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Short Meeting & Lithuanian Potluck

Saturday, March 14, 2009

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center
GARDENS ROOM
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

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Irena Blessant

NEWS FROM THE BALTIC STATES:

LATVIA – The Latvian government collapsed on Feb. 20, and New Era candidate Valdis Dombrovskis has been appointed Latvia's new prime minister amid warnings the country is facing a catastrophic economic meltdown.

There were violent protests in January. At that time Krisjanis Karins, a member of Parliament, noted that the financial woes of Latvia had injected a new vehemence into old political complaints. Previously, protests in Latvia, he said, tended to follow a pattern of "standing, singing and just going home."

---Rewritten from the Baltic Times

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VILNUS - A referendum on dual citizenship, which will define cases when a Lithuanian citizen can simultaneously become a citizen of another state, is supported by President Valdas Adamkus.

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LITHUANIAN CULTURE ON EXHIBIT AT BALBOA PARK

Videos, books, maps, and lists of Lithuanian town names, will be among the artifacts of Lithuanian culture to be on display on Sunday, March 22, 2009, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. in the Hall of Nations in Balboa Park, on Pan American Road West, near the Organ Pavilion.

A display of traditional Lithuanian Easter eggs (marguciai) and Easter "Palms" (verbos) will acquaint the visiting public with cultural traditions that are distinct and beautiful.

Persons of Lithuanian heritage are encouraged to attend and to see the cultural and historic events portrayed in the videos.

Also, for foreign visitors, Lithuanian speakers will be present.

INDEPENDENCE DAYS

To be of Lithuanian heritage is to know the struggle for and the value of Freedom. The first restoration came as Russia lost to the Germans in WWI and the Declaration of Independence on Feb. 16, 1918. In the course of WWII Lithuania, again, lost its freedom, to have it restored during the turmoil by the proclamation of March 11, 1990. Laisve (Freedom) gives us two days for celebration!

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