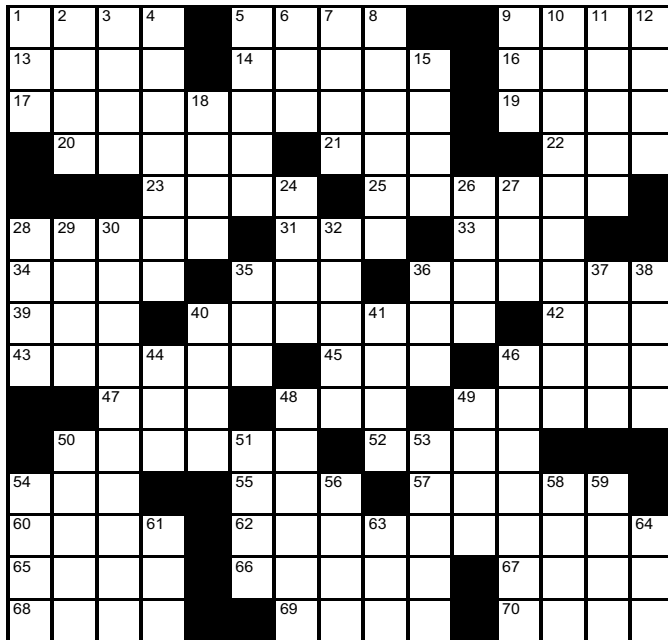


Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Young lady
5 Exhausts
9 Currier's partner
13 Formerly
14 Face downward
16 Metric weight unit
17 Toucan relative
19 Formerly
20 Knowledgeable
21 Soft-finned fish
22 Poetic contraction
23 Wool weight units
25 Save
28 Receded
31 Curve
33 Bustle
34 Crucifix
35 Follower (Suffix)
36 Prayerbook
39 Totally
40 Honorable
42 ___-de-France
43 Beauty parlors
45 Buddhism forerunner
46 Jacket
47 Pale
48 E. state (Abbr.)
49 Dallied (with)
50 Mex. shawl
52 Blue-green
54 Copy
55 Daytimes (Abbr.)
57 Pleat
60 Basketball squad
62 Rabbit
65 Seed covering
66 Genuflect
67 Rain dance
68 Depend
69 Pintail duck
70 Pung

Down

- 1 First gear
2 Celebes dwarf buffalo
3 Barge
4 Tranquillized
5 Velocity
6 Curve
7 Jab
8 Smiles contemptuously
9 34th Pres.
10 Skill
11 Name for a cow
12 Inebriates
15 ___ Stanley Gardner
18 Goad
24 Brother of Osiris
26 Cruise
27 Bank offerings (Abbr.)
28 Time periods
29 Neck ornament
30 Cotton killer
32 Clutch
35 Common contraction
36 Human race
37 Afr. perennial
38 Contribute
40 Sicilian resort
41 Gaul
44 Scull
46 Crude stone artifacts
48 Fiends
49 Mountain lake
50 Steeple
51 Animal group
53 Fr. school
54 At a distance
56 Shank
58 Injure
59 Accumulation
61 Nevada city
63 Peg
64 Boy

PÁS HOST "A Slovak Murder Mystery"

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

There was a murder in a Slovak village, and everyone there was a suspect!
On April 24, 2009, the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PÁS) hosted a unique event, combining the mystery of an Agatha Christie novel with the setting of a traditional Slovak village. Each attendee became a villager; each on an was given an index cards, with a particular name and occupation, as well as a motive for why that person might hold a grudge against the victim. The experiment aimed to provide an interactive environment that invited the participation of all in attendance.

The event took place in the mock village, *mestečko* Zadovec. Using a church hall as a setting, the members of PÁS worked hard to prepare a setting that mimicked some shops in a Slovak village. There was a Christmas Shop (*Vianočná dielňa*), a Wood Shop (*Drevo dielňa*), a home (*dom*), a garden (*zahrada*), a Sewing Shop, a Bakery (*pekareň*), a Kitchen (*kuchyňa*), and a bar (*kirčma*).

When everyone was gathered to prepare for village festivities that evening, an argument was heard and young girl came scurrying out of the kitchen. Before anyone knew what was happening, there was a scream, and blood was flowing.

The victim was Zora Matavá, a 24 year-old young woman who was the mayor's daughter. She was

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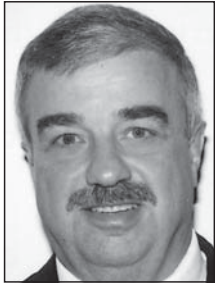
Scenes from the "Slovak Murder Mystery"



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The Best of the Best!

Top Guns thru March 31, 2009



Kenneth A. Arendt
First Place



Andrew R. Harcar
Second Place



Joseph John Lucas
Third Place



Andrew R. Harcar
First Place



Carl J. Ungvarsky
Second Place



Kenneth A. Arendt
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF ANNUITIES/IRA SOLD

	Branch	Annuities
Kenneth A. Arendt, Vermilion, Ohio	228	\$221,107.98
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	\$219,126.93
Joseph John Lucas, Parma, Ohio	855	\$137,207.71
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	\$121,829.99
Roger T. Soltis, Massillon, Ohio	410	\$96,574.71
Kimberly M. Meeker, Windsor, New York	166	\$78,300.00
Vincent P. Ciganik, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania	635	\$50,000.00
Albert R. Valo, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	587	\$45,500.00
Rosemary Deliman, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania	417	\$35,300.00
Jacquelyn Bobby, Poland, Ohio	731	\$30,000.00
Shirley A. Kallok, Levittown, Pennsylvania	857	\$30,000.00

TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

	Branch	Total Points
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	368
Carl J. Ungvarsky, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania	173	308
Kenneth A. Arendt, Vermilion, Ohio	228	221
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	144
Joseph John Lucas, Parma, Ohio	855	136
Dorothy J. Petrus, Donora, Pennsylvania	670	135
Mark Marmol, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	162	108
Albert R. Valo, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	587	100
Roger T. Soltis, Massillon, Ohio	410	96
Ann Kacsaneck, Akron, Ohio	553	85



PÁS HOST "A Slovak Murder Mystery"

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Mark Marmol
First Place



Anna Magusin
Second Place



Dorothy J. Petrus
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF INSURANCE SOLD

	Branch	Insurance Amount
Mark Marmol, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	162	\$500,000
Anna Magusin, Warren, Ohio	743	\$300,000
Dorothy J. Petrus, Donora, Pennsylvania	670	\$150,000
Andrew C. Herman, Levittown, Pennsylvania	857	\$101,000
Joseph T. Scavina, Boardman, Ohio	682	\$60,000
Michael J. Slovenkai, Scranton, Pennsylvania	382	\$50,000
John Mago, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania	600	\$50,000
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	\$41,000
Michaelene T. Smolleck, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	312	\$40,000
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	\$30,000
Carl J. Ungvarsky, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania	173	\$30,000



Rev. Alojsius Pestun, S.D.B. to Celebrate Jubilee

Reverend Alojsius Pestun, S.D.B., a member of the Salesian Order of Don Bosco, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Christ the King Church in Sulekovo, near Trnava, in the Slovak Republic. Anyone visiting Slovakia at that time is cordially invited to attend.

Father Pestun is well known in the California Slovak communities. Presently, he is Associate Pastor at Corpus Christi Church in San Francisco. For the past 20 years Father Pestun has traveled from San Francisco to Los Angeles to celebrate a Slovak Mass. The trip takes six hours each way.

The officers of the Prince Pribina District thank God for sending us Father Pestun. We wish him abundant blessings of good health and peace.

Paul Skuben, President, Prince Pribina District

murdered in cold blood with a blunt instrument. The crime had happened in her boyfriend Jaromir's house.

Zora had led a quite pampered life, and "was given everything she could possibly want." Her parents had spoiled her and riches made her somewhat haughty. So that she might come to appreciate the value of money, her father got her a job as a waitress at the local *krčma* (restaurant and bar). But she never learned much about managing her *koruny* (the former Slovak currency), and instead spent her time flirting and flaunting herself at her job. Many folks had cause to resent her.

Police hurried to the scene and commenced an investigation to gather evidence. It was up to the villagers (the attendees) to help figure out the murderer. The police organized three groups of villagers to help solve the crime. The groups questioned PÁS members who worked in the various shops and locations. It was everyone's task to figure out who the murderer was.

Everyone had a specific Slovak identity. The mystery would gradually unfold as each villager took up the task of questioning who saw what around the time of the crime. Almost everyone in the village disliked Zora and resented her behavior. For instance, Milan was her family gardener. He was disgusted because Zora was so obnoxious and thought someone had to put a stop to her irresponsible behavior. Zora had just had a loud spat with her boyfriend, Jaromir, and he was a prime suspect. Apparently, he was also carrying on with Iva Dunik while still seeing Zora, so there was suspicion everywhere. And someone had stolen an axe from the Wood Shop!

While the investigation proceeded, some "villagers" enjoyed some PÁS song and dance performances while others ate a delicious meal of homemade *pirohy*, *halušky*, and *chalupek* (stuffed cabbage) or a *kolbasa* sandwich. Villagers could buy homemade desserts such as *koláče* and even purchase some to take home.

After questioning local business people and witnesses, someone finally figured out that Iva had hacked her rival with an axe (*valaška*) out of jealousy, and the mystery was solved.

A packed house attended the event at the Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. The fundraiser went a long way in helping PÁS to raise money to help pay expenses for its summer trip to Slovakia. Those in attendance were quite generous in giving the troupe a vote of confidence and showing support for Western Pennsylvania's representative. PÁS will perform at the Detva Folk Festival, which takes place on July 12, 2009.

A very special thanks goes out to Issie (Alyssa) Lipchick who organized the murder mystery scenario, as well as to all members of PÁS, who not only performed, but also assisted in preparing and baking and cooking so that all could have a wonderful time.

PÁS wanted to express a warm "*dakujem*" (Thank you) to all those who attended and contributed to making the event such a success. PÁS also feels honored that it was invited to represent American Slovaks at this international celebration. For over 35 years, the group has aimed to preserve and perform traditional Slovak songs and dances of their Slovak heritage in the Pittsburgh area and throughout the United States.

To learn more about the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble, visit www.pasfolkensemble.weebly.com. Browse through all parts of the website and enjoy the marvelous photos.

If you wish to support PÁS in any way, or its trip to Slovakia, it is not too late to do so. Please send your much appreciated donations to:

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