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Coming full circle

New director an old hand at the SNPJ Recreation Center

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH
 SNPJ National President

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Back in the 1970s, when the SNPJ Recreation Center was better known as “the Campsite” and barely 10 years old, the seasonal help included teenagers looking for a summer job. One of those summer teenage workers was Timothy Jergel. Tim lived in Shaler Township in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh and was a member of SNPJ Lodge 665, along with his parents, Al and Claire, and his brothers, Hank and Rick.

With the development of the Recreation Center in the mid-1960s came the beginning of the RV trailer court, originally consisting of only eight spots. The Jergel family landed the first spot, which made it convenient for Tim to work at the Recreation Center in the summer during his teenage years.

He started on the maintenance crew, taking care of the grounds and cutting grass, among other things. Tim also worked in the kitchen, which meant washing dishes. My guess is that his favorite position was that of a lifeguard for two summers.

After a number of years, Tim is back in the employ of the SNPJ Recreation Center, and this



Bro. **TIM JERGEL** (782) returns to the SNPJ staff as the new Recreation Center director.

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Heritage Center cookbook ready for a Slovenefest debut

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)
 SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The SNPJ Heritage Center Committee is excited to announce that the long-awaited cookbook will make its debut at Slovenefest XXVIII July 10, 11 and 12. The publisher is busy printing 3,000 copies of the cookbook, which includes over 680 recipes. Be assured that if you can't attend Slovenefest, you will still be able to obtain a copy. Read future *PROSVETA* issues on how to order the cookbook.

New items are also for available for purchase at the Heritage Center, including aprons that read “Slovenian Cook At Work, Dober Tek” in blue and red with white lettering. Aprons are a great gift idea for everyone. Attention ladies: new T-shirts featuring a red carnation and “Slovenija” written above the carnation are now on sale in fun colors, black, key lime and blue. Maps of Slovenia are now available. All items may be ordered and shipped to you.

During Slovenefest, a “Slovenian basket” will be drawn-off, filled with items for the kitchen and the new Heritage Center cookbook. Be sure to purchase your \$2 tickets at Slovenefest.

Many recipe submitters for the cookbook sent words of encouragement to the committee, or “their” story pertaining to the recipe submitted. Since there wasn't enough room for the comments to be included in the cookbook, we wanted to share them through *PROSVETA*. The committee enjoyed reading them, and we hope you do too!

Whisky Slush: “My late father-in-law, Herb Hartman, made this recipe for my bridal shower and it has been a favorite ever since.” **Pizzelles:** “A great recipe passed on to me by my Italian cousins.”
Mary Jo Hartman, Lodge 138, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Slovenian Smoked Sausage & Scalloped Potatoes (Bogolin's sausage): “I adapted this recipe to smoked sausage. I use Irma and Matt Lyden's Slovenian smoked sausage, known as Bogolin's smoked sausage, made in Hermitage, Pa., close to Sharon. My Scots-Irish husband says it's the best sausage he has ever tasted, and to this day we purchase Bogolin's sausage whenever we travel back east from our home in Colorado.”

Carol and the Heritage Center Committee:



MARK and KARA MARUSZAK (53) model the aprons and ladies T-shirts available for purchase at the SNPJ Recreation Center. The SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center cookbook will also debut in July, just in time for Slovenefest XXVIII July 10-12 at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

“Thank you for taking on this project. I look forward to ordering one of these books as soon as they are printed. Hopefully we will get back to the Campsite and visit with you again soon at the Heritage Center. We don't get back to Girard much anymore since my mom has passed. Our best regards to your father who knew my dad, Tony Kren.”

Patty Kren Harper, Lodge 643, Boulder County, Colo.

Aunt Aggie Supan's Apple Strudel: “Our family has been using this recipe for over a hundred years and have enjoyed it very much, especially in the autumn when the apples are the freshest. I enjoy the *PROSVETA*, and in honor of my Aunt Aggie and my grandmother who immigrated here from Slovenia in 1907, I am submitting this to your cookbook. *Hvala lepa!*”

Nancy Supan Henkel, Peru, Ill.

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL

Lodge 257 can help with Slovenefest travel plans

by RUDY PIVIK
 Lodge 257

CLEVELAND — Lodge 257 on the west side of Cleveland will hold a meeting Thursday, June 18, at the West Park Slovenian Hall beginning at 6 p.m.

President Marie Pivik and Secretary Patricia Juda will discuss the Sunday, July 12, bus trip to the beautiful SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa., for Slovenefest XXVIII. We're hoping that some of Cleveland's eastsiders will join us. We will make a noon stop at the ice arena in Euclid, Ohio. For additional information contact President Marie Pivik by phoning (216) 433-1941.

Herminie Lodge 87 cancels June 7 dance

HERMINIE, Pa. — Due to the opening of the summer picnic season at the Westmoreland Federation Picnic Grounds in Evanstown, Pa., Herminie Lodge 87 has canceled its June 7 Summertime Social at the Crystal Ballroom. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

ARLENE MADDEN
 Lodge 87

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 6 for the Recommender coupon.

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are June 17 and July 1. All material must be received by Monday, June 8, for the June 17 issue, and by Monday, June 22, for the July 1 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.

Slovene Night returns as a Region 4 activity



SNPJ Fraternal Director **KEVIN RICHARDS**, Region 4 Vice President **DOROTHY GORJUP** (158) and Supervisory Committee Member **LOU NOVAK** (576) caught the game at 2008 Slovene Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains.

by DOROTHY GORJUP (158)
 Region 4 Vice President

EUCLID, Ohio — As Region 4 Vice President, I have the opportunity to attend and take part in many SNPJ activities in the Cleveland area. I was honored last year to be part of the very first Slovene Heritage Night at a Lake County Captains' baseball game. Working with SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards, we were able to make this the very first SNPJ regional fraternal activity of 2008.

I was very proud to greet the many SNPJ members who came out to enjoy that beautiful Friday evening at the ballpark. It was such a success that we are doing it again this year!

Join SNPJ members from the Cleveland area for Slovene Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains take on the Greenville Drive Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. The Lake County Captains baseball team is the single-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, and the Greenville Drive is the single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox.

Tickets are only \$7 and can be purchased by contacting me or your local Lodge secretary. I look forward to seeing you at the ballpark!



• **Margaret A. Tipton**
 Born Aug. 8, 2008
 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2

The members of Lodge 2 welcome the newest addition to their Lodge, Margaret Ann Tipton. Margaret is the daughter of Matthew (2) and Heather Tipton, and the great-granddaughter of Eugene and Jan Jakse (2). We welcome Margaret to the Society and extend our best wishes to her entire family.

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Lodge 777 News & Views

by EVELYN VRHOVNIK
Lodge 777 Secretary

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — “Greetings from Southern Florida” is the best salutation I can come up with these days since we’ve come into our rainy season and since the sun isn’t with us all day, every day. We still have sun part of each day, but the rainstorms are relieving our drought situation, when Florida “green” was turning brown. Our summer temperatures will also be with us now.

The Lodge 777 quarterly meeting schedule is working out quite well, with the activity schedule in between meetings. Our April meeting brought out most of our regulars after the Easter holiday, prior to their summer vacation travels. Our dinner service has been well-received, and Angie Kloepfer, who prepared all of the meals after our meetings, is still busy keeping everything organized. Our new meeting hall has worked out well, especially for members residing north of our previous location.

I hope that those members who read my articles and who have not attended meetings in the past will find it more convenient to come to our new location at Collins Oakland Park Community Center in Oakland Park. Let us know what we can do to enhance this invitation. We need more of you to take an active part in keeping SNPJ in South Florida.

Being a tourist-oriented and transient area makes it difficult for us to get members on a long-term basis. We would like to see new Lodge officers bring in some new ideas to make our Lodge meetings and activities part of a social calendar for more of our young people who value their Slovenian heritage. We are also grateful to other Slavic groups who have been with us in the past and who have found

that our association with one another has been closely related.

Those of you who go back to the organization of our Lodge in 1977 surely remember my late husband, Michael Vrhovnik, as a true and dedicated fraternalist who organized the Lodge after his retirement to preserve the spirit with which he served as a national officer. Through the years, various members, many also now deceased, have helped to keep this fraternal spirit alive. We’ve grown old in the process and need reinforcements to carry on.

In the sense of heritage preservation, I want to thank all of you who have responded so generously to my cousin, Richard Terselic, in his quest for old recordings of Slovenian music to be preserved in a more permanent form for future generations to enjoy the performances of these melodic sounds. For those of you who missed his recent article, and who are interested in this conscientious endeavor, please contact me and I will be glad to put you in touch with him.

Our former Lodge president, Erna Kotula, made a trip to South Florida recently to visit family members. She has been residing in Bremerton, Wash., for quite some time, but keeps in touch with Lodge members.

Our next Lodge meeting will not take place until September, but in the meantime we have a promotional dinner planned for Sunday, June 14, beginning at 4 p.m. Since our meeting hall is not available to us during the summer months, this will give our members and friends a chance to get together during the interim and present ideas for our fall and winter schedule.

We will be getting together at Uncle Lui’s Restaurant, 8318 West Oakland Park Blvd., west of University Dr., at 4 p.m. on the above date. European specialties are featured on the menu. Anyone who would like to attend can phone me at (305) 759-1890. We promise you a hearty welcome.

New director right at home at the SNPJ Recreation Center

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time he’s the one hiring the summer help. On April 1, Bro. Tim Jergel became the SNPJ Recreation Center director. Not discounting his previous employment at the Recreation Center, he brings a wealth of experience and business acumen to the position.

After graduating from Shaler High School, Tim went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in business administration from West Virginia

Wesleyan College. In 1984 he went into business with his brothers, where he was the general manager and co-owner of Jergel’s Restaurant, a very popular restaurant and nightclub in the North Hills. Jergel’s was the recipient of many regional and community awards for food, entertainment and atmosphere. He was also the general manager and co-owner of the Babcock Special Event Center, a high volume pub, restaurant and banquet facility. Tim has additional experience in real

estate and property management.

In 1981, Tim helped initiate the formation of SNPJ Northern Lights Lodge 782 in Glenshaw, Pa. He was a charter member of the Lodge and served as its first treasurer. He represented his Lodge at the Young Adult Conference, and was part of the Lodge’s softball and basketball teams that participated in the SNPJ national tournaments.

Tim and his wife Jill have enjoyed visits to Slovenia. Experiencing the

homeland was a heartwarming experience for Tim, who has a sincere appreciation of his heritage. His daughter Kelsey is a college student and his son Max is finishing high school.

Having grown up with the Society and SNPJ Recreation Center, Bro. Jergel has a great appreciation of our facility and we appreciate his SNPJ foundation. We look forward to Tim bringing his talents, experience and leadership to the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- JUNE 7 Orange Coast Lodge 786 Wine Tasting Party and Picnic at Keyways Winery, Temecula, Calif.; noon-5 p.m. For reservations (required), contact Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or e-mail ajkoci@cox.net.
- JUNE 7 Spartans Lodge 576 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 2 p.m. Entertainment features Joey Tomsick, Joe Novak and Wayne Tomsic. Phone Lou Novak at (440) 461-6476 for more details.
- JUNE 7 Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation Slovenian-Italian Day Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Sam Pugliano and Jim Rhoades bands. For details phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- 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 13 Detroit Lodge 677 annual picnic and balina tournament at Ruth’s picnic ground beginning at 2 p.m. For more information phone Ken Anderson at (248) 649-6228.
- JUNE 14 Loyalties Lodge 158 annual summer picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners served at 2 p.m.; dancing to the music of the Bobby Kravos Band 3:30-7:30 p.m. For information contact Pat Nevar at (216) 481-0163.
- JUNE 14 Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts Mikey Dee’s Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Mikey Dee Band and Jack Tady & the Tady Bears. For additional information contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- JUNE 20 11th Annual Tony Mlinar Memorial Golf Outing, New Berlin Hills Golf Course, Milwaukee. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. For information contact Tony Mlinar at (414) 257-3385.
- 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@snpoj.com.
- JUNE 21 Strugglers Lodge 614 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners served at 2 p.m.; entertainment by George Staiduhar from 3:30-7:30 p.m. For more details phone Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- JUNE 21 Borough of SNPJ, Pa., Lodge 770 Father’s Day Dance at the SNPJ Recreation Center, 3-7 p.m. Music by the Eddie Vallus II Band. For details contact David Sankovich at (724) 667-7471.
- JUNE 21 Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation Father’s Day Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment features the Dick Tady Orchestra and Don Wojtila Band. For details phone (724) 668-7394.
- 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@snpoj.com.
- JUNE 28 V-Boj Lodge 53 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Entertainment features the Joey Tomsick Orchestra. For details phone Martha Meglich at (440) 884-5043.
- JUNE 28 Slovene Federation of W. Pa. Lodges annual picnic at the Recreation Center, upper pavilion; 3-7 p.m. Music by Bob Turcola.
- JUNE 28 Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts Jack Tady’s Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment by the Jack Tady Bears and Frank Moravcik. For information phone (724) 668-7394.
- JULY 4 Fourth of July Celebration at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 1:30-7:30 p.m. Entertainment featuring the Frank Stanger and Mikey Dee bands. For more information phone (440) 256-3423.
- JULY 5 Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts Pam & Jerry Zagar’s Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment by Klancknik & Friends and Silver Sky w/ Geoge Suhon. For details phone (724) 668-7394.
- JULY 10-12 Slovenefest XXVIII and the 53rd Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For information, phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 18 Lodge 745 participation in the Eppie’s Great Race relay triathlon. Visit www.snpoj745.com or e-mail Connie Mlakar at conniemlakar@yahoo.com for additional information.
- JULY 18 Orange Coast Lodge 786 Barbecue & Swim Party, noon-5 p.m. at the Rancho Niguel Rec Center, Laguna Niguel, Calif. For information phone Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or e-mail ajkoci@cox.net.
- JULY 19-25 First Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 26-AUG. 1 Second Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation 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@snpoj.com.
- AUG. 9 CAL Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners served at 2 p.m.; dancing to the Bob Kravos Band 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- AUG. 9 Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation Appreciation Picnic/Membership Drive at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-5 p.m. free admission. Entertainment by the Jim Rhoades Band. For information phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 23-29 Senior Roundup Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 30 Cleveland Lodge 126 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Jeff Pecon Band, 3:30-7:30 p.m. For information contact Ed Sumrada at (440) 942-6698.
- SEPT. 4-6 National SNPJ Days at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Weekend activities include the National golf, balina and horseshoes tournaments; the Rec Center Reverse Raffle and the annual Sunday picnic. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

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You must live in the present and use today's deposit as wisely as possible. Invest your time to get the utmost in health, wealth and happiness. Your clock is running right now. Treasure every moment that you have and remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history and tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift — that's why it's called the present!

- **Thought for the Week** — Don't worry; you'll survive every moment... except the last one.

Anonymous



The SNPJ Farm 2009 Dance Schedule

SNPJ Farm, 10946 Heath Road, Kirtland, Ohio
off Chardon Road (Route 6), three miles east of Route 306
For information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191

June 7	Spartans Lodge 576 Picnic Tomsick, Novak and Tomsic	3:30 to 7:30
June 14	Loyalites Lodge 158 Picnic Bobby Kravos Band	3:30 to 7:30
June 21	Strugglers Lodge 614 Picnic George Staiduhar Band	3:30 to 7:30
June 28	V-Boj Lodge 53 Picnic Joey Tomsick Orchestra	TBA
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration Frank Stanger & Mikey Dee bands	1:30 to 7:30
July 5	Cleveland Federation Picnic Johnny Koenig	3:30 to 7:30
July 12	Naprej Lodge 5 Picnic Al Battistelli; Farm's 105th Anniversary	3:30 to 7:30
July 19	Comrades Lodge 566 Picnic Joe Novak & Friends	3:30 to 7:30
July 26	Utopians Lodge 604 Picnic Eddie Rodick Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 2	Chicken BBQ Picnic Don Wojtila Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 9	CAL Picnic Bob Kravos Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 16	Mirmi Raj Lodge 142 Picnic Eric Noltkamper Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 23	Fairport Lodge 355 Picnic Bob Kravos Band	3:30 to 7:30
Aug. 26	Cleveland Pensioners Wayne Tomsic Band	2:30 to 5:30
Aug. 30	Cleveland Lodge 126 Jeff Pecon Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 6	SNPJ Farm Board Picnic Eric Noltkamper Band	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 7	End of Summer Dance George Staiduhar Band	3:30 to 7:30
Spet. 13	Ladies Auxiliary Picnic Eddie Rodick Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30
Sept. 20	Friends of the Farm Picnic Don Wojtila Orchestra	3:30 to 7:30

Dancers enjoy the finest in Cleveland-style polkas and waltzes at the SNPJ Farm. The Farm features the best-known names in polka music, plus down-home dining. Gates open at noon. Dinners served Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. with music and dancing from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday picnic admission is \$5. Rent the SNPJ Farm for picnics, anniversaries or other special functions! For more information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191.

A CENTURY in the making

Proud of your SNPJ membership? Then you owe it to yourself to delve deeper into SNPJ history through the pages of *An Inspired Journey — The SNPJ Story: The First One Hundred Years of the Slovene National Benefit Society*. This richly-illustrated chronicle of SNPJ history compiled and written by SNPJ Publications Editor Jay Sedmak is still available for purchase.

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Slovenia takes over Council of Europe chair

MADRID, Spain (STA) — Slovenia assumed the six-month chairmanship of the Council of Europe (CoE) Committee of Ministers from Spain May 12 during a session of the council's top decision-making body in Madrid. In his address, Slovenian Foreign Minister Samuel Zbogar said that Slovenia will pursue the main goal of the CoE, which is the promotion and protection of human rights, democracy and rule of law.

The transfer of the chairmanship was carried out during a brief ceremony. A symbolic key was handed to Minister Zbogar by Spanish Foreign Minister Angel Moratinos as part of the ceremony.

Presenting Slovenia's priorities for the chairmanship, Zbogar highlighted efforts for a reform of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, and the protection of children's rights. Special attention will be devoted to combating all forms of violence against children and to raising awareness about children's rights. Zbogar also highlighted Slovenia's activities in the field of minority protection.

Ministry offering foreign investment incentives

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Slovenian Economy Ministry will publish a call for applications for incentives to foreign direct investors in 2009. Roughly \$6.8 million will be allocated for this purpose, the ministry wrote in a press release.

According to the ministry, the government wants to attract foreign investment to Slovenia that could create quality jobs. The initiative aims to create about 700 new jobs in three years. The projects vying for funding include investments into the manufacturing sector, which will create at least 25 new jobs in the next three years; export-oriented activities, which will create at least 10 new jobs; and research and development activities, which will create at least five new jobs.

The projects should boost cooperation between Slovenian and foreign research and development companies and institutions, regional development and relations between foreign investors and Slovenian companies. The applicants will be non-resident foreigners who have at least a 10 percent direct share in a company registered in Slovenia.

The call for applications will be published in Slovenian and English in the Official Gazette and on the Public Agency for Entrepreneurship and Foreign Investments web site, the ministry explained.

Unemployment figures continue to escalate...

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The number of registered unemployed people in Slovenia rose to 82,832 in April, up four percent over March figures. In the first four months of 2009, the number of unemployed increased by 16,593, or 25.1 percent, the Employment Institute reported in a May 6 press release.

In April, some 9,468 persons were newly registered as unemployed, which is 6.5 percent more than during the prior month. The number of newly registered unemployed persons in the first four months stood at 39,407, a 93.4 percent increase compared to 2008 figures.

Increases in unemployment were most substantial among workers who lost their jobs due to bankruptcy (up 262 percent to 2,296) or who had been permanently laid off (up 210.6 percent to 8,075).

In April, unemployment figures increased across all parts of the country, except in the area around Murska Sobota. The biggest unemployment rate was registered in the Nova Gorica area, where the number of unemployed people rose by 39.6 percent in the first four months.

The economic turmoil has also affected employment opportunities, which reached their lowest levels of this year in April. Employers registered only 11,964 openings, which is a 15.5 percent drop from March and a 44.7 percent drop in comparison to April 2008.

...pushing the government to introduce work quotas

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Slovenian government is looking to impose restrictions on new employment of foreign labor in Slovenia. The total quota of work permits for foreigners, set at 24,000 for



this year, will be cut by more than 10,000.

The Labor Ministry announced the cuts in reply to a cabinet suggestion query which urged the government to reduce work permit quotas for foreign labor amidst the growing unemployment across Slovenia. The ministry is working on a decree that would ban seasonal employment, except for farm and forestry labor. The decree would also force the Employment Service to review the situation on the labor market before granting work permits.

This year's seasonal labor quota in Slovenia is set at 10,300. Employment Service data show 1,593 work permits had been granted by the end of April, the bulk to workers in the construction field (1,465). Employment Service figures also indicate that 91,561 work permits were valid at the end of April, 87,433 of which were granted to laborers from the former Yugoslav countries.

Air Traffic Control selects a contractor for Brnik

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Slovenian Air Traffic Control has selected the Imos construction company to build a control center at Slovenia's main international airport at Brnik. The decision follows a highly-publicized annulment of the previous project following allegations of corruption.

Imos offered to build the traffic control center for \$11.2 million. The first stage of the project includes construction of a new air traffic control tower. The work should start in July and is scheduled for completion before the summer of 2011.

The Imos company, which was selected from among 12 candidates, now awaits approval from the Air Traffic Control supervisory board and the government, Air Traffic Control announced via press release.

The director of Air Traffic Control, Franc Zeljko Zupanič, said he was pleased with the conclusion of the bidding process, expressing hope that "we will begin work in the new offices before the summer of 2011, as the existing [facilities] are too small and no longer appropriate."

Air Traffic Control published the bid Jan. 29, almost a year after the first public bid was canceled. The initial project had been criticized by government officials for being too extreme; the air control tower had been planned at a height of 328 feet. The tower is now a separate project, for which an investment program must still be drawn up, Air Traffic Control announced. The new plans offer a new location for the tower (closer to the runway) and a height of no more than 148 feet.

Maribor confirmed as European Culture Capital

BRUSSELS, Belgium (STA) — In mid-May, EU cultural ministers confirmed Slovenia's second largest city, Maribor, as the 2012 European Capital of Culture. Maribor, which is the first Slovenian city to be declared European Capital of Culture, will share the title with Guimaraes, Portugal.

"The city of Maribor is the second largest Slovenian city, a small city on a European scale with 200,000 citizens, and the economic, financial, educational, cultural and tourist center of northeast Slovenia," Mary Veronica Tovšak Pleterski, the deputy ambassador of Slovenia to the EU, said on the occasion. "The slogan of Maribor as the European Capital of Culture in 2012 is 'Pure Energy,'" she added.

According to Tovšak Pleterski, Maribor will offer a series of attractive cultural events from various areas — music and the visual arts, literature, the performing arts, and modern presentations of cultural heritage and architecture. The program of the event will also include prestigious "celebrity" events, which will aim at attracting the European public and relate to cultural tourism. "The project is linked with numerous demanding investments in the cultural infrastructure. In a time of economic crisis, this will not be easy, and this is why the state will help the city prepare and carry out the project," she added.

The European Commission remarked that "today's official declaration is only a start of the preparations for the European Capital of Culture," adding that cooperation between the state and

local authorities, in the form of financial assistance, is key.

Prior to the official confirmation, Maribor Mayor Franc Kangler announced that this was an historic day for the city of Maribor, its partners and the entire Slovenian culture. According to Kangler, now that all formalities had been taken care of, the city wants to meet and set the plans that were presented to the commission in Brussels. "This event is not only important for Maribor, but for all those working for the culture of Slovenia. Expert services now have to prepare projects and programs so that in 2012 Maribor can experience a genuine cultural explosion," Kangler said.

He added that Maribor being declared the 2012 European Capital of Culture will be marked with a ceremony during the opening of the 17th Lent Festival in June, the largest music and theater festival in Slovenia. According to Kangler, he and the mayors of five associated cities — Ptuj, Murska Sobota, Slovenj Gradec, Novo mesto and Velenje — had agreed to hold monthly meetings to coordinate their views on organizational issues.

The European Capital of Culture is the title awarded to one or more cities for a period of one year, during which the cities are given a chance to showcase their cultural life and development.

Search engine launches translation dictionary tool

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenia's largest and most popular Internet search engine, *Najdi.si*, has launched a free bidirectional translation dictionary tool. English and German are the first languages featured, and will be followed in the coming months by Italian, French and Spanish, *Najdi.si* has announced.

According to the company, the tool will give online users free access to reliable and modern translation dictionaries. The dictionaries can be accessed by clicking on the "Slovarji" (dictionaries) tool in the search engine, or by using the standard query field and typing "slovar" before the desired search term.

The dictionaries, which contain 75,000 entries each, have been compiled in association with the PONS language school and publisher Rokus Klett, *Najdi.si* noted.

The environment at the forefront of boat show

PORTOROŽ (STA) — The annual Internautica boat show, which kicked off in Portorož May 12, showcased some 200 vessels, including boats using environmentally-friendly technology.

"The main theme of this year's Internautica show was innovation, and Slovenians have always played a leading role in innovation at sea," show director Jure Korenc said at a press conference held prior to the official opening.

The show presented vessels that use less fuel, as well as hybrid-powered vessels and silent vessels with no gas emissions. One of these boats is the hybrid Green Line, constructed by Slovenian Jernej Jakopin, which uses eco-friendly batteries that are rechargeable up to 30,000 times. "Green Line is our answer to the environmental and economic situation in the world," Jakopin said.

Marjan Boznik, the director of the Portorož marina where the Internautica show was held, said the marina is searching for new opportunities to tackle the economic crisis. The marina plans to construct a pier for mega-yachts before this summer, as Portorož is only two hours away from other mega-yacht destinations in the Adriatic Sea.

The Internautica show was accompanied by the 2009 Jacques Lemans Cup sailing regatta and art exhibitions.

Slovenian film takes the critics' award in LA

LOS ANGELES (STA) — The Slovenian hit film "Petelinji zajtrk" (Rooster's Breakfast), won the critics' award at the Fourth South East European Film Festival in Los Angeles, which ran from April 30 to May 4 at the Goethe Institute and the UCLA Center for European & Eurasian Studies.

Set in a parochial little town, Rooster's Breakfast — Marko Nabersnik's love story between an apprentice car mechanic and the wife of a local criminal — was the top choice for the critics.

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Festival vrtnic v Novi Gorici

HEADLINE: Festival of Roses in Nova Gorica

TOPIC: Nova Gorica, the city of roses which is beautified with close to 7,000 of the "queen of all flowers" – even the municipal coat of arms has a rose in it – recently hosted the fourth Festival of Roses. Among the Nova Gorica roses, the Burbonkas are a real treasure. Burbonkas are an old rose originating in the beginning of 19th century in the gardens of the Franciscan monastery on Kostanjevica above Nova Gorica, where festival organizers arranged a guided tour of the garden.

The festival opened with an exhibit of paintings by Nataša Gregorič titled "Dreaming Red" at the Hit business pavilion. Featured events at the festival included the rose market, guided tours of the rose gardens in the city, and concerts on Bevek Square where they announced the most beautiful garden in the city and the most beautiful roses in a private collection in the Goriško area. Matjaž Mastnak introduced the first Slovenian book of roses.

During the festival, the Hit restaurant prepared dishes with roses, and Katja Kogej introduced the cookbook "With the Taste of Roses."

Nova Gorica, mesto vrtnic, ki ga krasi približno 7000 kraljic vseh rož, vrtnico pa ima tudi v svojem občinskem grbu, je gostilo četrti festival vrtnic. Med novogoriškimi vrtnicami so prava posebnost burbonke, stare vrtnice z začetka 19. stoletja na vrtu frančiškanskega samostana na Kostanjevici nad

Novo Gorico.

"Vrt frančiškanskega samostana ponuja edinstveno priložnost za ogled burbonk. Tako divjega, prvobitnega vonja starih vrtnic in oblik cvetov ne srečamo povsod," pravi Edi Prošt, vodja goriške sekcije Društva ljubiteljev vrtnic Slovenije. Organizatorji festivala - goriška sekcija Društva ljubiteljev vrtnic Slovenije, Hit in domače turistično društvo - so pripravile vodene ogleda vrta frančiškanskega samostana.

Festival se je začel v večernih urah ko so v Hitovem poslovnem pavilijoni odprli slikarsko razstavo Nataše Gregorič z naslovom Sanjati rdeče. V Hotelu Sabotin so odprli fotografsko razstavo Milana Stjepanoviča, v avli mestne občine pa sta bili na ogled filatelistična razstava in razstava cvetličnih kreacij. Vrhunec prireditve je bilo odprtje rožne tržnice, vodeni ogledi rožnih nasadov ter koncertoma med burbonkami na Bevkovem trgu, kjer so razglasili najlepšo burbonko, najlepši rožni nasad v mestu in najlepšo vrtnico v zasebni lasti na Goriškem. V nedeljo je bila Mala rožna konferenca, na kateri je Matjaž Mastnak predstavil prvo slovensko knjigo o vrtnicah, Matjaž Kmecl pa prvo slovensko vrtnico, ki jo je vzgojil sam.

Poseben pečat pa so festivalu dali v Hitovih gostinskih lokalih, kjer so pripravili različne menije iz vrtnic, Katja Kogej iz družbe Hit pa je predstavila knjigo receptov Z okusom vrtnic.

DELO

Očistili najstarejši vodnjak v Kranju

HEADLINE: They cleaned the oldest well in Kranj

TOPIC: Fifteen speleologists from the Carnium Caving Club recently cleaned what is apparently the oldest well in Kranj, located in the garden of the parish house. In three days they removed 12 cubic meters of debris with buckets, mainly construction materials, from the 82-foot-deep well.

According to information compiled by historian Jože Zontar, Matija Operta, a priest in Kranj, gave orders to build the well in 1499. The money was donated by the parishioners. After its completion, the well was used

by other citizens in addition to serving the parish house. Before the well was built, the people carried water from the Kokra or Sava river valleys.

Na vrtu kranjskega župišča je 15 jamarjev Jamarskega društva Carnium očistilo domnevno najstarejši vodnjak v Kranju. Kot je povedal Gregor Aljančič, so se po odmevnih čiščenjih rovov pod mestom odločili, da bodo zdaj v sodelovanju s prelatom Stanislavom Zidarjem in kranjskim zavodom za varstvo kulturne dediščine odkrili še eno znamenitost: v treh dneh so v čistilni akciji v mestu iz vodnjaka, globokega 25 metrov, z vedri

odstranili 12 cubičnih metrov nesnage, predvsem gradbenega materiala. Vodnjak je dal zgraditi takratni kranjski župnik Matija Operta. Po virih, ki jih je zbral zgodovinar Jože Zontar, je Operta leta 1499 prosil namestnika oglejskega patriarha, naj dovoli, da se beneficij oziroma denar, ki so ga verniki darovali pod oltarji sv. Ane, sv. Uršule in sv. Nikolaja, namenijo za gradnjo vodnjaka. Gradnja je dovolil, vodnjaka pa potem ni uporabljalo samo župnišče, temveč tudi drugi meščani. Prej so morali po vodo v kanjon Kokre ali do Save. Aljančič, ki je vodil čiščenje vodnjaka, je razložil, da so jamarji postali pozorni na vodnjak, zato ker

Pri uri biologije učiteljica vpraša: "Kako imenujemo bitja, ki lahko živijo v vodi in na kopnem?" Luka dvigne roko, vstane in iztrel: "Mornarji!"

DELO

Voda zbližala dijake in šole iz štirih držav

HEADLINE: Water brought students and schools from four countries closer

TOPIC: The Tolmin High School, along with three other schools from Italy, Austria and Great Britain, recently completed the three-year Comenius project "Water - Source Of Life And Knowledge." During this time, freshman and sophomore students and their teachers met six times: in Sardinia, in the vicinity of Vienna, in Liverpool and in Tolmin. During a five-day stay, they visited the Avče hydro-electric power station, the Škocjan caves, the Slovenian coast, Bled, Anton's shaft in Idrija, and the Tolmin River beds.

"The results of these types of projects can only be positive, not only because many of our teachers and students were able to travel around the world and to learn other cultures, ways of lives and different school systems, but also because we learned to be more open and how to communicate more effectively. At the same time, in connection with

this program we purchased a lot of equipment, such as a weather station, measuring devices for biology and chemistry, books, and dictionaries," said project coordinator Branka Hrast.

This was the first such project at Tolmin High School held in connection with the European Comenius program, which was designed for school development.

Gimnazija Tolmin je skupaj še s tremi sorodnimi srednjimi šolami iz Italije, Avstrije in Anglije končala triletni Comeniusov projekt Voda - vir življenja in znanja. V tem času so se dijaki prvih in drugih letnikov gimnazije ter njihovi učitelji srečali šestkrat: na Sardiniji, v okolici Dunaja, Liverpoolu in Tolminu. Med tokratnim petdnevnim obiskom so si ogledali avško črpalno hidroelektrarno, Škocjanske jame, slovensko Obalo, Bled, idrijski Antonijev rov, tolminsko čistilno napravo in Tolminska korita.

"Rezultati takšnih projektov so lahko samo pozitivni. Ne zgolj zato, ker je veliko naših učiteljev in dijakov lahko potovalo

po svetu in spoznavalo druge kulture, načine življenja in druge šolske sisteme, temveč ker smo se hkrati naučili biti bolj odprti in bolj sproščeno komunicirati. Hkrati smo v okviru projekta kupili veliko opreme, kakor so vremenska postaja, merilna oprema za biologijo in kemijo, knjige in slovarji," je povedala koordinatorka projekta Branka Hrast.

To je bil na tolminski gimnaziji prvi projekt v okviru posebnega evropskega programa Comenius, ki je namenjen razvoju šol. Gimnazija kot edina srednja šola v zgornjem Posočju zdaj že pripravlja prijavo na naslednjega. Skupaj s partnerji iz Estonije, Romunije, Nemčije in Španije bi radi izpeljali projekt o poklicni usmeritvi. Na krajše izmenjave običajno potuje največ osem študentov in trije učitelji. Ravnatelj tolminske gimnazije Bojan Tuta je pojasnil: "Izmenjave so tudi priložnost za spoznavanje značilnosti posameznih območij. Na ta način se lahko vzpostavljajo stiki in prijateljstva, ki so še zlasti pri dijakih bolj dolgotrajna."

DELO

Festival vipavskega vina in kulinarike

HEADLINE: The Festival of Vipava Wine and Food

TOPIC: The Zemono mansion recently hosted the Third Festival of Vipava Wine and Food, titled Okusi Vipavske (The Tastes of Vipava). More than 40 winemakers from the Vipava Valley and guests from the Ancona province in Italy participated in the festival, which last year was recognized as the best such event in Slovenia. Festival visitors were able to taste close to 120 of the best wines and many culinary specialties from the area, such as aged cheese from Nanos, prosciutto,

homemade salami, local pastries and fresh-baked bread.

Dvorec Zemono je pred nekaj tedni gostil tretji festival vipavskih vin in kulinarike z imenom Okusi Vipavske. Na prireditvi, ki je bila že lani po organizaciji in izvedbi označena za najboljšo tovrstno v Sloveniji, je sodelovalo več kakor 40 najboljših vinarjev Vipavske doline z gosti iz italijanske province Ancona. Obiskovalci so lahko pokušili približno 120 vrhunskih vin, med njimi tudi številnih avtohtonih sort, kakor so pinela, zelen in klarnica.

Poleg posameznih pride-

lovalcev žlahtne kaplice so se predstavile tudi turistične kmetije. Orhanizatorji, ki so razvojna agencija ROD iz Ajdovščine s skupino vipavskih vinarjev, gostilno Pri Lojzetu in revijo VINO, so poskrbeli tudi za predstavitev dobrot iz Vipavske doline, kakor so starani nanoški sir, pršut, domače salame, tipične slaščice in sveže pečeni kruh. Pripravili so poslovna srečanja, strokovna svetovanja ter vinske in gastronomske delavnice. Vrhunski mojstri so obiskovalcem predstavili tradicijo in inovativnost vipavskih jedi. Gostitelj in koordinatorka gastronomskega dela festivala

je bil tudi letos Tomaž Kavčič iz gostilne Pri Lojzetu, somelier in kulinarčni virtuoz, ki je k sodelovanju letos povabil kuharske mojstre najboljših okoliških restavracij. Zanimivi so bili tudi delavnica o najbolj ustreznih kozarcih za različna vina, individualna svetovanja in pokušina nekatereh vipavskih penin.

DELO

"Pravim oslom sem danes pridigal!" se huđuje župnik po maši v zakristiji. Cerkovnik mu reče: "Ampak med pridigo ste jim večkrat rekli: moji dragi bratje!"

Pod ključem bodo zgradili galerijo

HEADLINE: A gallery will be built at Pod ključem

TOPIC: One section of the Pod ključem state road between Tolmin and Most na Soči is very dangerous because of falling rocks. Soon the state will build a gallery above it, along with a new walking and bike path that will connect the two towns which are three miles apart. The construction work will start this fall, and the project will be completed in the fall of 2011. This project will cost close to \$2.9 million.

Odsek državne ceste Pod ključem med Tolminom in Most na Soči je najbolj nevaren zaradi padajočega kamenja na cestišču. Kakor kaže, bo država težavo odpravila s postavitvijo galerije. Za povrhu bosta

naselji, oddaljeni pet kilometrov, povezani s pešpotjo in kolesarsko stezo.

Direkcija za ceste RS je projektno dokumentacijo za galerijo Pod ključem že izdelala. Zdaj pridobivajo gradbeno dovoljenje, v pripravi je razpisna dokumentacija za izbiro izvajalca del. Za izvedbo mora država odkupiti še eno zemljišče, vendar bo po besedah tolminskega župana Uroša Brežana to kmalu urejeno. Po načrtih bi morali začeti graditi še letošnjo jesen, objekt bo verjetno končan sredi leta 2011. Dela bodo predvidoma stala 2,9 milijona evrov.

Odsek Pod ključem ni poznan samo kakor nevarno območje, kjer padajoče kamenje pogosto razbije vetrobranska stekla avtomobilov, temveč tudi zaradi

gub volčanskega apnenca, ki se v steni nasproti vasice Modrejce grbančijo zadnjih 65 milijonov let. Kakor so razložili na direkciji za ceste, bodo gube skladno z naravovarstvenimi pogoji ostale nedotaknjene in vidne. Med gradnjo bo polovična zapora ceste ter občasna popolna zapora ceste, obvoz bo urejen od Mosta na Soči mimo Ušnika do Tolmina. V projektu sta predvidena kolesarska steza in pločnik. "Takšna povezava je za nas zelo pomembna, vključena je v strategijo turističnega razvoja," je poudaril direktor LTO Sotočje Janko Humar in dodal, "doslej je bila glavna cesta edina možnost. V turistični sezoni je namreč med Tolminom in Mostom tudi več kakor tisoč ljudi na dan."

DELO

Grozdje varuje pred rakom

Že sloviti starogrški učenjak in zdravnik Hipokrat (460-370 pr.n.š.) je svojim pacientom predpisoval zdravnino dieto z grozdom. Nič neavadnega, saj je to žlahtno jensko sadje prava zakladnica snovi, ki nam okrepijo zdravje in preženejo bolezen. Grozdje vsebuje poleg vitamina C in vitaminov iz skupine B še kalij, magnezij in železo, za nameček pa tudi snovi, ki nas varujejo pred tako imenovanimi civilizacijskimi boleznimi. Flavonoidi čistijo žile, znižujejo raven holesterola in krvni tlak.

V lupinah, soku in pečkih muškatega grozdja je snov resveratrol, o kateri so pariške raziskave potrdile, da varuje pred rakom na dojkah, jetrih in črevesju. Grozdje poleg tega pospešuje prekrvitev in okrepi vene ter tako zmanjšuje otekanje nog in nagnjenost k krčnim žilam.

Ker je v grozdu veliko grozdnega sladkorja, je pravi vir energije: če se okrepčamo z grozdom, smo takoj polni nove energije. Z grozdom, pa tudi z rozinami, premagujemo utrujenost in spodbujamo delovanje možganov.

V Franji ne bo več originalnih predmetov

HEADLINE: There won't be original articles in Franja anymore

TOPIC: The City Museum of Idrija accepted the decision that after the renovation of the Franja Partizan Hospital is complete, the original articles that were saved following a bad storm in September 2007 – which destroyed this state monument – will no longer be exhibited. Among the 690 articles which were in Franja, 225 were discovered and 465 were badly damaged or totally destroyed. Milojka Magajne, a custodian at the Idrija Museum, said that some of the most significant and most representative articles were not among the discovered items because nothing has been found from the operating room. Because the original articles will no longer be exhibited in Franja, they will have to make replicas of these articles. Many people have already called in to say that they have articles from that time period and could donate them. The hardest thing to find would be an X-ray machine.

In the 1980s, the Franja museum exhibited 797 articles, and before the catastrophe 690 remained. "One hundred seven were missing. They were destroyed or damaged by the dampness, but in most cases, very sadly, they were stolen," Magajne explained.

Mestni muzej Idrija je sprejel odločitev, da po obnovi Partizanske bolnice Franje originalnih predmetov, ki so se ohranili po vodni ujmi septembra 2007, ta je uničila državni spomenik, ne bo več razstavljal. Od 690 predmetov, ki so bili v Franji, so po povodnji našli 225 ohranjenih, 465 je bilo zelo poškodovanih ali uničenih. Mestni muzej Idrija skrbi za muzejski del Franje. Kakor je na muzejskem večeru o sanaciji bolnice poudarila muzejska kustosinja Milojka Magajne, ki je zadolžena za predstavitev premične dediščine v PB Franja, med ohranjenimi predmeti ni najznačilnejših in najbolj reprezentativnih predmetov, "saj, na primer, od operacijske sobe ni ostalo nič". Ker originalnih predmetov v soteski Pasice ne bo več, bo treba izdelati ali replike predmetov ali

pa te predmete pridobiti drugje. "Glede tega ni bojazni, saj se je nam oglasilo že veliko ljudi, ki te predmete imajo in so jih nam pripravljeno odstopiti. Z nekaterimi bo seveda težje, zagotovo bomo, denimo, težko dobili rentgen," je pojasnila.

V 80. letih prejšnjega stoletja je muzej v Franji razstavljal še 797 predmetov, pred katastrofo leta 2007 pa jih je ostalo še 690. "Sto deset jih je manjkalo. Bili so ali uničeni ali jih je načela vlaga, v večini primerov pa, žal, ukradeni," je pojasnila Magajnejeva.

Na muzejskem večeru so govorili tudi o informacijskem centru. Kustosinja je pojasnila, da bi z njim obiskovalec dobil celostno informacijo o Franji, muzej pa bi lahko še učinkoviteje organiziral vodniško službo in povečal dostopnost do spomenika za vse tiste, ki v Franjo ne morejo. Vodja projekta obnove Partizanske bolnice Franja Stanislav Beguš je napovedal, da bo senacija zagotovo končana spomladi 2010, kar nekoliko podaljšuje prve obnovitvene načrte.

DELO

The Ethnic Kitchen

CREAM CHEESE SOUFFLE

2 packages (3-ounce) cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon honey
2 egg yolks, beaten
4 egg whites
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ cup currant jelly
1 package (10-ounce) frozen strawberries or raspberries, thawed
1½ teaspoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon water

Combine the first four ingredients; beat with an electric mixer at medium speed until smooth. Set aside. Beat egg whites (at room temperature) until soft peaks form; gradually add sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Fold egg whites into creamed mixture. Pour into a 1½ quart souffle dish. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. While souffle is baking, heat currant jelly in a medium saucepan; add fruit. Combine cornstarch and water, and add to fruit mixture. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil one minute. Serve warm with the souffle.

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Girard member a skilled builder



Bro. JOHN H. PUGEL (643)

GIRARD, Ohio—Bro. John H. Pugel of Lodge 643 has outlived the life of his SNPJ insurance policy.

John was born in Gannett, Idaho, Dec. 20, 1912, to John and Mary Puhalla, immigrants from the former Czechoslovakia. He lived on a farm and cattle ranch with his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

In 1926 the family moved to Youngstown, Ohio, for job opportunities and to be near relatives. Bro. Pugel worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps on road construction and the Lake Milton dam projects, as a delivery truck assistant for the Coca-Cola Company, and as a farmhand at nearby orchards and farms.

During World War II, Pvt. Pugel was a Military Policeman stationed in Iran from 1942 to 1945. Upon returning to the United States, he worked 30 years as a window sash assembler and rolling mill operator for Republic Steel's Truscon Division in Youngstown.

John was married April 27, 1946, to Hermina "Mina" Perechlin, who at the time was a telephone switchboard operator. Mina, a lifelong Lodge 643 member, introduced John to the Society. For many years they enjoyed bowling in the Girard Sunday night SNPJ mixed league. In 2009 they celebrated their 63rd anniversary.

Bro. Pugel was a very skilled and ambitious man. In 1948 he built his own two-story brick home in Avon Park, Ohio, while working full-time at Republic Steel. He performed most of the labor, including laying over 12,000 bricks. John enjoyed maintaining the home and working in his garden during the over 40 years he resided there.

His two children are Brenda J. Kovach of Amherst, Ohio, and John T. Pugel, who resides in Avon Park in the home John built. He has four grandchildren, USAF Chief Master Sergeant John E. Kovach; Dr. Corie L. Kovach; John T. Pugel Jr., OB/GYN; and James J. Pugel. He also has two stepgranddaughters, Marti and Amanda Hake. John was also blessed with the arrival of his great-grandson, John Wallace Kovach, who will be 4 years old in August.

Bro. Pugel enjoys assembling jigsaw puzzles, doing crossword and word search puzzles, playing cards, watching television, and spending time with his family. He also enjoys polkas and waltzes played on the button box accordion. His late son-in-law John Kovach Sr., son John T. Pugel and grandson Sgt. John E. Kovach were charter members of the Mahoning Valley Button Box Club, founded in 1979 in Girard.

John resides with Mina in an attached suite in Amherst with granddaughter Corie on her 42-acre estate, which includes pastures, a pond and a variety of wildlife.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 643 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend Bro. Pugel our best wishes for continued health and happiness.

Loyalites will celebrate a red, white and blue picnic

by JOHN J. WOJTLA
Lodge 158

EUCLID, Ohio—Just in case you missed the announcement, the annual Loyalite summer picnic will be held Sunday, June 14, at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. The gates will open at 1 p.m. for our Flag Day-themed picnic. Arrive early for dinner, then stick around for

music and relaxation. Bobby Kravos & The Boys in the Band will entertain from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Our annual drawing will also take place at the picnic. If you need to purchase drawing tickets, contact Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618.

Congratulations to Stacey Gooding who recently gradu-

ated with high honors from Cleveland State University, earning a master's degree in social work. Stacey is the daughter of Janet (Grady) Tordolino. Congratulations as well to Evan Auburn who made his First Communion in May. We would also like to congratulate Eleanor Godec on the birth of her great-grandson, Mercer

Auburn. Mercer, who was born April 28, is the son of Marc and Heather (Grady) Auburn.

May birthday greetings are extended to Clare Abraham, who turned 3; Evan Auburn, who turned 9; Bryan Godec, who turned 14; and Jenna Wojtla, who turned 23.

We hope to see you at the picnic June 14!

Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE—Well, it seems that my last article wound up somewhere in "Cyber Space." Maybe the Atlantis astronauts repairing the Hubble Space Telescope saw it floating by as they were accomplishing their important mission replacing the outdated and malfunctioning gyroscopes. At any rate, a portion of this article contains some topics I covered. I apologize for other items that I was supposed to cover that are now history. Computers are a wonderful thing, but at times they can be a pain.

REGRAT (dandelion) — the bright yellow flower that dominates the open spaces, fields and roadsides this time of year. However, earlier in the spring, just after the snow melts and before the yellow flower starts to bloom, this plant can be consumed as a salad, and it is very different and delicious. As fellow scribe Sis. Grace Doerk (559) pointed out in a recent "News from Here & There" column, she loves the Slovenian dandelion salad.

If you Google "Slovenian dandelion" you will get many hits with various recipes. Dandelion wine is also one of its end products. I never made it, but have tasted it some years ago. You have to acquire a taste for dandelion salad; it is quite different. However, once you've had it and acquired that taste, it's one that will be with you for the rest of your life.

Yes, I became acquainted with "regrat" as a youngster; my mother and *teta* (aunt) went out to the countryside — usually Arcadian Park — picking this delicacy, bringing shopping bags home filled with dandelions. We sat at the kitchen table tediously cleaning the product for hours, then spent more time soaking and rinsing to make the dandelion edible. Some vinegar, oil, garlic, warm boiled potatoes or red kidney beans were added to complete the salad. After all this time-consuming work getting the dandelions ready and on the table, it was finally time to enjoy all our efforts.

The season for dandelion is short-lived because you must harvest the plant prior to the yellow flowers appearing. After they bloom, the dandelion becomes very bitter and not very appetizing. So I too am a lover of dandelion salad and have had my fill this year as one of my daughters has 22 acres of farmland that has not been touched by any weed-controlling chemical. This is something one needs to be concerned with as most of us use these products on our lawns to control the dandelion.

The long winter is seemingly over and the long-awaited summer season is upon us. With that in mind, the Milwaukee Balina League started Monday, June 1, at West Allis Veteran Park, 70th and W.

National Ave. The league meets each Monday evening with two shifts taking to the allies beginning at 6 p.m. for the first and at 7 for the second. There are several openings, so if you are interested in getting into the balina league, please contact Bro. Stan Vidmar at (414) 541-9143.

This is a fun league, and I know that you will enjoy the game. If you have never played before, this would be a good time to start and learn this game. It's a lot of fun and the games are only 50 minutes long, so they don't take all evening. Come experience an enjoyable and relaxing evening out in the summer weather at a nice, quiet park in West Allis playing balina. Bring a lawn chair, if you wish, since there is limited seating courtside. Some cool non-alcoholic beverages might be a good idea as well; there are no vendors or vending machines on site. Give Bro. Vidmar a call and sign up for the season.

The 2009 Badger Lodge 584 Tony Mlinar Sr. Memorial Golf Outing will be played at the New Berlin Hills Golf Course in New Berlin, Wis., Saturday, June 20. A shotgun start has been arranged at 7:30 a.m., and the tournament follows a scramble format. The entry fee is \$80 per person and includes green fees, cart, lunch at the turn and two drink tickets. Following a fun-filled day on the course, we will enjoy a buffet dinner with awards presented to various lucky golfers.

This is a pleasant day on the golf course, having a few "brews" and relaxing with your friends. I know that we all wait anxiously each year for this event; this year should be no exception. Get your foursomes together. The entry deadline was June 1, so give Tony Mlinar a call at (414) 257-3385, or during the day at (414) 645-2050, to see if there are any vacancies or if you have any questions. Don't be left out; get your entries in now! The date of June 20 is very close. Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Saturday, Aug. 29, is the date that Ansambel Erazem from Postojna, Slovenia, will perform a "Koncert in the Park." This group of four men and one woman will be performing at Triglav Park in the Wind Lake, Wis., area. This is a beautiful outdoor park nestled among large shade trees — a perfect setting for this European group to present their wonderful ethnic music. Following their performance, they will play for your listening and dancing pleasure, making for an enjoyable afternoon in the park.

The USPEH organization is sponsoring this special day to commemorate their 31st anniversary. USPEH is formed of eight different groups in the Milwaukee area: SNPJ, Sloga, the Milwaukee Slovenian Retirees, the Fun-O-Leers, KSKJ, SWU, Triglav and the USPEH Chorus. I know you will enjoy this presentation and won't want to miss it. Tickets are \$10 per person. Baked goods, sandwiches and plenty of

beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase all afternoon.

This is another opportunity to support the Slovenian culture that we are so proud of. Come out and enjoy. The fresh air will do you good, and the entertainment will be marvelous and unbeatable. For additional information and tickets contact Sis. Fan Smole at (414) 258-5572.

It was nice to see the recent mention of the memories of good times in Milwaukee in past years in Sis. Delores Spelich's article. Yes, we too remember these good times, and though the Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges will not exist any longer, Milwaukee and all of its Slovenians will still be here. I'm sure there will still be many Slovenian functions that will take place, and we will certainly not allow the Slovenian culture to be forgotten. The "Badger Jabber" column is still here as well, and I will continue writing to *PROSVETA* promoting every Slovenian function from all SNPJ Lodges and organizations in the Milwaukee area. Contact me with the information and I will make sure, if at all possible, that it is published.

Badger Lodge 584 members held their most recent meeting Thursday, May 21. In the absence of Lodge President Tim Donovan, Vice President Fan Smole called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, as was the secretary/treasurer's report. Reports were presented by the USPEH delegate and on the status of the pending disbanding of the Milwaukee Federation.

Sis. Mary Donovan gave a report on the SNPJ Youth Telegraphic Bowling Tournament, and Bro. Tony Mlinar Jr. reported on the Saturday, June 20, Mlinar Golf Outing at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. The Badger Lodge donated \$100 toward this golf outing. Bro. Mlinar announced that all profits from the golf outing would be donated to the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse (WBCS), as in past years. There were no birthdays to celebrate this month, and Sis. Marge Adomat won the attendance award. The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed coffee and desserts.

Why not attend our next regular meeting at St. Peter's Church Hall, 79th and W. Lincoln Ave., on the third Thursday, of June (June 18) starting at 7:30 p.m? Badger Lodge President Tim Donovan usually opens the normally short business meeting on time.

Plan to join us for the evening. We complete the meeting with a coffee social. Freshly brewed "mountain grown" coffee is prepared by Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Alpner, and our Kitchen Committee members, Sisters Marge Alpner and Josephine Manson, cut, dish-up and serve the various delicious desserts that are donated by our members. No one leaves until all the goodies are gone!

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PROSVETA Crossword Grocery List (#1109) by StatePoint Media

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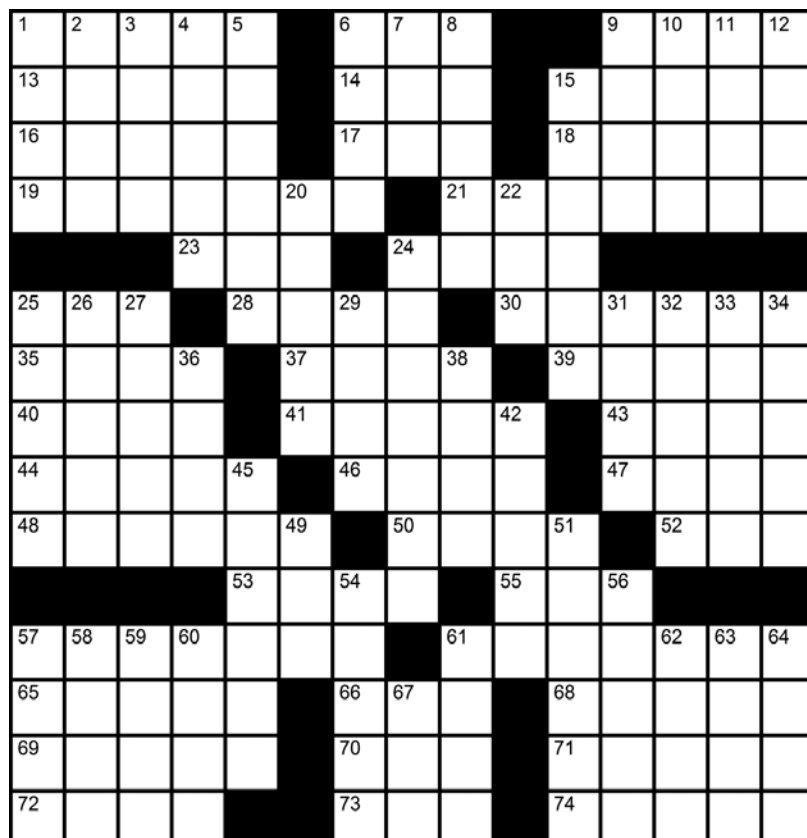
- Large soda bottles usually hold 2 of these
- Yellow ride
- Heap
- Nimble
- ___ Wednesday before Easter
- Natural talent
- Design theme
- Thailand native
- Cow's stomach
- Heaping displays
- Parallelogram with 4 equal sides
- Between id and superego
- Actress Penelope
- Eye function
- European sea eagle
- Popular newspaper name
- Nearest in space
- Where you often need a number
- Historic region in northeastern Africa
- S squared in a square
- Where people primp
- Author Morrison
- Approximate date
- Pocket bread
- Wooper
- Acetone, e.g.
- Fluid-filled plant structures
- "Don't ___ this at home!"
- To make with needles
- ___-been

DOWN

- Sight aid
- Hunch-backed assistant
- Yugoslavian leader
- Leave or strike out
- A safe place
- To restrain
- "The home of the brave"
- Bake eggs in shells
- Before it's a prune
- Stressed-unstressed pattern in poetry
- "In ___ of"
- Another spelling for #28 Across, pl.
- Hard food
- Ribbed pants
- What?
- Yo-Yo Ma, e.g.

- It assuages munchies
- Spooky
- Put to use
- Less than average tide occurring at 1st and 3rd quarters of moon
- Often found in muddy road
- "All ___ Eve"
- Jacket inside
- Eggs, milk, etc.
- Comes as soft or hard shell
- Thin amount
- Type of dip found near chips
- Bobbysock
- Between NE and E
- Shape of UFO?
- Small island
- Frothy sea water
- Expel
- Used to clean your clothing
- Opposed the Allies in WWII
- Member of ancient people who used to inhabit Scotland
- Member of people who occupied Britain in pre-Roman times
- Kimono sashes
- World's longest river
- Mixture of meat and all those veggies on your list
- Even (poetic)

The solution to puzzle #1109 will run in the June 17 issue.



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News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO — Just the moment you think that spring is here, it turns cold or rains. Sooner or later warmer days will be here, but when? We just don't seem to have autumn or spring.

Our sympathy to John Cretnik on the passing of his sister Ella Mae's husband, Jimmy Byers. John and his wife, Anne, are regular attendees at most Slovenian functions in the area.

The Slovene Retirement Club held their monthly meeting May 13. We welcomed the Kovacks who had spent three months in Florida. Reports were presented by Recording Secretary Mary Juretic and Treasurer Jean Cherway, and then it was announced that our June 10 meeting will feature a speaker on stress. I think we could all use some constructive suggestions on this topic.

It was reported that Lillian Patrovich (559) had eye surgery, that Georgiana Krtous (8) fell outside her home and is currently at Brighton Gardens in Willowbrook, and that Florence Rogel (1) was having some health problems. Remember to send these ailing members a get well note.

Our July 8 meeting will include an indoor picnic. The club will provide chicken, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Baked good and prize donations would be appreciated. We look forward to more PROSVETA readers joining the Slovene Retirement Club. We meet the second Wednesday of each month.

Congratulations to Justin and Robert Rigler (449) who are appearing in their high school musical, "Brigadoon," at Lemont High School.

I think it's wonderful when students participate in school activities.

We heard that over 350 people attended the Mother's Day dinner at the Slovenian Culture Center in Lemont, Ill. Their last dinner of the spring season is planned June 14. From then on, picnics will be held throughout the summer. The Slovene Cultural Center will host its annual picnic Aug. 9. Otto and I look forward to these summer picnics; we enjoy sitting outside and listening to the Slovenian music.

Otto and I had the opportunity to attend the USPEH Slovenian Chorus 30th anniversary spring concert. It was wonderful, and I appreciate everything this chorus does to preserve the Slovenian culture and heritage. Dressed in Slovenian costume, the chorus sang some well-known melodies, one by Avsenik and another by Lojze Slak. They also performed numbers from "The Sound of Music," which were excellent. The program ended with the singing of "America the Beautiful."

I met so many friends, and it was good seeing Fannie Smole. Virginia Strukel, Stan and Shirley Vidmar, Bernice and John Poklar, Denise Bartlett from SWU, and Don Lesar from Willard, Wis. There were a few people I expected to see, but they were attending another activity sponsored by the Fun-O-Leers. I was hoping to see Irene Ridosko there, but unfortunately she was in the hospital. I hope you're feeling better soon, Irene. Milwaukee has several Slovenian organizations, and they seem to have a lot of Slovenian activity. We hope to get out to Triglav Park sometime this summer.

It is so nice to receive the USPEH newsletter which lets us know about all the activities that will be taking place this summer in the Milwaukee area. With their numerous organizations, the newsletter is a very "newsy" publication.

On July 19, Dr. Žigon is traveling to Milwaukee to say his goodbyes to

everyone. The Slovenian Arts Council will honor Dr. Žigon with a plaque for his outstanding work in the United States these last four years.

The SWU will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of their publication, *Zarja*, June 19-20. In conjunction of this event, the *Zarja* staff has teamed up with the Slovenian Heritage Museum in Joliet, Ill., to offer a full weekend of activities at the Slovenian Catholic Center. A special Slovenian meal will be served, and my favorites — the Singing Slovenes from Duluth, Minn. — will entertain.

I'm happy to see that Mary Donovan (584) is keeping Milwaukee youth members active. Take notice that on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Triglav Park, guest artist Ansambel Erazem from Postonja, Slovenia, promises a great afternoon of music, singing and dancing. The park will open at 11 a.m.; the music will begin at 1 p.m. It's nice to see all the Slovenian organizations in the Milwaukee area join together to present these types of events. I've always wanted that to happen in Chicago, but it never materialized.

I'm also pleased to receive news from Slovenia through the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, D.C. It seems like Slovenia is having many of the same problems we have. As for Illinois, I think it is by far the worst political state in the country. Unless we speak up for reform to our senators and representatives, this same activity will continue. I have written to my state senator and representative, and hopefully in the next election some action will take place.

I hope that your Memorial Day weekend was as nice as mine. We hosted a family birthday party May 24. Our youngest grandchild turned 13, and it was so nice being with family. The kids, and even some adults, enjoyed playing volleyball. It's hard to believe our grandchildren are growing up so fast. It seems like only a short time ago they were babies. But time

goes on, and Otto and I are getting older too. We just take one day at a time hoping that tomorrow will be just as good as today was.

After much debate, I have cancelled a surgical procedure partially because I received a second opinion and have attended several seminars about hospital visits and surgery. Some surgeons are just too anxious to perform surgery without providing any details. In conjunction with this, I have attended several seminars about various medications, their side effects, and mixing and adding new medicines that may cause drug interactions. I've learned so much, and have prevented myself from taking additional medication and avoided surgery for the time being. I think if I knew all that I know now, I could possibly eliminate other medications that I've been taking. Some advice: always seek a second opinion when facing surgery, and then make sure that all of your medications you will not interact. A pharmacist is often more beneficial than your physician when seeking medical advice.

The Chicago Federation hosted memorial services in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery May 25. There were a little over 50 people in attendance, but you have to understand that many of those who attended these services in the past are no longer with us. Among the out-of-towners in attendance were Dolores and Elmer Spelich from LaSalle, Ill.; and Wilma Dobnikar, her daughter Karen and Karen's husband, Scott Guziec, from Waukegan. I'm always happy to see fellow Perfect Circle members Chuck Zordani, Marion Pierson and Ella Mae Kovacic. How wonderful Trudy Schulz is looking after her lengthy illness.

We were happy to see Marianne Murray in attendance to distribute the Memorial Day pamphlets that she so diligently prepares with the help of her son, Patrick. Patrick was unable to

attend the services due to a previous commitment.

Chicago Federation President Edward Dabrowski always does an excellent job giving the welcoming address and closing remarks. Our first guest speaker was Dr. Janez Vidmar, a deacon at St. Mary's Church in Lemont. Dr. Vidmar delivered his speech in both Slovenian and English. His speeches are not only interesting, but very informative. The second speaker was Candido Jimenez, commander of American Legion Post 96. Mr. Jimenez related that in order to continue these services, we must have the support of the younger members. I believe most organizations are finding it very difficult to get their younger members interested enough to take an active role.

As usual, we were pleased to have Debbie Zefran Jerry, daughter of the late Ron Zefran, give some very interesting facts about veterans. Debbie stated that Memorial Day is a day to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country, whereas the Fourth of July is celebrated to thank those who are living and serving our country. The concluding speaker was the director of the cemetery. He informed those present that he realizes there are many existing problems that he and his staff hope to address. Anyone with individual problems at the cemetery should inform someone in the office to see if their problems can be resolved.

Gratitude was extended to Grace and Otto Doerk, Jean Cherway, the speakers, Edward Dabrowski, and Marianne Murray and her son Patrick for the time devoted to these Memorial Day services. Everyone bid farewell, hoping that we will all be together May 31, 2010, to again pay tribute to our deceased members.

It will be June by the time you receive this PROSVETA issue. I hope to see many of you somewhere, somehow, at future events.

Lodge 778 extends best wishes as two retire from Lodge duties

by EILEEN HARFMAN
Lodge 778

SPRING HILL, Fla. — The first Sunday in May proved to be a beautiful, bright and sunny day, the perfect setting for the Lodge 778 annual picnic. After the Lodge business and social meetings ended, members and guests flowed outdoors toward our pavilion and the mouth-watering feast that awaited us all.

As usual, our cook, Richard, and his wife, Judy, both Lodge 778 social members, did a terrific job. Believe me when I say that no one went away hungry! The delicious desserts donated by those in attendance were the perfect finish to a wonderful meal. Later we lingered, some indoors and some outdoors, as we listened to beautiful Slovenian music on CDs. Everyone had a chance to socialize and catch up on the latest news.

We were glad to see that First Lady Carol Drongosky is on the mend. Thanks to a lot of extra-special TLC from husband Ben, she is out of her cast and back on her feet.

It is with much regret that we acknowledge the retirement of member John Laurich from

his duties at our SNPJ hall. John has spent numerous years maintaining our buildings and the surrounding grounds. He was our senior bartender, not only serving drinks, but purchasing supplies and stocking our shelves and coolers as well. He was also our "Guy Friday" — always unlocking doors, and meeting with service and repairmen on a moment's notice. The list of his duties goes on and on, but now that John has reached the 80-plus stage of his life, he has decided to make life a little easier by stepping down. Although no one will be able to adequately fill his shoes, we wholeheartedly thank John for all he has done for Lodge 778.

Also stepping down is our Lodge treasurer, Anne Gombocs. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service to Lodge 778. We all know that serving as Lodge treasurer is no small task!

Lodge 778 will take a brief hiatus from activities as our members trek back up north or vacation elsewhere over the summer months. Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, Sept. 6. Until then, here's wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

2009 PFC scholarship available

by KEVIN RICHARDS
Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress is again offering scholarships in 2009. With an initial commitment to offer at least one \$500 scholarship to a deserving young member of a fraternal society in the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress, the generosity of member societies will determine how many scholarships are awarded.

Applicants must be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a fraternal benefit society, such as SNPJ, that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress. They must be a 2009 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc., in the summer/

fall of 2009 as a full-time student (12 semester credits). You must submit proof of attendance with the application. A letter of recommendation from your fraternal benefit society must also be included.

In addition, a 500-word essay on "What Fraternalism Means to Me" must be submitted. Applications must be postmarked no later than Sept. 3, 2009; the awards will be announced during the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress annual meeting in October 2009.

Contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at the SNPJ Home Office to obtain an application. If you have any questions, phone Kevin at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.

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SNPJ Recreation Center 2009 Dance Schedule



June 14	Del Sinchak Orchestra and Frank Stanger Orchestra	2 to 8
June 21	Lodge 770 Father's Day Dance	3 to 7
June 28	Western Pa. Federation Dance Bob Turcola Orchestra (pavilion)	3 to 7
July 5	Lodge 782 Annual Dance Joe Grkman Orchestra (pavilion)	3 to 7
July 10-12	SLOVENEFFEST XXVIII	Day-long
July 19	Lodge 6 Annual Dance (pavilion)	2 to 8
July 26	Bob Turcola Orchestra and Eddie Vallus Band	3 to 7
Aug. 2	East Ohio/W. Pa. Federation Dance Del Rezek Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 9	Lodge 643 Annual Dance	3 to 7
Aug. 16	Lodge 715 Annual Dance Mikey Dee Orchestra (pavilion)	3 to 7
Aug. 23	Frank Stanger Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 30	WKBN Dance Stan Blout and Del Rezek orchestras	2 to 8
Sept. 6	FREE Labor Day Dance Joe Grkman Orchestra (new pavilion)	2 to 8

The SNPJ Recreation Center invites all members, families and friends to the dances and other events planned in 2008. Dances are held in the Alpine Room unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change. For information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732.



Lodge 2 members **EMIL KOTAR, ELMER** and **DELORES SPELICH, ELEANOR KUJAR, ETHEL BREGANT** and **MARY RUDZINSKI** share a toast during the Lodge 2 wine-tasting festivities.



Lodge 2 has plans for closing lunch

by DELORES SPELICH
Lodge 2 Secretary

LA SALLE, Ill. — Members who attended the recent Lodge 2 wine-tasting event decided to hold our closing luncheon at 4 Star Restaurant on Hwy. 80 in Peru, Ill. The luncheon is planned Monday, June 8, starting at 11:30 a.m. Don't forget to mark your calendar and phone Eleanor Kuhar at 883-8983 for reservations. Our thanks to the Home Office for the awards.

Happy birthday to Lodge Recording Secretary Eleanor Kuhar; and to Joyce, Julie, Bob and Roger Mahnich; Emily Meeland; Mary Schmoeger; Marge Roth; and Jane Witkowski.

Our Lodge lost another longtime member, close friend and neighbor with the passing of Jennie Pohar. Jennie enjoyed our meetings and get-togethers. She was always pleasant, an excellent seamstress, and an avid Slovenian

cook and baker. She was so creative and provided her large family with many crocheted articles.

Jennie often called to tell me how she enjoyed the Slovenian tapes I'd give her when we'd return from picnics. Her sons played accordion and drums, and performed at many local functions. I always recall dancing with Charlie, Jen's husband, who'd whistle and stomp his feet as we danced a polka. Our sincere condolences to the Pohar family.

Lodge 2 might have the distinction of the oldest and youngest members. Barbara Sitar in Oglesby is 106 years old, and Gene and Jan Jakse's great-granddaughter, Margaret Tipton, will turn 1 Aug. 8.

We received word that Frank Hrovat spent some time in the hospital last month and is now recuperating at home. Donald Stubler is also home after a brief stay in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery, as well as other members who are on the mend and in nursing homes.

Norm Videgar's daughter, Janelle, recently married Andy Stevens, and they now reside in Ankeny, Iowa. Teenie Videgar is the proud grandma, and we wish her well in the convalescent home here in La Salle. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

Spring is a busy time for graduations and weddings. Our daughter, Lynn, came home for a week, and we attended our granddaughter Janelle's high school graduation and party.

It was a cool, rainy week, and now it's in the 80's. We've had the rainiest spring ever on record, and the fields are full of lakes. The farmers are anxious to get their corn and soybeans planted. We have an annual "sweet corn festival" in August, so of course the del Monte people are getting ready to start the season.

Elmer and I enjoyed the Chicago Federation Memorial Day ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery. It's always a pleasant day visiting with the Chicago folks and attending the dinner afterward.



Lodge 2 extends congratulations to **JANELLE (VIDEGAR) STEVENS** (2) and her husband Andy, newlyweds who reside in Ankeny, Iowa.

Heritage Center cookbook set to debut at Slovenefest XXVIII in July

COOKBOOK DEBUT FROM PAGE 1

Brie in Puff Pastry with Berry Sauce: "Our son, Kurt Harfmann, Lodge 778, asked me to submit this recipe for him. It's a favorite for the holidays, and a recipe that sounds

complicated but isn't. He and his wife Cris enjoy making it together. And their guests really enjoy eating it!"

Eileen Harfmann, Lodge 778, Brooksville, Fla.

"I am enclosing two recipes, Morning Sweet Bread and Cabbage Rolls. They are both delicious! The sweet bread is exceptionally good, but does take time to make. It is well worth it. I am looking forward to the cookbook."

Lucille Goste, Lodge 559, Chicago Ill.

this Yeast Nut Torte recipe her substitute potica. It tastes as good as potica she purchased for her children when we attended SNPJ events."

Submitted by daughters Kathleen Gorman and Margaret Gorman, Chicago, and Camille Woodward, Naperville, Ill., Lodge 559.

Hungarian Mushroom Soup: "As I started to make the enclosed soup today, I thought it would be a great addition to the SNPJ cookbook. I am of Slovenian descent, but must say this is a great soup. My daughter introduced it to my husband and me last winter after our arrival in Corvallis, moving from South Carolina. We are originally from Western Pennsylvania and belong to Lodge 138 in Strabane. We are now settled into our in-law apartment and becoming acquainted with the Oregon weather and surroundings. There is only one thing missing: the folks and dances we enjoyed at Sygan, Strabane, Enon Valley and our occasional trips to Florida SNPJ Days. We do make it a must that we get to Slovenefest in Enon Valley in July!"

Alice Borza, Lodge 138, Corvallis, Ore.

"I have been lucky enough to enjoy SNPJ through my lifetime friendship with Carol Sadar Maruszak. We have been penpals for 40 years and share the same birthday and same birth year. We became penpals through *The Voice of Youth* and still visit and correspond today."

Susan Aller, New Castle, Pa.

"It's a great idea doing a cookbook, and fun as well! Since my husband retired, he has taken an interest in cooking and has done an excellent job with great 'gusto!' A few of our favorite recipes are enclosed. Have fun!"

Frank and Helen Urbancic, Lodge 518, Sarasota, Fla.

Slovenian Pasta Bean Soup, Slovenian Rosemary Bread, Slovenian Cardamom Cake: "For more than 80 years, the Cleveland SNPJ Federation has set the pace for local activities by the Slovene National Benefit Society and been an influential presence within the Cleveland Slovenian community. SNPJ Lodges have been at the forefront of every major event in local Slovenian history, from the construction of Slovenian halls to assistance for the homeland. The Cleveland SNPJ

Federation organizes Lodge involvement and keeps members informed of issues impacting the Slovenian-American scene. Our greatest member asset is the SNPJ Farm Recreation Grounds in Kirtland, Ohio. Every summer Sunday, from the end of May through September, dancers enjoy the finest polka bands and down-home dining. Situated on 38 wooded acres, the SNPJ Farm opened in 1939 and set the pace for Slovenian entertainment. Through the dedication, service and support of Federation Lodge representatives, their families and friends, the SNPJ has maintained a leadership position within America's largest Slovenian settlement."

Submitted by Joe Valencic, President of the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges

Slovenian Sauerkraut Soup (*jota*), Slovenian Buckwheat Grits (*ajdovi žganci*), Slovenian Spinach Mashed Potatoes: "The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame is the only museum in the world dedicated to Slovenian music. It was founded in 1987 by musicians and leaders of Slovenian and ethnic organizations, including many SNPJ members. The museum traces the story of the

city's home-grown sound from its roots in the old Slovenian neighborhoods to nationwide popularity with audio exhibits, historic photographs and original instruments, including an accordion belonging to America's Polka King Frank Yankovic. The archive preserves 3,000 vintage recordings, some dating back to 1916. Each year, the organization's 1,500 members vote for top musicians and best album. In November, the Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show ceremony celebrates this style of American dance music. Special Hall of Fame events throughout the year celebrate this all-American style of music.

The Polka Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 605 E. 222nd St., Euclid, Ohio, in the historic former Euclid City Hall. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is free. Polka recordings are available in the museum store. For more information phone (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or visit the web site www.clevelandstyle.com.

Submitted by Cecilia Dolgan, President of the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum

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Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges Picnic Schedule 2009		
The Evanstown Picnic Grove Evanstown, Pa. The grounds open at noon		
June 7	Slovene-Italian Day Sam Pugliano & Jim Rhoades	1 to 7
June 14	Mikey Dee Polka Picnic Mikey Dee & Jack Tady	1 to 7
June 21	Father's Day Picnic Dick Tady & Don Wojtilla	1 to 7
June 28	Jack Tady's Polka Picnic Jack Tady Bears & Frank Moravcik	1 to 7
July 5	Prime Time Polkas Picnic Klancnik and Friends & Silver Sky	1 to 7
July 19	Polka Picnic Ray Skovenski & Eddie Rodick	1 to 7
July 26	American Slovene Day Radio Picnic Frank Stanger & Kres Folklore Group	TBA
Aug. 9	Federation Picnic & Membership Drive Jim Rhoades (free admission!)	1 to 5
Aug. 16	Polka Review Polka Picnic Karl Lukitsch & Dick Tady	1 to 7
Aug. 23	Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic Mikey Dee & Polka Quads	1 to 7
Aug. 30	Westmoreland Co. Federation Picnic Del Sinchak & Joe Grkman	1 to 7
Sept. 13	Frank Palombi's Picnic Frank Palombi & The Sound of Country	1 to 7
Sept. 20	Annual Grape Festival Yukon Button Box Club, Frank Stanger & Silver Sky	TBA

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Lodge 749 talent on display in Johnstown

by EVELYN DIMPFL
Lodge 749 Secretary

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Greetings to members, friends and anybody else who may be reading this article. Time has a way of flying by. It seems like it's always time to submit an article to *PROSVETA*, so here goes!

Since my last writing, Ken and I, along with Joe and Joanne Vasilko, spent several days with cousins Cindy and Chris Bridgeman at their beautiful place in Georgetown, S.C. On our way home we stopped to see our dear friends Mary Lou and Ed Nosko. It was great to be with all of them, sharing good food, wine and merriment. Then it was back to reality as we hit Johnstown and a few more weeks of varied weather.

At recent Lodge 749 meetings, we stayed busy with Home Office correspondence. We received the annual appeal for ads in the National Bowling Tournament program and the Labor Day issue of *PROSVETA*. We approved, as we have in the past, ads for both requests. Prior to the meeting I received a telephone call from the Home Office regarding an inquiry they received about the Johnstown Bottle Works Cultural Center's celebration of Slovenian culture. As it turns out, Lodge member Alexandria (Zupan) Marguccio has her beautiful bobbin lace on display and is giving lace making demonstrations. There is also a video on Slovenia with Slovenian musical entertainment by Bronco Toter. To help defray the cost, our Lodge made a small donation toward the expenses. The event opened May

16 and continues into mid-June. You may want to take advantage of this interesting program.

Congratulations, belatedly, to National Secretary Karen Pintar who was honored in March as Fraternalist of the Year by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh. Our Lodge purchased an ad in a program booklet for a banquet in her honor, along with two dinner tickets for some of our officers to attend. Unfortunately, one of them became ill at the last minute so they could not attend. We heard it was a very wonderful affair!

Lodge 749 is happy to report that Zachary Jones will represent our Lodge at the annual Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center June 26-28. I'm sure he will do a good job while having an enjoyable time. Thank you, Zach, for your interest in SNPJ.

Member Judith Edsall was nominated by the Lodge for the position of Region 1 Athletic Director. Her name was forwarded to Fraternal Director Kevin Richards and, hopefully, she will be elected by the National Board next month.

Get well wishes are extended to several members who have met with accidents or other health problems recently. So, speedy recoveries to Eleanor Beltz, Ron Heinlein and Karlene Rambish.

Our Lodge is happy to welcome a new youth member, Nicholas Hafer of Blairsville, Pa. His membership in the Society is the first in his family. Hopefully he won't be the last.

While it's wonderful to welcome new members, we must pay our re-

spects to those who have passed on. Sadly, Lodge 749 reports that Stephen Greecher passed away March 26 at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances (Zakraysek); an infant son; and several brothers and sisters. Bro. Greecher is survived by his children, Stephen, Mary Beth James, Frances Andrea and Rebecca Rose Vancura, as well as eight grandchildren. Please accept our deepest sympathies on your loss.

SNPJ friend and wonderful fraternalist Al Jerala (88) recently passed away, and I've read the many tributes to him in *PROSVETA*. It was always a real pleasure to see him at the Recreation Center when we would visit. He was a tireless worker for SNPJ and he will not be forgotten. It was a pleasure to work with Al several years ago at the spring cleanup, when members converged at the Recreation Center to spend a weekend "spiffing up" the place. We worked hard and enjoyed the good times these fraternalists gave to the center.

Speaking of "passing away," I was saddened to learn of the disbanding of the Milwaukee Federation. Gone are those glory days of the 1950s and '60s when there was so much activity in that area. You all certainly tried your best to keep it going as long as possible, and sadly someday people will regret that they didn't step up to give a hand. But that's the sign of our times in all organizations.

Well, that's about it for this time. Once again, I'll be sitting by the phone, awaiting your call about SNPJ products. My number is (814) 536-6134.



Lodge 321 members (foreground, from left) JOHN FREDERICK CHURCH, KELLEY ANN CHURCH and GAIL FREDERICK CHURCH during the Lodge's April 19 meeting.

Visitor helps Lodge 321 keep pace through the spring

by Cerkvena Miš
Lodge 321

WARREN, Ohio — Who does this Greg Felton think he is, hitting on my girlfriends Hermina Joy and Hermina Gail Church? He's got some nerve — he didn't even bring cheese or chocolate to throw me off!

Then there's that Louise Vett. Did she bring my buddy, Pretzel? Oh, no, always an excuse with her! Look, she has a basket. Wonder what's in it? Here is a lady with some style: chocolate covered marshmallows and frosted brownies! Hey, Greg, did you read that? You might want to make a note of that the next time you visit a Lodge.

Did you see the way Ann Tomazin handled the meeting? Such style, such poise and grace. No, her husband Charles didn't tell me to say that, but he was giving her the eye. Or maybe it was the pizza

Gail Frederick brought that he was eyeing. Now I'm confused.

Dan Gelet and Charles Paukovich aren't checking anything out, but when can they go gambling? Wonder if they will take me with them? Do they provide the snacks or do I have to fend for myself? The details must be worked out.

What is this? When did my girlfriends Kelley and Hermina Gail Church start playing baseball? Oh goodness, I hope it's not for the Yankees! Kelley has back problems and Gail has foot problems. They can't even lean on one another. John Church is giving David Hassler all the details of taking care of Kelley. That's so cute! Greg, you leave my girlfriend alone or we're gonna' fight!

Until we meet again, my friends, eat more cheese and take care of yourselves! *Lahko noč!*

SNPJ Crossword

GARDENING 101 (#0909) solution

From the May 6, 2009, puzzle.



SNPJ Crossword

ON THE GO (#1009) solution



SNPJ Youth Roundup

June 21-26, 2009, at the SNPJ Recreation Center

Registration Form

Child must be between the ages of 7 and 12 and have an annuity or life insurance policy with SNPJ to receive member rates.

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Birth Date: _____ Lodge No.: _____

Male Female

Youth Roundup Member Rates:

1 Child: \$150 2 Children: \$250 3 Children: \$350
Non-member rate: \$335 per child

Make all checks payable to SNPJ. Send completed reservation form along with enrollment fee to:

Slovene National Benefit Society

Att'n: Fraternal Director

247 W. Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126

SNPJ fraternal sympathies

Sis. JOHANNA POHAR • LODGE 2 •

LA SALLE, Ill. — Lodge 2 and the Pohar family sadly announce the May 11, 2009, passing of Sis. Johanna "Jennie" Pohar, 94, in Illinois Valley Community Hospital, Peru, Ill. Sis. Pohar was born April

10, 1915, in La Salle to John and Josephine (Pergar) Brekan. She attended La Salle-Peru Township High School. On April 30, 1933, she married Charles Pohar in St. Roch's Church, La Salle. Sis. Pohar was a volunteer at St. Margaret's Hospital Auxiliary and a member of SNPJ Lodge 2.

Surviving are two sons, Charles (Pam) Pohar Jr. of Spencer, Iowa, and Richard (Pat) Pohar of Marshville, N.C.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Louise Justo of Spring Valley, Ill. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter in infancy, four broth-

ers and one sister.

Graveside services were celebrated May 14 in Forest Lawn Mausoleum, La Salle.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Sis. Pohar's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Senior Corner

by CARL M. ZVANUT
Lodge 800

DEVON, Pa. — "Families' health-care burdens grow heavier" by Stacey Burling, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 6, 2009, puts the cost of health insurance, plus medical care, at more than 10 percent of pre-tax income for 2.3 million Pennsylvanians under age 65. They are in families that will spend more than 10 percent on health care this year. It was part of a Families USA report. As employers had asked "workers to bear more of the cost of health insurance and chose health plans with less coverage and higher co-payments," the number of people spending more than 10 percent has grown since 2000 from 1.9 to 2.3 million. Similar numbers are given for the country as a whole. These numbers are cited as another reason for health reform.

Health insurance reform seems to be on the right track, judging from the headlines. The health industry offers to cut the yearly increase in health care costs as their means of getting on the bandwagon for

what they want before they get what they don't want. The way that offer looks to me is this: that it won't cost me less than I'm paying now, only not as much more as it otherwise would have. I'll be saving by not spending as much. The unspent money will be like a raise, but harder to put a finger on; the government says it will be a few years before it shows up. But it's headed in the right direction, and there's much more than that offer in the works to cut costs and free up money for the uninsured and underinsured.

"Simple way to cut cost," by Dr. Richard Fried, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 13, 2009, is a discussion of cutting medical costs with fewer tests. The chief problem is that "those ordering the tests are totally divorced from responsibility for the resultant financial burden." Other reasons for such tests — thoroughness of medical training, financial self-interest and defensive medicine — are discussed with examples. A recommended solution involves both physician ("talk to patient and use the clinical problem skills we all learn in medical school") and patient ("question the need for expensive and

invasive procedures, and avoid feeling you have a right to the test because you are paying high health insurance premiums"). There is mention of the alternative of government regulation.

One thing I have heard a lot about, and thought a lot about, is cost/benefit. We do a lot of that without thinking about it, from judging if the cut of meat at the grocer's is worth the price, to the automobile that meets our needs. I first heard the term back when Medicare was young; when there was talk about favoring the old at the end of life with Medicare, while the very young at the start of life would have been a better use of the money. These days we're hearing how Medicare, along with health care in general, is up for reform with cost/benefit showing up for a decision on one treatment's cost and effectiveness compared to another's. Somebody will have to decide if it's worth it, and that most likely will be the government through the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). See "CBO has the loudest voice," by James J. Florio, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 15. Quite likely we'll be hearing a lot about health care cost/benefit in days to come.

2009 Miss SNPJ Pageant Official Entry Form

Entrants must be between the ages of 17-25 by Dec. 31, 2009, and an SNPJ member in good standing for at least 3 months.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

BIRTH DATE _____

POLICY NUMBER _____ LODGE _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

GRANDPARENTS' NAMES _____

HOBBIES _____

LOCAL NEWSPAPER _____

I will compete in the Miss SNPJ talent competition

YES NO

Type of talent _____

(NOTE: Talent is not necessarily proficiency on a musical instrument or singing ability. Creativity is encouraged. Everybody has a talent.)

On a separate sheet of paper and in your own words, please describe any school honors you have received, and any organizations, clubs and activities you were involved with. Be sure to include specific SNPJ Youth Circle, Lodge or Federation activities.

Mail completed application,

along with a clear, color photo, to:

Slovene National Benefit Society

Att'n: Fraternal Director

247 West Allegheny Road • Imperial, PA 15126-9774

Application Deadline: June 15, 2009

DEATHS REPORTED

For the weeks of April 1-15, 2009

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
A02	George J. Riley Jr.	9-04-08	Pittsburgh, Pa.
2	William C. Starman	1-10-09	Seminole, Fla.
2	Frank J. Furar	2-06-09	Compton, Ill.
3	Sophie M. Fink	3-09-09	Las Vegas, Nev.
87	Edward Baloh	3-27-09	North Huntingdon, Pa.
106	Amandina M. Sladick	3-20-09	Imperial, Pa.
138	Agnes Elish	3-24-09	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	Frank Gasper	3-24-09	Canonsburg, Pa.
142	Caroline Kustich	9-30-08	Independence, Ohio
225	Becky S. Kuhel	2-17-09	Arma, Kan.
257	Dorothy L. Crucis	3-01-09	Cleveland, Ohio
304	Russell F. Tezak	3-21-09	San Mateo, Calif.
318	Pauline Budny	3-26-09	Latrobe, Pa.
379	Mary L. Tagliati	3-19-09	Manor, Pa.
559	Audrey D. Kramer	3-16-09	Brookfield, Ill.
564	Joseph Zrimec	3-29-09	Dearborn, Mich.
566	Paul J. Schneider	11-29-08	Chardon, Ohio
677	Frank Simonick	3-13-09	Madison Heights, Mich.
713	William Hrovat Sr.	12-17-08	Pittsburgh, Pa.
729	Rosalina Medency	12-21-08	Eighty Four, Pa.
771	Paul E. Mariotti	3-26-09	Hillsville, Pa.
771	Margaret T. Ryals	2-26-09	Lakeland, Fla.
778	Mary Samsa	3-11-09	San Jose, Calif.
800	Elsie Struckle	3-13-09	Cresco, Pa.
800	Elsie M. Lynch	2-28-09	Helena, Mont.

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