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# Hoop dream crosses sea

*Sports Columnist Hubert Mizell/ St. Petersburg Times*

Basketball has grown from cross country boys firing shots at hoops nailed to Middle American barns, to new-age dedication of urban kids reinventing the game on meanstreets pavement, eventually to an exploding world of venues including dirt courts in Africa and war-savaged arenas of Europe.

- Larry Bird
- Magic Johnson
- Hakeem Olajuwon

Basketball giants, they grow from roots so varied. Now a global sport, it can be a unifier of societies. Four years ago, basketball delivered a lanky 6-foot-8 Lithuanian teen, Arturas Karnishovas, to a most unfamiliar culture; the urban heart of New Jersey. Arriving at Seton Hall University, the kid could shoot the rock, but he couldn't speak the language.

Arturas learned his first English words by watching "Wheel of Fortune" and "The Price is Right" and "Family Feud" on television. Before the 18 year old could say "Give me a cheeseburger," he had mastered "I'd like to buy a vowel."

A brilliant student in Lithuania, he at first failed to achieve the NCAA magic score of 700 on the SAT test, because of his struggles with English.

Okay, fast forward to today... Karnishovas is 22. His English probably is better than Vanna White's. An economics major, Arturas has matured intellectually as well as athletically, becoming an Academic All-

American with a 3.3 grade-point average.

No. 55 merits many cheers.

This afternoon, as the Hall's best player, the Lithuanian role model with the Hoosiers jump shot shows up for the NCAA men's basketball tournament, and to experience a new town with an old eastern European name, St. Petersburg.

"My experience at Seton Hall has been huge," Karnishovas said. "I've grown so much, in basketball and as a man. NBA has long been a dream of mine. One of my biggest goals is to have Americans better know my homeland, and understand it more deeply.

"Lithuania is not like Russia. A lot of Americans think that, because of a shortage of information. Lithuania is a unique place with unique people. If I can play pro basketball, I will spend much time working to help people in the United States learn about my country."

Sarunas Marciulionis, a Lithuanian, is an established but now-injured NBA star with the Golden State Warriors.

"Sometimes," Karnishovas said, "I imagine being back in Lithuania. I very much like the lifestyle here in America. But I miss the nature of Lithuania. I miss the Baltic Sea. I miss the coast. I just miss being there. It is home."

In 1992, he played basketball in the Barcelona Olympics, earning a bronze medal with the Lithuanian team. Not many of us noticed. Americans were



*Arturas Karnishovas wanted to play in the U.S., but his Lithuania never is far from his mind.*

mesmerized by Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Charles Barkley and the rest of our gold-medal Dream Team, which predictably went unthreatened in Spain.

This season, Karnishovas is averaging 18.2 points for Seton Hall. He majors in three-point missiles, hitting 38.4 percent from beyond the Arctic Circle. "No doubt in my mind, he'll be an NBA player," said Jim Calhoun, coach of second-ranked Connecticut. "Arturas does so many things well, and his intelligence is evident on the floor."

His future is promising, but it is the personal past of Arturas Karnishovas that separates No. 55 of Seton Hall from the coming Thunder Dome rivals who perspire in the famous basketball shirts of Duke, Kentucky, Michigan State, Marquette, et al.

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# Florence Eckert -- Childhood Memories

Barely able to reach the doorbell, she had an important mission to accomplish and much rested on the outcome of this house call. Well, it really wasn't a house call but rather a rectory call.

After ringing the doorbell the little six year old waited nervously for someone to answer. Usually it was the housekeeper, but today the good Father himself answered.

The youngster was no stranger to the Padre for she lived next door to the rectory and often chatted with him while he was trying to read his breviary for the day.

He wasn't expecting to see his little neighbor at the front door of the rectory nor did he ever see her looking so serious and businesslike.

"Good morning Father," she said, and wasted no time explaining her mission. It seems she and her little friends were staging a backyard play which she had produced and they were in need of a few angel costumes and wanted to know if the good father would lend the First Communion angel outfits to them for their play.

The innocence of little children is spelled out so clearly in this little scene. Did she worry or question whether going to the good father was a wise move? Not at all. She needed angel dresses and she knew he had them because she saw them worn by the angels in the First Communion Procession so why shouldn't she try to borrow them for her play?

This is just one of the many touching memories from my childhood growing up next to Holy Trinity Church in the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Of course, the request was rejected; however, Father had a special way of making you feel like he said yes when he really said NO. He was sure our make-believe angels would be much better than colored costumes and we bought the idea without question.

You may travel in many directions on the "road of life" however the days of your childhood are indelibly engraved in your memory and hold the warmest and most precious memories of all.

It was at Holy Trinity that I was baptized, made my First Penance, received my First Holy Communion, was confirmed and married.

Holy Trinity is a Lithuanian parish looking forward to a centennial celebration this month so I drove up to visit Monsignor Norkunas to get some information regarding the upcoming celebration. (PAGE 7.)

Revisiting the old neighborhood brought back memories that although they cannot be relived -- they will never be removed.

How well I recall preparing for my First Holy Communion. Things were much different than they are today. Confession was on Saturday the day before you received. Anyone receiving communion had to fast from

midnight the night before. This was especially difficult for little children and more than often there would be one or two who couldn't make it and would just go in procession with the group and then receive by themselves the next day.

After receiving, the First Communion Class was treated to breakfast in the church basement which was prepared by the Altar and Rosary mothers and the pastor of the parish came down and gave each child their certificate of First Holy Communion. The children came to church in the afternoon at which time they were given their First Communion Kit, black for the boys and white for the girls. In the kit was a holy card in remembrance of the day along with a Rosary and Scapular. Each child was individually enrolled in the scapular confraternity and the priest blessed the scapular and placed it over the head of the child.

The girls were automatically enrolled in the Jr. Sodality and the boys were enrolled in the Jr. Holy Name Society.

More than 16,000 Masses have been offered on the altar of Holy Trinity Church since I moved away and they were offered by three different pastors and their assistants.

Hundreds of babies were welcomed into the church through baptism, young couples married to begin new lives together and many parishioners laid to rest in the new cemetery at Bear Creek.

I still recall the old cemetery where our parents would take us on Sunday to visit while they prayed at the graves of loved ones. We were always careful not to step on the graves and had

great respect for the dead.

I enrolled my first born daughter in St. Ann's Academy which was across the street from the church. A landmark for many years, it was torn down and replaced by Little Flower Manor.

The good nuns who ran the academy (a private girl's school) farmed the land across the street from the school and convent. This land is now occupied by private homes.

I recall trying to climb the stone wall that surrounded the convent to get a peek at the enormous dogs that protected the grounds. As tiny tots, we also loved to hide in the small partitions on both sides of the front of the church. At Holy Trinity, the Sodality and the

Choir were a big part of my life and we enjoyed the many social affairs such as weiner roasts and truck rides to Harvey's Lake. We helped the organist, Professor Stulgaitis, make communion hosts on Saturday and we sorted and tallied the church envelopes for the secretary, Verna Pikaitis, who treated us to a Sunday movie at the Gyk which at that time cost 10¢.

Yes, memories are to be cherished especially when they hold so many values that no longer exist. Sunday was "the Lord's day." Businesses were closed, there was no shopping, cleaning, or washing clothes. This was a "family day," a day of rest, a day to thank God for all our blessings.

The once popular song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" holds a lot of meaning for some people. As for me -- "I left my Heart at Holy Trinity" holds more meaning than can be put into words.

Happy 100th!!!!

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## Hoop dream

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"When I was little, I had a game I used to play at home in Lithuania," Karnishovas said recently. "If I made the shot, I'd go to America and play basketball. If I missed, I wouldn't. I always made the shot."

In early 1992, at Seton Hall basketball midseason, Karnishovas was nervous over something far more serious than playing against Syracuse, Georgetown, or UConn. The old U.S.S.R. was disintegrating. On what was termed "Bloody Sunday," Soviet tanks rumbled into his hometown of Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Arturas kept dialing his parents' telephone number but repeatedly was denied.

Finally, Mom did answer.

"She was sitting in our house counting tanks as they went past," he said. "A half-mile away, the first shots were being fired." Thirteen Lithuanians would die from gunshots fired that day.

"When I'm playing basketball," Karnishovas said, "I don't think of anything else. It's my relaxation. You can't be depressed and have success. For a long time, I tried to not look at pictures that would remind me of Lithuania. I studied even harder. Anything to keep my

mind off the trouble at home."

Life remains difficult in fractured former Soviet republics. Every day reports are in U.S. newspapers and on network TV for the Seton Hall basketball hero to see. But last week, there came an enormous surprise that left Karnishovas in shock, which was followed by smiles, and eventually tears.

Seton Hall was preparing for the Big East Conference tournament. Karnishovas finished practice and returned to his dorm on the South Orange, N.J. campus. His roommate came in, bringing along Kim Bohuny of the NBA's international division, an old friend of Arturas.

"I've brought you an early graduation gift," said Bohuny, who met Karnishovas years ago, when he played for the Soviet junior team. On that cue, his parents came popping from the bathroom where they had been hiding.

"I almost had a heart attack," Arturas recalls. "I just stood staring at my father and mother at first. I was shocked beyond belief." Bohuny had spent tens of thousands of personal frequent-flier miles to bring Vilnius grocer Mykolas Karnishovas and his wife, Irena, to the United States. The next day they saw their son play at Madison Square Garden.

What a country!

## Think Before You Drink

The fact that the law makes it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content level of .10 percent does not mean that it is safe to drive at a lower alcohol content level. The .10 percent means that one-tenth of a percent of the blood in your body is alcohol.

While one-tenth of a percent may not sound like a lot, it is more than enough to affect every bodily function and ruin your ability to drive safely.

The amount of alcohol it takes to reach the .10 percent level depends on your body weight and how quickly you drink.

Generally, a 160-pound person will be legally drunk after drinking five drinks within an hour (five 12-ounce beers; or five 4-ounce glasses of wine; or five 1 1/2-ounce shots of liquor). As a general rule, if you have only one drink per hour, you are not likely to become too drunk to drive.

While eating is a good idea because it slows down the absorption of alcohol into your system, it does not reduce or eliminate the effects of alcohol.

## Steps Leading to a Free Lithuania

### 1988

**June 3** - "Sajudis" is founded with some 500 active members advocating openness, democracy, and sovereignty for Lithuania.

**October 19** - Algirdas Brazauskas, known to have a mind for reform, replaces Rimgaudas Songaila, First Secretary of the Communist party of Lithuania.

**October 22-23** - Constituent Congress of Sajudis is held in Vilnius Sports Hall.

**October 23** - Cardinal Sladkevicius holds an outdoor dawn church service in front of Vilnius Cathedral. The crowd is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 20,000 people.

**December 24** - Lithuanians celebrate Christmas Eve for the first time in over 40 years.

### 1989

**February 5** - Vilnius Cathedral is reconsecrated.

**August 23** - Approximately two million Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians join hands to form a human chain, which stretches from Vilnius to Tallin in protest marking the 50th anniversary of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

**December 20** - The Lithuanian Communist Party announces its independence from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

**December 26** - The separation of the Lithuanian Communist Party from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is declared "illegal" by Mikhail Gorbachev.

### 1990

**January 11-13** - Over 300,000 demonstrators greeted Mikhail Gorbachev in Vilnius when he visited Lithuania.

**February 7** - The Supreme Council declares the 1940 annexation of Lithuania by the Soviet Union as "illegal."

**March 4** - The first free elections since 1940 are held in Lithuania with Sajudis gaining an overall majority following the 2nd round of voting.

**March 11** - Vytautas Landsbergis is elected chairman of the Supreme Council which restores Lithuania's independence.

### 1991

**January 13** - Fourteen unarmed civilians are killed when Soviet troops attack the TV-tower.

**March 11** - On a vote of 124 - 0 with 9 abstentions, Lithuania's newly elected parliament voted to restore "the exercise of the sovereign powers of the Lithuanian state." Vytautas Landsbergis is elected Chairman.

**July 31** - Seven border guards are killed at the Medininkai border east of Vilnius.

**September 6** - The Soviet Union recognizes the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, marking the end to 70 years of Communist rule.

**September 17** - Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are readmitted into the U.N.

## Lithuanian-U.S. Trade Treaty Signed

Lithuanian Foreign Minister Povilas Gylys signed a treaty with the United States on trade relations and the protection of intellectual property. The accords also confer the most fa-

vored nation trade status for both countries.

While in Washington, Gylys met with several U.S. officials, including Nichol Burns of the National Security Council; they

discussed security issues of the Baltic Region.

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RFE/RL

# Ethnic Wars - Will They Ever End?

(The staff of the Helsinki Commission answer some of the frequent questions about the war in Bosnia.)

## Are Bosnia's Muslims an Islamic threat to Europe?

The Muslims are a South Slavic people that speak essentially the same language as Serbs and Croats, and are no less European than any of their neighbors. While they adopted the Islamic faith during Ottoman rule, they dominated Bosnia-Herzegovina's urban centers, which along with the decades of Austro-Hungarian rule, fostered a cosmopolitan and secular culture which retained its European character through the Yugoslav period. Recent perceptions that Europe abandoned them may have caused some Muslims to turn sympathetic Islamic countries, among others, for assistance, and to their personal faith for guidance, but the notion that they pose an Islamic threat to Europe is really the creation of Serb and subsequent Croat propaganda which hoped to play on Western fears and prejudices.

## Isn't this just a civil war between ethnic factions?

Serbs and Croats, along with Muslims, are each indigenous to Bosnia-Herzegovina, but any tension between them before the conflict - to the extent it existed -

could not have led to the violence that actually ensued.

The Bosnian Serb militants are linked to the Serbian regime in Belgrade which had a clear policy to establish a "Greater Serbia" that would forcefully unite Serb populations in the former Yugoslav republics.

They have been orchestrated, armed and continually supplied by Belgrade, without which they could not have maintained their aggression for two years. Croat forces, while originally accepted by Bosnian authorities as part of an effort to defend the country, have nevertheless been supported by Croatian leaders in Zagreb. They have continually held notions, which became more evident in 1993, of making a land grab of their own in Bosnia-Herzegovina, despite claims otherwise.

To call them "ethnic factions," therefore, wrongly ignores the multi-ethnic character of the Bosnian government, which, to the extent it is heavily represented by Muslims, is more by default than by design. It also wrongly characterizes all Serbs, for example, as collectively guilty for the actions of militant nationalists, making the innocent targets for revenge and more vulnerable to extreme nationalist propaganda.

It also implies some equality in the responsibility for the conflict.

## How can we stop fighting that has gone on for centuries?

History does reveal times of rivalry and violence in the Yugoslav region, which makes present day conflict possible and perhaps even likely in some areas. But conflict was, by no means, inevitable, and there were considerable periods of peaceful cohabitation and actual integration among the related peoples of Bosnia-Herzegovina, especially since World War II. The fact is that the rule of Slobodan Milosevic, which predates the democratic revolutions of the late 1980's and is the longest in East-Central Europe today, could only be maintained in Serbia by fomenting fears, hatred and extreme nationalism among Serbs throughout the former Yugoslavia. Had this present-day problem been overcome, the conflict which has victimized Bosnia-Herzegovina could have been avoided.

## Haven't all sides committed atrocities?

Yes, and each atrocity which has been committed should be condemned and punished. That said, the Serb side committed the earliest and the most atrocities, implementing a policy to ethnically cleanse whole regions through the forced deportation, rape, torture, internment and murder of innocent civilians.

The Croat side increasingly committed atrocities as it saw the world tolerate this and opportunistically engaged in its own land grab. Bosnian/Muslim forces also have recently been responsible for atrocities motivated by revenge and desperation. While the provision of justice must be impartial as to who was the perpetrator and the victim for each war crime committed, a realistic differentiation on the basis of scale and motivation for these crimes suggests more appropriate responses than the simplistic, fatalistic conclusion that each side equally desires to exterminate the other.

## What is the bottom line?

Neither historical nor present-day grievances justify recourse to the use of force in violation of Helsinki principles. Moreover, the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina is not really based on justified grievances, nor is it a war between opposing military forces. It is the slaughter of innocent civilian populations by well-armed militant criminals for the sake of maintaining an undemocratic regime in Belgrade. Allowing it to continue has made the world partly responsible for the result, and has set a dangerous example for post-Cold War Europe.

## Lithuanian-Russian Negotiations

Virgilijus Bulovas, the head of the negotiating team with Russia, told a press conference in Vilnius on March 23, that Russia was taking a tougher line at their talks. Russia refuses to return Lithuanian archives previously taken from Lithuania, and no progress was made for the return of hard currency held by Lithuanians in the former Vneshekonon bank.

Russian negotiating team head, Viktor Isakov, however

told Interfax that the talks on March 21-22 were constructive. He explained that Russia had not ratified the most-favored nation trade agreement with Lithuania signed in November because issues with Kaliningrad had not been resolved. He criticized Lithuania's plans not to sign a separate military transit agreement with Russia, as well as the country's plan to pass a statute regulating all military and dangerous cargoes going through the country.

RFE/RL

## Lithuania to Tie Litas to Hard Currency

RFE/RL reports that on March 17, Lithuania's Siemas, by a vote of 62-37 with three abstentions, passed a law requiring the government to choose a specific hard currency to which the litas would be tied as a fixed exchange rate beginning April 1, 1994.

The measure, backed by Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius, received approval only from Lithuanian Democratic Labor Party faction deputies. Economics Minister Julius Veselka and Foreign Minister

Povilas Gylys voted against it.

Veselka said that he would resign as minister if President Algirdas Brazauskas signs the law. Bank of Lithuania chairman Kazys Ratkevicius opposed the law arguing that the bank would no longer be able to issue credits to commercial banks or the government since the amount of Lithuanian currency would be strictly determined by the bank's hard currency reserves.

RFE/RL

## Painting of Virgin Mary Undergoing Restoration

The American Baltic News reports the well-known picture of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy is undergoing restoration in Vilnius, Lithuania. After the silver "robe" and the crown decorated with precious stones had been removed, and the tarnish that had accumulated over the years had been stripped away, there emerged the Virgin Mary in all its beauty.

Although the picture had long been treasured by Lithuanians throughout the world and is located at the Gates of Dawn (Ausros Vartai) chapel, few have seen it without its jewel encrusted halo.

It was long speculated that the 17th century painting was an example of Byzantine art and culture, created in the Crimea region (now part of the Ukraine) and brought to Vilnius. Experts at the Vilnius Art Gallery who have made an analysis of the picture believe it to be European in origin.

An advanced physical and chemical analysis of the oak planks on which the picture is painted suggest that its tech-

nique is similar to that of Dutch-Flemish painters of the 17th century.

The experts will continue their analysis of the picture with the aim to ascertain more precisely its origin. They will try to find the painter in European catalogues and the archives of Dutch-Flemish painters whose work most closely approximates the style used in painting the Virgin Mary in Vilnius.

The director of the Vilnius Art Gallery, Romaldas Budrys, said that this picture corroborates the truth that every great piece of art radiates and has a big field effect because only an artist inspired by God can create such masterpieces.

A great number of people who have knelt and prayed in front of the picture have been miraculously helped by the Mother of Mercy. The Gates of Dawn Chapel is the site of many pilgrimages and several miraculous cures have reportedly occurred there.

The previous restoration of the miraculous picture of the Virgin Mary was carried out in 1928.



### Without silver "robe"

### Here and There in the Baltics

Travelers to the Baltics often don't realize that Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are Nordic countries in the full sense of the word: in summer, it's light until very late at night, and the temperature rarely reaches the 90s, as is often the case in the U.S. midwest. Latitudinally, Estonia's capital Tallin is barely dozens of miles south of Anchorage, Alaska ... and Lithuania's capital, Vilnius, is a few miles north of Goose Bay, Labrador! These simple geographic facts escape most of us when we travel to the Baltics and have to pack clothing.

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Tourists to the Baltics often complain about the lack of de-

tail to help them along with their stay. Poor road markings, less than up-to-date maps, lunch closure of various establishments, and lack of Baltic souvenir items to take back home are just some of the irritants the foreigner experiences.

One German in Klaipeda, Lithuania, said, "I've got money, and I'd like to spend some of it here, but there's nothing for me to buy." There's lots of amber, but not much of other kinds of souvenirs unique to each country such as hand-weavings, carvings, local basketry, etc. Baltic government officials should work to improve tourism, a real cash cow for the Baltics...

## SMILES

### British Children's Answers to Church School Questions:

- \* Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- \* The fifth commandment is Honor thy father and mother.
- \* When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus, she went off and sang the Magna Carta.
- \* The Pope lives in a vacuum.
- \* The patron saint of travelers is St. Francis of the sea sick.
- \* A republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.
- \* The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so Paul got stoned.
- \* The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- \* It is sometimes difficult to hear what is being said in church because the agnostics are so terrible.

### Classified Ads That Could Have Used More Proofing

Lost: One small apricot poodle. Neutered. Like one of the family.

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For Sale: Antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

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Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00

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We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

### \*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*

Just a little reminder that we do not publish in July and August.

See you in September. Enjoy your summer!

## Bishop's Brief

"Come!..."

In one of his letters to the world's youth, Pope John Paul II rejoiced that drastic political and social changes in the past years have opened the door to a more meaningful and humane life for millions. He also stressed that this evolution has been actively guided by the Divine Providence of God's Spirit in directing mankind through this course of history.

The Holy Father invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit and the help it affords us in attaining personal holiness. Once aware of our Christian responsibility, we can work toward a better life for all mankind, founded upon justice and love.

At the first Pentecost, the Christian community -- the Church -- received Christ's promised Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who has remained with

us down through the ages (John 14: 16-17).

However, as Lithuania's bishops have noted in their pastoral letter, in many of us this Spirit is like an ash-covered ember that needs a swift gust of wind to blow our souls clean and spark this sleeping ember into flame. (1987).

Recalling Vatican II's insight into the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church, Pope Paul VI proclaimed: "We need the Holy Spirit, we need its light and strength, we need its gifts of peace and joy. The Church needs a perpetual Pentecost with fire in its heart and words on its lips - it needs vision... We all need the Holy Spirit. Let us pray in unison: Come! (L'Oservatore Romano, 11/29/72).

My wishes for a meaningful and holy Pentecost.

**Paul A. Baltakis, D.D.,  
O.F.M.**

## The Baltics On Video

If you are planning a trip to the Baltics, are simply curious about the Baltic countries and their people, or want to know how Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians regained their independence - some call it the singing revolution - but do not want to leave the comfort of your easy chair, then you should get the video cassette titled "Baltic States."

The 54 minute video begins with a short historical introduction to the Baltic States and includes some of the key events which permitted these countries to regain their independence. Then it settles into its subject proper: travel through the Baltics.

Along the way, there is a stop at the Rumsiskes ethnic museum, where a folk music ensemble in national costume entertains the viewer. From

Kaunas, one heads north to the Hill of Crosses in Siauliai, and then to the sandy beaches and spectacular sunsets of Palanga.

From Palanga, the tour continues northward through the Latvian countryside on to Riga and then Tallin in Estonia.

Viewing this video gives one a skeleton of a map from which to explore the Baltics, and get a bird's-eye view of each country and its attractions. Using this video, maps and a schedule of events as guides, one can plan a busy and fulfilling stay in the Baltics.

The same video is available from two separate sources. It is available from International Historic Films Inc., Box 29036, Dept. ABN, Chicago, IL 60629 or International Video Network, 2246 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583. The video costs \$24.95 plus shipping and handling.

ABN

## Fraternal Week June 8th to 14th



Pictured at the Proclamation signing for the commemoration of Fraternal Week are members of the Northeast Fraternal. Seated are Rita Simalchik, President of Northeast Fraternal, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and Wilkes-Barre Mayor, Lee A. Namey. Standing, from left, Andrew Dennis, Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society; Charlotte L. Androckittis, Polish Union of U.S.A.; George Sadauckas, Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

### Lithuanians Participate in St. Ann's Novena

Rev. Clement Kasinskas, C.P. will conduct the Lithuanian services during the nine-day Novena to St. Ann at St. Ann's Monastery, Scranton, PA.

Marie Laskey is assisting Rev. Kasinskas and the Knights of Lithuania; Councils 74 and 143 will participate.

This Novena is recognized nationally and people travel to Scranton from all parts of the

country to be here to honor the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, good St. Ann.

Rev. Kasinskas invites all Lithuanians and their friends to attend the Lithuanian services on Tuesday, July 26, and suggests that women who have Lithuanian costumes wear them that day.

The tentative schedule calls for services to begin at 4 p.m.

## Reminder:

**No Garsas in July or August  
See you in September!**

## Holy Trinity to Celebrate Centennial

Holy Trinity Parish in the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre, PA will celebrate its 100th anniversary June 26, 1994.

The celebration will begin with a Jubilee Mass at 4 p.m. on Sunday with His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop James C. Timlin, D.D., as Presider.

Celebrant will be the Reverend Monsignor Anthony J. Norkunas, pastor of Holy Trinity Church.

Reverend James E. McGahagan will preach the homily.

Following Mass, there will be bus service to Convention Hall in Pittston where festivities are scheduled to begin with a social

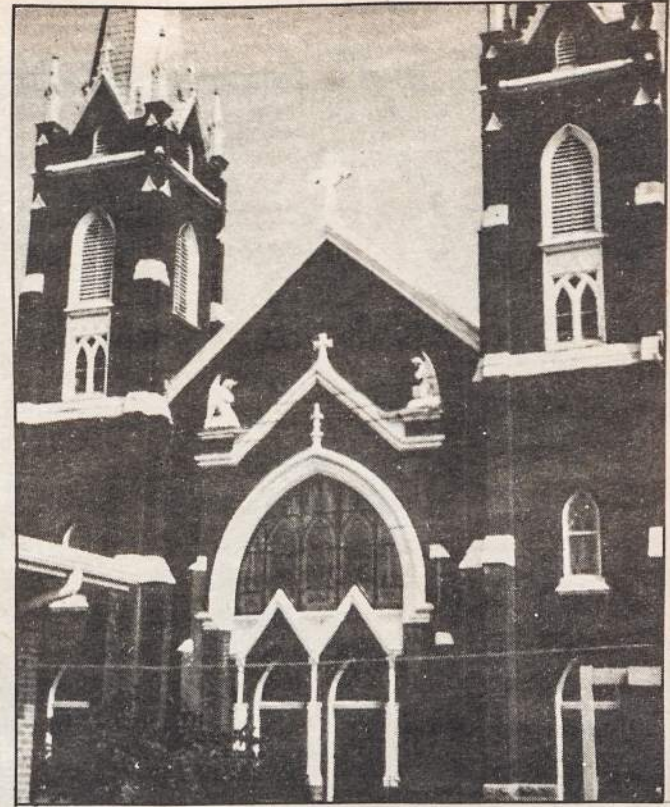
hour at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by dancing to the music of the Henry Charles Orchestra.

Free bus service will be provided after dinner and again after the end of the festivities at 11:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets are available at all weekend Masses, and at the Rectory during the week. The price is \$25 and the cut-off date is June 12th. When purchasing tickets, let the seller know if you will be using the free bus service.

For reservations or further information, call Mr. Robert Stavish, Sr. at 822-6260 or Mr. Robert Stavish, Jr. at 825-3295.



HOLY TRINITY LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 1994 Figures Show Drop of 678 U.S. Priests

The total Catholic population remains on a plateau at 23% of total U.S. population, as reported by the Official Catholic Directory, despite an increase of 637,319 Catholics for the year. The increase is attributed to the growing number of immigrants.

The total number of priests in dioceses in 1994 dropped from 50,907 to 50,229 for a decrease of 678. The decrease is partially attributed to the 1,048 deaths re-

ported among all priests last year. The decreases were not offset by new ordinations, which totalled 633, an increase of 28.

The Directory also reports increased participation in sacramental receptions, first communions and confirmations.

First communions increased by 15,366, while confirmations went up by 17,007. Marriages showed a decline of 10,402 for the year.

## Catholic School Enrollment Increases

Enrollment in Catholic education facilities is on the increase, according to R.R. Bowker's newly released "The Official Catholic Directory."

Catholic private high schools report an increase of 1,253 students, bringing total enrollment to a new total of 264,363.

Elementary schools also report increases -- 24,197 additional students now attend Diocesan facilities for a total enrollment of 1,963,388.

Increases are also evident in the number of students in public elementary and high schools enrolled in Catholic religious education courses. A total of 3,352,952 students in public elementary schools are receiving religious instruction; an increase of 13,975 from 1993.

High schools also report an increase of 17,779 students enrolled in religious education courses -- the 1994 total is now 789,825.

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## Mary Elgonitis Celebrates Her 80th Birthday

Mary Elgonitis, of Lehigh St., Wilkes-Barre, PA celebrated her 80th birthday Tuesday, May 24.

The former Mary Baluta, she was married for 47 years to the late Stanley Elgonitis. She is a member of St. Mary's Church of the Maternity and before her retirement was employed by Carter Rubber and King's College.

She has five children: Theresa Talacka, Edward, Mary Rose Yorio, Stanley Jr. and Leonard. She also has 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A party given in her honor by



her children was held at St. Mary's Church Hall.

Mary joined the Alliance 40 years ago and is a member of Lodge 17.

## 22nd Annual Lithuanian Festival

Mark it on your calendar, the 22nd annual Lithuanian Festival to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 11 and 12, 1994.

Baltimore city celebrates its heritage with its Showcase of Nations. This series of ethnic festivities is exciting and fun-filled and takes place at Hopkins Plaza, near the Mechanic Theatre. This is between Baltimore and Lombard Streets, Hopkins Place and Charles Street. The time both days is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The entertainment will be lively and lovely. There are three sets of dancers. From Baltimore the Malunas group plus the equally talented youngsters, Ratelis, and from Canada, Gyvataras. Music will be provided by Zagarai.

There will be ethnic food and drinks of all varieties for you to enjoy. This year's theme is: Rebuilding the Republic.

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Popiežiškoji Šv. Kazimiero Lietuvių Kolegija Romoje

## POPIEŽIŠKOSIOS ŠV. KAZIMIERO KOLEGIJOS ROMOJE METINIS KREIPIMASIS Į LIETUVIŲ VISUOMENĘ PASAULINĖS MALDŲ UŽ PAŠAUKIMUS DIENOS PROGA

Mieli kolegijos geradariai, draugai,

Kalėdų proga pasiuntėmė visiems Kolegijos geradariams pereinusių metų pagrindinių įvykių kroniką. Tikėjomės, kad ji nušvies dabartinę Kolegijos vaidmenį mūsų visuomenėje: nes šalia savo pagrindinės misijos kaip seminarija, ji ir kitaip nemažai pasitarnavo mūsų Bažnyčiai ir Tautai, Lietuvoje ir už jos ribų. Ypač paskutiniaisiais metais Kolegija yra tapusi svarbus ir gyvas lietuviybės dvasinis centras Romoje. Tai galėjo įvykti ne vien dėl čia dirbančių asmenų pasišventimo, bet ir dėl mūsų bičiulių-geradarių dvasinės bei medžiaginės paramos ir pritarimo. Jie suprato Kolegijos vaidmenį ir prasnę Krikščionybės centre ir visokeriopai Kolegiją rėmė. Todėl reiškiamo nuoširdžią padėką ir pagarbą visiems, kurie pasitikėjo Kolegijos potencialu ir taip pat tiki tolimesniu jos vaidmeniu Lietuvos labai Dievo planuose.

Paskutiniai metai pilnai įprasmino visas praityje padarytas aukas dėl Kolegijos įkūrimo ir išlaikymo Romoje. Šios įstaigos vadovybė, Dievo įkvėpta, Švento Sosto laiminama, pradėjo ruošti dvasiniam Lietuvos atgimimui dar gerokai prieš Lietuvos oficialų valstybės atkūrimą. Ilgai prisiminsime tą istorinę pilną baimės, rugpjūčio 1991 m., 19 Pučo dieną, kai pirmajam lietuvių klierikų ir kunigų (20) studentų autobusui dar sovietų sargyba leido pervažiuoti Lietuvos - Lenkijos sieną 1991-1992, akademiniais metams į Romą. Reiškiamo nuoširdžią padėką tuometiniam Lietuvos Episkopatui už drąsą bei visapusišką bendradarbiavimą. Dėkojame taip pat Amerikos Episkopatui ir jo

specialiam komitetui (kuriam vadovauja Kolegijos nuoširdus draugas, prel. dr. Jurgis Šarauskas) už pritarimą tam žygiui ir už medžiaginę paramą iki šios dienos.

Jaučiam Dievo palaimą ir už ją dėkojame. Su didele viltimi ir pasitikėjimu žiūrime ir į Kolegijos tolimesnę misiją bei jos vaidmenį mūsų Bažnyčiai/Tautai. Mūsų žvilgsnis apima visą pasaulį: Australijoje, Pietų Amerikoje, Europoje, Š. Amerikoje ir kitur lietuvių kunigų skaičius kasmet mažėja. Jau dabar jaučiamas didelis jų trūkumas. Esam tikri, kad Kolegija bus reikalinga ir ateityje. Kur kitur jei ne čia, Lietuvos Episkopatas galės paruošti lietuvius kunigus mūsų misijoms - kolonijoms už Lietuvos ribų?

Todėl ir šiais metais Pasaulinės Dienos maldų už Pašaukimus proga, kreipiamės į lietuvių visuomenę su trimis prašymais: 1. Maldos, 2. Išmaldos ir 3. Solidarumo.

1. Be maldos ar "Tėvas siųs darbininkų į Sūnaus vynuogyną"? Tai pirmasis ir pagrindinis šios Dienos tikslas. Kviečiam, todėl, jungtis su Šv. Tėvu ir visa Bažnyčia, prašant daug ir šventų kunigų, ypatingai Lietuvai.

2. Be medžiaginės paramos (išmaldos) ši įstaiga nepajėgs tinkamai paruošti tų Tėvo siunčiamų darbininkų į Kristaus vynuogyną Lietuvoje ir išeivijoje. Kviečiam paremti savo auka šią seminariją (Kolegiją), esančią Krikščionybės Centre, kiekvienas pagal savo išgales.

3. Be konkrečių asmenų solidarumo nebus medžiaginės paramos. Laikas, amžius, sveikata ir naujos politinės bei ekonominės sąlygos negailestingai retina Kolegijos geradarių gretas. Kviečiam todėl, ypatingai šia proga, išeivijos lietuvius užimti tas retėjančias gretas, tampant mūsų geradariais. Šis yra MŪSŲ METINIS GERADARIŲ VAJUS. Iš savo pusės mes pasižadame atsilyginti visiems savo labdariams nuolatine malda.

Kolegijos vadovybės ir studentų vardu reiškiu nuoširdžią padėką visiems Kolegijos geradariams, privatiems ir organizacijoms (Vyčiams, Šv. Kazimiero Gildijai, lietuviškoms parapijoms, vienuolynams...), už mums parodytą solidarumą, už moralinę, dvasinę bei medžiaginę paramą. Ir šiais metais su didele viltimi tikimės sulaukti daug NAUJŲ KOLEGIJOS DRAUGŲ BEI GERADARIŲ. Jie yra mums ženklas, kad Dievo Apvaizda laimina mus ir mūsų darbus.

Su pagarba ir dėkingumu,

**Prel. Alg. Bartkus, rektorius**

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-- Lietuvos krašto apsaugos ministras Linas Linkevičius gegužės 11 d. Paryžiuje ir Prancūzijos gynybos ministras pasirašė susitarimą dėl bendradarbiavimo gynybos srityje. Prancūzijos gynybos ministras analogiškas sutaris taip pat pasirašė su Latvijos ir Estijos gynybos ministrais.

-- Seminaras "Tarptautinė aplinkosauginė teisė" vyko Vilniuje gegužės 6-13 dienomis. Jį surengė Lundo (Švedija) ir Vilniaus universitetų fakultetai kartu su Lietuvos aplinkos apsaugos departamentu. Seminaro dalyviams buvo pateikta praktinių žinių, kaip apsaugoti gamtinius jūros išteklius, florą ir fauną, kaip kovoti su oro užterštumu.

-- Lietuvos vyriausybė patvirtino naujus minimalius dydžius: taikomąjį minimalų gyvenimo lygį - 50 litų per mėnesį vienam Lietuvo gyventojui, minimalią mėnesinę algą - 56 litus, minimalų valandinį atlygį - 0.33 lito, valstybės remiamas pajamas - 45 litus bei pajamų garantiją - 20 litų per mėnesį.

-- Vytautas Landsbergis "Lietuvos ryto" dienraščiui pareiškė, kad nuolaidos Lenkijai padarytos pernelyg didelės. "Kita vertus, Lietuvos Prezidentas savo kalboje Seime pasakė svarbių dalykų, kurie turėtų būti suprantami, kaip tam tikras nepasirašytas sutarties turinys" - pasakė Landsbergis.



## LENKIJOS PREZIDENTO VIZITAS LIETUVOJE

Kaip praneša ELTA, balandžio 26 d. prasidėjo pirmasis Lenkijos valstybės aukščiausiojo vadovo vizitas Lietuvoje šiame šimtmetyje. Kartu su juo atvyko ir oficiali Lenkijos delegacija.

Po Lenkijos prezidento A. Wałęsa sutikimo ritualo aerouoste svečiai iš Lenkijos nuvyko į Antakalnio kapines, kur pagerbė žuvusius už Lietuvos laisvę bei aplankė lenkų karių kapus. Wałęsa papėdėje kalvelės, kur ilsisi lenkų kariai, atsiklaupęs pasimeldė.

Po Lenkijos ir Lietuvos prezidentų pokalbio prezidentūroje, prasidėjo išplėstinis dvišalis susitikimas. Jame aptarti tolimesni žingsniai, kuriuos turėtų žengti abi šalys po sutarties pasirašymo. Susitarta efektyviau spręsti klausimą dėl Lietuvos ir Lenkijos sienos perėjimo punktų darbo normalizavimo, konkretizuoti ir plėsti ekonominį bendradarbiavimą, taip pat bendrai tvarkyti tautinių mažumų abiejose valstybėse reikalus. Šiais klausimais turėtų būti parengti atskiri susitarimai.

12 val. prezidento salėje Algirdas Brazauskas ir Lech Wałęsa pasirašė Lietuvos ir Lenkijos draugystės bendradarbiavimo sutartį. Lech Wałęsa pasakė, jog ši diena - reikšminga abiem tautoms: Lietuva ir Lenkija tiesia viena kitai rankas. Dabar, kalbėjo Wałęsa, reikės sutartį užpildyti turiniu - užpildyti gražiai, su didele viltimi ateičiai.

Lietuvos Seimo plenariniame posėdyje Lenkijos prezidentas ir Lietuvos prezidentas pasakė kalbas.

Lenkija ir Lietuva, Lenkijos prezidento žodžiais, yra į istoriją ipainiotos tautos. Turime tai išnarplioti, žvelgti į ateitį toliau negu siekia praeities šešėliai, - sakė Wałęsa. Mūsų akyse keičiasi Europa ir pasaulis. Negalime būti pasyvūs stebėtojai, turime veikti, atsižvelgdami į ryškėjančias galimybes bei pavojus. Lenkijos ir Lietuvos bendradarbiavimas stabilizuoja padėtį centrinėje ir Rytų Europoje. Lenkija, pareiškė įsitikinimą prezidentas, yra natūrali Baltijos valstybių sąjungininkė jų kelyje į jungtinę Europą. Esame vienodai suinteresuoti programa "Bendradarbiavimas taikos labui", panašus ir mūsų susirūpinimas dėl gresiančių pavojų. Kaip vieną iš tokių, Lenkijos prezidentas nurodė pernelyg didelę

Rusijos kariuomenės koncentraciją Karaliaučiaus srityje.

Baigdamas kalbą, Lenkijos prezidentas pasakė: "Susitaikymas ne susilpnina, bet sustiprina. Santarvė kuria. Esu tikras, kad Erelio ir Vyčio santarvė bus lenkų ir lietuvių šeimų gerovės pamatas".

Lietuvos prezidentas A. Brazauskas savo kalboje pasiūlė bendromis Vilniaus ir Varšuvos pastangomis dar šiais metais surengti Baltijos ir Vyšegrado šalių vadovų susirinkimą. Labai reikšmingas žingsnis būtų laisvos prekybos sutarties sudarymas tarp šių šalių. Prezidentas kaip labai reikšmingą faktą akcentavo tai, jog Lietuva ir Lenkija neturi tarpusavio nesutarimų dėl sienų. Savo kalbą Brazauskas užbaigė, pakartodamas Lietuvoje pasakytus Šventojo Tėvo žodžius: "Netgi kai tenka apgailestauti dėl kančių, žaizdų ir nesusipratimų, reikia išvelgti brolybės ir svetingumo perspektyvą". tai - jau nebe perspektyva, tai - šiandiena, - pasakė Lietuvos prezidentas.

Lenkijos prezidentas ir dalis lydinčios delegacijos narių po Seimo posėdžio kalbėjosi su Seimo pirmininku Č. Juršėnu, Seimo komitetų vadovais.

Po pietų L. Wałęsa su žmona aplankė Trijų Kryžių paminklą, Vilniaus Arkikatedrą, Vilniaus universitetą ir Šventų Jonų bažnyčią ir Adomo Mickevičiaus paminklą. Svečių namuose - savo laikinojoje rezidencijoje - Lenkijos prezidentas suteikė audienciją Lietuvos premjerui A. Šleževičiui. Menininkų rūmuose Lenkijos prezidento L. Wałęsa ir jo žmonos garbei buvo surengta vakarienė. Lietuvos ir Lenkijos prezidentai pasikeitė tostais.

Balandžio 27 d. Lietuvos prezidentas ir Lenkijos prezidentas surengė spaudos konferenciją. Žurnalistus domino ne tik pasirašytoji sutartis, bet ir abiejų šalių santykiai su kaimyninėmis valstybėmis. Lech Wałęsa savo vizito pabaigoje susitiko su Lietuvos lenkais.

Statistikos departamento žiniomis, šiuo metu Lietuvoje gyvena 261.5 tūkstančio lenkų tautybės žmonių.

32 valandas trukęs Lenkijos prezidento vizitas baigėsi. Pakeliui į aerodromą Wałęsa apsilankė Rasų kapinėse, kur pagerbė Juzefo Pilsudskio ir Jono Basanavičiaus kapus.

-- Pasaulinė gyvybės diena balandžio 30 d. paminėta Vilniuje. Vilniaus arkikatedroje buvo aukojamos Pasaulinei gyvybės dienai skirtos mišios. Po jų maldininkų eisena patraukė link sveikatos apsaugos ministerijos. Čia į visuomenę kreipėsi ministerijos, taip pat Pasaulinės gydytojų federacijos už žmogaus gyvybę Lietuvos asociacijos atstovai, kiti oficialūs asmenys. Ministerijos vestibulyje veikė paroda "Žmogaus gyvenimas iki gimimo: pradžia ir pabaiga".

-- Vidaus reikalų ministro R. Vaitiekūno automobilis pavogtas balandžio 26 d. Policija greitai užblokavo išvažiavimą iš miesto, bet paieškos buvo neveiksmingos. Pastaruoju metu vagys vis dažniau kėsina į valdžios pareigūnų transportą. Metų pradžioje pavogtas Prezidentūrai priklausęs džipas, prieš pusantrų savaitės dingio Seimo narės, buvusios finansų ministrės Elvyros Kunevičienės tarnybinis automobilis bei kelių policijos šefui priklausanti mašina.

-- Kintuose, Šilutės r., name, kur 1889-1892 metais mokytojavo ir gyveno filosofas ir rašytojas Vydūnas, įkurdintas jo memorialinis muziejus. Čia taip pat bus meno mokyklos dailės ir muzikos skyriai.



**Lenkijos prezidentas Lech Wałęsa ir Lietuvos Prezidentas Algirdas Brazauskas balandžio 26 d. Vilniuje pasirašo Lietuvos ir Lenkijos draugystės ir bendradarbiavimo sutartį.**

Viktoro Kapočiaus nuotrauka

## Su daina ir šokiu į Vilnių!

Pradėjus organizuoti Pasaulio lietuvių dainų šventę Vilniuje, Lietuvos menininkai tuoj pat kreipėsi į išeivijos dainos ir šokio mylėtojus, kviesdami į šį istorinį renginį.



**Dalia Viskontienė**  
D. Pranaitienės nuotrauka

Šių metų liepos 10 dieną Vilniuje įvyks Istorinė šventė. Joje dalyvaus lietuviai iš viso pasaulio. Visi rinksimės į laisvą ir saviem žmonei priklausomą mažą pasaulio



**Rita Karasiejienė**  
D. Pranaitienės nuotrauka

gabalių - visų mūsų Tėvynę Lietuvą.

Suorganizuoti išeivijos vienetus, parinkti meninę programą, pravesi registraciją, pakviesti dirigentus ir atlikti eilę kitų darbų buvo pakviestos žinomos ir nepailstamu darbu sau garbę užsitarnavusios dvi kūrybingos muzikos ir šokio specialistės: Dalia Viskontienė ir Rita Karasiejienė.

Abi, žinodamos koks darbas jų laukia, rimtai ir atsakingai ėmėsi šių svarbių pareigų. Toronte buvo suorganizuotas "Meninės dalies komitetas", kuriame Dalia buvo atsakinga už chorinę dalį, o Rita - už šokių dienos pasirodymą.

Iki šventės laiko liko nedaug. Grupių šokėjai ir dainininkai baigia pasipuošti vienodais repeticijų marškinėliais, yra daromi atskira vienetai reprezentuojantys ženklai, kurie bus nešami šventės eisenos metu Vilniuje.

Truputis statistikos: į Dainų šventę Vilniuje važiuoja apie 450 šokėjų atstovaujančių išeivijai. Jie šokių dienos metu turės atskirą savo pasirodymo programos dalį, pavadintą "Tėviškės pastogėje".

Dainininkų būrys šiek tiek mažesnis - apie 350. Pradžioje buvo numatyta atskira išeivijos chorų pasirodymo dalis Dainų dienos programoje, bet po tokios negausios registracijos, D. Viskontienė, pasitarusi su Lietuvos vadovais, nusprendė prašyti pagalbos atliekant išeivijos repertuarą. Be abejo dainuojančios Lietuvos žmonės tuoj pat sutiko padėti ir atrodo visi su nekantrumu laukiame tos akimirkos.

### Meninis komitetas Nijolė Benotienė

-- **Kaune iškilmingai** pašventintas istorinis, kultūrinis ir dvasinis simbolis - karilionas "Kovų varpai". Miesto centre esančiame bokšte jis buvo įrengtas dar 1937 m. Kauno varpus - vieninteliu iš Rytų Europos - numatyta priimti į Europos varpininkų asociaciją "Eurocarillon" ir pirmojo šios asociacijos organizuojamo varpų muzikos festivalio, kuris vyks 1995 m. dalyvių gretas.

-- **Lukiškių kalėjime** surengta akistata tarp Igorio Achremovo, kaltinamo nužudžius žurnalistą V. Lingį, ir Boriso Dekanidzės, kaltinamo šį nužudymą organizavus. Pasak akistatą stebėjusių pareigūnų "jos metu paaiškėjo daug naujų ir baisių faktų, kurie iš esmės keičia situaciją".

## LIETUVOJE ir apie LIETUVĄ

-- **Pagal Lietuvos ir Didžiosios Britanijos rinkos bei viešosios nuomonės tyrimų kompanijos "Baltijos tyrimai" balandžio mėnesio apklausos rezultatus valdančioji LDDP ir toliau tebeturi geriausią reitingą. Jos nuostatos artimiausios 14.8% apklaustųjų. Krikščionių demokratų pažiūroms pritaria 7.3%, socialdemokratų - 5.7%, konservatorių partijos - 5.3% apklausos dalyvių. Net 29.4% apklaustųjų atsakė, kad jų nepatenkina nei vienos partijos programa.**

-- **Valstybės kontrolės** pastangomis pernai į Lietuvos valstybės išdą gražinta 7.2 milijono litų. Šios lėšos išreikalautos iš įmonių ir įstaigų už įstatymų ir kitų norminių aktų pažeidimus. Valstybės kontrolė pernai perdavė prokuratūrom, vidaus reikalų instancijoms ir teismams 127 patikrinimų medžiagas.

-- **Aukščiausiojo Teismo** baudžiamųjų bylų kolegija balandžio 29 d. paskelbė nuosprendį "Jedinstvos" lyderio Valerij Ivanov ir grupės LKP (TSKP) aktyvistų

byloje. Aštuoni teisiamieji buvo kaltinami dalyvavę bandymuose nuversti teisėtą Lietuvos Respublikos valdžią 1991 m. sausio mėn., kai kurie iš jų - užpuolant pasienio kontrolės punktus. Teismas paskyrė: Velerij Ivanov 3.5 metų laisvės atėmimo, Aleksandr Smotkin - 8 metus laisvės atėmimo, baudsmes atliekant sustiprinto režimo kolonijoje. Kitiems 3 nuteistiesiems paskirtos laisvės atėmimo baudmės po 3 metus, o dviems - piniginės baudos po 1,500 litų.

-- **Ekonomikos ministerijos** skaičiavimo centre sukurta ir eksploatuojama 11 valstybinių informacijos sistemų. Verslininkus labiausiai domina Lietuvos įmonių registras. Jame šiuo metu jau užregistruota 114,110 įmonių, iš kurių veikia tik 96,623. Yra 3,959 užsienio investicijų įmonės, 5,024 žemės ūkio bendrovės, uždarytų akcinių bendrovių - 21,090. Daugiausiai registruota individualių įmonių, neturinčių juridinio asmens statuso - 77,090.



**Balandžio 23 d. naujai išrinkta Tautos Fondo taryba. Sėdi iš k.: P. Povilaitis, P. J. Nasvytis, J. Giedraitis, amb. A. Simutis, dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas, J. Valaitis, A. Vakselis. Stovi: A. Vedeckas, dr. R. Vaičaitis, R. Razgaitienė, J. Vainius, V. Vėbraité-Gust, A. Skaisgiris, J. Vytuvienė, dr. A. Lukoševičius, dr. M. Žukauskienė, V. Steponis.**

Liudo Tamošaičio nuotrauka

## LIETUVOJE ir apie LIETUVĄ

-- **Pašto perlaidomis** nuo balandžio mėnesio pinigus galima pervesti ir iš Austrijos. Lietuvos paštuose perlaidos išmokamos litais. Dar 1993 metais tokios sutartys buvo pasirašytos su Danija ir Amerika. Dvišales sutartis dėl pensijų, atlyginimų, alimentų Lietuva yra pasirašiusi su Baltarusija, Ukraina, Rusija, Latvija ir Estija.

-- **Tallinne pereitą** rudenį pasirašyta Estijos, Latvijos ir Lietuvos laisvosios prekybos sutartis įsigaliojo nuo balandžio pradžios. Pagal ją neturi būti imami eksporto ir importo muitai. Neapmuitinamos, pav., Lietuvoje pagamintos prekės, jei jos gabenamos tiesiai į Latviją arba Estiją. Privatus asmuo be eksporto ir importo muitų gali vežti pramonės prekių už 4600 litų arba siųsti - už 1600 litų.

-- **Lietuvos armėnų** bendrijos skyrius įkurtas Kaune. Šiame mieste dar gyvena apie 200 armėnų. Organizacijos tikslas - atkurti čia armėnų apaštališkosios bendrijos bažnyčia, padėti Lietuvoje gimusiems tautiečiams išmokyti armėnų kalbą, supažindinti su Armėnijos kultūra, istorija. Ketinama rengti lietuvių kalbos kursus, pažintines paskaitas apie Lietuvą.

-- **Lietuvos pašto ženklų** pir-



**Pavasarinė saulė išviliojo į Vilniaus gatves ne tik prekybininkus, bet ir pirkėjus.**

Viktoro Kapočiaus nuotrauka

moji po karo parduotuvė atidaryta Kaune, K. Donelaičio 46. Ji priklauso Kauno centriniam paštui. Joje bus eksponuojami ir parodijami lietuviški pašto ženklai, daugiausia leisti nuo 1990 m. Tačiau bus ir lietuviškų pašto ženklų, leistų prieš 1940 m., jų kolekcijų. Senuosius pašto ženklus tikimasi gauti iš filatelistų kolekcionierių.

-- **Suomių vaistų** firmos "Oriole" filialas atidarytas Vilniuje, Universiteto gatvėje 2. Jame kol kas vaistinėms, vaistų įmonėms siūlo-

ma 12 pavadinimų vaistų, skirtų gydyti širdies kraujagyslių, onkologines ligas, bronchinę astmą, tuberkuliozę.

-- **Lietuvos totorių** kultūros draugija balandžio 17 d. surengė ataskaitinę rinkiminę konferenciją. Pastaruoju metu Lietuvoje restauruotos keturios totorių mečetės, vyksta pamaldos. 1997 m. sukaks 600 metų, kai totoriai apsigyveno Lietuvoje.

-- **Buvusį Lietuvos banko** valdybos pirmininką Romualdą Visokavičių Vilniaus miesto antrojo apylinkės teismo sprendimu

nutarta išteisinti ir nutraukti šios bylos nagrinėjimą. Tuo pačiu panaikinta ir Visokavičiui taikyta kardomoji priemonė - dešimties tūkstančių litų užstatas, kuris jam bus gražintas.

-- **Alytaus bitininkų** draugija turi 250 narių, laiko arti 3,000 bičių šeimų. 1990 m. draugija gavo lopą žemės miesto centre, pradėjo statybas. Dabar turi dviaukštį namą, kur ir vyksta visas jų gyvenimas. Bitininkų problema - valstybės monopolis. Valstybinė įmonė "Korys" vašką, medų superka puse kainos.



**Lietuvos užsienio reikalų ministras Povilas Gylys, lydintas pranciškonų vienuolyno viršininko Leonardo Andriekaus, OFM, ambasadoriaus prie JT Aniceto Simučio, vysk. Pauliaus Baltakio, OFM, ambasadoriaus JAV dr. Alfonso Eidinto, Tautos Fondo valdybos pirm. Aleksandro Vakselio ir kitų, apžiūri Kultūros židinį.**  
Kęstučio Miklo nuotrauka



**Vysk. Paulius Baltakis, OFM, skaito maldą, prieš pašventindamas Lietuvos misijos JT ir Lietuvos Generalinio konsulato patalpas New Yorke balandžio 28 d. Iš k.: konsulas Darius Gaidys, Gen. konsulas Linas Kučinskas, konsulas Toronte Harris Lapas, dr. Romualdas Misiūnas, Vysk. Paulius Baltakis, OFM.**  
Salomėjos Narkeliūnaitės nuotrauka

## IRS DEADLINE - APRIL 15 SPL DEADLINE - ??????

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# Obituaries

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25 Wedgewood Drive 47-A  
Carteret, NJ 07008

Died: 5/4/94

Buried: 5/7/94

St. Mary's Cemetery

Hanover Township

Wilkes-Barre, PA

### KAUFMAN, Della....Lodge 249

501 - 10th Street  
Moundsville, WV 26041 or

c/o Dr. Louis Kaufman

1205 Swan Circle Harbor

Fort Washington, MD 20744

Died: 1/24/94

Buried: Mt. Rose Cemetery

Moundsville, WV

### SVINKUNAS, Joseph..Lodge 31

724 E. Mahanoy City, PA

Died: 4/18/94

### DYRSA, Alfonsas.....Lodge 17

547 High St.

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-2911

Died: 3/30/94

### SMITH, Frank E.....Lodge 30

(formerly: Pranas Driznius)

1821 Bloom Ave.

Scranton, PA 18508

Died: 5/10/94

Buried: 5/12/94

Cathedral Cemetery

Scranton, PA

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