which my husband and I like. We enjoy the feature writers, and I think Kim Ann Kaifesh's recipes are great.

--Daniella Schultz

Euclid, Ohio

In Memory

Enclosed please find subscription renewal in honor of my dad, William Hraster who died February 16, 1999.

--Janice Conley
Cleveland, Ohio

In Memory

Thanks to Kevin Osrowski, Regional Sales Director for KSKJ fraternal life insurance, who donated \$20.00 to the American Home newspaper in memory of his recently deceased brother, Edward J. Osrowski.



Kres Seeks More Members

Kres folk dancers is recruiting new dancers during the month of April. Anyone interested in dancing must be entering grade one or above next Fall. The deadline for new dancers is April 30.

Kres is also in the process of conducting an inventory of its clothing collection. Past members are asked to check and return any pieces belonging to a Kres ensemble (such as scarf, belt, etc.). Please contact Nadia Domanko at 440-944-9780 regarding membership and clothing.

Finally, any readers willing to donate to the costume collection (Noša, boots, or extra pieces - child or adult sizes) should also contact Nadia. All donations will be acknowledged in writing.



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– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Združitev SLS in SKD dosežena na sobotnem kongresu – Državni zbor razpravlja o kandidatu za predsednika nove vlade dr. Andreja Bajuka

Današnji, četrtkovi *Delo fax* največ pozornosti namenja včerajnjemu razpravljanju v državnem zboru o kandidaturi za novega predsednika dr. Andreja Bajuka, ki ga je predlagalo 25 poslancev iz vrst pomladnih strank. Že v sredo zvečer pripravljen *Delo fax* ni še bil jasen glede izida razprave in bodo gotovo poznejše izdaje popolnejše.

Poslanci so svoje mnenja o dr. Bajuku podali po njegovi predstavitvi svojega programa oziroma programa vlade, ki naj bi ji načeloval do naslednjih volitev, ki bodo najkasneje do novembra letos, morda že v juniju. Splošno povzeto, poslanci iz pomladnih vrst so 1. 1943 rojenega dr. Bajuka, ki je živel skoro celo življenje izven Slovenije, močno podprtli, proti njemu so pa bili domala vsi poslanci iz drugih strank.

Že pred razpravo so predstavniki štirih v državnem zboru zastopanih strank izjavili, da dr. Bajuka ne bodo podprtli. Gre tu za LDS, ZLSD, SNS in DeSUS. Rekli so, da po njihovem mnenju so za Slovenijo bolj smiselne predčasne volitve, ne pa začasno vlado, ki bo trajala le nekaj mesecev in ne bo mogla nič uresničiti. Procedura o glasovalnem oziroma potrditvenem postopku je opisana v dopisu na str. 19.

Na združitvenem kongresu SLS in SKD, ki je bila preteklo soboto v Ljubljani in je trajala enajst ur, so bili poglaviti izidi t.i. predsednik nove stranke je Franc Zagožen.

iz vrst nekdanje SLS, ki ima 58 let. Podpredsedniki so trije in sicer Marjan Podobnik, dr. Andrej Bajuk in Lojze Peterle. Kandidata za predsedniško mesto sta bila dva: Zagožen in Peterle. Dr. France Arhar, guverner Banke Slovenije je držal besedo in kandidaturo odklonil.

Delegati so glasovali tudi o imenu nove stranke. Predlagani sta bili dve imeni. SLS je predlagala tisto, ki so ga delegati odobrili: SLS+SKD Slovenska ljudska stranka. Stranka SKD je predlagala Krščansko ljudska stranka.

Čeprav so bile pomladne stranke bolj ali manj dogovorjene, da bodo po združitvi SLS in SKD podpisale novo pogodbo glede volilne koalicije, tkm. koalicija Slovenije, do tega baje še ni prišlo.

Tri pomladne stranke imajo v državnem zboru 44 glasov oz. poslancev od vseh skupaj 90. Za zmago potrebuje dr. Bajuk 46 glasov. Predsednik nove združene stranke Franc Zagožen trdi, da imajo tudi 45. glas, ne pa še 46. Ob tej situaciji je veliko uginjanja, kdo naj bi bil tisti 45. glas za Bajuka, tudi kdo naj bi postal odločilni 46. Pri tem imajo mnogi v spominu vlogo, ki jo je igral po zadnjih volitvah poslanec iz vrst SKD Ciril Pucko, ki je prestopil k Drnovškovi skupini in mu zagotovil večino v takrat novo izvoljenem parlamentu.

Omenja se kot prestopnica sedaj poslanka Eda Okretič-Salmič (DeSUS), druga omenjena je pa iz vrst Zmago Jelinčiča Slovenske nacionalne stranke in sicer Polonca Dobracj. Ob tem poročanju pa je izid glasovanja o dr. Bajuku še neznan.



Fotografija, objavljena v Nedelu 9. aprila, prikazuje prvaka že nekdanje SKD Lojzeta Peterleta in že nekdanje SLS Marjana Podobnika. Slavje v prostorih poslanske skupine SLS pa ni bila zaradi uspešne združitve obeh strank – za to je bilo treba čakati en teden, do pretekle sobote, 15. aprila – ampak po izglasovani nezaupnici vladi dr. Janeza Drnovška, ki je 8. aprila tako padla. Glasovanje v državnem zboru tisti dan je bilo na Drnovškov predlog, da se ministre iz vrst SLS razreši. A je predlog podprtlo le 31 poslancev, proti jih je pa bilo 55. Tako sta imeli SLS in SKD kot stranki le še en teden življenja, sedaj sta združeni v novi stranki SLS+SKD Slovenska ljudska stranka.

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Seja

Klub upokojencev v Nevburgu-Maple Hts. ima sejo v sredo, 26. aprila, opoldne v SND na E. 80 St. Članstvo vabljeno.

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Jane Florjancic

Dne 12. aprila je umrla 88 let stará Jane Florjancic rojena Milavec, vdova po

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V zadnjem času je AD prejela kar lepo število darov. Ga. Mary Skul, Solon, O., je poklonila \$10 v spomin pokojnih iz družin Sodar in Skul. Ga. Ivana Volčjak, Willoughby, O., je darovala \$25.50, v spomin moža Jožeta. G. Cyril in ga. Silvia Vehovec, Euclid, O., sta poklonila \$40, v spomin mame ge. Ivanke Čamernik. Jo Ann Kaifesh, Kirtland, O., je darovala \$20, v spomin Ed Kirchnerja. Ga. Daniella Schultz iz Euclida je darovala \$20, v spomin staršev Johna in Mary Lokar. Najlepša hvala vsem za naklonjenost.

V tiskovni sklad

G. Martin in ga. Marie Zugel, Ft. Myers, Fla., sta darovala \$20 v podporo listu. Jennie Brumbaugh, Broadview Hts., O., je prav tako poklonila \$20. Isto vsoto so darovali še naslednji: Frank Krasovec, Southampton, Pa.; Michael Rutar, Lorain, O.; Frank in Eleanor Zernic, Highland Hts., O.; Charles in Mary Loncar, Willoughby Hills, O.; Maria Holjevac, Parma, O.; Jerry Watson, Zionsville, Ind. G. Jože Bojc, Cleveland. Hvala lepa vsem!

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Tvojo smrt oznanjamo, Gospod, in tvoje vstajenje slavimo

Krščanska vera izvira v vstajenju Križanega na velikonočno jutro. Prejšnje Jezusove besede in dejanja so sicer pripravljala na vero, toda ostala bi dvoumna in brez pomena, če bi se zgodba Nazarečana za vedno končala v agoniji in smerti velikega petka. To potrjuje že apostol Pavel v zelo starem besedilu, pisanem spomladji leta 57: "Če Kristus ni vstal, je tudi naše oznanilo prazno, prazna tudi vaša vera" (1 Kor 15,14). S Kristusovim vstajenjem krščanska vera stoji ali pada. Odločilna razlika, ki daje krščanskemu gibanju pečat absolutne izvirnosti v primerjavi z vsemi drugimi religijami, je vstajenje Jezusa Kristusa. Tako je razumljivo, da je vsebina najstarejših krščanskih izpovedi vere preprosta in hkrati nezaslišana: Jezus je Gospod. "Če boš s svojimi ustmi priznal, da je Jezus Gospod, in boš v svojem srcu veroval, da ga je Bog obudil od mrtvih, boš rešen" (Rim 10,9). Od najstarejših časov do danes kristjani pri evharističnem zboru oznanjamo smrt Njega, ki je Gospod: "Tvojo smrt oznanjamo, Gospod, in tvoje vstajenje slavimo, dokler ne prideš v slavi."

Kaj pomeni naslov Gospod in Kristus, s katerim kristjani označujejo Jezusa po vstajenju? Naslov Gospod (Kyrios) v tedanjem svetu označuje prav božanskost tistega, ki mu je dan. Ime Kristus (Mesija, Maziljenec) pa izraža izraelsko pričakovanje na prihod tistega, ki mora priti ob polnosti časov, da izpolni Božje obljube. Oznanjati, da je Jezus Gospod in Kristus, pomeni, da je v njem prišla polnost časov, da je z izpolnitvijo obljud odrešenje dano in da je v njem Bog na edinstven in dokončen način navzoč med nami.

Kako je mogla prva krščanska skupnost dati Križanemu naslov Gospod in Kristus? Pobuda za to prihaja od Vstalega samega. Prikaže se učencem, se predstavi in jih nagonovi. In apostoli ga dojemajo kot nekoga, ki je zunaj njih, kot "objektivnega". S tem je zavrnjena hipoteza tistih, ki trdijo, da so videnja apostolov zgolj subjektivne narave ali celo halucinacije. Videnja Vstalega naj bi bila po mnenju D.F. Straussa in drugih plod vere apostolov. Ta trditev ni v ničemer utemeljena. Apostoli so videli Vstalega, ker se jim je prikazal. Ni se jim prikazal, ker so ga prej "videli" v subjektivnem izkustvu vere. "Prikazovanja se ne dajo razložiti iz vere učencev, ampak narobe, vera učencev se rodi po prikazovanjih" (W. Pannenberg).

Ob tej izkušnji se učencem porodi spoznanje. V Živem, ki se jim prikaže, spoznajo Jezusa iz Nazareta, v Vstalem

(dalje na str. 20)



ŠKOFJELOŠKI PASIJON – V soboto, 8. aprila, so v Škofji Loki vnovič uprizorili Škofjeloški pasijon, ki si ga je lani ogledalo 40.000 obiskovalcev. Na letosnjih petih predstavah jih pričakujejo od 25 do 30 tisoč, precej več kot lani pa naj bi bilo tujcev. Njim so namreč namenili dobršen del promocije in zanje pa tudi za slovenske skupine obiskovalcev pripravili tako imenovani pasijonski paket, ki vključuje ogled mesta, muzeja in baročno kosilo. Letošnje uprizoritve se ponašajo z vrsto izboljšav, in sicer so spremnili dva prizora, izboljšali kostume, maske in sceno ter dodali več glasbene spremjalne. Letos so poleg pasijona pripravili tudi spremjalne prireditve, koncerte in razstave, bogata je kulinarica ponudba in izbira spominkov, prvič pa je na ogled tudi original Škofjeloškega pasijona iz leta 1721 avtorja kapucina patra Romualda Marušiča, ki ga pod ključem hrani v kapucinski knjižnici.

(Nedelo, 9. aprila 2000)

Letni sestanek Zvezne Oltarnih društev

CLEVELAND, O. – V nedeljo, 30. aprila, imamo letni sestanek Oltarnih društev in sicer župnij Marije Vnebovzete, Sv. Kristine, Sv. Lovrenca in Sv. Vida.

Ob 1.30 popoldne bodo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete na Holmes Avenue v Collinwoodu molitve z blagoslovom. Po pobožnosti v cerkvi, bo širši sestanek v tamkajšnji dvorani.

Članice vseh omenjenih oltarnih društev so lepo vabljene na udeležbo. Posebno so vabljene seveda vse, ki so v odborih oltarnih društev. Ti sestanki so zelo važni, ker jih imamo samo enkrat na leto. Na sestankih si izmenjamamo ideje, kako duhovno in gmotno pomagati našim župnijam.

Upajmo, da si vidimo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti 30. aprila v velikem številu in z dobrimi idejami in pobudami.

Začetek bo točno ob 1.30 popoldan. Z Bogom in na svidenje vsem!

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Na svidenje v sredo, 26. aprila, na SP!

Odbor kluba

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Na lestvici slovenskih podjetij je Industrija gospodinjskih aparatov Gorenje v Velenju na prvem mestu o izvozu in tretje po prihodku. Lani je pridelalo 2,5 milijona gospodinjskih aparatov, od tega polovico hladilnikov, izvozilo pa je 91% svoje proizvodnje.

Gospodinjske aparate izdelujejo v matični tovarni v Velenju in v 24 tovarnah v tujini. Upoštevaje velikost, proizvodnjo in prihodek, je Gorenje med osimi največjimi proizvajalcibele tehnike v Evropi.

Zunanost nekaterih gospodinjskih aparatov iz Velenja je delo italijanskega oblikovalnega podjetja Pininfarina. Sporočili so, da so v Gorenju 10. marca letos, v enem samem dnevu, izdelali 10 tisoč kuhalnih, pralnih, sušilnih in hladilnih aparatov. Takšno proizvodnjo so dosegli prvič v 50-letni zgodovini te industrije. Rekordno proizvodnjo so ponovili tudi 13. in 14. marca. Hkrati narašča tudi prodaja.

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Novi glas, 6. aprila

Pristavski upokojenci poročajo

CLEVELAND, O. – Ponomlad je v deželo prišla. Veseli smo, da je pusta zima za nami in da nam letošnjo zimo smrt ni iztrgala nobenega člana. Doma smo po večini že uredili naše vrtove, a čaka nas tudi naša Slovenska pristava, da jo uredimo za letošnjo sezono.

Zato vabimo vse naše članice in člane, da pridejo prihodno sredo, 26. aprila, na naš mesečni sestanek ob 1.30 popoldne na Slovensko pristavo. Kdor pa le more, naj pride že zgodaj dopoldan, da se še pogradi listje, očistijo dvorane in kuhinja. Pripravljena bo malica za vse, tudi za ti-

ste, ki ne morejo več pomagati, a jih vse članice in člani našega kluba pričakujemo.

Za v torek, 2. maja, je organiziran enodnevni izlet v "Amish" deželo. Avtobus je že poln in vsi, ki ste se prijavili, lahko poravnate vozino na sestanku. Cena je \$35.

Vsem članom in prijateljem našega kluba želimo blagoslovljeno Veliko noč, našim bolnikom pa ljubega zdravja.

Dva zvesta člana našega kluba, g. profesor Vinko Lipovec in soproga ga. Mara sta preteklo soboto obhajala 50. obletnico poroke. Vsi člani in članice

Rodila se je največja slovenska stranka

Ljubljana (Nedelo fax, 16. aprila) – SLS+SKD Slovenska ljudska stranka je nova slovenska politična stranka, v kateri sta od včeraj (tj. sobota) združeni nekdanji Slovenska ljudska stranka in Slovenski krščanski demokrati. Na združitvenem kongresu v ljubljanski Festivalni dvorani je bil med predsedniškima kandidatoma, Lojzotom Peterletom in Francem Zagožnom, z znatno večino glasov (300: 195) za predsednika nove stranke izbran Franc Zagožen. Nekdanji predsednik glavnega odbora SLS in vodja poslancev ljudske stranke je torej stopil na čelo nove konservativne desnosredinske stranke, združene iz SLS in SKD, ki je s tem dnem postala tudi največja parlamentarna stranka.

Med 500 delegati, po 250 iz vsake od združenih strank, jih je akt o združitvi, s katerim sta dve stranki tudi formalnopravno postali ena, potrdilo 498, medtem ko sta bila dva proti. Natanko ob 16.30, ko so delegati potrdili akt, se je v dvorani ob številnih stiskih rok dvignila temperatura. Prva sta si vidno zadovoljna segla v dlan Lojze Peterle in Marjan Podobnik, predsednika nekdanjih SLS in SKD in nedvomno človeka, ki jima je po včerajnjem sklepnu dejanju treba priznati, da sta v zadnjih mesecih v "projekt združitev" vložila mnogo energije.

Čez dan so se za govorico zvrstili številni govorniki, med njimi tudi tuji gostje, uvodoma pa sta spregovorila prvaka nekda-

nih strank. "Danes moremo biti vsi zmagovalci, zato da bomo to lahko tudi jutri," je dejal Podobnik. Med drugim je imel kar nekaj konkretnih predlogov. Ivana Omana, očeta skoraj desetletje stare ideje o združitvi teh dveh strank, je predlagal za časnega predsednika združene stranke. Poleg tega so delegati podprli tudi njegov predlog, da bi imela stranka poleg predsednika še tri podpredsednike. Po poslovniku je bilo namreč določeno, da bi bila le dva, vendar je Podobnik menil, da bi bilo prav, če bi podpredsednik postal tudi tisti izmed dveh kandidatov, ki ne bo izvoljen za voditelja stranke.

Medtem je Lojze Peterle menil, da mora biti nova stranka trdna in močna, da pa je za dosego tega bistvena njena smerr oziroma prava pot. Večkrat je poudaril, da morajo združeni držati skupaj, ne pa razmisljati, kdo bo koga, kdo bo poraženec in kdo zmagoval. "Veliko je bilo zunanjih pritiskov, da do združitve ne bi prišlo. Veliko jih je menilo, da nama z Marjanom ne bo uspelo, pa vendar je," je izražal veselje nad včerajnjim dogodom Peterle.

Podobnik je spričo aktualnih notranjopolitičnih razmer predlagal, da bi kongres potrdil podporo kandidatu za mandatarja, ki naj bi ga še pred polnočjo, ko se je iztekel rok za vložitev, predlagali pomladni stranki. Kot kandidata je že takoj v uvodnem govoru ponudil Franca Buta, državnega sekretarja na kmetij-

Sledi izbor člankov iz Delo faxa v zdnjem te-dnu dni glede združi-tve SLS in SKD ter novonastalega stanja.

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skem ministrstvu. But nam je kasneje povedal, da ga je predlog za kandidaturo precej presenetil, saj do včeraj sploh ni vedel, da je kandidat. Tudi Peterle je na svojem nastopu dejal, da bodo "še danes vložili predlog za svojega mandatarja, da bodo preprečili predčasne volitve, ki si jih želi večina strank starega porekla".

Med prvaki preostalih parlamentarnih strank sta se kongresa udeležila Borut Pahor, predsednik ZLSD, in Janez Janša, prvak SDS. Prvi je doživel gromek aplavz za besede, da so sicer medsebojni nasprotniki oziroma tekmeči, niso pa sovražniki. Kongresniki pa so toplo sprejeli tudi Janševe besede, s katerimi jim je sporočil, da gre "danes nedvomno za velik zgodovinski dogodek, s katerim se je slovensko politično nebo že začelo jasnit".

Program nove stranke, zdaj največje parlamentarne stranke v državi, napoveduje med temeljnimi cilji in moralno-etičnimi izhodišči, da njeni člani pri političnem delovanju ne bodo izhajali iz koristi skupine in ne bodo postavljeni v ospredje enega samega problema.

"Osnove in usmeritev našega političnega delovanja so krščansko razumevanje človeka in iz njega izhajajoče vrednote svobode, solidarnosti in pravičnosti," je med drugim zapisano v uvodnem delu sprejetega programa nove stranke, ki se v nadaljevanju podrobneje opredeljuje do človekovih pravic in države utemeljene na pravu in demokraciji, družine kot osnove družbe, socialno-tržnega gospodarskega sistema na prehodu v postindustrijsko družbo in do Evropske unije, šolstva, znanosti in razvoja človeških virov ter znanja, vstopa v EU itd.

Matja Babič, STA

Dr. Andrej Bajuk kandidat za mandatarja nove vlade

Ljubljana (Delo fax, 17. aprila) – Andrej Bajuk je kandidat za mandatarja za sestavo nove slovenske vlade. Predlog za njegovo imenovanje na položaj, na katerem bi zamenjal zdajšnjega vršilca dolžnosti predsednika vlade Janeza Drnovška, sta v soboto ob 23.38, natanko 22 minut pred iztekom roka za vložitev kandidature v državnem zboru, vložili le malo pred tem nastala nova stranka SLS+SKD Slovenska ljudska stranka in Socialdemokratska stranka. Predlog je podprt 14 poslancev SDS in 11 poslancev SLS+SKD.

Tako po zaključku združitvenega kongresa se je sestal izvršilni odbor nove stranke, sestanka pa se je udeležil tudi prvak SDS Janez Janša. Ob 23.15 je predsednik SLS+SKD Slovenske ljudske stranke Franc Zagožen povedal, da je skupni kandidat, ki ga bosta državnemu zboru v izvolitve predlagali dve pomladni stranki, Andrej Bajuk. Zagožen je zatrdiril, da bosta SDS in SLS+SKD v parlamentu družno podprli Bajukovo kandidaturo. Stranki imata skupaj 44 glasov.

Na sobotnem združitvenem kongresu zdaj že nekdanjih krščanskih demokratov in ljudske stranke pa je bila vrhunc celodnevnega dogajanja (kongres je trajal dobrej enajst ur) razglasitev rezultatov tajnih volitev za predsednika in tri podpredsednike ter imena združene stranke. Dvorana je od navdušenja stala na nogah, ko so za predsednika stranke razglasili Franca Zagožna, doktorja kmetijskih znanosti, ki je med petsto delegati dobil natanko 300 glasov (Lojze Peterle, njegov protikandidat jih je zbral 195). Stranka ima tri podpredsednike: Marjana Podobnika, Andreja Bajuka in Lojzeta Peterleta; slednji je to postal zaradi dogovora, da podpredsednik avtomatično postane tudi poraženec na volitvah predsednika.

Izmed dveh predlogov za ime stranke je predlog krščanskih demokratov, da bi se ta imenovala Krščansko ljudska stranka, dobil 213 glasov, zmagovalni predlog ljudske stranke, naj bo novo ime SLS+SKD Slovenska ljudska stranka, pa je zagovarjalo 285 delegatov.

Nekdanji SKD in SLS sta za svojo uradno združitev šteli čas, ko so delegati potrdili akt o združitvi. Ob pol petih popoldne sta si ob tem dejanju prva segla v roke nekdanja predsednika Marjan Podobnik in Lojze Peterle. Delegati so se pozitivno opredelili tudi do sodelovanja s socialdemokrati v okviru koalicije Slovenija. Mateja Babič

Tek v treh krogih

Ljubljana (Delo fax, 17. aprila) – Predlog 25 poslancev iz SLS+SKD in SDS, naj bo novi predsednik vlade dr. Andrej Bajuk, je posledica prejšnjo soboto izglasovane nezaupnice vlad dr. Janeza Drnovška. Po ustavi mora državni zbor v takem primeru v 30 dneh po zavrnitvi zaupnice izvoliti novega predsednika vlade ali dotedanjemu predsedniku pri ponovljenem glasovanju izglasovati zaupnico, sicer predsednik republike razpusti državni zbor in razpiše nove volitve. Drnovšek je že prejšnji teden v svojih javnih nastopih zagotovil, da ne namerava še enkrat zahtevati zaupnico. Edina možnost, ki bi preprečila razpustitev državnega zbora, je torej, da poslanci do 8. maja izvolijo novega predsednika vlade.

Predlagali bi ga lahko predsednik republike, poslanske skupine ali najmanj deset poslancev. Predsednik republike se je, kot je sporočil v petek, tej možnosti za zdaj odrekel. Tako je bila skupina 25 poslancev edina, ki je zaenkrat izkoristila možnost predlaganja kandidata za mandatarja. DZ bo o tem odločal na izredni seji, ki za zdaj še ni sklicana, lahko pa je najprej v torek, najpozneje pa v soboto. Andrej Bajuk bo izvoljen, če bo zanj glasovalo vsaj 46 poslancev. Glasovanje je po ustavi tajno.

Če ne bo izvoljen, pa to še ne pomeni razpustitve parlamenta. Predsednik republike, poslanske skupine ali najmanj deset poslancev lahko v treh dneh po seji, na kateri je bilo opravljeno prvo glasovanje, vložijo nove kandidature. O njih mora DZ znova odločiti na seji, ki mora biti sklicana najprej v 48 urah in najkasneje v sedmih dneh. Če bi bilo v tem drugem krogu morda vloženih več kandidatur, bi najprej glasovali o kandidatu predsednika republike, če ta ne bi bil izvoljen, pa še o drugih kandidatih po vrstnem redu vložitve predlogov.

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Beograd – Beograjski nadškof dr. Franc Perko je zaradi zdravstvenih težav Vatikanu že pred leti ponudil svoj odstop, vendar ni bil sprejet. Pred kratkim je bila njegova prošnja le uslušana in v Beogradu ga bo kmalu zamenjal nadškof koadjutor mag. Stanislav Hočevar. Nadškof Perko je tu preživel štirinajst let, pred tem pa je bil profesor na teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani. Po klasični gimnaziji in bogoslovju se je vpisal na fakulteto in pred koncem študija odšel na služenje vojaškega roka. Po koncu služenja so ga na vojaškem sodišču v Beogradu obsodili na petletno zaporno kazeno zaradi "sovražne propagande". Njegov zločin sta bili dve politični šali. Med smehom je povedal, da nima samo teološke fakultete, temveč tudi "visoko šolo za lopove, ki pride prav pri opravljanju dela nadškofa v Beogradu".

V ZRJ preganjajo neodvisne medije. Kako mediji po vašem mnenju vplivajo na versko in politično življenje?

Mediji imajo dandanes izjemno velik vpliv na vse ljudi. Žal v Srbiji ni pravega obveščanja, tako da ljudje, tudi naši verniki, težko izvedo, kaj je pravzaprav resnica. Tu se namreč laž prodaja za resnico, resnico pa obtožujejo za izdajo. Toda pameten človek lahko tudi iz te propagande razbere resnico.

Koliko lahko Cerkev vpliva na politične razmere v državi?

Na kratko bi lahko odgovoril, da nič. Na politične razmere in stranke naša Cerkev zagotovo ne more vplivati, saj je v ZRJ neznatna manjšina, če upoštevamo tudi narodnostne manjšine. Katoliki namreč niso Srbi, temveč Hrvati, Madžari in Albenci. S tega vidika ne moremo imeti nobenega vpliva. Prepričan pa sem, da tudi Pravoslavna cerkev v sedanjih razmerah ne more vplivati na

politično usmeritev niti na medije. Ima sicer nekaj tiska ter radiski postaji v Šabcu in Valjevu, a je to v trenutni poplavi množičnih medijev zanemarljivo malo.

Kakšni so vaši stiki s Pravoslavno cerkvijo?

Vedno, tudi v teh težkih letih, smo ohranili prijateljske odnose na osebni ravni. Zanimivo je, da je bilo na začetku spopadov v letih 1991 in 1992 veliko srečanj s predstavniki Pravoslavne cerkve in patriarhom v Sremskih Karlovcih in Slavonskem Brodu. Dogovarjali smo se in pozivali k miru, a naši pozivi niso imeli odmeva.

Kaj menite o tukajnjem režimu?

Ta režim je ostanek komunizma v Evropi. Ime ni pomembno, toda v vrhu režima je komunistična partija. Saj so tudi socialisti bivši komunisti. Res je, da ima ta režim podporo vseh komunistov sveta, ne samo Kitajske in Rusije. Zato prihaja do demonstra-

TEK V TREH KROGIH

(nadaljevanje s str. 19)

Če pa tudi v drugem krogu mandatar ne bi bil izvoljen, obstaja še ena možnost, da se DZ izogne razpustitvi in s tem predčasnim volitvam: v 48 urah po neuspešnem drugem krogu lahko z navadno večino glasov (več za kot proti) sklene, da bo izvedel še tretji krog volitev novega predsednika vlade. Če predlog ni izglasovan, predsednik republike DZ razpusti in razpiše nove volitve. Če pa ga DZ sprejme, ima še nekaj dni časa, da volilno sejo izvede, skrajni rok je pa seveda 8. maj, 30. dan po zavrnjeni zaupnici vladi Janeza Drnovška. In kar je najpomembnejše, v tretjem krogu zadostuje navadna večina; kandidatu torej ni treba zbrati 46 glasov, zadostuje, da je zanj več poslanec kot proti njemu. Kandidat, ki bi recimo imel zagotovljenih 44 glasov, bi v tretjem krogu skoraj zagotovo postal mandatar. Če tudi morebitni tretji krog ne bi prinesel mandatarja, bomo imeli volitve.

Mandat Andreja Bajuka (če bo ta teneden izvoljen) ali kakega drugega predsednika vlade, ki bo morebiti izvoljen v naslednjih krogih, bo trajal, dokler ne bo na jesenskih volitvah izvoljeni državni zbor imenoval nove vlade; torej nekje do konca letosnjega leta. Razen seveda, če bi tudi ta vlada dobila nezaupnico.

Marko Pečauer

cij, četudi jih je malo, a na vseh sodelujejo komunisti.

Tako se režim lahko ohranja na račun srbskega naroda. Srbija in Jugoslavija pa sta vse bolj izolirani. Samoizolacijo države pred svetom in pred razvojem pa plačujejo ljudje z revščino in težavami. Toda svojo prihodnost morajo izbrati sami.

Kaj menite o trenutnem političnem položaju v Sloveniji in o položaju Katoliške cerkve?

Tamkajšnje razmere bolj slabo poznam. V Slovenijo odhajam občasno, toda razmer ne spremjam pobliže. Prihaja do nekakšne nasprotnosti med liberalizmom, ki je nasledil komunizem, in Katoliško cerkvijo. Ponavlja se tisto, kar je bilo pred drugo svetovno vojno.

Glavni problem glede Cerkve pa je da veliko ljudi živi v pretekli komunistični miselnosti in se jim zdi, da je normalno delovanje Cerkve nekaj slabega za družbo. Cerkev pa zahaja le to, da bi bila v državi, v civilni družbi svobodne v svojem verskem delovanju, ne političnem.

V to svobodo sodi tudi materialna podlaga, saj so vse cerkve, tudi v Sloveniji, prej dobivale podporo od cerkva z Zahoda. Zdaj je čas, da se Cerkev v Sloveniji osamosvoji, tako kot se ja na svoje noge postavila država.

Do tega mora priti v sporazumu z oblastjo. To ni nikakršno vračanja nazaj, temveč normalizacija odnosov, če Slovenija res želi vstopiti v skupnost svobodnih evropskih narodov.

Kaj menite o modernizaciji Cerkve?

Cerkev se nenehno modernizira. Ne more pa modernizirati temeljnih moralnih pravil, ker to ni odvisno od nje – to je božji zakon, ki se je skozi zgodovino vedno pokazal kot pravilna smer in kažipot za prihodnost.

Cerkev ne more privoliti v kompromise glede splava ali podobnih zadev. To je božji zakon in samo ta vodi človeka v resnični napredek. Ubiti komaj spočetno človeško bitje zagotovo ni nekaj naprednega, temveč to vleče družbo nazaj

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Tvojo smrt oznanjamo, Gospod, in tvoje vstajenje slavimo

(nadaljevanje s str. 18)

sponzajo Križanega, v od Boga Povišanem sponzajo Ponižanega. To je sponzanje Istega in hkrati Novega.

Istost med Križanim in Vstalim se nanaša tudi na Gospodovo telo. V primeru vstajenja ne gre za oživljanje trupla, za vrnitev v stanje pred smrtno kakor pri Lazarju. Vstajenje "uhaja izkustvu človeka, ki je totran smrti" (W. Panenberg). Vendar gre za isto telo. Vstajenje telesa pomeni, da je že poveličano pri Bogu, hkrati pa je na nov način navzoče v svetu, med nami.

Iz srečanja z Vstalim izhaja poslanstvo učencev. Gospod jih pošilja, da postanejo njegove priče. Učenci, obdarjeni s pristnim izkustvom Vstalega, postanejo oznanjevalci vstajenja. "Bog ga je obudil od mrtvih in mi smo temu priče" (Apd 3,15). Iz srečanja z Vstalim izhaja tudi poslanstvo Cerkve. Presenetljivo pogumno pričevanje za Vstalega s strani učencev, ki so ga malo prej zapustili in se iz strahu razbežali na vse strani, pričevanje, ki ne kloni niti pred smrtno, je dejstvo, ki ga mora tudi necerkveni zgodovinar sprejeti kot znamenje nečesa nerazložljivega; tega, kar se je zgodilo med velikim petkom in čudežnim začetkom krščanstva. Ta nezaslišani začetek, ki ga ni moč zvesti na religiozne, psihološke, družbene ali politične motivacije, so apostoli izrecno povezovali z Jezusovim vstajenjem. Brez srečanja z Vstalim ni mogoče razumeti rojstva in širjenja krščanstva.

To dejstvo je za človeka izziv. Vabi ga, da se odpre in privolo v možnost presenečenja. V začetku krščanstva bo zaznal isto izkustvo, ki so ga imeli učenci ob srečanju z Vstalim. Videl bo, da oznanjajo evangelij presenetljivo pogumno in prepričano, ker vedo, da jih pošilja in podpira Jezus, v katerem so spoznali večno živega, ki jim daje moč od zgoraj. Prav zato so sposobni izzivati mogočne tega sveta in se spoprijeti s prihodnostjo, ker vedo, da je njihova. Prestrašeni ubežniki velikega petka so postali držni pričevalci. To so novi in vendar isti ljudje. Na njihovem pričevanju temelji naša vera.

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O tem ne odloča toliko Vatikan, temveč nuncij. Nuncij pozna tukajšnje razmere in je menil, da je dobro, če ostanem še nekaj mesecev, potem pa bom vse prepustil njemu.

Zakaj ste hoteli odstopiti?

Zaradi bolezni. V nadškofiji sem sam, nimam tajnika, dela pa je veliko. V takšnem bolezenskem stanju, ko boleham za raka, sladkorno boleznijo, obolenjem ledvic, pa tudi srce ne deluje najbolje, ne zmorem delati vsega tako, kot bi bilo treba. Ko je tako, se mora človek iz moralnih razlogov umakniti iz te službe.

Se boste vrnili v Slovenijo?

Da, če bom še živ. Zadnje čas se počutim tako, kot da bom kmalu zapustil ta naš ubogi svet.

Kaj menite o svojem nasledniku?

Zelo dober človek je, sposoben, pozna ljudi in za beograjskega nadškofa ga priporočajo dolžnosti, ki jih je opravljal doslej. Zagotovo pa mu ne bo lahko. Sam sem bil tu širinajst let, v Beogradu, na Balkanu, v tej norišnici, kjer so med seboj pomešane vse mogoče stvari. Človek se mora ograditi od vsega zunanjega, a ni povsem mogoče, saj tudi mi, verniki, živimo v konkretni družbi.

Ste se počutili ogroženi v pravoslavnih državah, glede na to, da ste katoliška manjšina?

Najhuj je bilo, ko je bila vojna na Hrvaškem in v Bosni. Takrat je bilo veliko groženj. Lahko pa rečem, da se nisem počutil posebej ogroženega, saj vsem, kaj je grožnja in kaj resnična nevarnost.

Nekoč me je nekdo oponič poklical po telefonu in rekel, da naj se v dveh dneh pobrem iz Beograda, sicer bom tretji dan plaval po Donavi. Za obvestilo sem se mu lepo zahvalil in ga prosil za majhno uslugo. Dejal sem mu, da bi raje umrl danes kot jutri in da mi je pre dolgo čakati dva dni, in ga vprašal, če ne bi mogel malce pohiteti. Odložil je slušalko.

Kljub temu so leta 1992 vrgli bombo pred Plečnikovo cerkev.

Da, to je cerkev sv. Antona. Bombo so vrgli tudi v Nišu. Toda to ni bilo tako strašno, da bi se počutili ogrožene. Morda so se čutili ogrožene naši verni na delovnih mestih. Nekoč me je neka ženska vprašala, kaj naj naredijo. Povedala je, da živijo v stolpnici in so bili sosedji prej prijatelji, zdaj pa jih ne obiskuje nihče več, pa tudi oni ne obiščejo več nikogar. Ko se njihovi otroci igrajo na dvorišču, jih drugi otroci zmerjajo z ustashi in jih ustrahujejo. To je ogroženost.

Vojna v Bosni je bila medijsko predstavljena kot verska vojna. Kaj menite o tem?

Srečevali smo se z muslimani. Vedno smo se strinjali, da to, kar se dogaja, ni verska vojna. Zakaj? Vzroki za spopad niso verske narave, a resnici na ljubo so bile zlasti v Bosni vojskujoče se strani razdeljene po verski pripadnosti. Šlo pa je za nacionalno, ne za versko vprašanje. Res je, da so politične sile hotele zlorabiti versko pripadnost v svoje namene.

Je po vašem mnenju Pravoslavna cerkev odgovorna za takšno razpoloženje med ljudmi?

Ne bi rekel, da je neposredno odgovorna. Odgovorna ni Pravoslavna cerkev kot taka, temveč nekateri njeni predstavniki. Podpirali so idejo velike Srbije, ki je temelj vseh slabih stvari v zadnjih desetih letih na tleh nekdanje Jugoslavije. Lahko bi rekli, da je 99 odstotkov Srbov za idejo Velike Srbije, ki je povzročila veliko gorja sosednjim narodom. Največ pa svojemu, srbskemu.

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Po odmevnih večerih na Slovenskem in v Ameriki prihaja na vrsto Anglija

Lepota in čar sta na prestolu tudi takrat, ko ga nimata

Peter Zornada

Pesnica META KUŠAR širi glas svoje poezije in sploh slovenske kulture tudi z močjo ubrane večglasnosti različnih umetnosti – literature, koncertnega petja, virtuoznosti na posameznih inštrumentih in umetnosti gledališkega govora v odmevni prireditvi Prestol poezije, ki je bila že uspešna v Ameriki in Kanadi, junija letos pa jo bodo predstavili v Angliji.

Ur. AD: Skupina, ki jo vodi Meta Kušar, je bila na obisku v ZDA in Kanadi lani. V intervjuju pojasnjuje Kušarjeva smisel svojega projekta.



Kdaj se je Prestol poezije prvič pojabil in kje?

Kadar sama berem javno svoje pesmi, jih nekako pomanjšam. Zato sem si morala izmislieti nekaj, da lahko polno zaživijo. Navsezadnje Verdi ni svojih arij pel sam. Dva slovenska igralca, moja stara ljuba prijatelja, Vladimir Jurc in Alojz Svete, briljantno bereta obe moji knjigi, tako Madeiro kot Svišč in lan, prvi v slovenščini in drugi v angleščini. Resnična mojstra sta, govorita misel, sebe in mene.

Ko je zbirka *Svišč in lan/Silk and Flax* izšla, sva z Vladimirjem Jurcem razmišljala, kakšna bi bila celostnost poezije, in takrat se je rodil *Prestol poezije*. Povabila sem Ano Pusar Jerič, Stanka Arnolda, Andreja Jarca, Ljubljanski goodalni kvartet in Borisa Šinigoja, s katerim sva lutnjo in pesmi mešala skupaj že

od leta 1982.

V Slovenski filharmoniji smo imeli prvo predstavo 3. decembra 1997. Napolnila je dvorano. Še enkrat smo *Prestol poezije* uspešno ponovili poleti, naslednjega leta, v gradu Podsreda. Lani nas je kulturni ataše, pesnik Tomaž Šalamun povabil na gostovanje po Ameriki.

Priznam, našo kulturno akcijo omogoča prijateljstvo. Kakor prvič tudi danes. Vsekakor smo hvaležni ministrstvu za kulturo in zunanjemu ministrstvu, uradu za Slovence po svetu, ki nas podpirajo.

Kje ste v Ameriki gostovali?

V Lemontu, Clevelandu, Columbusu in Washingtonu, v Kanadi smo imeli za

dan slovenske državnosti nastop v slovenski cerkvi v Hamiltonu, hkrati smo v Torontu naredili tudi program ob imenovanju častnega konzula, tamkajšnjega rojaka in uglednega poslovnega Jožeta Slobodnika.

Srečanje v Chicagu je bilo impozantno, kakor je tudi njihov kulturni center, imenovan Slovenski dom, za katerega so slovenske družine severnega dela države Illinois zbrale denar in z lastnimi rokami urešnile svoje hrepenenje, ko so ga leta 1995 zgradili in izročili namenu.

Arhitektka Vesna Reberník, ki sem jo potem srečala v Washingtonu, je projektirala prostoren in udoben tloris: veliko dvorano, kuhinjske prostore, točilnico, knjižnico, urade, pa še eno manjšo dvorano v idiličnem okolju pod cerkvijo Marije Pomagaj, ki je že skoro sto let slovenski romarski center.

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nost, nam je povedal predsednik Martin Hozjan, ki je tudi zelo uspešen poslovnež.

Kakšna zabloda nekaterih domačih državnih institucij, ki so gradile samo na narodnozabavni liniji. Tisto, kar ustvarja duh, je eksistenza kulture in hkrati naroda – edina hiša bistva. Tu lahko vsak vidi, da slovenstvo ni oklep, ki bi ga morallo svetovno jedro znova in znova razganjati, ker oni držijo v slovenstvu, kakor človek drhti zaradi resnične pripadnosti.

V Clevelandu je bil organizator dragoceni raziskovalec Joe Valenčič, ki je zbral precej gradiva o tem, kako so Slovenci v Ameriki ustvarjali slovensko kulturno zgodovino, ki se neposredno navezuje na našo matično domovino in jo v določenih segmentih tudi konstituirata. Premalo cenimo njegove podatke, ki potrjujejo splet tistih nacionalnih usod, ki so z eno roko segale v jugljano, z drugo pa delata: v Ameriki.

V Columbusu smo imeli predstavo v univerzitetni gledališki dvorani Ohio State University. Marjeta von Rabenau in August B. Pust sta zaslužna organizatorja. Guverner Bob Taft je *Prestolu poezije* izročil zlati pečat države Ohio, Ministrstvu za kulturo Republike Slovenije pa priznanje. Pred kapitolom je slovenski umetnosti načast vihrala slovenska zastava. Oddelek za slovanske jezike si želi, da bi ponovili obisk.

Zadnji ameriški *Prestol poezije* je bil v Kongresni knjižnici, Washington, D.C., ki sta ga organizirala Slovensko veleposlaništvo in The European Division, Library of Congress, glavni pobudnik in realizator pa je bil konzul in kulturni ataše, pesnik Tomaž Šala-

mun. Obisk je bil presenečljiv.

Instrumentalna zasedba se je pred odhodom malo spremenila: čembalo je igral Maks Strmčnik, godalni kvartet so sestavljali: Karl in Martin Žužek, Vesna Glavnik in Stane Demšar.

Pripravili ste tudi promocijski katalog št. 1. Ali bo imel nadaljevanje?

Dvanajst tisoč izvodov je bilo razdeljenih med Slovence obeh držav. Zelo si želim, da bi tudi za Anglijo izšel dvojezični katalog *Najboljše iz Slovenije za svet*, ki bi imel številko 2.

V prvem smo predstavili knjige Uprave RS za kulturno dediščino, obsežen izbor izdaj založbe Mladinska knjiga, nekaj naslosov Državne založbe Slovenije in Založbe Obzorja. Ena stran je imela kmetija Batič iz Šempasa, predstavljene so bile tudi Plečnikova tržnica in Nove Žale Marca Mušiča, ki jih upravlja Holding Ljubljane, ter Nature Design Oskarja Kogojja. Svojo stran sta imela tudi Nova Ljubljanska banka in Galerija Lala.

Žal moram poudariti, da so naši turistični, promocijski uradi nadvse tog; tudi Center za promocijo Slovenije zasleduje čudno in preživeto paradigma, ki z ignoriranjem sinergičnih učinkov nima resne prihodnosti.

Zakaj izdajate knjige z vzporednimi prevodi – Madeira slovensko-angleško in slovensko-italijansko, Svila in lan pa slovensko in angleško?

Če hočeš umetnost razprostreti široko v življenje, je to nujno. Vedno sem mislila na enotni slovenski kulturni prostor, ki ga državna meja ne omejuje. Mislim tudi na vse univerze po svetu, kjer poučujejo slovenščino. Retentna tržna pozicija se kulti ne poda. Ah, pri nas vsi lahko brez

zgražanja trošijo denar, samo umetnost ga ne sme. Politika lahko zastavlja cele narode, umetnost pa ne bi smela vreče cekinov.

Izbor mojih pesmi sedaj prevajajo v italijanščino, nemščino in španščino. Lepo je, ko nas Slovenci po svetu predstavijo svojemu okolju, srce spregovori hkrati tudi v jeziku dežele, kjer imajo Slovenci novo domovanje. Dostojanstvo se krepi. Poezija naredi ljudi široke in sprejete. Ljubezen je v ospredju in ozadju, ljubezen kot vitalna sila, ki edina osmišlja življenje ... ljubezen, ki giblje sonce z milijon zvezdami.

*Književni listi
Delo, 23. marca 2000*

O deskanju

Jurij Paljk

Lahko pa tudi o surfanju, kot se lepo po slovensko pravi početju, ko se priklopiš na svetovni spletni internet in začneš iskat elektronske web naslove. Začneš nekje v Italiji, prideš v Peking in takoj nato oddeskaš v Los Angeles, morda pa tudi v Gabrje ob reki Vipavi, če že z Budimpešto ob Donavi nisi zadovoljen.

Deskanje je izraz, na katerega se bomo navadili tudi tisti, ki s težavo sprejemamo nove izraze v slovenski jezik; v tolažbo pa naj nam bo dejstvo, da je tudi z angleškim jezikom tako kot z našim, saj so pred kratkim v znano revijo *Time* zapisali, da tako velikih sprememb in sprejemanja novih izrazov iz tujih jezikov, kakršnim smo priča danes, še ni bilo: predvsem gre za izraze iz indijskega in špansko govorečega sveta ter seveda tudi drugih, ker ne smemo pozabiti, da je danes ogromna večina svetovnega prebivalstva v Aziji.

Če smo se torej Slovenci že naučili na rolanje, ki naj bi pomenilo gibanje na sedaj zelo modnih in modernih rolkah, majhnih kolesih, in seveda še kaj, se bomo pa naučili še deskanja po svetovnem spletu, ki ga ne bomo zamenjevali z deskanjem na morskih valovih in tudi s snowboardingom ne, kot se spet lepo po slovensko reče deskanje na snegu, v katerem se uveljavljajo tudi slovenski športniki.

"Zadržano financiranje" Slovenske izseljenske matice

Ljubljana (Delo fax, 10. 4) – "Spoštovani gospod Bebler, glede na vaše nedavne izjave (srečanje s Slovenci v Schney-u dne 26. 2. 2000 ter izjave, objavljene v Večeru dne 21. 3. 2000), ki zadevajo financiranje Slovencev po svetu, vas opozarjam, da s tem krišite 5. člen pogodbe o financiranju Slovenske izseljenske matice iz proračuna Republike Slovenije.

Zato zahtevamo, da v roku 14 dni Uradu RS za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu, ki je organ Vlade RS, zadalžen za koordiniranje politike RS do Slovencev v zamejstvu in po svetu, predložite dokaze, na osnovi katerih je prišlo do vaših izjav. Nadalje vas obveščamo, da bo v skladu s 7. členom zgoraj omenjene pogodbe, financiranje do razjasnitve zadržano", je predsednika SIM dr. Antonia Beblerja nedavno uradno obvestila državna sekretarka Mihaela Logar.

V časopisni izjavi, na katero se sklicuje Mihaela Logar, dr. Bebler govori o tem, kako naj bi v predlogu zakona o skrbi RS za Slovence v tujini "uredili razmerja med našo državo in vsemi Slovenci, ki živijo v tujini, to je zamejci, izseljenci in tistimi, ki živijo na območju bivše Jugoslavije". Med drugim je dejal, da je "sedanja ureditev neprimerna, saj je poraba sredstev zelo netransparentna. Državni zbor namenja Slovencem, ki živijo v tujini, 14 milijonov nemških mark, in to vse v eni postavki, brez specifikacije programa. Tako je poraba tega denarja prepričena stranki, ki nadzoruje urad za Slovence v tujini". Po njegovem bi "v organizaciji, ki bi odločala o razdeljevanju teh sredstev, morale biti zastopane vse stranke in prisotna tudi strokovna javnost, da bi se razdeljevanje sredstev depolitiziralo".

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Na Bogenšperk pridejo izseljenci

Bogenšperk – V začetku julija bo na gradu Bogenšperk sklepna prireditev za slovenske izseljence z naslovom Srečanje v moji deželi 2000. Prireditev, ki je vsako leto v drugem slovenskem kraju, je izseljencem družabna in kulturna vez z domovino.

Direktorju Javnega zavoda Bogenšperk Petru Avblju pomeni izbor Valvasorjevega gradu za sklepno prireditev slovenskih izseljencev veliko pridobitev za turistično in zgodovinsko promocijo tega dela litiske občine, pa tudi veliko odgovornost, saj bo treba poskrbeti za približno sedem tisoč izseljencev.

B. R.
Delo fax, 14. aprila 2000

Če pa se ne moremo navaditi na izraz deskanje, se bomo še težje privadili žargonu, ki ga uporablajo mladi, na računalnik in internet navajeni ljudje, ki kar naprej nekaj "čatajo" in "daunloudajo", "printajo" in "risetajo", de ne rečemo nobene o tem, da že govorijo, kako lepo bo, ko bodo vse najprej "sejvirali" in nato skrbno "sprintali on demand".

Če imate več kot štiri deset let in ste se morali na novo čudo-računalnik še naučiti, pravzaprav ste se nanj priučili, potem je prav, da vzamete v roke slovarček; ugotovili boste, da pomeni "chat" v bistvu pogovor na spletnih straneh, kot boste tudi videli, da je "daunloudanje" izpeljanka iz angleškega glagola, ki pomeni to, da s spletno strani nekaj vzameš, snameš, medtem ko je "printanje" tiskanje in

"sejvanje" pravzaprav preprosto shranjevanje, medtem ko bo "printanje on demand" pri nas zanimivo šele čez nekaj let, a pomeni to, da si boš sam ali pa ti jo bo kdo drug stiskal knjigo namreč, tisto, ki si jo boš sam želel, in to kar z interneta.

Kaj vse nas še čaka, kaj? Neverjeten napredok; tudi mi bomo lahko rekli tako, kot so pred leti govorili starejši ljudje, ko so po ameriškem pristanku na Luni radi pojamerili: "Ja, ja, vse lepo in prav, a odkar so Amerikanci šli na Luno, vreme ni več tako, kot je bilo včasih!"

Ko se bomo vsi naučili na "i-majl", kot se po domače reče elektronski pošti, ki teče na svetovnem spletu, ko se bomo vsi naučili "rolati" in "deskati" in se nam od vsega tega ne bo "zrolalo", bomo vsi

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Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija – Catholic

Mission Aid je registrirana v Columbusu, Ohio, ZDA. Je javna, nepridobitna misijonska dobrodelenja organizacija, ki jo je ustanovil g. Charles A. Wolbang, C.M. Zbirka darove za pomoč slovenskim misijonarjem, ki delujejo po svetu. Prosimo, da nam bodo priatelji misijonov darovali še vnaprej finančno pomoč, ter se spominjali misijonskih potreb v svojih oporokah.

Za vsak dar Vam bomo hvaležni, kakor tudi misijonarji in ubogi, ki bodo vaših darov deležni. Za vse prejete darove izdamo potrdila za "Income Tax."

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DVE NEVESTI

Čas pripoveduje, da smo torontski Slovenci že dolgo po svetu. Zabavni orkestri še prinašajo življenje na velike odre v naših dvorahnah. Takrat glasno odmevajo slovenske melodije in domače plesne popevke ter se mešajo z modernimi, mednarodnimi ritmi...

Vendar je v zgodnji po-mlači zopet kulturno oživelja naša srenja. Po domače je zadišalo v newtorontski dvorani. V nedeljo, 26. marca, nas je obiskala Dramska skupina Slovenskega doma Lipa Park. Z veseloigro *Dve nevesti* nas je peljala na slovensko podeželje, k pristnim slovenskim ljudem.

Pisatelj Miha Kunaver ohranja v svojih igrah življenje in navade kmečkega ljudstva, originalne značaje, edinstvene za slovensko zemljo, ki so še pred drugo svetovno vojno bogatili naše vasi in trge.

Veseloigra *Dve nevesti* šaljivo predstavlja razplet in srečen zaključek dogodkov v kmečki družini z dvema hčerkama, zreli za možitev na eni strani in skrb strica za svojega nečaka, ki si sam ne zna poiškati neveste. Vmes pride značilna vaška potovka, ki brez telefona in časopisa povezuje vaško življenje in vplete v zgodbe premožnega kmata, vdovca, ki ima glede ženitve svoje osebne namene.

Slovensko olimpijsko odštevanje do Sydneyja

10 pravilnih odločitev in nato le ena napaka

Janez Žirovnik, junak z OI 1960 v Rimu, kjer je osvojil 8. mesto na cestni dirki, je bil dolga leta najboljši slovenski kolesar olimpijskih preizkušenj

piše Vito Divac

Janez Žirovnik je bil dve desetletji najuspešnejši slovenski kolesar na olimpijskih igrah. V Rimu leta 1960 je na cestni dirki osvojil 8. mesto, kar je bilo vse do leta 1984 daleč najboljša uvrstitev. Takrat ga je v Los Angelesu za eno mesto prehitel Bojan Ropret.

Vrhunec kratke, a izjemno uspešne kariere Janeza Žirovnika je bil zagotovo nastop na olimpijskih igrah v Rimu. Takrat 25-letni kolesar ljubljanskega Roga je nastopil skupaj z

Dvourna igra je brezhibno potekala v odlični reziji Francke Seljak, ki je iz igralcev ustvarila originalne kmečke značaje. Melharjeva dva (Jože Mikolič in Pavla Kunej) bi rada bogato omogožila svojo starejšo hčerko Lizo (Ivana Pleško). Andrejka (Pavel Zugič) že-ni nerodnega nečaka (Alojz Suša) pri njih.

Nihče ni bogat. Da bi se postavili, sposujejo denar pri vaškem bogatašu, vdovcu (Toni Kočiš), kateremu je Liza všeč. V ozadju igrata mlado ljubezen nagajiva Melharjeva Mimica (Ivana Plut Evoy) in Napoljanov sin Nace (Ivan Slobodnik).

Potovka Neža (Anica Glavač) prenaša zmotne novice o bogastvu obeh družin. Miha je prava kmečka preproščina. Mlinarjev hlapec Peter (Stane Vrstovšek) dopolni to šaljivo družbo.

V zadnjem dejanju se vse srečno konča. Napoljan, bogataš, razodene Lizi svojo ljubezen, Mimica in Nace dobita blagoslov za ženitev, Andrejka in Miha odideta na svoj dom loviti od sosedov nakupljene krate, potovka Neža pa dela nove načrte za svojo vas.

Vsi igralci so resnično zaslужili priznanje od mnogih gledalcev, ki so napolnili dvorano. Upamo, da Igralska skupina Lipa Park še večkrat okrasi naše gledališke odre.

mnenju prič je bil zelo bližu kolajni, na koncu pa je v sprintu zasledovalne skupine osvojil 8. mesto. Prepričani so namreč, da bi osvojil odličje, če bi dva kroga pred ciljem sledil Rusu Kapitonovu in Italijanu Trapeju, osvajalcema zlate in srebrne kolajne.

Najboljše slovenske uvrstitev na OI: 7. Bojan Ropret (1984); 8. Janez Žirovnik (1960); 16. Franc Gartner (1936); 22. Ropret (1976, zasledovalna vožnja na 4000 m); 32. Robert Pintarič (1996, vožnja na kronometer); 35. Primož Čerin (1984); 36. Josip Kosmatin (1924); 37. Josip Šolar (1928) in Ivan Valant (1936); Rudi Valenčič (1968).

"Kolesarstvo je izjemno dinamičen šport. V štirih, petih in več urah dirkanja se zgodi toliko stvari, da je skorajda nemogoče dirko izpeljati brez napake. Kolesar se lahko desetkrat odločitev pa je napaka in je lahko usodna, oziroma pokvari vse, kar je dotlej dobrega naredil. V Rimu sem menil, da bodo drugi lovili ubežnika in se uštel," se danes 65-letni Žirovnik spominja olimpijske preizkušnje v večnem mestu.

Na olimpijskih igrah pa sta mu v spominu najbolj ostala nastop slovitega nemškega špingerja Armina Haryja, človeka, ki je prvi pretekel 100 m v 10 sekundah, in tekme jugoslovenskih košarkarjev, ki so z Ivom Daneuom začeli prodor v svetovni vrh.

"Okrog Haryja je bilo veliko polemik, češ da je na startu prehiter oziroma da ga sodniki ne morejo ujeti, ker takrat pač ni bilo elektronskih naprav. Ker

O DESKANJU

(nadaljevanje s str. 22)

pripravljeni na nov svet in nove izzive, ker bomo vsi nove besede, ki smo jih nekaj, a malo, našteli, imeli že za nekaj vsakdanjega, kot imamo danes za normalno stvar pralni stroj, televizijo in počasi tudi računalnik, pardon, "kompjuter".

In vsi tisti, ki ne boste znali dobro pritiskati na gumbe, boste lepo "off", kot se reče danes o nekom, ki je "izklopjen, odštekan in kompjuterju ne šteka", dejansko ne razume današnjega sveta.

NOVI GLAS
Trst/Gorica, 6. aprila 2000

Slovenski izseljenci: razdvojena identiteta

Ljubljana (*Delo fax*, 11. 4.) – Založba ZRC (Znanstveno raziskovalci center) je v zadnjih nekaj letih izdala že štiri monografije in dva zbornika z izseljensko tematiko. Z najnovejšo knjigo *Razpotja izseljencev – razdvojena identiteta avstralskih Slovencev* Breda Čebulj Sajko zaokrožuje svoje več kot dvajsetletno raziskovanje.

Knjiga je logično nadaljevanje avtorične monografije *Med srečo in svobodo* izpred osmih let o vračanju prve generacije slovenskih izseljencev v avstralsko družbo oziroma o njihovem vsakdanjiku. V stiku s skoraj petsto informatorji, sto intervjuvanci in z upoštevanjem različnih virov je Breda Čebulj Sajko poskušala ugotoviti, kako se je v sklopu povoje avstralske migracijske politike, ki je prešla pot od asimilacije, integracije do multikulturizma, oblikovala identiteta tamkajšnjih Slovencev. Ugotavlja, da izseljenec nima v sebi samo ene identitete, marveč ga je tujina prisilila, da razmišlja tudi po avstralsko, in zaradi te razdvojenosti se v različnih družbenih situacijah počuti enkrat kot Avstralec, drugič kot Slovenec. Seveda pa se to čute je z generacijami bistveno spreminja.

Delo sestavlja tri večja poglavja. *Posledice dvojne identitet v vsakdanjem življenju avstralskih Slovencev* je nekakšna teoretična razlaga pojma identitete, prikaz družbenih razmer in prilagajanja priseljencev novemu okolju ter njihovega postopnega materialnega in tudi siceršnjega osamosvajanja. Poglavlju *Zakaj dvojna identiteta*, v katerem avtorica na podlagi teoretičnih antropoloških določiteljev etnične identitet utemelji svoje razumevanje dvojne identitete, sledi še pet v avstralski pogovorni slovenščini zapisanih življenjskih zgodb.

Milan Vogel

sem bil tudi sam zelo eksploziven, sem se povsem osredotočil na njegov štart. Tek na 100 m mi je bil res nekaj posebnega," Žirovnik ni pozabil enega največjih dogodkov atletskega sporeda OI v Rimu.

Janez Žirovnik je bil sicer v poznih petdesetih in v začetku šestdesetih letih, ko je dosegel tudi največje uspehe (osvojil je dva naslova državnega cestnega prvaka in zmagal na dirki Po Jugoslaviji), pionir pro-dora slovenskih kolesarjev v evropski in svetovni vrh ter začetnih prevlade naših kolesarjev v Jugoslaviji.

"Takratni rod slovenskih kolesarjev, v katerem so bili med drugimi Alojz Bajc, Jože Šebenik in Janez Valant, je tlakovala pot kasnejšim rodovom. Tekmoval sem tudi z naslednjo generacijo nadvse uspešnih slovenskih kolesarjev, bratoma Rudijem in Jožetom Valenčičem, Francem Škerlom, Jožetom Ronerjem, Andrejem Boltežarem in še bi jih lahko našteval. Vsak je po svoje prispeval k ugledu slovenskega kolesarstva, ki ga uspešno branijo vsi kasnejši rodovi," je spominja svojih

najboljših let danes 65-letni Ljubljancan, ki je kolesarsko kariero začel leta 1955, končal pa leta 1962 na dirki v Egiptu.

"V tistih letih nismo imeli veliko možnosti za tekmovanje. Na leto smo imeli okrog 15 dirk, od tega največ tri etapne. Večina preizkušenj je bila domačih, osebno pa sem veljal bolj za specialistka za enodnevne dirke kot za etapne. Zaradi tega tudi na največji dirki za amaterje Berlin-Praga-Varšava nisem imel večjih uspehov."

NEDELO

26. marca 2000

NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 17)

Merko-tu, mati Ronaldia in Arlene Taylor, 4-krat stara mati, 4-krat prastara mati, sestra že pok. Mildred Milavasec. Pogreb je bil 15. aprila s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Frančiškega Asiškega na Gates Millsu, O., s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Mary Peterka

Dne 8. aprila je v St. Petersburgu, Fla., umrla 95 let stara Mary Peterka, vdova po Charlesu, mati Georgea in že pok. Charlotte, 2-krat stara mati in 2-krat prastara mati. Pogrebna sv. maša je bila 15. aprila v cerkvi sv. Viljema s pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

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Velika noč, vesela aleluja! Kristus je vstal! - Pesem vstajenja bo donela v naših srcih. Kristus je vstal, vstali bomo tudi mi. Pesem vstajenja bo donela v naših dušah. Velikonočno zvonovi bodo odmevali v naših cerkvah k največjemu zmagovalju: Kristus je premagal smrt, da nam je prinesel odrešenje in večno življenje. Od velikonočnega jutra dalje ima vse, tudi trpljenje, križ in smrt, svoj smisel.

Z vstalim v novo tisočletje. Jezusovi učenci, misijonski sodelavci, smo na pragu tretjega tisočletja, v svetem letu poklicani, da z novim poletom, predvsem pa z življnjem pričujemo za živega Boga, ki je v Jezusu Kristusu edini Odrešenik. Svetlo leto je čas milosti, v katerem nas Cerkev kliče, da obnovimo svojo vero, upanje, ljubezen, in z novo gorečnostjo hodimo po poti za Gospodom. Ne bojmo se, Gospod je vstal in živi, On je vedno z nami. Ponosimo to sporočilo v tretje tisočletje in ga podarimo tistim, ki nimajo upanja.

Misijonar Vladimir Kos, SJ, se je oglasil koncem marca s sledečim prispevkom:

Še ena tokijskih vinjet

Poleg pridevnika "tokijski" bi moral dodati še pridevnik pristaniškega mesta Jokohama (po naše pisano), a prav tukaj sem izstopil za zvezo v drugo smer. Razgovor obeh priletnih gospa se je začel pred premikom vlaka. Sodel sem za njima z revijo na kolenih, a je nisem mogel brati. Ena izmed gospa je bila naglušna, tako, da je njena spremjevalka glasno govorila. "Glasno" je po naše precej glasno, ker Japonci navadno govorijo glasno. V te vrste vlaku sestoji desna stran iz dvajset vrst po dva sedeža. Pa recimo gospe na levem sedežu L.G., oni na desnem, se pravi, s pomanjkljivim posluhom, pa D.G. Razgovor podjam brez vmesnega kašljanja, nosnega zračenja in cmokanja z bonbonom v ustih - upam, da mi tega nihče ne bo zameril. Gospe sta se tikali, seveda po japonsko; japonščina žena ostaja kljub tikanju slovnično vladna.

LG: Še enkrat moje iskreno sožalje ob izgubi tvojega moža! Čudim se, da si se tako hitro odzvala mojemu povabili za v zdravilišče - občudujem te.

DG: Hvala ti, za tvoja plemenita čustva. A če bi videla moža, kako je mirno - rekla bi, skoraj veselo - umiral, bi zlahko razumela moj odziv.

LG: Pravijo, da tisti z rakom na pljučih na koncu silno trpijo.

DG: Saj je, revež, trpel, dokler ga ni obiskal katoliški duhovnik.

LG: Katoliški duhovnik? Ali ni tvoj mož izhajal iz stare družine boncev v Kjoto?

DG: S katoliškim duhovnikom sta se večkrat srečala pri igri "go" (moja opazka: zelo priljubljena japonska igra, podobna malce šahu z ozirom na potrebno bistroumnost).

LG: Moj mož je ves zaljubljen v "go".

DG: Moj mož v začetku ni vedel, da je njegov soigralec duhovnik. Nekega dne se je možu opravičil, da ga najbrž dalj časa ne bo k igri, ker mora v bolnico. Ker da ga rak razjeda. Moj mož ga je vprašal, kaj bo z njegovo ženo in otroki. Odgovoril mu je, da kot katoliški duhovnik ne more imeti žene ne otroka. Mož ga je večkrat obiskal v bolnici. Zmeraj ga je našel vedrega obrazu. In ga je začel vpraševati.

LG: Najbrž so ga injekcije proti bolečinam delale vedrega...

DG: Ne vem, morda. A veš, kaj je na moža napravilo najgloblji vtis?

LG: Da ni postal intimen s kakšno lepo bolniško strežnico?

DG: Ni se bal smrti.

LG: Hočeš reči: potem, ko je ozdravel?

DG: Ne. Ostal je tak, ko so mu moralni reči, da bodo poizkusili še eno operacijo, a da uspeha ne morejo jamčiti...

LG: Zdravniki se včasih motijo, veš...

DG: Duhovnik je ležal v bolnici Toranomon. Sama veš,

da je to ena najmodernejših tokijskih bolnišnic.

LG: In potem?

DG: Ko je šlo h koncu, ga je mož poklical in se dal krstiti. Naenkrat je postal - verjemi mi - dobre volje. Ker gre v nebesa, mi je rekel. In tudi to, da je odlašal do zadnjega, ker se je bal, da se mu bom uprla.

LG: Ti in tvoj mož sta bila čudovit par!

DG: Hvala ti, ljuba!

LG: Pa ne, da se boš še ti dala krstiti?

DG: Uganila si!

DG: Kako moreš izbrati za svojo vero nekoga, ki ga je mogočno rimske cesarstvo križalo kot upornika - Jezusa Kristusa?

DG: Moja ljuba - pozabljaš, da je ta navidezni hudodelec - vstal od mrtvih! Mož mi je rekel, da ga je to prepričalo. In da je s Kristusom mogoče premagati smrt.

LG: Veš, kaj mi je oni dan rekla najina znanka...

Mikrofon je v tem trenutku naznanil pristaniško postajo Jokohama, in da bo vlak potegnil naprej že čez dve minute. Zaradi silnega vetra da ima majhno zamudo. Na poti na sosednji peron sem si rekel: Glej, kako deluje MZA z molivijo in žrtvijo - na daljavo. Tudi v tej točki upam, da se ne motim.

Prisrčen pozdrav vsem v MZA in obilje velikonočnega veselja, kljub težavam in bridkostim. Vdani Vladimir Kos.

Vsek misijonar ima nekaj posebnega; tako smo različni in vendar vsi sodelujemo na daljavo. Na daljavo vklepamo drug drugega v molitev. V duhu na daljavo si stiskamo roke v pozdrav in voščimo dobro jutro, dober dan, naj On da svoj blagoslov.

ALELUJA!

To je klic veselja, kakor poje velikonočna pesem zaradi Kristusove zmage.

1. – Klic veselja naj osreči po vsem svetu vse ljudi Aleluja, pojmo vsi, Jezus vstal je in živi!

2. – Radost sveta naj prevzame vse nesrečne grešnike. Aleluja pojmo vsi, pekel nima več moći!

3. – Vstal je Kristus zmagoviti, vstali bomo tudi mi. Aleluja, pojmo vsi, tudi božji Materi.

4. – Zdaj na nebu Krist kraljuje, kraljevali bomo tudi mi. Aleluja, pojmo vsi, saj smo rajske dediči.

(Iz Oznanila velikonočne nedelje)

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Državna šola ima ime po svetniku A. M. Slomšku

Vrhnička – Vrhnička občinska uprava bo zaprosila ministrstvo za pravosodje za mnenje, ali je bil postopek izbire imena za novo osnovno šolo pravilen. Tako je odločil župan občine Vrhnička Vinko Tomšič po dveurni razpravi o postopku izbire imena na četrtekovi (tj. 6. aprila) seji občinskega sveta. Javnost je zaradi poimenovanja nove šole po Antonu Martinu Slomšku razdeljena na dva tabora.

Denar za zidavo osnovne šole še vedno zbirajo – tudi s samoprispevkom, zato je del vrhničke javnosti nasprotoval izbranemu imenu, saj gre za državno šolo. Samoprispevki plačuje nekaj več kot osem tisoč davnih zavezancev, ime šoli pa je določilo 12 svetnikov

SLS, SDS in SKD.

Svetniki LDS so zahtevali ponovitev razpisa za zbiranje predlogov za izbor imena nove šole. Po njihovem mnenju, ki so se mu pridružili še svetniki ZLSD, je bilo sporno, da predlagateljica Brigita Japelj z Vrhničko za ime šole, ki je bilo izbrano, ni priložila pisnega privoljenja Slomškovih zakonitih dedičev, kar je bil eden od razpisnih pogojev, to pa tudi zahteva 13. člena zakona o zavodih.

Razprava se je zapletala, ne le glede procedure, marveč je zahajala tudi v politične vode. Spomnili so se zahteve Slomškove zveze katoliških učiteljev z začetka prejšnjega stoletja, naj se prepove objava Hlapcev znamenitega vrhničkega literata in socialdemokrata Ivana Cankarja, po katerem se na Vrhnički imenuje osnovna šola. Svetniki SLS,

SDS in SKD in tudi župan, ki je član SKD, so prepričani, da ni bilo pri izbiri imena nič narobe.

Zdenko Matoz

DELO, 8. aprila 2000

Prenovljeni zbirkiv Loškem gradu

Škofja Loka – Na Loškem gradu so odprli obnovljeni zbirkiv o malem kruhku in umetnem cvetju, ki sta zadnji v vrsti prenovljenih obrniških zbirk v muzeju. Obnova omenjenih dveh zbirk je stala osem milijonov tolarjev, polovico je krilo ministrstvo za kulturno, pol pa Loški muzej.

S peko kruhkov, oblikovanih z modeli, so se na Loškem prve začele ukvarjati klarise iz škofjeloškega samostana že vsaj v začetku 18. stoletja. To delo so po letu 1782 nadaljevale uršulinke. Ločani so te kruhke imenovali nunski lekt.

V Škofji Loki, Stari Loki in pri Sv. Duhu so delali kruhki samo z modeli, v Selški dolini, predvsem v Železnikih in Dražgošah, delno pa tudi v Poljanski dolini, pa so ga izdelovali tudi ročno.

Umetno cvetje so prav tako kot kruhke v Škofji Loki klarise delale že vsaj v začetku 18. stoletja, njihovo delo pa so po letu 1782 nadaljevale uršulinke.

Z umetnimi rožami so krasile cerkvene podobe in relikvije. Pri tem delu so poleg papirja uporabljale tudi blago, vosek, kovinske listice in žičke, steklene kroglice, redkeje peresa.

Med drugim prebivalstvom je izdelovanje umetnih rož zaživelio šele pozneje, izdelovali pa so ga predvsem iz barvnega krep papirja za okrasitve bivalnih prostorov, vaških znamenj, križev in cerkevih oltarjev.

"Resnično bogate etnološke zbirke, ki jih imamo v Loškem muzeju, so plod 60-letnega strokovnega dela posameznih zagnancev," je na otvoritvi povedal Franc Podnar, direktor muzeja.

Z raziskovanjem in dokumentiranjem se je veliko ukvarjala Meta Sterle.

Zbirko o umetnem cvetju so zdaj obogatili z naklejanimi umetnimi rožami in cvetjem iz krep papirja, zbranega pa je veliko novega o izdelovanju kruhkov in cvetja. Maja Roš

DELO, 7. aprila 2000

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