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## SNPJ welcomes the new year with new plans

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
 SNPJ National President

SNPJ is happy to introduce a complete new portfolio of life insurance plans for 2009 – 15 new plans, to be exact – offering life insurance coverage to those between the ages of 0 and 85. We offer products that can fit every budget and situation. At this time these plans of insurance are available and approved in most states.

Our permanent insurance products provide protection for your lifetime. Nine such plans are available, most of which offer better premiums at certain ages. These include Whole Life (level payments paid over your lifetime); 10-Pay and 20-Pay Life plans (with level premiums paid

over a 10- or 20-year period); the Life Paid Up at Age 55, 60 and 65 plans; the Final Expense plan (a Whole Life plan for seniors); and Graded Benefit Whole Life.

The popular Single Premium Whole Life plan – which is simply paying a one-time premium and having paid-up coverage for life – is also included. Thousands have purchased this plan for their children and grandchildren over the years. While the new premiums are a bit higher, the Single Premium plan is an excellent way to enroll your children into SNPJ for lifetime membership. This is a great legacy to give your grandchildren.

As with other term insurance products, SNPJ term insurance provides the most protection

for the least amount of money. However, term products only provide coverage for a certain period of time depending on the type of plan purchased. In many cases a term plan can be renewed or converted to a permanent plan of insurance.

The Term to 25 is another option for youngsters age 0 to 23. A \$10,000 policy costs only \$25 per year with coverage until the age of 25. This is a very inexpensive way to enroll children into the Society so that they may take advantage of the fraternal benefits of SNPJ membership. The Term to 25 plan also allows for conversion credits which can be used when converting to

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## Grab your sweetheart for an afternoon of CAL bowling

by LINDA GORJUP (158)  
 Cleveland Athletic League President

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) will host our annual Sweetheart Doubles Bowling Tournament Saturday, Feb. 21, at Freeway Wickliffe Lanes, located at 28801 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. with check-in starting at 1 p.m.

As with everything else, the cost of bowling has gone up, so we are raising the entry fee to \$20 for each adult and \$15 for each youth bowler. Here's what your \$20 will cover: three games of bowling, food, pop, snacks, prizes (for the adults only) and free shoe rental for the children. As in the past, adult beverages can be purchased at the alleys.

All teams must consist of one male and one female bowler. Call your friends and family and set up your teams now. If you find yourself without a sweetie this year, don't fret. Just give us a call and we'll try to pair you up. This is a fun afternoon of seeing old friends and making new friends. All are welcome. You do not need to be an SNPJ member to enjoy this event.

Call now to reserve your spot. Along with your name and phone number, I will need your average. If you don't have an established average, please let me know that as well. Please phone me at (216) 731-2723 or e-mail me at [lmg1020@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmg1020@roadrunner.com).

CAL officers and representatives look forward to kicking off the new year with an afternoon of fun festivities.

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

### Lodge 643 has plans for a mid-January meeting

GIRARD, Ohio — Golden Eagles Lodge 643 members will hold their first meeting of 2009 Thursday, Jan. 15, at Amen Corner in Girard beginning at 6:30 p.m. Primary items on the agenda include setting the date and location for the dinner in honor of Miss SNPJ 2009 Britney Zemko, as well as discussing Lodge goals for the year. We hope to see you there.

TONY KREN  
 Lodge 643 Secretary

### Westmoreland Fed slates Jan. 18 annual meeting

HERMINIE, Pa. — Delegates to the Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges will hold their 2009 annual meeting Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Herminie Slovenian Ballroom (downstairs) beginning at 1 p.m. All delegates should attend so we can discuss the 2009 picnic season and other matters concerning our grounds and buildings. Lodges, please be sure to send your representatives.

MARY ANN BEBAR (41)  
 Federation President

### CAL will elect officers at Jan. 19 annual meeting

CLEVELAND — The regular and annual meeting of the Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) will be held Monday, Jan. 19, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian Workmen's Home. All representatives are encouraged to attend. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

LINDA GORJUP (158)  
 Cleveland Athletic League President

### Have you recommended a new member lately?

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Be sure to take advantage of SNPJ's Recommender Program which offers SNPJ members an enhanced benefit for encouraging family, children, friends and acquaintances to join SNPJ. The recommender will receive \$10 for each valid referral submitted. Every valid referral earns the recommender one chance in the quarterly drawing for an opportunity to win \$100 and an additional chance in the year-end drawing for an opportunity to win \$500. See page 7 for the Recommender coupon.

### THE DEADLINE

The next two PROSVETA issue dates are Jan. 28 and Feb. 11. All material must be received by Monday, Jan. 19, for the Jan. 28 issue, and by Monday, Feb. 2, for the Feb. 11 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com).

## Heat up your winter at Florida Slovene Days

### Head to Samsula Lodge 603 Feb. 20-22 for some fun in the sun

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY  
 Lodge 603 Vice President

SAMSULA, Fla. — The time is drawing near for your visit to SNPJ Lodge 603 in beautiful Samsula as our Lodge plays host to Florida Slovene Days Feb. 20-22.

Friday entertainment will feature the music of Ron Luznar and the Polka Pals, in addition to any musician who would like to play for us throughout the afternoon and evening. Your talents are always welcome. Bob Turcola and Tony Klepec will also be on hand to lead the jam sessions.

On Saturday, Marc Bouchard and his orchestra are hosting a special engagement at our Lodge hall. Hopefully we will convince Marc to keep playing and entertaining throughout the year. Joining him this year are Frank Moravcik on accordion, Will Shaff on banjo and Steve Bouchard on drums.

Joe Novak & Friends from Medina, Ohio, will be alternating with Marc Bouchard during the afternoon and evening. Joe and the boys are return performers year after year. I've already received several telephone calls from Cleveland folks who are trying to make travel arrangements just so they can enjoy Joe's music. We're going to have a fabulous weekend at our Lodge!

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A float makes its way along the parade route during the Samsula, Fla., Lodge 603 Christmas Tractor Parade. Now that the holidays are over, Lodge 603 members can focus on the upcoming Florida Slovene Days festivities, scheduled Feb. 20-22 at the Lodge 603 Hall.



Santa's helpers (Samantha Volpe, Daniella Volpe, Juli Uchaker, Brittany Stuber and Jenna Hughes) prepare the gifts for the Loyalites Lodge 158 Christmas party.

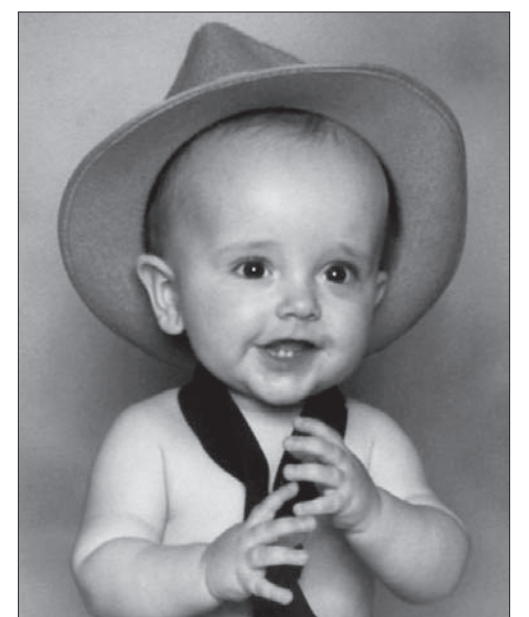
## Loyalites Lodge greets the new year

by JOHN J. WOJTLA  
 Lodge 158

EUCLID, Ohio — Happy New Year from Loyalites Lodge 158! I am happy to report that I will continue contributing articles for PROSVETA on behalf of the Loyalites Lodge. I'm honored to hold this position and would like to thank the Loyalites for re-electing me. As always, feel free to send any news you'd like to see published to [john.wojtila@email.stvincent.edu](mailto:john.wojtila@email.stvincent.edu).

A big thank you to everyone who came out for the Loyalite Christmas party and annual meeting back in December. A special thank you to Youth Coordinators Karen O'Donnell and Donna Helmecy who did

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• Joseph A. Volpe  
 Born July 24, 2007  
 Detroit Lodge 564

The members of Young Americans Lodge 564 welcome Joseph Allison Volpe as the newest addition to their Lodge. Joseph is the son of SNPJ National Board member Anthony and Cathleen Volpe (564), and the grandson of Earle and Marion Volpe (564), and Clyde and Judy Motter. We welcome Joseph to the Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

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# The Chicago Federation spreads Christmas cheer

by TINA RIGLER (449)  
SNPJ Region 6 Vice President

**CHICAGO** — The Chicago District Federation held its childrens' Christmas party Dec. 6, 2008, at the American Legion in Cicero, Ill. The youth attendance increased from the previous year, which is great! Everyone in attendance had a good time.

The children received gifts from the SNPJ Home Office and were able to have their photo taken with Santa when he arrived. There were about 10 children who performed in our program this year. We encourage children to participate and share their talents with us. The children played games after the program, and all the children received prizes.

Our thanks to the volunteer workers who helped make this party possible, including Justina Dabrowski and Dolores Novotny at the door; Marianne Murray, Marian Kieras and Danielle Kovack in the kitchen; our Santa photographer, Frank Novotny; Tina Rigler, who helped put the program and games together; Vince Rigler for the music; and Ed Dabrowski, who helped capture the event on his camera. We missed seeing Jean Cherway who usually helps in the kitchen. We hope she will be feeling better soon.

The annual Chicago District Federation meeting will be held Jan. 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Cicero.



Youth members attending the Chicago District Federation Christmas party were able to have their photo taken with Santa Claus during his annual visit.

## Santa pays a visit with Youth Circle 19

by KAREN BRUMBAUGH (138)  
Youth Circle 19 Director

**STRABANE, Pa.** — It's hard to believe another year has come and gone already! Youth Circle 19 held their annual Christmas party Dec. 14 with many youth members in attendance. This year featured a talent show that allowed members to show off their special talents to the crowd. Everyone

who participated did a fantastic job. For those stage-shy members, we had a craft table where children could make a personalized ornament, and a cookie table where they could ice and decorate their own cookies.

A drawing was held for two wreaths made by Maria Binotto and a corn toss game made by John Wagner. We also had a Chinese auction for the

kids which included Build-A-Bear items and gift cards. After lunch, the kids gathered on stage to sing "Here Comes Santa Claus" as they were greeted by Santa himself, who handed out treat bags to all in attendance.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the party a success. I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year.



Youth Circle 19 members welcomed Santa to Lodge 138 with a chorus of "Here Comes Santa Claus" at their Dec. 14 party.

## Annual meeting ushers in the Loyalties New Year

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an excellent job planning the party. Santa's elves — Sam Volpe, Daniella Volpe, Juli Uchaker, Brittany Stuber and Jenna Hughes — did a great job wrapping the gifts. Juli and Jenna are prospective Loyalties; we're always looking for new members.

Gina and Greg Volpe did a great job with kitchen detail. Of course, Santa Claus (Rick Gorjup) did an outstanding job talking to all of the children. Many members of the Frank family were in attendance, and the Gorjup family was also very well represented as usual. However, we

missed Dorothy Gorjup who was in the hospital. It was nice to see Mike Petukauskas, an out-of-town member, at the party. He doesn't like to miss a Loyalty affair.

Directly following the Christmas party was our annual Lodge meeting. During the meeting, the election of officers took place. Congratulations to the 2009 Loyalty officers: President Pat Nevar, Secretary Dorothy Gorjup, Recording Secretary Karen O'Donnell, Treasurer Greg Volpe, Sergeant at Arms Eileen Markusic, and auditors Jackie Ulle, Colleen Frank and Eleanor Godec. Thank you to all 2008 officers and representatives

for a job well done.

It was voted to make donations to the SNPJ Farm, Youth Circle 2, the SNPJ Scholarship Fund, the Slovenian Society Home on Recher and Holmes, and the Slovenian Workmen's Home. It was announced that our annual summer picnic will be held June 14.

It's good to hear that Dorothy Gorjup is back home after her hospital stay. Bill Frank Sr. is also home after his stay in the hospital. Get well wishes are extended to Jean Yurisich, who is currently in a nursing home.

Thanks again to all those who made 2008 a great year for the Loyalties. We hope to make 2009 even better!

# Up-and-Coming...

## A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- JAN. 17 ..... Verbick Fraternal Memorial Bowling Tournament beginning at noon at Riviera Lanes, Milwaukee. For details contact Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192.
- JAN. 24-25 .... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 Snowflake Dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill. Music by the Frank Moravcik Band. Dancing Jan. 24, 5-9 p.m.; Jan. 25, 2-6 p.m. For details phone Doris Laurich at (352) 686-9874.
- JAN. 31 ..... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill; 6-10 p.m. Entertainment features Walter Ostanek and Bobby Kravos. For additional information phone Mary Ann Hiltz at (727) 376-8486.
- FEB. 20-22 .... Florida Slovene Days hosted by Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla.
- FEB. 21 ..... Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) Sweetheart Doubles bowling beginning at 2 p.m. at Freeway Wickliffe Lanes. To register phone Linda Gorjup at (216) 731-2723 or e-mail [img1020@roadrunner.com](mailto:img1020@roadrunner.com)
- FEB. 27-MARCH 1 ..... Florida SNPJ Days hosted by Spring Hill Lodge 778. Entertainment features the Don Wojtila Orchestra and Steve Juricic Band. For weekend information contact Rita Hren at (352) 382-3721. For SNPJ Florida Annual Golf Tournament information phone Betty Keber at (352) 686-9579.
- MARCH 21 .... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 Spring Dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill; 3-6 p.m. Music by Virgil Baker and the Just for Fun Band. For additional information phone Anne Gombocs at (727) 372-0509.
- MARCH 21 .... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 Spring Dance at the Lodge 778 Hall, 13383 County Line Rd., Spring Hill; 6-10 p.m. Music by Bobby Kravos. For additional information phone Anne Gombocs at (727) 372-0509.
- APRIL 14 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 tribute to 23-year Lodge Recording Secretary Eleanor Kuhar, 1 p.m. at Dickinson House, Oglesby, Ill. For additional information contact Delores Spelich at (815) 223-8650.
- MAY 2-3 ..... SNPJ National Bowling Tournament hosted by the SNPJ Recreation Center. For additional information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- MAY 12 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 wine tasting, 1 p.m. at Dickinson House, Oglesby, Ill. For details phone Delores Spelich at (815) 223-8650.
- JUNE 7 ..... Spartans Lodge 576 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 2 p.m. Entertainment features Joe Tomsick, Jen Novak and Wayne Tomsic. Phone Lou Novak at (440) 461-6476 for details.
- JUNE 8 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 50-, 60-, 70- and 80-year member luncheon at 4 Star Restaurant, Peru, Ill., beginning at 11:30 a.m. For information phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- JUNE 21-26 .. SNPJ Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com) for registration forms.
- JUNE 26-28 ..... SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- JULY 10-12 ..... Slovenefest XXVIII and the 53rd Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For weekend information phone the Rec Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 7-9 ..... SNPJ TEL Workshop at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- SEPT. 12 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 dinner theater outing to Stage 216 in La Salle. Performance begins at 6 p.m. For additional information contact Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.

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**Producer showcase**

**Bro. JIM CURL**  
Lodge 6



Bro. Jim Curl, secretary of Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6, is this week's featured Top Producing Agent.

Bro. Curl serves the SNPJ National Board as Region 2 Vice President. He is one of SNPJ's perennial sales leaders, qualifying for numerous contests and awards.

Jim is married to Betty, the Lodge 6 treasurer. They have two sons and five grandchildren. The entire Curl family holds SNPJ membership.

Bro. Curl can be reached at 503 Orchard St., Carnegie, PA 15106; by phoning (412) 257-4007; or by e-mailing [snpj6sygan@libcom.com](mailto:snpj6sygan@libcom.com).

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An important feature of Whole Life insurance is that the plan builds cash or loan values. This is money that you could use in an emergency. These same values may be used to buy reduced paid-up insurance should you wish to discontinue making payments. Whole Life also provides lifetime insurance protection with level premium payments that won't change. Dividends may also be paid and used to purchase more insurance. Whole Life is just one of the plans we offer. Other plans with similar benefits include 20-Pay; 10-Pay; and Paid-up at 55, 60 and 65.

As a general rule, if you need insurance for a short period of time (10 years or less), buy term because it would be the most economical. If you need insurance for a longer period of time, a Whole Life plan would probably work better. Of course, cost is a consideration in making an insurance purchase. If your budget only allows term, then term is better than nothing at all. Sometimes people buy a blend of both plans. A person who wants \$50,000 of coverage could purchase \$25,000 of Whole Life and \$25,000 of term coverage.

For more information on the plans and services SNPJ has to offer, contact your Lodge secretary, local sales representative or the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675.

- **Thought for the Week** — The only thing that stands between a person and what they want from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible.

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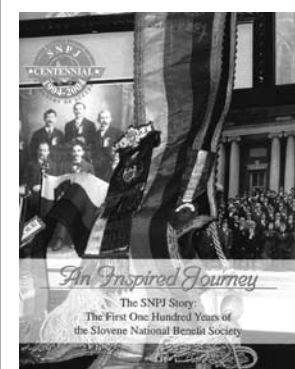
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### Slovenian officials save money with pay cuts

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — As the economy struggles to weather the crisis, the Slovenian government has decided to do some belt-tightening. The salaries of ministers and state secretaries will be cut by about \$280. In addition, 2,350 public sector directors will not receive their half percent pay increase in 2009, which is expected to save some \$705,000.

The Public Administration Ministry has been given the task of amending legislation to postpone a public sector pay increase scheduled for July 2009. This would freeze the salaries of public office holders and save an additional \$2.5 million, according to Public Administration Minister Irma Pavlinič Krebs.

The government also intends to change the planned pay increases for civil servants. Their salaries were supposed to increase in July and September 2009, but the government will try to convince the unions to postpone the autumn raise. Prime Minister Borut Pahor has already invited the unions to the negotiating table in hopes that the two sides can reach a fair and financially sustainable compromise.

Public sector wages have also been a major concern for many economists. IMAD, the Slovenian government's macroeconomic think-tank, projects that under current regulations, public sector salaries will increase nearly 10 percent in 2009 as a result of reforms enacted earlier this year. Pavlinič Krebs said the salary reform, which brought the entire public sector into a single system, was irresponsible; the ministry only has \$175 million to spend on eliminating discrepancies, but actually needs between \$268 million and \$280 million.

The minister also announced restrictive staffing, saying the number of civil servants has increased and the number of employees was currently "unmanageable."

### Subsidies granted to avoid company layoffs

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Slovenian government recently adopted a bill that allows it to subsidize wages at companies which are shortening the work week to cope with shrinking production orders.

Subsidies will be awarded for a six-month period, during which time the recipient companies cannot lay off workers. They will also be banned from paying executive bonuses the entire financial year. Companies shortening their work week from 40 to 36 hours will receive \$85 per worker. They will also be eligible for another \$85 per employee if they agree with in-company unions to shorten the week to 32 hours.

"The measure is estimated to cost \$324 million, a sum big enough to subsidize the wages of 250,000 workers," Ivan Svetlik, Minister of Labor, the Family and Social Affairs, told the press.

The deadline for applications for the subsidies is Sept. 31, 2009. Svetlik said that many companies — the automotive, metal and electrical industries in particular — had already expressed an interest.

The measure is a part of the \$1.1 billion stimulus package the Slovenian government adopted last week. It comes on top of changes to the Tax Procedure and Income Tax acts, which are estimated at a combined \$70 million.

### Scholar calls for reform of Slovenian Constitution

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Tine Hribar, a respected philosopher and intellectual, has announced a reform of the Slovenian Constitution which will be prepared by a group of independent intellectuals and nonpartisan experts headed by former Parliament Speaker France Bucar, but under the wings of parliament.

The idea was first presented at a panel on the 20th anniversary of the "writers' constitution" and has already been advanced by the president, prime minister, parliament speaker and National Council president, Hribar told the daily *Dnevnik*.

Hribar argues that the existing constitution is not a 21st century constitution due to the fact that it does not include the values embedded in the world ethos. "Without the '21st century constitution' project, Slovenia cannot prepare for the tectonic shifts that will come in the aftermath of the escalating global crisis," Hribar said during a November 2008 debate in Ribnica.

The group, headed by 85-year-old Bucar, who is often referred to as "the father of the Slovenian Constitution,"



from the source

### Air, road passengers showed increased in '07

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Slovenian public transportation companies carried 38 million passengers by road in 2007, which marks a one-and-a-half percent increase over the year prior. Air passengers increased by nearly 12 percent to 1.1 million in 2007, according to a report from the Statistics Office.

The passenger mileage of cars and buses increased by nearly six percent, but public road passenger transportation mileage dropped by four percent in 2007. Air passenger mileage rose by more than 13 percent, while rail mileage was up only two percent. Passengers at airports were up 15 percent.

Port cargo transportation rose by two percent; the bulk of cargo transportation by land, 83 percent, represented haulage. Trucks carried 89 million tons of cargo, up two-and-a-half percent over 2006 figures, and up 13.4 percent on the total of 8.5 million miles on trips. Rail cargo was up three percent to 17 million tons, while mileage was up nearly seven percent to 2,236 miles.

### Apartment turnover drops nearly a third

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — A total of 3,486 second-hand apartments were sold in the first nine months of 2008, which is 33 percent less than during the same period in 2007, according to data published by the National Statistics Office.

Comparing the prices of second-hand apartments in the first three quarters of 2008 with the average from 2007 shows that on average, second-hand apartment prices rose 4.1 percent. The prices increased by 0.6 percent in Ljubljana, and by 6.1 percent across the remainder of the country. According to the National Statistics Office, the annual growth of prices in past years was considerably higher, ranging from 15.6 percent to 22.6 percent, a record increase recorded in 2007.

In addition to other factors, the rapid increase in the price of second-hand apartments was the result of uncertainty regarding the reduced tax rates on housing construction (8.5 percent instead of 20 percent).

The decision of the European Commission at the end of 2007 to allow Slovenia to use the reduced tax rate until the end of 2010 made the prices of second-hand apartments remain level throughout 2008. This can be clearly seen in the data on quarterly movement of prices, the office notes.

The average quarterly growth rate for the price of second-hand apartments in the first nine months was 0.4 percent on the national level. In the same period, apartment prices in Ljubljana decreased an average of 0.6 percent every quarter, while prices in the rest of the country increased 0.9 percent.

### Swimmer Isakovič to turn her name into a brand

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Slovenia's top swimmer, Sara Isakovič, and SI Sport, a sports marketing and sports events organization, signed an agreement to turn the swimmer's name into a brand.

According to the terms of the agreement, valid until 2013, SI Sport will help the silver medalist from the 2008 Beijing Olympics form a brand under her name. The company will also partner with Isakovič to assist with preparations, competitions, communications and marketing. The agreement is practically without precedent in Slovenia.

"We did not opt for cooperation with Sara Isakovič only because of her excellent results, but above all because we have recognized a personality for forming a trademark in her," SI Sport representative Tim Farcnik told the press. Farcnik added that the company would look for potential partners that could use the Sara Isakovič brand in their operations.

Isakovic said she was glad that SI Sport decided to work with her. "Especially because the company will not only support me, but also supervise the whole operation," she said, explaining that her studies and swimming didn't leave her with much time for other things.

Isakovič won silver in the women's 200-meter freestyle at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

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### Large companies few and far between in Slovenia

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Small- and medium-sized companies prevailed in Slovenia in 2007. A report from the National Statistics Office shows that fewer than one percent of enterprises in Slovenia had 250 or more employees. Of the 101,031 companies registered in Slovenia in 2007, only 270 were considered large.

The highest percentage of large enterprises (3.1 percent) was registered in the electricity, gas and water supply industries; the lowest (0.07 percent) was in the real estate industry.

Large companies generated more than 50 percent of sales revenues in the mining, manufacturing, electricity, gas and water supply industries. In other industries, more than half of the turnover was generated by small and medium companies.



## Knjiga receptov Z okusom vrtnic

**HEADLINE:** A recipe book with a flavor of roses

**TOPIC:** All the recipes in the recently published cookbook "With A Taste Of Roses" were prepared by Hit cooks. The idea for the cookbook was generated during preparations for culinary events held during the Festival of Roses in Nova Gorica. The dishes made with roses were always very well accepted, and guests were asking for the recipes. The introductory text about roses was written by Edi Prošt and Katja Kogej, and the book, which smells like roses, was designed at Lettim Studios.

Pred tedni je izšla knjiga receptov jedi Z okusom vrtnic, ki so jih pripravili Hitovi kuharski mojstri. Zamisel o

izdaji knjige se je porodila ob pripravi kulinaricnih dogodkov v okviru Festivala vrtnic v Novi Gorici. Jodi z vrtnicami so bile vedno odlično sprejete in gostje lokalov in dogodkov, kjer so jih ponudili, so spraševali po receptih. Za knjigo so recepte prispevali kuharski mojstri Borut Jakic, Alenka Kodele, Milko Birsa, Matjaz Slnigoj... Uvodni besedi o vrtnicah sta napisala Edi Prošt, predsednik goriske sekcije Društva ljubiteljev vrtnic, in Katja Kogej, avtor fotografije je Egon Kaš, knjigo, ki tudi diši po vrtnicah, pa so oblikovali v studiu Lettim. V družbi Hit so se odločili, da je bila knjiga najprej njihovo poslovno novoletno darilo, po novem letu pa jo je mogoče tudi kupiti.

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## Izolski trajekt za Boko Kotorsko

**HEADLINE:** A ferry boat from Izola for Boka Kotrska

**TOPIC:** Two tugboats recently pulled to dock the largest ship built to date in the Izola shipyard. The 196-foot long and 52-foot wide ferry, which will be sent to Boka Kotrska, Montenegro, will be able to transport 50 cars. The new ship is worth close to \$4 million. Before it is sent to its destination, it will require an application to protect the hull against rust and algae, hydraulic systems for the entrance and exit ramps will be installed, and other finish work will be completed. Most

of the work will depend on the weather conditions, but they hope that everything will be completed at the end of January. The Izola shipyard constructs numerous ships, from working ships to luxurious yachts, and even fishing boats.

Pred dnevi so v Ladjedelnici Izola z vlačilcema na dok spravili največje plovilo, kar so jih doslej zgradili v Izoli. To je 60 metrov dolg in 16 metrov širok trajekt za približno 50 avtomobilov. Te bo prevzaval v Črni Gori in v Boki Kotrski, v ozini med Kamenari in Lepetami. Tomaz Jelochnik, direktor izolske ladjedelnice, vredost posla ni hotel izdati, ker

## Za dokodo bo skrbel vojaški muzej

**HEADLINE:** The Army Museum will take care of Dakoda

**TOPIC:** The renovation of a DC-3 aircraft (Dakoda), which stands near the village Otok along the Kolpa River in memory of World War II, will start this year. The Metlika municipality and former Defence Minister Karl Erjavec signed an agreement which allowed the Slovenian Military Museum to care for the plane from now on.

The Metlika municipality had negotiated for joint care four years ago with the Technical Museum in Bistrica and the Slovenian army. At that time they partially renovated

the plane, but not totally — they were planning to install electricity to illuminate the whole plane and serve an electronic security system. The protection is necessary: for years, vandals have been destroying the plane which stands in an isolated area between the village and the main road. Decades ago they broke most of the glass in the windows, destroyed the pilot's cabin, pulled out some seats...

Letos bodo začeli prenavljati letalo DC-3 (dakoda), ki stoji v spomin na letališču iz druge svetovne vojne blizu vasi Otok ob Kolpi. Metliška občina in nekdanji obrambni minister

## Slovenija je še kaj drugega kot Bled in Portorož

**HEADLINE:** Slovenia is more than just Bled and Portorož

**TOPIC:** A long project, "On the Paths of Inheritance," which was started 12 years ago and connects 28 interesting tourist points, was recently completed in the Dolenjsko region and in Bela krajina. Partners from public, private and nongovernmental agencies participated in this project, and most of the funding was received from the EU. The project is based on the natural and rich cultural history of the Dolenjska and Bela krajina regions. Most of the

visitors are learning through this project that Slovenia is not only Bled and Portorož.

Project organizers selected the 28 tourist points to be connected by the Path of Inheritance, which they marked with signposts, from among 150 locations. They also published a pamphlet in six languages. They are very pleased with the results. In five years the number of visitors has increased from 450 to 3,000 last year.

Na Dolenjskem in v Beli krajini so končali dolgoletni projekt Po poteh dediščine, ki povezuje 28 zanimivih turističnih točk na tem območju.

Začeli so ga že pred dvanajstimi leti. Pri njem so sodelovali partnerji z javnega, zasebnega in nevladnega sektorja, zanj pa je večino denarja, štiri petine, prispevala EU. Osnova projekta sta bili neokrnjena narava in bogata kulturna dediščina Dolenjske in Bele krajine. Oboje predstavlja turistično tržno nišo, ki jo cenijo zlasti tuji obiskovalci, vse bolj pa tudi domači, ki tudi s pomočjo projekta spoznavajo, da Slovenija nista zgolj Bled in Portorož. Izvajalci projekta so med 150 lokacijami izbrali in povezali v pot dediščine 28 turističnih točk, ki so jih tudi označili s tablami. Izdali so brošuro

v šestih jezikih in brošuro o posameznih lokacijah v okviru poti. Projekt, za katerega jim je uspelo zagotoviti dobra dva milijona evrov, je izvajal poseben koordinacijski odbor v okviru Gospodarske zbornice Dolenjske in Bele krajine. Z dosedanjimi rezultati so zadovoljni. Število obiskovalcev se je v petih letih s 450 povečalo na tri tisoč v lanskem letu. Prevladujejo domači, med tujimi pa je največ gostov iz Italije in Avstrije, v zadnjem času tudi Američanov. Projekt je uradno končan, a ga bo Razvojni center Novo mesto kot njegov nosilec razvijal naprej.

DELO

## Zavetišče je skoraj polno

**HEADLINE:** The shelter is almost full

**TOPIC:** Since the arrival of cold weather, the shelter for homeless persons is almost full: 24 homeless people live there and only two beds are empty. As usual, there is a greater demand for empty beds during the winter months; meanwhile, during the summer months, some people leave to find occasional work, but most of them return before winter, explained Jadranka Tkalec from the Maribor Center for Social Work.

In the shelter, homeless

people receive complete care which is not totally free. All shelter residents receive \$290 a month in social security benefits, from which the Center for Social Work deducts half for shelter living expenses. The other half is given to the recipients, which they use to pay for additional health insurance and to purchase clothing.

Odkar se je shladilo, je zavetišče za brezdomce skoraj polno zasedeno v njem biva 24 brezdomcev, prazni sta le dve postelji. Tudi sicer je pozimi večje povpraševanje po prostih posteljah, medtem ko v

poletnih mesecih nekateri brezdomci oddidejo, si poiščejo priloznostno delo, a večina se jih pred zimo vrne, je pojasnila vodja enote za denarne in socialne pomoči Centra za socialno delo (CSD) Maribor Jadranka Tkalec. Brezdomci imajo v zavetišču na Ruski cesti na voljo popolno oskrbo, ki pa ni povsem brezplačna. Vsi brezdomci so namreč prejemniki 221,70 evra denarne socialne pomoči, pri čemer center za socialno delo polovico zneska odtegne za bivanje v zavetišču, drugo polovico pa izplača brezdomcem za dodatno zdravstveno zavarovanje ter nakup oblačil

in obutve.

Pobesedah Jadranke Tkalec so vsi mariborski brezdomci registrirani, saj je CSD z njimi sklenil pogodbo o vključitvi v zavetišče. Če dobijo obvestilo ali izvedo, da se je v mestu pojavil nov brezdomec, ga skušajo poiskati in vključiti v program zavetišča. Ta vsebuje različne delavnice in nudenje prav ne pomoči, vse za lažjo vrnitev v običajno življenje, čeprav to uspe le redkim, pravi Tkalecova. Brezdomci so namreč ljudje brez denarja za preživljanje, brez strehe nad glavino pogosto se brezsvojcev.

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## To in ono iz Slovenije

— This and that from Slovenia —

PIRAN - Piranski gimnazijci, njihovi profesorji, mestčani, župan Tomaz Gantar in predsednik okrajnega sodišča Niko Falkner so pred dnevi v približno 200 metrov dolgi zivi verigi preselili iz stare piranske knjižnice na Tartinijevem trgu okoli 12.000 knjig naravnost na police nove knjižnice v Župančičevi ulici. To je tretjina od 35.000 knjig, kolikor jih posoja Mestna knjižnica Piran. Po besedah Oriane Kosuta Krmac, direktorice piranske knjižnice, bodo za dokončno preselitev potrebovali še nekaj dni (na dan ko so selili knjige iz mladinskega oddelka, so v zivi verigi sodelovali solarji z osnovne šole). Mestna knjižnica bo zaprta do srede januarja. Med tem bodo poskrbeli, da bo v novih prostorih (gradbena dela in oprema so stali 860.000 evrov) vse nared za izposajo in uporabo čitalnice. Izposoji bo namenjenih 411 kvadratnih metrov površine namesto dosedanjih 250. Poleg mladinskega oddelka in oddelka za odrasle bo v novih prostorih tudi domoznanski oddelek, prostor za izposajo multimedijских enot, še posebno pa omenjamo udobno čitalnico, za katero si upravljavci knjižnice želijo, da bi postala nekakšna dnevna soba starega Pirana. Upajo, da se bo število članov - zdaj jih imajo 3200 - povečalo, še zlasti, ker naj bi čez nekaj mesecev odprli knjižnico tudi v Luciji.

High school students, their teachers, city residents, mayor Tomaz Gantar and President of the District Court Niko Falkner recently formed a 720-foot-long human chain and moved close to 12,000 books from the old Piran Library on Tartini Square straight to the shelves of the new library on Župančičeva St. This is only a third of the 35,000 books which the Piran City Library houses. According to Piran Library Director Oriana Košuta Krmac, they will need a few more days to move all of the books (on the day when books from the youth section were moved, elementary school students helped). The new library is particularly proud of its much larger and comfortable reading room, which the administrators hope will become more like a living room in old Piran. They also hope that the number of their members - they now have 3,200 - will increase because in a few months they will also open a new library in Lucija.

DELO

## Pisni spomenik idrijskemu rudarjenju

**HEADLINE:** A written monument about Idrija's mining

**TOPIC:** The Idrija mercury mine, which operated continuously from 1490 until 1977 and then intermittently until 1995, was the most important company in inner Austria for centuries. Because of the mine, Idrija became one of the most important technological-evolutionary centers in Europe, and the town recently received a new testimonial: a book, "Mercury - The History of Idrija's Furnace," written by Ivica Kavčič.

"Perhaps everything possible to collect and introduce about the technology of acquiring ore, mercury and cinnabar, about how the product was prepared for sale, and about the health care for workers who were poisoned with mercury was collected for this book," said professor Andrej Paulin

from the natural-technical faculty, who acknowledged that the author is probably the last person capable of writing this history of Idrija mining.

Ivica Kavčič spent most of her working career at the mercury mine where she managed a chemical laboratory from 1960 to 1977, and then for a short time she took a director's position.

Idrijski rudnik živega srebra, ki je deloval neprekinjeno od leta 1490 do leta 1977 in nato s prekinitvami še do leta 1995, je bil več stoletij najpomembnejše državno podjetje v notranji Avstriji, Idrija pa je po njegovih zaslugi postala eno od pomembnih tehnološko-razvojnih središč Evrope, je dobil nov spomenik. Knjigo Živo srebro - Zgodovina idrijskega žgalništva avtorice Ivica Kavčič. "Na enem mestu je zbrano verjetno vse, kar je bilo mogoče zbrati in predstaviti o tehnologijah in pridobi-

vanja rude, živega srebra in cinobra, o pripravi izdelkov za prodajo, predelovanju vmesnih proizvodov, o skrbi za zdravje delavcev, ki so bili podvrženi zastrupitvam z živim srebrom, zaščitnih ukrepov in o številu zaposlenih, & je dejal profesor naravoslovnotehnične fakultete Andrej Paulin, ki avtorici priznava, da je morda celo zadnja oseba, ki je lahko napisala takšno monografijo o idrijskem rudarjenju in žgalnistvu. Kavčičeva je namreč večino svoje poklicne poti opravila prav v rudniku živega srebra Idrija, kjer je od leta 1960 do leta 1977 vodila tudi kemijski laboratorij in nato za krajši čas

prevzela še direktorski položaj. Leta 2005 ji je idrijska občina podelila najvišje občinsko priznanje, nagrado Jozefa Mraka. Knjiga Živo srebro (Zalozba Bogataj) opisuje razvoj postopkov in naprav za zganje rude od najbolj primitivnih, podobnih kuhanju oglja, do najmodnejših rotacijskih peci. Posebno poglavje govori o proizvodnji cinobra v Idriji, ki pomeni začetek kemijske industrije na Slovenskem. Cinober, spojino živega srebra in žvepla, so namreč izdelovali že od konca 15. stoletja. Idrijski rudnik je v svet posla 107.692 ton živega srebra.

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### ALI POZIMI PORABIMO VEČ KALORIJ?

Hladno vreme samo po sebi ne poveča potrebe po energiji, torej kalorijah. Telo sicer porabi veliko energije za ogrevanje in vlaženje zraka, ki ga vdihnemo, a hkrati se ne potimo. Zato pozimi npr. pri teki ne porabimo več kalorij kot poleti. Vsaj ne na račun gibanja. Več energije lahko porabimo tako, da se bolj oblačimo. Ne bo nam prav udobno in vroče bo, a dieta bo učinkovitejša.

### The Ethnic Kitchen

#### HAM TETRAZZINI

8 ounces thin spaghetti  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper and nutmeg  
3/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
1 can (3 ounces) sliced mushrooms, undrained  
1 can (4 ounces) pimientos, chopped  
3/4 cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese  
2 cups ham strips

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain. Cook onion in butter 2 to 3 minutes. Blend in flour and seasonings. Gradually add milk and cook, stirring until thickened. Stir in green pepper, mushrooms and pimientos. Combine half of the cheese with spaghetti and put half of this mixture in 2-quart baking dish about 2" deep. Arrange half of the ham over spaghetti. Pour half the sauce over ham. Repeat layers, ending with sauce. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake in 350-degree oven for 25 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Treasured Slovenian & International Recipes

# Samsula festivities bring SNPJ members, community together

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY  
Lodge 603 Vice President

**SAMSULA, Fla.** — Youth Circle 57 held its annual Christmas party at the Lodge 603 Hall Dec. 20. It was good to see our hall filled with family and friends. The Circle presented a play, written by Teresa Clancy, titled "A Classic Christmas." The children did a splendid job, and the audience participated in question-and-answer sessions about each classic Christmas story. A poinsettia plant was given to each audience participant thanks to a donation from Maday Nursery in Samsula.

Circle directors Nancy Bass and Teresa Clancy made chicken salad sandwiches, cookies, cake and punch for refreshments following the program. Santa Claus made his annual visit and passed out goody bags from the Home Office and gifts from under the tree. Ruth Benedict assembled the bags, which included fresh fruit from her trees.

The Samsula SNPJ Tractor Parade was a huge success again this year. Nancy Bass served as chairwoman for the dinner and parade. The parade lasted 45 minutes, from the time the first float left the Lodge until the last float pulled out. The parade seems to grow in size every year. It's a great time for our community to gather with so much holiday spirit. The route is one and a half miles long, from Lodge 603 to State Road 44 and back again. Thanks to Linda and Frank Luznar for letting the parade use their corner property to make the turn to return to the Lodge.

A lasagna dinner was served after the parade to raise funds for our Lodge. It was quite successful with over 250 meals

purchased. George, Justine and Joey Maday of Maday Nursery also donated poinsettias for the parade winners and to decorate our Lodge for the holidays. Mary Pleterski and her son, Jim, sold the plants at a local farmers' market and split the money with the Madays, netting our Lodge an extra \$180.

The most talked about parade floats were Glenn Carter's "The Grinch of Samsula," Pauline Lockwood and Tonya Stein's float from their farm featuring a Christmas tree made of homegrown vegetables and citrus fruits, and "Santa's Sulaville Float" by Bill Benedict and Sheryl Lauck, complete with a mile marker showing the 5,048 miles between Samsula and Slovenia, and the 4,689 miles between Slovenia and the North Pole. Our charter school, Samsula Academy, also had a grand float, and Bill's "Turtle Mound Boat Trips" had a great float carrying Santa Claus at the end of the parade.

The parade made Volusia Magazine, a local television program that aired two days this year. It made for additional excitement in our small community and great Society. Planning the tractor parade takes a lot of work and time each year. The Lodge thanks Nancy and all of her helpers for this great accomplishment.

The Samsula Woman's Club had a covered dish Christmas dinner Dec. 10, complete with fried turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Thanks to Tricia Jones for frying the turkey. Following dinner, the women exchanged secret pal gifts and enjoyed entertainment brought on by a white elephant exchange. President Dusty Holley and her slate of of-

ficers, Grace Daniels, Cathy Jones, Tricia Jones, Marie Allen and Shirley Severson, volunteered to be re-elected for another year. Marcy Galbreath provided hot mulled wine for the occasion in remembrance of her mother, Elsie Galbreath. Many of you remember Elsie as she was the Lodge 603 manger for so many years.

The Samsula Woman's Club has a membership drive and covered dish dinner planned for Wednesday, Jan. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The club is open to all women in the community and nearby areas. Bring a covered dish to share, and enjoy an evening with club members and officers. Secret pals will also be given out at this meeting.



Youth Circle 57 presented "A Classic Christmas," a play written by Teresa Clancy, at their Dec. 20 Christmas party.



Santa tossed candy from his truck-drawn sleigh during the Samsula SNPJ Tractor Parade.



Circle 57 members VICTORIA and ETHAN STEIN ride their tractors atop their grandmother's float.

# Strabane Lodge 138 softball team brings home a championship



The softball team sponsored by Lodge 138 clenched the Washington County (Pa.) Senior Softball League championship.

submitted by BOB LAWRENCE  
Lodge 138 Secretary

**STRABANE, Pa.** — The Strabane Lodge 138 50-and-over softball team completed their first year in the Washington County, Pa., Senior Softball League with a 24-6 record and first place in the league standings. Guided by Manager Bob Wagner (138), Lodge 138 was three games better than second place finishers, the Classics.

Throughout the season, the team had fun playing in the competitive league, and enjoyed renewing friendships with players they played with and against over the past 30-35

years.

In the year-end league tournament, the Lodge 138 team came out on top once again, but it wasn't easy. After winning their first game of the double elimination tournament, Strabane lost an exciting 13-11 game to the Classics. This forced them into the losers' bracket. On a sweltering 90 degree day, the "old timers" won their next game 17-6 over the Pioneers. This set up a rematch with the Classics, whom they now had to defeat twice to claim the gold!

Strabane came out swinging in the first inning, scoring five runs. They eventually coasted to an 11-1

victory. This set-up the winner-take-all final game. In a well played, see-saw battle, the Strabane Lodge 138 team prevailed 7-5, sweeping the regular league season championship and claiming the tournament title. Playing five games in one day, in the heat, was more than anyone bargained for, but everyone agreed it was fun... yeah, right!, and "can't wait 'til next year."

We're all looking forward to defending our title in 2009 and vow to be in better shape for next season. Again... yeah, right! Thank you, Lodge 138, for sponsoring the team.

## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — I certainly hope that all of your holiday gatherings were as wonderful as ours. We had 18 here for Christmas, coming from five states. Being together is so important, and we spent a lot of time talking since it may be another year before we all see each other again. It was so sad to say goodbye; you never know what the New Year will bring.

We're looking forward to my sister becoming a first-time grandmother in April. Our son Ed and daughter-in-law

Kelly moved into their new home. All in all it was a memorable holiday that we'll talk about for years to come.

The weather has been unpredictable in this area. From one day to the next the temperature went from 0 to 60 degrees. We had accumulation of snow on top of ice, and then torrential rains which caused flooding in some areas. Now it's clean up time with all the potholes. It was so nice hearing from so many of my out-of-state SNPJ friends over the holidays. Many of them wrote notes. Evelyn Vrhovnik (777) is still keeping her Lodge together in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., area. Rudy Jantz (559), who resides in Anaheim, Calif., spent several weeks in the hospital, which we were not aware of. Thank goodness he is home and continuing with his chores around the house.

I hadn't heard from Frances Zaverl (2) for a while. Now living in Jefferson, Wis., she still keeps in contact with all of her family members who live in various states. I think she still misses Auburn, Ill., where her late husband, Frank, and she lived for many years.

We were very surprised to hear that Anthony Snyder and his family moved to Appleton, Wis. Lorraine Babcock (689) is still taking care of her Lodge in Helper, Utah, and staying busy with grandchildren.

We received a letter from Ed and Sara Lea Udovick, residents of Portland, Ore. Sara Lea and her daughter, Twyla, recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend a ceremony for 35 of 85 military personnel who received bachelor's degrees in military intelligence. The top citation in the class

went to Thea for Intelligence and Leadership. Thea, a five-foot Sergeant 1st Class, is now serving in Iraq.

Time goes on and most of us are reaching the years when we don't know what to expect from day to day. We just take one day at a time and hope for the best. It was nice hearing from so many of our friends.

We are happy to report that Conrad Ladstatter (559) is in remission, but is still battling other health problems. We wish you improved health in 2009, Conrad. We were glad to hear that Marie Straus (559) is home from the hospital and feeling better after her fall down the basement stairs. Incidentally, Marie is blind, but has a very positive attitude.

The Illinois fiasco continues. Now Governor Blagojevich has chosen Roland Burriss to serve as Illinois Sena-

tor in President-elect Obama's place. This will cause more controversy since Gov. Blagojevich is still up for impeachment. What a mess. Barack Obama spent little time in his senate seat when he started to campaign for President, and I personally feel as though we should wait until the next election to fill that seat. Time will tell, but it should be interesting.

Just when we thought the holidays were over, we still had parties to attend after Christmas; a neighborhood party and a party at the music store where I work. Now it's time to pack away the holiday decorations and get on with the regular routine. I think it will be nice. You can space things out so you won't be stressed out from all the holiday running around.

Again, here's wishing everyone in SNPJland a healthy new year.

## PROSVETA Crossword Year-In-Review (#0109) by StatePoint Media

### ACROSS

- Seed coat
- Its price fell sharply
- Shakespearean "does"
- Ice cream helping
- Fragile with many seniors
- New Jet
- Of Nordic descent, according to Hitler
- Dental group
- Vitruvian Man, e.g.
- Late host of "Meet the Press"
- As opposed to antonym
- Loose it on casual Friday
- Damien was one
- Slammer
- Kin group
- OJ's hope?
- Miners' passage
- Frosts, as in a cake
- Short for "not applicable, Robert"
- Boozer
- Great Sichuan Earthquake site
- Herb of Pacific islands
- Become covered by ice
- Cream guitarist
- Prayer's end
- Big Brown's cries
- Allergy symptom
- One or some or every or all
- Narrative poem of hero's deeds

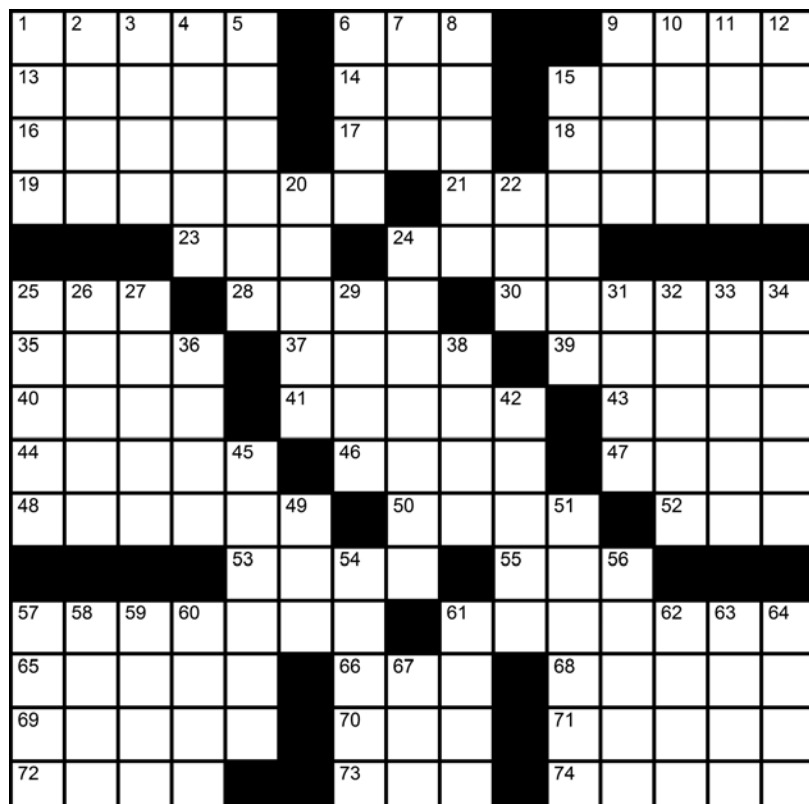
- One in a set of pushups, e.g.
- Wife of JFK Jr.
- Controversial result of financial crisis
- Seize a throne
- Pigeon call
- Rude name to obese
- Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
- Hole punching tool
- Acid plus alcohol
- Asian food thickener
- It spoofed Palin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Island

### DOWN

- Nicholas II, e.g.
- Light brown
- Tofu bean, pl.
- Morning side
- Relating to apnea
- Stairway leading to water in India
- Assistance
- Involuntary contraction
- Type of cabinetry joint
- Often has a range above
- Cafeteria helper
- Position of leadership
- Baked or smoked haddock immortalized in Cole Porter song.

- From distant past
- Casual affirmative
- Relating to dreams
- Famous Wasilian
- Deduce a principle
- One born to Japanese immigrants
- Yearn
- Pro \_\_\_\_\_
- Surprise winner of Iowa caucus
- Famous Italian actress
- Jet black
- Hoodlum
- State of vexation
- Capital of Ghana
- He has more gold than anyone
- "The \_\_\_\_\_ Who Loved Me"
- Young cow
- Cuzco valley people
- Splash or swash
- Spew profanities
- Largest continent
- Ladder step
- Cream-filled cookie
- \_\_\_\_\_ weevil
- "The Simpsons" palindrome
- Pre-owned
- Ruptured
- Possess

The solution to puzzle #0109 will run in the Jan. 28 issue.



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# Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — I hope everyone had good Christmas and New Year celebrations. Most of us here in Wisconsin spent the Christmas holiday shoveling snow. We really got clobbered again this year. Our “white Christmas” made for pretty pictures, but it also made for a lot of extra work.

Unfortunately, we had to end the year on a sad note. Milwaukee’s Silk Umbrella Man, Bro. Louie Bashell (764), passed away Dec. 17 at the age of 94. Louie was a popular polka band leader for more than 70 years. He started playing the accordion at the age of 7 in his Slovenian-born father’s tavern in Milwaukee. Bro. Bashell recorded the “Silk Umbrella Polka” in 1947; it became his best-selling record and trademark song. He specialized in Slovenian-style music and was in the entertainment field with his own band for over seven decades before his retirement. Louie was inducted into the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame.

Bro. Bashell was the first Wisconsin resident to win a National Heritage Fellowship grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This honor was received in Washington, D.C., in 1987. He is survived by his son,

Robert, and daughters Linda Bashell, Diane (Kenneth) Haubner and Deborah (Don) Hannes. Louie’s wife of 56 years, Stephanie (Stanch), passed away in 1997. Needless to say, his music will always be a part of us, along with the many memories of him and his talent. *Adijo*, Bro. Bashell.

The final Badger Lodge 584 meeting of the year included our Christmas party and was held Dec. 20 at St. Peter’s Hall. A wonderful array of foods was brought in to share, and a fine assortment it was. If you couldn’t find something on this spread that you liked, there was something wrong. Thanks to all who brought something to pass.

It was difficult to concentrate on the meeting that followed. After a good meal you just want to take a nap, but President Tim Donovan was persistent and rapped the gavel to bring the meeting to order. After the usual secretary’s report and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, we moved on to the annual election of officers.

The 2009 meeting dates, time and location were voted on and will remain the same, the third Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church Hall. President Tim Donovan, Vice President Fan Smole, Financial Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Mlaker and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Alpner were elected to new terms. The office of recording secretary, previously held by Bro. Jerry Wucinski, was not filled and will be held over until the January meeting. Also vacant are the Federation and USPEH delegates positions. If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies, please contact President

Donovan at (414) 817-0192.

Sis. Marge Alpner and Sis. Josephine Manson agreed to handle the kitchen committee again for 2009. The auditors for 2009 are Brothers Rudy Papa, Sal Sanicola and Jerry Wucinski, with Bob Smole as alternate. Sis. Kari Mlaker agreed to take care of the Sunshine Committee.

December birthday celebrants were Bro. Tim and Sis. Mary Donovan, and Sis. Marge Alpner. A fine rendition of the birthday song was sung to these special members to help celebrate their special day. Bro. Sal Sanicola won the attendance award, and the meeting was adjourned to the gift exchange for Christmas.

This is your yearly reminder that the local Lodge assessment is due in January. Please make your checks payable to Badger Lodge 584 in the amount of \$3.60 per each adult member and send them to Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Mlaker, 3809 S. 50th St., Milwaukee, WI 53220. If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please give Bro. Mlaker a call at (414) 546-0725. The Lodge does not send out assessment reminders, but you are required to make this payment in order to be considered a member in good standing. If you do not pay the assessment, it may effect your participation in a future athletic event. The assessment covers postage, office and mailing supplies, and expenses of the secretary/treasurer’s office.

The first 2009 regular Badger Lodge 584 meeting will take place Thursday, Jan. 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Hall. This will also be the installation of officers. Come out and join us for the first meeting of

the year. We’d like to see you!

The Verbick Fraternal Bowling Tournament, scheduled Saturday, Jan. 17, is fast approaching. The tournament will take place at Riviera Lanes, 86th and West Greenfield Ave. in West Allis. If you haven’t submitted your entry form yet, you may be out of luck; the entries are taken care of on a first-come, first-served basis. Sis. Mary Donovan will again head the event committee. Entries must be submitted, along with the team fees, to Sis. Donovan. You must be a member of SNPJ, Sloga, KSKJ or CFU in order to participate. For more information phone Mary at (414) 817-0192. Teams paid in full will be given first priority.

This bowling tournament memorializes the late Bro. Tony Verbick, father of Sis. Judy Price (584). Bro. Verbick was a staunch SNPJ member, bowler and fraternal supporter. He was active in organizing many local functions and activities. Come out, have some fun and help celebrate this annual occasion. I know you’ll enjoy yourself.

Looking a little further ahead, the Fun-O-Leers will host their annual bowling social this year at Riviera Lanes Sunday, March 15. Again, it’s not too early to start planning your teams. For additional information, contact the Fun-O-Leers newest member, Event Chairman Craig Frohna, at (262) 821-5295 or visit their web site, [www.funoleers.org](http://www.funoleers.org), and follow the “9 Pin Tap Bowling Social” link to the printable entry form. The deadline for entries is March 9.

Bowling will start at noon. The cost of \$12 includes bowling fees, lunch and beverages. This annual event is

one that past participants look forward to each year. It certainly is a day of fun on the planks. Come and join us.

My family and I would like to thank the individuals who came and contributed to the Smole’s annual fund-raiser for the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse (WBSC). We were concerned that we wouldn’t have the usual following at our new location, the Willowbrook Place in Thiensville, Wis. Being indoors this year may have helped draw people to the new location, and we were able to surpass last year’s total. Thanks to a large and unexpected last minute donation, we raised over \$7,500 in memory of our daughter, Donna, who passed away six years ago from breast cancer at the age of 37. As most of you know, my wife, Sis. Amalie Smole (584), was also diagnosed with breast cancer this past year. She has completed her chemotherapy and radiation, has returned to work and is doing well.

The funds raised during this two-day fund-raiser will be used in researching a cure for breast and prostate cancer at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Our annual efforts alone have raised just over \$29,000 thus far, which is part of the over \$3.5 million given to the Medical College of Wisconsin by the WBSC for researching this disease that affects so many. Our thanks to everyone who joined our efforts to eradicate breast and prostate cancer.

As I mentioned in my last article, if you’d like to include some news, contact me at [rsmole@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsmole@sbcglobal.net). Please note “Badger Jabber” in the subject line. You can also call me at (262) 242-6204.



Photo submitted by Sis. Amy Mavrich (138).

## Summer Memories Rekindled

While visiting family during the holidays, Bro. **JACK ZAMAN** (142) stopped by the Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 Hall for the annual Thanksgiving eve party to visit his “Campsite girlfriends.” Lodge 138 members (from left) **KAREN BRUMBAUGH, TAMME VEHR** and **AMY MAVRICH**.

## SNPJ greets the New Year with new insurance plans

### NEW YEAR, NEW PLANS FROM PAGE 1

a permanent plan of insurance which would help meet one of the requirements for an SNPJ Scholarship, potentially worth \$3,200.

The Yearly Renewable Term plan renews annually with increasing premiums. The new term plans that we now offer also include the 10-, 20- and 30-Year Term plans of insurance, where the premiums remain the same for 10, 20 or 30 years. Conversion and renewal options are available with these plans as well.

A new plan offered to new

members is the Term to 65 plan. This product is the least expensive way for a person to become an SNPJ member. For only \$40 per year (for ages 20-49), \$50 per year (for ages 50-54) or \$70 per year (for ages 55-60), a person can become a new member of SNPJ.

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## Lodge 2 taking a meeting break until March

by DELORES SPELICH  
Lodge 2 Secretary

**LA SALLE, III.** — Yum! What smells so good? It’s comical how the young ones smell the sweets when they enter our house while their parents recognize the smell of smoked sausage coming from the basement where it’s been hanging since 10 days before Christmas.

Since leaving the Petkovsek Thanksgiving Weekend in Cleveland, we’ve had rain, snow and ice every other day. Winter has arrived! We thank you, Tony, for another memorable dance. Tony is an Energizer bunny with his 47 continuous years of producing polka radio shows, tours and the dance at the Marriott Hotel.

We spent a pleasant two hours listening to 14-year-old Matt Frank play two different button boxes with Kolman Wiendoerffer, both of the Cleveland area. Matt has only been playing for four years, so it was amazing how he led the others in dozens of Slovenian melodies from memory. Kolman, along with his two

sidemen, led us in a Slovenian sing-along. We hope to see them again next year.

The Kres dancers, in pretty Slovenian attire, are always a hit. When they teamed up with audience members to dance, the floor was jammed. Everyone enjoyed watching the oldsters try to keep up with the dancers. There were so many wonderful bands to dance to that we hurried to the lunch room for a fast snack so we wouldn’t miss the next group. Twenty states, Canada and the Netherlands were represented, so we got to visit with friends from all over. We miss a few every year; either they’ve passed away or are unable to travel anymore.

Ralph and Mary Ann Hiltz didn’t dance as much as they would have liked to because Ralph had surgery Dec. 9. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Ralph. At least you can get outdoors in the sunshine.

On Saturday we attended the very professional Award Show at the Dom. Later we saw Paul Yancher as he was honored at the hotel show. He’s

a musical genius and a beautiful soloist who retired after 70 busy years of performing. We wish him a happy retirement, although we hope to see him occasionally fill in.

We enjoy reading Evelyn Dimpfl’s (749) *PROSVETA* articles. I was also glad to read Fran Nespor’s (755) report and hear that she’s again active in her Lodge.

It was a typical gloomy winter day for the Lodge 2 holiday luncheon. My husband and I arrived early and suspected we might be the only ones for the date. We were happy and surprised to see 20 members join us. Thanks to the Home Office for the calendars and gifts that were distributed. Thanks as well to the owners of the “four-star” Iset Pureklu family for the delicious food and excellent service.

We were happy to welcome Felix Borisek, who presented Delores Spelich with a golden horseshoe he created to thank our members for keeping Lodge 2 alive. Janice Ernat came with her father, John Rancingay. Bill and Anne Gre-

gorich were also in attendance, along with Eugene and Jan Jakse, Emil and Connie Kotar, and our two faithful members who travel the farthest from DePue, Ill., Lefty Novak and Rudy Kovacevic. The door prize was awarded to Emily Marchiori.

Happy birthday to Emil Kotar; Virginia Pace; Emil Gutierrez Jr.; Joe, Jack and Haleigh Penca; Mike Hunter; Steve Zickar; and Teenie Videgar. SNPJ anniversary celebrants include 50-year members Mary Hill, Jean Baiz and Pat Gatza; 60-year members Juanita Suarez, Adele Bucar, Rose Prey and Anne Bukovic; and 70-year members Sylvia Penca, Max Kozel, Mary Stubler and Rose Miracle.

There will be no Lodge 2 meetings in January or February. Please note, however, that we will meet March 9 at 1 p.m. at the Dickinson House in Oglesby, Ill. Yearly dues may be paid at that time.

Please remember our home-bound members in the new year. May you all have a healthy and happy 2009!

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**Term to 65:** the least expensive plan of insurance that we offer to new SNPJ members.

# Cicero Neighbors Lodge schedules 2009 meeting dates

by TINA RIGLER  
Lodge 449 Secretary

**CICERO, Ill.** — Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 held a meeting Nov. 15, 2008. All officers were in attendance with the exception of Vice President Sue Rus. She has her hands full these days with the arrival of her sons, Adam and Jakob Rus,

born Sept. 30, 2008. Congratulations to Ken and Sue, and to big sister Alenka! We're looking forward to gaining these two as youth members.

Lodge 449 welcomes youth member Shane Miller. Shane has taken our bus to Slovenefest the past two years and enjoys the Recreation Center.

Secretary Tina Rigler read communications received from the Home Office and gave a financial report. An annual audit will be conducted during the next meeting. It was approved that all Lodge 449 youth members who did not attend the Chicago District Federation Christmas party would receive \$5 from the Lodge. There were nine Lodge 449 youth members in attendance at the Dec. 6 party, and seven of those members participated in the talent program.

Lodge 449 members should note that we will be meeting only four times in 2009: Feb. 28, May 16, Aug. 15 and Nov. 14. These meetings are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the home of Secretary Rigler, 1116 Berkley Ln., Lemont. Call (630) 257-5051 for directions. We will be playing card bingo at the February meeting, so please bring a \$1 gift.

It was approved that members do not have to pay Lodge dues for 2009. Election of officers was held and the fol-

lowing members were elected: President Justina Dabrowski, Vice President Jan Maresh, Recording Secretary Edward Dabrowski, Secretary/Treasurer Tina Rigler, Sergeant-at-Arms Vince Rigler, and auditors Elinore Laben, Trudy Schulz and Marija Rigler. Congratulations to all officers.

Lodge 449 delegates to the Chicago District Federation include Justina Dabrowski, Tina Rigler and Vince Rigler, with Edward Dabrowski, Marija Rigler and Amy Bellisario

servicing as alternates. All members were treated to a luncheon following the meeting.

We miss seeing Frances Petrzela, Sophie Brink and Mary Belasich at our meetings. We hope to see you sometime in 2009, and wish you and all members a healthy new year.

I hope to see more of our members at our Feb. 28 meeting, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Rigler home. Please call (630) 257-5051 if you need directions. Don't forget your \$1 gift for bingo!

## 50-Year Members

January 2009

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
6	Edward J. Mur	604	Geraldine A. Trebets
53	Eleanor Manire-Gatti	713	Anthony J. Pivik
106	Danice U. Brinkley	713	Anna M. Melle
257	Stanley G. Dacar	723	Anton R. Pasin
584	Sandra L. Tippet	729	Frank A. Petrick
584	Gustav R. Kozina	749	Gordie A. Rayner
584	Mary Ellen Root	749	Richard Mostoller
603	Leonard B. Shaw	800	Michael J. Phillipich

## 60-Year Members

January 2009

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Irene F. Vereb	158	Harry W. Barbish
2	Juanita Suarez	257	William R. Hochevar
8	Margaret A. Hartwig	268	Josephine Argir
11	Edward J. Stipic	562	John Paraska
33	Dolores M. Myers	577	Mildred E. Pafford
106	Mildred Spezialetti	713	Dolores L. Zangrille
142	Jean H. Schulze	715	Doris Jean Taylor
142	Elsie Lowery	723	Frank W. Subic
153	Guy Sam Pagano	729	Joseph Brlitich
158	Vida Mytro	787	Joseph P. Cvetas
158	Henry R. Kapel		

## 70-Year Members

January 2009

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Sylvia C. Penca	218	Julia Grote
6	Jacob Vrtaacnik	268	Mary Landa
21	Elizabeth Kovac	379	Mary L. Anick
31	Tillie M. Korbar	391	Pauline D. Ulyon
33	Mary Smolinsky	576	Louis F. Sadar
87	Joseph Borosky	581	Grace C. Yonosko
106	Mary Sheffler	584	Mary Konec
117	Bruno Benzio	603	Olive Kovljain
117	Steffie Rumick	604	Joseph C. Leskovec
138	Joseph Senkic	615	LoBelle V. Brown
142	John E. Trepal	723	Margaret T. Umack
190	Josephine Resick	776	Ann K. McAnallen
207	Rose F. Stosich		

## 80-Year Members

January 2009

Lodge	Member
6	Steffie Povirk
615	Stefania Buffo

Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 members enjoyed their annual meeting and Christmas luncheon Nov. 15.



## Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT  
Lodge 800

**DEVON, Pa.** — I had a nostalgic trip this Christmas. My son, Richard, took me to a local train show. He knew I'd enjoy it because the trains I bought "for the children" grew in number and layout size through three generations. They are spread among the family now, mementoes of the past. The train show revived past days of three trains, operated by children of all ages, on tracks bordering a yard containing a mix of current and past generation houses, animals and so on. "We'll never sell them," we'd say, but we were getting an idea of the value at the train show. I stayed my limit, leaving tired in body but uplifted in spirit.

Christmas in this home creates a problem. It's hard to show appreciation to the

staff for their efforts over the year because there are so many workers, and the possibility of abuse if not regulated. There is a Pennsylvania state ruling that is followed in this home about giving Christmas gifts to the staff. To sum it up in one word: none. However, if you give something uniformly to all workers, that is acceptable. Bakery baked potica filled the bill. It was complimented by the chef, received favorable reviews from the staff and made everyone aware of the Slovenian delicacy.

The Dec. 15, 2008, *Wall Street Journal* article "Medicare Plans Draw Criticism on Drug Pricing" by Jane Zhang and Vanessa Fuhrman will introduce you to a Part D pricing method called "reference based pricing." This is for the senior who wants or needs certain brand name drugs even though a generic is available. The bottom lines are that you'll pay much more than a co-pay, and it's difficult determining if a drug is subject to this method. Methods

to avoid reference based pricing and the actions being taken to make its pricing more available are discussed at length.

The Dec. 18, 2008, *New York Times* article "Florida Adopts 'Silver Alerts' for Mentally Impaired Elderly Who Wander Off," by Carmen Gentile discusses using the alert when a senior with dementia, Alzheimer's or a similar impairment is missing. It's similar to the Amber Alert, which is used when a child goes missing. Several states have instituted the program, particularly Florida with its high percentage of elderly residents. Effectiveness of the program and methods used in a search are discussed.

I imagine President-elect Obama's plan for health care will cost a bundle of money. I feel with all the money that has been thrown around to help the financial industry produce nothing but paper, there should be a little left to benefit those who make something tangible.

## Help SNPJ save with online PROSVETA option

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### Sis. ROSE MARIE RUPAR • LODGE 106 •

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The Rupar family and members of Lodge 106 sadly announce the Dec. 27, 2008, passing of Sis. Rose Marie Rupar, 83, in John J. Kane Regional Center, Scott Township, Pa. She had been an SNPJ member since December 1944.

Sis. Rupar was born Nov. 29, 1925, in North Fayette Township, Pa., the daughter of Ludvick and Mildred Pleskovich. A homemaker, Rose was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church and SNPJ Lodge 106 in Imperial.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald (Alberta) Rupar of Florida and Robert (Kathie Wolanski) Rupar of Aliquippa, Pa.; a brother, Rudy Pleskovich of McDonald, Pa.; four grandchildren, Brian, Andrea, Jeanette and Robert Rupar Jr.; and a great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emil F. Rupar, on Nov. 17, 2002; and two brothers, Louis and Frank Pleskovich.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated for Sis. Rupar Dec. 30 in St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church; interment followed in Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 106 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Sis.

Rupar's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

### BRO. THOMAS LYNCH • LODGE 615 •

**LOS ANGELES** — The Lynch family and members of Lodge 615 sadly report the Nov. 25, 2008, passing of Bro. Thomas Stanton Lynch.

Bro. Lynch celebrated his 96th birthday Valentine's Day 2008. He was born in Canton, Mass., and moved to California as a young man with his parents. The family lived in Fontana and farmed their own citrus grove.

Tom met and married the former Albina Pecnik. Albina's father was a founder of the former SNPJ Lodge 569 in Fontana. The couple had three daughters, Jean DiCiolla of Wildomar, Calif., Shirley Farrell of Auburn, Wash., and the late Deanna McWhorter. Tom and Albina were married for 45 years until Albina passed away in 1977.

Bro. Lynch's working career included Fontana Farms as a young married man, General Motors and the shipyards in Long Beach, Calif., during World War II. He was proud of the work he did building military ships. He found his calling as a cement finisher, eventually becoming a cement contractor. He worked at his trade for many years, serving as a mentor for two of his grandsons who fol-



Bro. THOMAS LYNCH (615)

lowed in his footsteps.

In 1978, Tom married the former Doris Graffious. They traveled throughout the United States and Canada in their motorhome. They also toured Germany and the U.K.

Bro. Lynch is survived by his wife, Doris; their five children and four grandchildren; and two stepchildren, Judy Menage and Mike Graffious. Tom is also survived by daughters Jean and Shirley, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was celebrated at the Chapel of Memories in Norwalk, Calif. Interment followed in All Souls Catholic Cemetery, Long Beach, Calif.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 615 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Lynch's family, relatives and

friends on their loss.

### BRO. JULIUS JAKSE • LODGE 2 •

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — The Jakse family and members of Lodge 2 sadly announce the Dec. 20, 2008, passing of Bro. Julius R. Jakse, 90, in Manor Court of Peru, Ill.

Bro. Jakse was born May 2, 1918, in La Salle to Joseph and Anna (Gimple) Jakse. He married Frances Otorepec in St. Roch's Church, La Salle, on June 15, 1946.

Julius served as a radarman with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a carpenter and contractor for JaxBilt Construction. He was also a founding member of the La Salle VFW.

Bro. Jakse is survived by one son, Robert (Karen) Jakse of Minneapolis; twin daughters, Alice (Dave Wickboldt) Griffin of Lake Barrington, Ill., and Nancy (Jim Hartman) Jakse of Meadow Vista, Calif.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife on Nov. 24, 2005, two brothers and three sisters.

Visitation was held Dec. 23 in Hurst Funeral Home, La Salle. Cremation followed.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Bro. Jakse's family and friends on their loss.

### 2009 SNPJ Florida Annual Golf Tournament

at Rivard Golf & Country Club  
18001 Rivard Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34604  
Phone toll-free: 1-866-404-2152  
Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 (tee times start at 8 a.m.)  
Sunday, March 1, 2009 (shotgun start at 8 a.m.)  
Individual Event – Saturday, Feb. 28

Name	Lodge No.	Handicap
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**Team Scramble Event – Sunday, March 1**

Name	Lodge No.	Handicap
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Prize fees for team and individual events are \$7 per person. Prize fees will be collected by the Tournament Committee. Greens fees of \$15 per round are payable at the course. Greens fees include compulsory golf cart.

Return this form, along with prize fees, to:  
**Betty Keber**  
196 Oak Lake Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34608  
Phone: (352) 686-9579  
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ENTRY DEADLINE IS FEB. 9, 2009

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

### 2009 SNPJ W.Pa. Bowling Tournament

Feb. 14-15, 2009  
at Paradise Island Bowl  
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Phone: (412) 264-6570

Doubles & Singles  
 Saturday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 14, 12:30 p.m.

Team Event  
 Sunday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m.  
 Sunday, Feb. 15, Noon

Doubles & Singles Entry fee \$24.00 per person Saturday Only	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2007-08	All-Events \$5 per person YES/NO
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Submit bowlers' names by position in lineup

Five Person Team Event Entry fee \$60.00 per team Sunday Only	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2007-08
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Team name \_\_\_\_\_  
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee in each event is \$12.00 per bowler, \$3.60 of which shall be used for prizes, \$7.15 for bowling and \$1.25 for tournament expenses. An extra \$5 is charged to all who desire to compete for handicap all-events prizes.

Return form, along with fees of \$12.00 per person, per event, to:  
Tournament Secretary Kevin Richards  
255 West Allegheny Rd. • Imperial, PA 15126  
Phone: (724) 695-1100  
Make checks payable to SNPJ 106  
ENTRY DEADLINE IS JANUARY 23, 2009

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126. Rules are also available online at www.snpj.org.

## Petkovsek weekend a boost for polka radio

by ALICE KUHAR  
Lodge 142

**CLEVELAND** — A perfect weekend brought the usual folks from over 20 states, Canada and the Netherlands to Tony Petkovsek's Thanksgiving weekend radio promotion at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Cleveland.

Each year since the early 1960s, or more recently since 1990, many organizations and individuals pack the downtown Cleveland venue Thursday and Friday to support the Cleveland Slovenian Radio Club, and to attend polka parties for the longest-running daily polka

and Slovenian show, airing on WELW 1330AM and 247PolkaHeaven.com.

Twenty Cleveland-style bands were booked, rotating between the Marriott Grand Ballroom, the Erie Superior side room and the main lobby. Jam sessions were featured, in addition to receptions in the rooms of tour bus leaders and the 25th floor hospitality suite.

U.S. Senator George Voinovich (142), showing his personal friendship to Tony Petkovsek, left his own family gathering in northeast Cleveland to attend Thanksgiving night. Voinovich, a former

Cleveland mayor and Ohio governor, has been known to visit many of Tony's events.

The entertainment highlight came Friday evening when the Mi Smo Mi young men's chorus debuted, along with the colorful Kres folklore dancers. The Polka Hall of Fame hosted the 21st Awards Show for the first time in the St. Clair Slovenian Home Saturday afternoon.

The holiday weekend events are in direct support of Tony Petkovsek's daily radio shows, heard Monday through Friday from 2 to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from noon until 2 p.m.

## DEATHS REPORTED

For the weeks of Nov. 16-30, 2008

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
6	Frances Boni	10-27-08	Avella, Pa.
6	Roberta M. Ramous	11-01-08	Bridgeville, Pa.
8	John J. Vrllich	11-09-08	Chicago, Ill.
41	Frances R. Sylvester	4-20-07	Greensburg, Pa.
88	Anita Schavolt	7-27-08	McKees Rocks, Pa.
89	Margaret A. Martik	11-10-08	Midway, Pa.
106	Timothy E. Nea	11-08-08	Carnegie, Pa.
225	Louella A. Lipoglav	10-14-08	Pittsburg, Kan.
225	Henry W. Pichler	10-22-08	Franklin, Kan.
257	Olga Klinec	10-28-08	North Olmsted, Ohio
259	Richard L. Arbogast	10-31-08	Washington, Pa.
391	Anna U. Turk	10-27-08	Frewsburg, N.Y.
564	Mike Sobocan	10-20-08	Belle River, ON, Canada
603	Jeanette Gross	8-02-08	New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
665	Rita M. Marmarelli	11-17-08	Pittsburgh, Pa.
665	James H. Hill	10-31-08	Pittsburgh, Pa.
686	John J. Gole	10-09-08	Lehigh Acres, Fla.
800	Ann D. Drake	11-08-08	West Frankfort, Ill.

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## Warm up to 2009 Florida Slovene Days

**FLORIDA SLOVENE DAYS**  
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On Sunday we'll host a performance of Saltwater Bluegrass. You won't want to miss this local entertainment.

The cooks will be serving all of your favorite foods, including apple strudel, cabbage rolls, pierogies, klobase and sauerkraut, and so much more. A barbecue is also planned for Sunday. Lodge Secretary Mary Ann Reichel has ordered Slovenian sausage from a local meat market. This klobase will be made according to our grandparents' recipe from Slovenia.

Whether you drive or fly to Florida, our Lodge is easy to locate. If you have a GPS, it's probably even easier. We are located in beautiful downtown Samsula at 421 North Samsula Dr., just a short distance from New Smyrna Beach, DeLand and Daytona Beach. Some good news: Comfort Suites is in the process of constructing units at the end of Airport Road. By next year, these units will be only a short distance from our Lodge hall. However, there is no roof on the construction yet.

A few motels are located in New Smyrna Beach, about 10 miles away, including The Nocturne Motel, 1104 N. Dixie Freeway, (386) 428-6404; Ocean Air Motel, 1161 N. Dixie Freeway, (386) 428-5748; and Smyrna Motel, 1050 N. Dixie Freeway, (386) 428-2495. If you're looking for something beachside, check out the Oceania Beach Club, 421 South Atlantic Ave., (386) 423-8400. Daytona Beach and DeLand are only 15 miles away. You can find their motels using the directory.

Don't forget that Spring Hill Lodge 778 on the west coast of Florida has planned an exciting weekend celebrating Florida SNPJ Days Feb. 27-March 1. Their fun-in-the-sun weekend will include the Don Wokjila Orchestra featuring Christine Hibbs and the Steve Juricic Band. These performers will continue on with the SNPJ Slovenefest@Sea cruise March 1-8.

See you soon in Samsula!