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## Campaign promises under attack with start of political posturing

By Zenon Zawada  
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – With September 30 parliamentary elections all but certain, Ukraine’s major political players have already begun campaigning, whether through exploiting their positions of authority, buying television advertising or staging rallies.

In a June 14 visit to Kryvyi Rih, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko announced the government would increase subsidies for a family’s second and subsequent newborns by 76 percent.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich declared he was taking control of suddenly surging bread prices in eastern Ukraine, which Yulia Tymoshenko attacked as a political stunt soon afterwards.

“All political statements have to be interpreted now as pre-election campaigning, and they should be viewed very carefully,” said Natalia Lyhachova, the chief editor of Telekritika, a Web site that monitors Ukrainian media (<http://www.telekritika.kiev.ua>).

No one has been more active so far than Mr. Yushchenko, who engaged in the first obvious political grandstanding during his Kryvyi Rih visit.

There he proposed that the government begin awarding families \$3,000 for every second and subsequent newborn starting in 2008.

Awarding government money for newborn children was a popular political gesture that emerged following the Orange Revolution.

In 2007, the government began giving families \$1,700 to care for a newborn child for the first three years of its life.

The Ukrainian president didn’t stop there.

The evening of June 20, Mr. Yushchenko appeared on national television for three minutes to call on the national deputies of Ukraine’s Parliament to eliminate or surrender their deputy immunity, which shields them from criminal prosecution.

Typically, live addresses are reserved for urgent political matters, although that condition is not legally required.

Mr. Yushchenko’s call for deputy immunity lacked any urgency, considering he already declared the current parliamentary convocation is dissolved and no longer functioning.

Furthermore, it is highly unlikely Mr. Yushchenko will muster the necessary 300 votes in Parliament to amend the Ukrainian Constitution to eliminate deputy immunity.

Political observers said the president’s statement was clear political campaigning.

“This kind of statement by Yushchenko is geared toward the political stand-off with Yanukovich and his



Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich

attempt to gain some advantage there,” said Ivan Lozowy, president of the Kyiv-based Institute of Statehood and Democracy, which is financed by Ukrainian business donations.

“On the other hand, it pales comparison to what he’s done in that last couple of months.”

As to whether the June 20 address was an ethical use of government resources, Ms. Lyhachova said all of Ukraine’s top politicians breeched ethical standards long ago.

Ironically, Mr. Yushchenko led the charge against exploiting government resources for election campaigning, or so-called “admin resurs,” during the Orange Revolution.

Besides using his position of authority, the president has also bought television commercials promoting himself.

Following images from the Orange Revolution, the television ads feature a serious, confident-appearing Mr. Yushchenko stating:

“I know a lot of you were disappointed that I didn’t act firmly enough to make the most of that unique moment. It’s not that simple.”

After explaining how his political rivals subverted his attempts to unite the country, Mr. Yushchenko concludes:

“I won’t back down. There won’t be any more declarations. There will be elections. The time has come to act in a new way. The time has come for change.”

The president’s advertisement can be viewed at: <http://censor.net.ua/go/off-er/ResourceID/54914.html>.

Mr. Yanukovich was accused of the first apparent campaign maneuver after the June 13 Cabinet of Ministers meeting, where he publicly scolded several of his

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## Rada Speaker Moroz loses ground as parliamentary elections approach

By Zenon Zawada  
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – Verkhovna Rada Speaker Oleksander Moroz appeared to lose ground in his attempt to undermine the September 30 parliamentary elections when he announced the Parliament’s last session will be June 27, indicating his surrender of the rostrum from where he agitated his positions.

The same day, the Party of the Regions began withdrawing its support for Mr. Moroz’s position after one of its leaders, Raisa Bohatyriova, indicated her political force is ready to recognize the president’s third parliamentary dismissal decree.

“Until our leader (Viktor Yanukovich) doesn’t denounce his signature on the trio’s announcement, it should be the alpha and omega for our political force,” Ms. Bohatyriova said of the May 27 agreement reached between Mr. Yanukovich, Mr. Moroz and President Viktor Yushchenko.

Without support from Mr. Yanukovich and the Party of Regions, attempts by Mr. Moroz and the Socialist Party of Ukraine to undermine the September 30 elections

are virtually impossible, political observers said.

Ms. Bohatyriova also called on the Party of Regions to begin campaigning because the government has already released the funds to finance the September 30 elections and a new Central Election Commission has been approved, all in accordance with the May 27 compromise pact.

Further evidence the Party of the Regions have abandoned Mr. Moroz emerged at the June 19 session of Parliament, when First Vice Prime Minister Mykola Azarov criticized Mr. Moroz for failing to support legislation.

Instead of addressing him in private, Mr. Azarov chose to accuse Mr. Moroz in front of the Verkhovna Rada’s cameras of violating a verbal agreement he reached with Mr. Yanukovich, in what became a feisty exchange broadcast on national television networks.

“What changed? What precise observations?” Mr. Azarov shouted at Mr. Moroz. “It’s a simple desire not to vote today. It’s not supposed to be that way in a coalition.”

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## UWC Seeks Papal Intervention in Ukrainian-Polish Relations

TORONTO – The Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is seeking the assistance of the Holy See in improving Ukrainian-Polish relations. In a letter to Pope Benedict XVI, the UWC singled out the Cathedral of St. Teresa and the Barefoot Carmelites in Przemysl, Poland, which once was the property of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

The letter points out that in 1947, when Ukrainians were relocated in Poland from such territories as Przemysl, their property and belongings were confiscated by the state. The cathedral was turned over to the Polish Roman Catholic Church and after the fall of communism, with the help of Pope John Paul II, the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church was compensated with a church, although of lesser stature.

The UWC does not seek the return of the confiscated property, but rather the removal of what is located within the cathedral. Located inside are at least three bronze plaques, which dedicate the cathedral to the memory of Polish war veterans, who according to the plaques, were murdered by bands of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists.

This serves as an offensive and anti-

Ukrainian museum causing ethnic tension among the community, the UWC pointed out.

Patriarch Lubomyr Husar of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church voiced his support for the papal intervention sought by the UWC. In a May 23 letter Patriarch Lubomyr, “History cannot be reversed but in the spirit of that accord [the 2005 act of reconciliation between the Ukrainian and Polish bishoprics] we ought to avoid any offensive words or deeds. Those ‘unfortunate’ plaques in what was once our cathedral – they are not witnesses of history but rather an attempt to preclude genuine and hear-felt reconciliation. Their removal is necessary.”

Copies of the UWC’s letter to the pope were transmitted to His Eminence Jozef Cardinal Glemp of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, His Eminence Archbishop and Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Martyniak, Archbishop-Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Greek Catholics of Poland and the Petro Tyma, head of the Association of Ukrainians in Poland.

## ANALYSIS

## Will Ukraine and Russia solve problem of personae non gratae?

by Pavel Korduban  
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko found time in their schedules to meet on the fringes of the St. Petersburg economic forum on June 10. They discussed measures to settle Moldova's Transdnester issue, which they agreed not to make public, and said they would prepare a Russia-Ukraine action plan for signing some time later this year. The most interesting issue for the local media was the problem of entry bans, which have recently spoiled relations. It was not solved this time, however, as Kyiv and Moscow apparently agree to differ on this, as well as many other, issues.

No progress was achieved at another round of talks between respective governmental subcommissions on the future of the Russian Black Sea Fleet (BSF). Ukraine insists that the BSF should leave Crimea in 2017; it also wants Russia to pay more for leasing Ukrainian facilities for the BSF and to cede to Ukraine some hydrographic facilities that Ukrainian courts earlier ruled should belong to Ukraine. Russia does not agree on these points. "We have failed to find a common language," Ukraine's Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Volodymyr Ohryzko admitted after meeting with his Russian counterparts, Grigory Karasin, in Kyiv on June 5.

Mr. Putin's suggestion that Ukraine may be moving toward tyranny, which he made in his widely publicized interview about democracy on June 4, did not contribute to improving relations either. Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, who is widely perceived as pro-Russian in the West, suggested diplomatically that Mr. Putin's words should not affect relations. Mr.

Yushchenko was less coy when, on June 6, he said, "We would not like anyone to comment on Ukraine's domestic affairs." The president's aide on foreign relations, Oleksander Chaly, told a press conference that even if Mr. Putin's statement was a joke, it may still "entail consequences."

The problem of mutual bans for politically active travelers was raised anew on June 5, when Ukraine did not allow International Eurasian Movement leader Alexander Dugin to enter Crimea, and Russia stopped President Yushchenko's humanitarian affairs aide, Mykola Zhulynskiy, at the St. Petersburg airport. Mr. Dugin wanted to attend a Russian language forum in Crimea along with Duma member Konstantin Zatulin. Kyiv declared both men personae non gratae in June 2006 due to their participation in anti-NATO protests in southern Ukraine, when Sea Breeze, an international military exercise with U.S. participation, was disrupted. While Mr. Zatulin was banned from entering Ukraine for one year, the ban for Mr. Dugin is valid for five years, the Security Service of Ukraine explained on June 6.

Dr. Zhulynskiy was sent back to Ukraine just several hours after Mr. Dugin was asked to return home. The Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Ministry asked Moscow for an explanation, but none was provided. What's more, Russian Ambassador Viktor Chernomyrdin indirectly admitted to journalists on June 6 that this was a tit-for-tat reaction.

The incidents with Messrs. Dugin and Zhulynskiy were not the first of this kind. Mr. Zatulin has been declared persona non grata in Ukraine several times in the past for his statements on Crimea's his-

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## Political class misses its station

by Jan Maksymiuk  
RFE/RL

Ukrainian politics are becoming more and more impenetrable to logical analysis. Nearly three weeks after the president, the prime minister and the parliamentary speaker solemnly agreed to end the political crisis and hold early elections in September, the confrontation between power branches in Ukraine continues to bubble.

Parliament, which is deemed inoperative by the president, keeps on adopting new legislation by votes of the ruling coalition. Some opposition lawmakers, who were expected to resign in order to pave the way for early polls, have apparently changed their minds and want to keep their seats.

President Viktor Yushchenko recently compared Parliament to a group of demobilized soldiers who got drunk on a home-bound train and missed their station. When will Ukraine's political class sober up?

### September elections

On June 5 President Yushchenko issued his third decree in just two months calling for early parliamentary elections in the country, this time on September 30.

The decree followed the adoption on

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June 1 of a package of legislation necessary to hold fresh polls, including amendments to the election law and the 2007 budget to provide funds for the election campaign.

The decree was formally based on Article 82 of the Constitution of Ukraine which stipulates that the 450-seat Verkhovna Rada becomes illegitimate if it shrinks to fewer than 300 deputies.

To meet this precondition – which was a key provision in the early-election deal struck by Mr. Yushchenko, Parliament Chairman Oleksander Moroz and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich on May 27 – 169 opposition lawmakers reportedly submitted their resignations on June 1.

The following day, these resignations were formally confirmed by conventions of Our Ukraine and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc.

### Candidate lists

Both opposition parties simultaneously adopted resolutions to invalidate their complete lists of candidates for the 2006 parliamentary elections, in order to prevent the replacement of those deputies who gave up their mandates with fresh people from lower positions on the lists.

When most observers of the Ukrainian political scene were beginning to assess electoral chances of major political parties in Ukraine, Verkhovna Rada Chair Moroz put in doubt the lawfulness of President Yushchenko's third decree on

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Last Rada session: June 27

KYIV – The Verkhovna Rada voted on June 19 to end its ongoing session on June 27, Ukrainian media reported. The resolution was supported by 258 of the 272 ruling-coalition lawmakers registered for the debate. The resolution simultaneously obliges speaker Oleksander Moroz to hold an extraordinary session of Parliament ahead of the regular session in the fall, but does not set any specific dates. President Viktor Yushchenko and legislators from the opposition Our Ukraine and Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc deem the current Verkhovna Rada illegitimate, arguing the legislature has less than the 300 deputies constitutionally required for its legal functioning. However, Mr. Moroz maintains that as long as the withdrawal of opposition lawmakers has not been confirmed by the Central Election Commission (CEC), Parliament remains legitimate and operational. Meanwhile, the CEC, whose renewed composition was approved by Parliament on June 1, has so far failed to gather for a legitimate sitting because of the lack of a quorum. CEC Chairman Volodymyr Shapoval and six other members appointed by President Yushchenko reportedly block such a sitting by failing to come to work. (RFE/RL Newsline)

### Rada plans autumn session

KYIV – The Verkhovna Rada on June 19 decided to start its next regular session on September 4 and end it on January 11, 2008, Interfax-Ukraine reported. The resolution was approved by 263 of the 272 deputies present. Earlier the same day, lawmakers resolved to terminate their current session on June 27. On June 5 President Viktor Yushchenko issued a decree scheduling early parliamentary elections in Ukraine for September 30. More than 150 opposition lawmakers from the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine gave up their mandates earlier this month to pave the way for the dissolution of the Verkhovna Rada and early polls. (RFE/RL

Newsline)

### Dissidents restore Tymoshenko bloc

KYIV – A group of 15 lawmakers who formerly belonged to the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) have restored the YTB parliamentary caucus in the Verkhovna Rada, the Ukrayinska Pravda website reported on June 19. Earlier this month, 103 YTB deputies resigned their seats, while a YTB congress formally dismissed those lawmakers who refused to tender their resignations. "Not sharing the position of the leadership of the [YTB] caucus, which in our opinion may lead to unforeseeable consequences, a group of national deputies refused to abandon the caucus and returned to the session hall to perform their parliamentary duties," Mykola Zamkovenko, who was elected head of the re-established YTB faction, said in the Verkhovna Rada on June 19. (RFE/RL Newsline)

### Yushchenko again sacks two judges

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko has issued decrees dismissing two Constitutional Court judges, Valerii Pshenychnyi and Volodymyr Ivaschenko, in connection with their resignations, Ukrainian media reported on June 19, quoting the presidential press service. Mr. Yushchenko already sacked Messrs. Pshenychnyi and Ivaschenko on April 30 and May 10, respectively, accusing them of a "breach of oath." The current decrees on the dismissals of Messrs. Pshenychnyi and Ivaschenko were published on the presidential press service's website on June 15, but they disappeared from there several hours later. The press service commented later the same day that their publication was due to a "technical error." On May 1 Mr. Yushchenko dismissed another Constitutional Court judge, Suzanna Stanik, similarly accusing her of a "breach of oath." (RFE/RL Newsline)

### GUAM expected to recognize Faminee

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko

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## Yushchenko and Putin meet

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko on Sunday, June 10, held talks with Russia's Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The two leaders discussed economic, humanitarian, social and border cooperation. Mr. Yushchenko told reporters after the meeting that diplomats of both countries had crafted a 2007-2008 action plan to develop Ukraine's ties with the Russian Federation. "This document is ready to be signed," he noted.

The Ukrainian president said the two-year plan had been initiated by the heads of both countries' security councils. "The presidents are ready to sign this document during the second session of the Yushchenko-Putin Interstate Commission," which will be held in August, he said.

The session will be preceded by meetings of the subcommittees on economic cooperation, security and humanitarian cooperation. "After these three meetings we will be ready to hold the second session of the Yushchenko-Putin Commission and sign the 2007-2008 Ukraine-Russia Action Plan," Mr. Yushchenko explained.

The Ukrainian and Russian presidents agreed to set up a commission to investigate the previous week's incident involving an aide to Mr. Yushchenko, Dr. Mykola Zhulynskyi, who had been barred from entering the Russian Federation, and other such cases. Mr.



**President Vladimir Putin of Russia (left) and President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine during their meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia.**

Yushchenko expressed hope that all persona non grata restrictions would be lifted "symmetrically within the next few weeks."

Messrs. Yushchenko and Putin also discussed ways to resolve the Transdnester conflict.

## Yushchenko says Ukraine will join WTO this year

*Press Office of Ukraine's President*

KYIV – Ukraine will join the World Trade Organization by November, President Viktor Yushchenko said on Friday, June 8, in a speech to workers of the Novator company in Khmelnytsky.

"We will join the WTO in three or four months, definitely by November," he said, pledging to ensure the country adopts all the necessary laws for this.

Mr. Yushchenko said Ukraine's WTO accession "will enable our workers to work worldwide and protect them from anti-dumping prosecutions in any corner of the globe."

The president said his government was involved in active talks with investors. "It would be impossible to find clients

for such serious companies as, for example, Novator, [without such talks]. We would like to see our manufacturers competitive," he said, adding that they should follow the rules the rest of the world follows.

Mr. Yushchenko said Ukraine and the European Union were in talks to sign an enhanced cooperation agreement aimed at establishing a free trade zone. He said experts claimed this would result in a 2-4 percent growth of the GDP and described these negotiations as successful.

Mr. Yushchenko said Ukraine had considerably improved its relations with the European Union in the past two years and added that its "European aspirations mean absolutely new prospects for our state."

## OSCE supports compensation for trafficking victims in Ukraine

KYIV – The project coordinator for Ukraine of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in cooperation with the Academy of Prosecutors of Ukraine and the Academy of Judges of Ukraine, on May 24 held an international conference on combating trafficking in human beings and compensating victims of trafficking.

The Kyiv conference was attended by representatives of the Ukrainian government, law enforcement bodies and the judiciary, international organizations and the NGO community.

"It is important to ensure that victims of trafficking have effective access to justice, as well as the possibility to obtain compensation for their suffering. We support Ukraine in fulfilling its commitments to enhance assistance provided to the victims of this horrible crime," said OSCE Project Coordinator James Schumaker.

A number of international experts presented their experiences in combating

trafficking in human beings and the provision of compensation to victims in various OSCE participating states, including Germany, Italy and the United States.

Representatives of the Ukrainian judiciary and law enforcement bodies also addressed the current trends, challenges and outlook in Ukraine in combating trafficking and supporting victims.

In addition to the exchange of experience and expert opinions, the conference also fostered networking among legal practitioners dealing with anti-trafficking cases throughout the country.

"We are very happy to host this event working together with our partners from the Academy of Judges and to have this support from the OSCE," said Mykola Yakymchuk, first vice-rector of the Academy of Prosecutors.

"By promoting such productive dialogue between judges and prosecutors, I am sure we can better protect the interests of those who have been wronged," he said.

## Ukraine's politicians hire consultants from Washington

*by Zenon Zawada*

*Kyiv Press Bureau*

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko and former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko have hired K Street consultants to improve their government relations with and images in Washington, according to Dielo, a Russian-language daily newspaper in Ukraine.

Mr. Yushchenko has recruited Stanton Anderson, a lawyer for the 1980 Reagan-Bush presidential campaign who founded Global USA Inc., a consulting firm that provides representation and assistance in Washington, including government affairs strategy and lobbying.

Mr. Anderson has extensive contacts in Washington, having served in numerous presidential appointments in the Reagan administration, as well as on boards of directors at public and private companies.

Ms. Tymoshenko has recruited Joe Lockhart, press secretary of former U.S. President Bill Clinton and a founding partner of The Glover Park Group, a consulting firm providing advocacy and image advertising, issues and crisis management, and consulting on legislative affairs and media relations.

"Joe Lockhart will lobby Yulia Tymoshenko's interests in the U.S.," Yevgeny Minchenko, director of the Moscow-based International Institute of Political Expertise, told Dielo.

"The U.S. Congress is currently in the hands of the Democrats, therefore, it's logical to sign a contract with representatives of the Democratic camp. Though it's not worth forgetting that Russian political technologists work with Tymoshenko."

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and the Party of the Regions have already ben-

efited from Washington political consultants, having hired Davis Manafort & Freeman Inc. to retool their image and improve government relations.

Paul Manafort, who served as a chief fund-raiser and campaign strategist in Robert Dole's 1996 presidential campaign, is largely credited with reviving Mr. Yanukovich's otherwise tarnished image following the Orange Revolution.

After losing the 2004 presidential elections, Mr. Yanukovich led the Party of the Regions in winning the 2006 parliamentary elections, securing 32 percent of the vote.

Mr. Manafort also worked to improve Mr. Yanukovich's image and relations in Washington.

## Donetsk against Ukrainian anthem

*by Zenon Zawada*

*Kyiv Press Bureau*

KYIV – Russian radicals on the Donetsk Oblast Council can't stand Ukraine's national anthem. Literally.

"Why should I, someone elected to the Oblast Council on Vitrenko's party, [ticket] stand for this anthem?" Natalia Bilotserkivska asked her colleagues after the national anthem opened the May 31 Oblast Council session.

"At long last there is the Donetsk Oblast anthem," she said, according to the Ostrov news website (<http://ostro.org>).

The Progressive Socialist Party is led by Natalia Vitrenko, a Kyiv-born, pro-Russian radical who wishes to unite Ukraine with the Russian Federation.

The Natalia Vitrenko People's Opposition Bloc almost qualified for the Verkhovna Rada in the 2006 parliamentary elections, achieving 2.93 percent of the vote.

## Extraordinary conference of states party to CFE Treaty ends in Vienna

*Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe*

VIENNA – An extraordinary conference of the 30 states party to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty) ended in Vienna on June 15 with participants not finding common ground for a joint statement.

The five-day meeting was requested by the Russian Federation and chaired by Luxembourg.

The CFE Treaty was signed in Paris in November 1990 and entered into force in 1992. It provides for significant cuts in

the conventional military arsenals of NATO and former Warsaw Pact States.

Since it entered into force, more than 60,000 battle tanks, armored combat vehicles, artillery, combat aircraft and attack helicopters have been taken out of service.

Although not a document or event of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the CFE Treaty was negotiated in parallel with talks among participating states of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe – the OSCE's forerunner – on confidence-building measures.

## New bishop named for Canada

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Ukrainian Catholics of Canada have a new bishop, as announced by Pope Benedict XVI on June 1. The Rev. Kenneth Nowakowski, rector of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa, was named bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster in British Columbia, which comprises approximately 8,000 Catholics, 15 parishes and missions and is served by 14 priests, two deacons and two sisters.

The announcement came following the pontiff's acceptance of 77-year-old Bishop Severian S. Yakymyshyn's resignation upon reaching the mandatory age of 75 for the retirement of eparchs. Bishop Yakymyshyn had served the eparchy since 1995.

The Rev. Nowakowski, 49, was born on May 16, 1958, in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and was ordained to the priesthood on August 19, 1989, after graduating from St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto with a bachelor's degree in religious studies and philosophy. Additionally, Father Nowakowski received a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

During Pope John Paul II's visit to Ukraine in 2001, Father Nowakowski directed the Press Office of the Catholic Churches in Ukraine.

The bishop-elect is scheduled to receive his episcopal ordination on July 24 at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vancouver, British Columbia.

## Quotable notes

"I would like to take this opportunity to inform the house about one of the last Cold War battles that is taking place right now in Ukraine. As an Australian with Ukrainian heritage, I believe it is important that Australians are aware of the current fight between democracy and socialism in Eastern Europe. The Ukrainian president, Viktor Yushchenko, was elected with a mandate to democratize a nation that has been suppressed by Soviet communism for 70 years. Since Yushchenko came to power socialists have tried to ruin the democracy and have not understood that the judicial processes are not just for show and that being a legislator is not an entrepreneurial enterprise. The present stand-off in Ukraine is between the president and the prime minister, Viktor Yanukovich, and his socialist followers.

"The president has rightly dismissed those found to be acting improperly, such as Sviatoslav Piskun, the prosecutor general, who in reply to his sacking simply refused to leave office. He has now been fired twice. The interior minister, a mate of Mr. Piskun, mobilized Interior Ministry troops to occupy his office in an attempt to bully the president into not firing him a third time.

"Thankfully, the army nowadays has said it will act only on the orders of the elected president. Ukraine will now go to the polls again – the second time in two years – to try to resolve its crisis.

"For Australian Ukrainians, I want to make mention of the work being done by the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organizations, in particular Stefan Romaniw, who heads the international coordinating committee for the 75th [anniversary] commemoration of the Ukrainian Genocide. The national anthem is 'Sche Ne Vmerla Ukrayina,' which means Ukraine has not perished yet. For the 47 million Ukrainians' sakes, we all hope its democracy has not yet perished either."

– Member of Parliament Matthew Guy, speaking on June 5 in the Parliament of Victoria, Australia.

## Canadian group posts Holodomor curriculum

TORONTO – The League of Ukrainian Canadians (LUC), in partnership with the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women (LUCW), has begun facilitating the process of Holodomor education by posting on their website, [www.lucorg.com](http://www.lucorg.com), a Teacher Package on Ukrainian Famine Education.

The package includes: "The Great Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 as an Instrument of Soviet Nationalities Policy" (two parts), by Anna Bolobash; "The Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 as Genocide in the Light of the U.N. Convention of 1948," by Roman Serbyn; and "supplements to the Teacher Education Package, including analyses, articles, documents and photographs.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress supports LUC and LUCW in promoting Holodomor awareness Canada-wide.

The LUC is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to the continued growth and development of a prosperous Ukrainian community in Canada. It maintains strong ties with non-governmental organizations in Canada and Ukraine, recognizing a strong interdependency and the mutual benefit of communication and cooperation. The organi-

zation's national executive is based in Toronto; members belong to one of 20 branches across Canada.

The LUCW's goals are similar to those of the LUC, however it focuses on the role and needs of Ukrainian women. The organization's cultural, educational and humanitarian activities assist in developing the community's identity in Canada, while improving the quality of life for women in Ukraine.

The organization's national executive is based in Toronto; there are 17 branches across Canada.

## UCCA branch begins fund-raising campaign for Famine anniversary



**The Remembrance Wristbands being sold to raise funds for activities of the National Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-1933.**

NEW YORK – Responding to the call for local organizations to begin fund-raising efforts to help support the activities of the National Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-1933, the newly revitalized New York City Branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America's initiated a national fund-raising campaign.

On May 19-20 the UCCA's New York City Branch, under the leadership of Ivanka Zajac, launched the fund-raiser by organizing the sale of black silicone wristbands. The Remembrance Wristbands, designed to honor the nearly 10 million innocent victims of the Ukrainian Genocide are labeled "Voices for Victims – Ukraine's Genocide 32-33."

The UCCA New York City Branch began the fund-raiser by selling the wristbands at the annual Ukrainian Festival sponsored by St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church, in New York City. The branch raised close to \$1,000 during the two-day festival.

"The purpose of the remembrance wristbands is to bring attention to Ukraine's Genocide," stated Ms. Zajac. "Although they are primarily popular with the youth, they also attract the older generation, who are always willing to contribute to a worthy cause," she added.

The wristbands, which sell for \$3 each (plus shipping and handling) can be purchased at the UCCA National Office. Those wishing to order 50 or more wristbands are asked to contact the UCCA's National Office to make arrangements for shipment. All proceeds from the sale of the wristbands are donated to the Famine-Genocide memorial and events dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor that are being organized by the national committee. For information readers may contact [uccany@ucca.org](mailto:uccany@ucca.org).

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# THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

## Larissa Oprysko leaves The Weekly for Wall Street Journal Reports

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Larissa Oprysko, The Ukrainian Weekly's design artist for the past three years, has left the staff of the newspaper for a position working on graphics and production for The Wall Street Journal Reports.

Her last day at The Weekly was June 1. Colleagues hosted Ms. Oprysko at lunch and wished her all the best in her new position.

Ms. Oprysko officially joined the production staff of The Ukrainian Weekly as a layout artist on August 10, 2004, although she began working there on May 10.

Originally from Vernon, Conn., a suburb of Hartford, Ms. Oprysko graduated from the University of Connecticut in Storrs with a B.A. in communications and design. She worked on the design of websites, newsletters and brochures for two Connecticut companies, and was an intern at the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund based in Short Hills, N.J., before joining The Weekly staff.

Ms. Oprysko is a member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and heads the young adult branch of its



Larissa Oprysko

Chortopolokhy sorority. She also serves on the camp committee for the Vovcha Trocha campground, based in East Chatham, N.Y., and she is a youth counselor with the Newark branch of Plast.

## Young UNA'ers



Brianna Christina Kruchowy, daughter of Eugene and Nadia Kruchowy of Kerhonkson, N.Y., is a new member of UNA Branch 88. She was enrolled by her grandparents Dmytro and Rose Hlushko.



Lauren Kate Gerenser, daughter of Holly and Christopher Gerenser of Napa, Calif., is a new member of UNA Branch 360. She was enrolled by her grandmother Gail Gerenser.

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- to promote the principles of fraternalism;
- to preserve the Ukrainian, Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Canadian heritage and culture; and
- to provide quality financial services and products to its members.

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# 40 years



2007 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year that George Sawchak has organized, taught and administrated the tennis camp at Soyuzivka. We would like to express our appreciation for his many years of dedicated service. On July 5, 2007, the tennis camp will hold its annual banquet at Soyuzivka and we encourage all to join us in congratulating him and wishing him a "Mnohaya Lita!"

DYAKUYU---THANK YOU!

The Executive Committee of the UNA and the entire Soyuzivka management and staff

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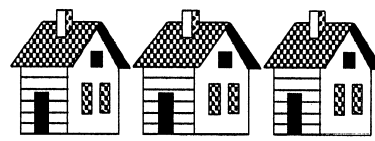
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## THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

### Summer memories

Yes, it's that time of year again. It's the end of the school year for most children, teens and young adults, and graduation time for many of them. So, what's next?

For many of them the answer is summer camps, summer workshops, summer courses and various other summertime offerings. For some, these summertime events are simply something to do in the months between the end of one school year and the beginning of another. For others, a camp or similar activity may be the last time they can enjoy such summertime fun before entering "The Real World" – i.e., the one in which people get jobs and, hopefully, are gainfully employed. For all of our children – no matter their age – these are formative experiences that enrich their lives.

Think about it: Ukrainian summertime activities can teach your children how to play bandura or how to speak Ukrainian, how to play tennis or improve their soccer skills. They can earn them college-level credits or help them advance in such arts as Ukrainian folk dancing; they can teach them self-sufficiency, instill self-confidence and earn them friends for life.

Take a moment to think back to your own youth? What would your summer have been like without, say, a camp run by Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization or the Ukrainian American Youth Association? Would you have been able to boast to your non-Ukrainian friends about all the friends you have across the country or around the globe? What if you never had the chance to attend a dance workshop, or participate in a sports camp? And, perhaps you regret never did get the chance to take courses through the Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute...

Many of the summer activities that abound in our community were featured in The Ukrainian Weekly's annual special supplement "A Ukrainian Summer." And, there are others out there waiting to be discovered. Why, the Ukrainian National Association's Soyuzivka Heritage Center alone hosts a very fine selection of camps, workshops and courses. (Just take a look at the full-page advertisements that run in this newspaper.)

In addition, there are all sorts of opportunities for travel to and study in Ukraine. More and more of our children are being given the opportunity to visit their ancestral homeland and to see first-hand that, yes, Ukraine is a real country – with beautiful landscapes, a gorgeous capital city (just named Europe's greenest city), countless historic places to visit and myriad cultural events.

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to appreciate what diverse summertime activities our Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Canadian communities offer. These worthwhile activities create lifetime memories that enrich children's lives as they have enriched the lives of so many of their parents. And that is why we feel it is appropriate to take a little time out of our busy schedules to salute the organizations and individuals that make all this possible. Where would we be without you?

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### Turning the pages back...

Twenty-eight years ago, President Jimmy Carter of the United States and Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union signed the joint treaty of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Vienna on June 18, 1979. The dialogue, which began in 1972

with SALT I, aimed to limit the countries' stock of nuclear weapons. In response, five former dissidents from the Soviet Union, in a letter to the editor of The New York Times, warned the U.S. government about Moscow's commitment to the SALT agreement, as reported by The Ukrainian Weekly on June 24, 1979.

Petro Grigorenko, Ludmilla Alexeyeva, Alexander Ginzburg, Yuri Mnyukh and Valentin Turchin wrote: "We ask President Carter, the Congress and all Americans: What makes you think that the Soviet leaders will honor any agreement signed at Vienna while they remain in violation of the Helsinki Accords? ... Can America trust the Soviet Union to observe the terms of SALT II and other agreements when the Kremlin does not live up to past treaties?"

The dissidents said that trust is an important aspect of the agreement, but it cannot exist with the Soviet Union. Citing actions of the Soviet Union that reinforced their skepticism, the dissidents wrote: "One important recent demonstration of the Soviet attitude toward its international obligations has been the imprisonment of more than 20 members of the Helsinki watch groups in the USSR."

"The arrest of [Yuri] Orlov [leader and founder of the Moscow Helsinki Group], and the other Helsinki monitors was an outrageous and spectacular violation of the Final Act," they wrote.

The five continued that the Soviet government interprets international obligations in its own way and it "has shown no willingness at all to respond to reasoned arguments of its Helsinki partners and of world public opinion."

"The Russian physicist Yuri Orlov, the Ukrainian poet Mykola Rudenko, the young Jewish computer scientist Anatoli Shcharansky, the Georgian music teacher Merab Kostava, the Lithuanian teacher Viktoras Petkus and the other imprisoned monitors are living evidence of the Soviet Union's arbitrary and self-serving interpretations of its international obligations," they said.

Source: "Dissidents warn U.S. on SALT," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, June 24, 1979.

## FOR THE RECORD

### About rule of law in Ukraine

Following are excerpts of U.S. Ambassador William Taylor's remarks on June 11 at the Rule of Law Symposium held by the American Bar Association in Kyiv.

This couldn't be a better time to talk about rule of law in Ukraine. You probably didn't realize that it was going to be as timely as it turned out to be when you organized this, but the discussion about rule of law today, right now, is very important, as you've indicated, for Ukrainians as well as other people around the world who care about Ukraine, including the United States.

We can be frank here today, I think, and we can say that the rule of law has taken a beating over the past three months in this country. In order to make progress, in order to move forward, we're going to have to acknowledge the difficulties, the problems, the facts that are facing us right now.

As I say, the rule of law has some repair work to do, I believe. Respect for the rule of law starts with the Constitution. Now the Constitution, as we all know, stipulates that Rada deputies are elected according to proportional representation. Now, in the United States we have a hard time, I personally have a hard time, understanding exactly how this works, in particular with closed lists. But, that's what the Constitution says and part of the respect for the rule of law is clearly respect for the Constitution, so we certainly respect that mechanism for choosing Rada deputies.

If we have difficulty understanding proportional representation, Americans have a real difficulty understanding things like imperative mandate. But it was this movement of Rada deputies from one party to another, from opposition to the coalition, that three months ago began this crisis, this mess that the rule of law is facing today and that we are going to discuss.

The good news, of course, is that the president, and the prime minister, and the speaker of the Rada have agreed on a way out of this mess. That's the good news. And, we expect, I think the international community broadly expects that the president and the prime minister and the speaker [chairman] of the Rada will implement this agreement in good faith.

Apparently they agreed that part of the solution of this problem is elections on the 30th of September, and the United States and others in the international community expect that this election will also, like the parliamentary election a year ago, be free and fair and democratic.

This will be very important for Ukraine, to establish itself as having three good elections in a row. This will be a very important step for Ukraine to take. This will not be easy because the election is taking place in a more condensed time frame than normal, so this will put a special burden on the Central Election Commission, on all the commissioners, many people in this room will be working to be sure that this is a free and fair and democratic election. The interna-

tional community is looking very carefully at how this election is organized and how it is implemented.

The good news is that there is this agreement. The bad news, of course, is getting to this agreement damaged some institutions that are important to the Constitution and important for democracy here in Ukraine. It's going to be important for us all to understand exactly what the problems were and what damage has been done in order to make the repairs. The repairs are going to take place over time. It's probably going to be difficult to make repairs during an election campaign. An election campaign will exacerbate differences, and what we need coming out of an election campaign, coming out of this constitutional question, is unity, is some decisions made by the entire government, the entire people of Ukraine, on how to move forward in some unified way.

Democratic norms and institutions, as I say, have taken a beating. Institutions were discredited, tainted and even damaged. This applies to the Rada, it applies to the Constitutional Court, it applies to the judiciary more broadly, it applies to the Office of the Prosecutor [Procurator] General, it applies to the National Security and Defense Council, it applies even to the presidency. No institution has come out of this looking great. All institutions are going to have to take a look to see what repair work, what improvements are necessary. ...

The repair work, some work, has already been done. That is, there's a very important document that's about to be considered by the National Security and Defense Council on criminal justice and law enforcement reform. There's a lot of work that's already gone into this document. Of course, there can be changes made and adjustments, but that is a framework, is a blueprint for how to move forward on law enforcement reform.

There's been a lot of work already done on the reform of the judiciary, and there are two good laws, not perfect, but two good laws that the Rada has already examined that can move reform in the judiciary forward. Those two laws need to be addressed as well. Many people have talked about the flaws in the Constitution, and what needs to happen there, of course, is smart people, many of whom are in this room and some on the panel up here, need to think about how to improve the Constitution. I think it is generally acknowledged that it's not perfect; it's led to part of this problem. The constitutional changes that went into effect a year ago have not proven to be exactly what we'd hoped they would, that there are changes to be made there.

So if Ukraine, then, coming through this can do the repair work, and if Ukraine can come out of all this in the fall more democratic, not less democratic, if Ukraine can come out of this more united, not less united, if Ukraine can come out of this whole problem more European, and not less European, then all of this will have been worth it. ...

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Zawada's reports: interesting, factual

Dear Editor:

The crisis in Ukraine continues, and it's hard to understand who is to blame. Reading The Ukrainian Weekly, mainly the articles by Zenon Zawada, readers can more readily understand the reality

on the ground in Ukraine.

His stories are interesting and factual, and that is why, when I open each week's issue of The Weekly, I first turn to the articles filed by Mr. Zawada. I wholeheartedly recommend him to all readers.

I wish Mr. Zawada further success in the fertile field of journalism.

Eugene Stakhiv  
Waldwick, N.J.

## PERSPECTIVES

BY ANDREW FEDYNSKY



### From an aging baby boomer

I was born in 1947 and came of age during a time of social turmoil and cultural change. Elvis was still young in the mid-1960s when the Beatles and the Stones hit like a tsunami and Bob Dylan sang "the times they are a changin'..."

Indeed they were: I remember where I was when I heard that John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy had been assassinated and later that students were killed at Kent State. I close my eyes and still hear Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young singing "Four Dead in Ohio."

In the next few months, I'll be celebrating three personal anniversaries: I hope you don't mind if I get a bit reflective.

Back in the '60s, Woody Allen counseled that "90 percent of life is just showing up." Andy Warhol, for his part, observed that "In the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes." These two maxims are closely related – at least they've been in my life, but first the lead-up.

Thirty-five years ago in 1972, radio, the "alternative press" and a slew of wonderful novels, movies and "happenings," counseled freedom and "doing your own thing," all to the beat of rock n' roll. There was an urgency in the air, and at age 24 I was angry and restless. As soon as school ended at the junior high where I was teaching, I strapped a backpack to my motorcycle and headed West.

I met a lot of interesting people, read a lot of books and saw wonderful things – the Mississippi River, the Rocky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, the Pacific Ocean; I climbed Pikes Peak, rode across Death Valley and crossed the Golden Gate Bridge ... and then on July 17 at Lake Tahoe, I had a head-on collision with a pick-up truck and almost died. A doctor (an angel?) in the car behind me tied a tourniquet and saved my life.

When I got out of the hospital, I told myself: from now on my life is bonus and it doesn't matter what I do.

Soon afterwards, I met Osyp Zinkewych. He asked me to join Smoloskyp, which worked with Ukrainian dissidents and political prisoners to bring their writings to the West to be published, distributed and promoted. Before long, I was traveling to Eastern Europe and meeting brave people, demonstrating at the Olympics in Montreal, speaking at events my fellow-activists were organizing in a dozen different cities and, in general, having a great time.

In 1975 East and West ratified the post-World War II status quo by signing the Helsinki Accords. Two years later in June – 30 years ago – the signatory states met in Belgrade for a follow-up conference. "We live in an era of events," Mr. Zinkewych said, "and the press is looking for events to cover." So he sent a crew, including my friend Adam Misztal and me, to Yugoslavia. The idea was to hold a press conference the day Ukrainian Helsinki members Mykola Rudenko and Oleksa Tykhy were sentenced in a provincial court in Ukraine. And that's what we did – or at least tried to on June 27. We showed up for the press conference and were promptly arrested and expelled. And that's where Andy Warhol's prediction kicked in – 15

minutes of fame.

In an era before cheap trans-Atlantic calls, let alone the Internet, we had no idea of the furor that had erupted. On a train to Paris a day after our arrest, Adam and I chuckled about the way our adventure had ended and looked forward once we got home to telling our friends what had happened, except everyone already knew.

"Reds Expel Area Men," the headline in the Cleveland Press trumpeted. The Washington Post was more sedate, putting us on page 8. ("Observers saw a struggling man being bundled into a blue car which drove away at high speed.") When I came home a few weeks later, I was avalanched with questions.

That's when Taras Szmagala and Myron Kuropas entered my life, opening the door for me to Capitol Hill and catapulting me into politics on the very issues that had absorbed me for the previous five years as a human rights activist. Only now, I was on the inside.

Over the years since, I met presidents, senators, congressmen and Christine Panchuk, the love of my life. I became father to a wonderful son, Mykhas, and an adorable daughter, Olesia. For the record, I rode a motorcycle once after my accident to prove to myself I wasn't afraid and I haven't been on one since to prove I'm not stupid – I have a lot of unfinished business, including college for our kids.

And, yes, the third anniversary I'll be celebrating this year is my 60th birthday in September. It hardly seems possible, yet there it is: half a lifetime since my 15 minutes of fame and two-thirds of the way, God willing, to my 90th. My plan is to show up for that, as well.

Any lessons? Sure: above all, that every day of your life is bonus; it took a motorcycle accident 35 years ago to wake me up to that. Second: just show up. Usually, good things happen when you do – maybe even 15 minutes of fame. Third, as a TV commercial observed long ago, "You only go around once in life, so reach for it with all the gusto you can." It was selling beer, but the point was well-taken and I've followed it as best I could. Finally, believe that God is good and that angels exist. And if you can't be one yourself, at least be a Good Samaritan, a good son, daughter, brother, sister, father, mother, friend, whatever.

Over the past six decades, I've been extraordinarily lucky in getting to know so many good people and if I haven't thanked all of you, allow me to do so now and please know that I've tried my best to reciprocate. As for my parents, I'm glad they lived long enough to give me the opportunity to apologize and hopefully make up somewhat for all the grief I caused them.

This summer, when the world is changing faster than I can keep up, my plan is to just show up and then on June 27, July 17 and September 5, sit down, reflect and maybe hum a few bars from the song by the consummate troubadours of my generation: "What a long strange trip it's been."

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## Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



### The wonders of Ostroh Academy

Let me tell you about the best out-of-country experience of my life.

Lesia and I have just returned from four weeks in Ukraine. Most of the time we were in Ostroh where, as a Fulbright Senior Scholar, I had the privilege of teaching classes in American and Ukrainian American history at the National University of Ostroh Academy.

In my mind, Ostroh Academy is fast becoming the intellectual capital of Volyn. Hardly a day goes by without some academic conference, cultural event or sports activity taking place on campus.

The night after we arrived, the student choir performed in the chapel. The concert opened with ancient choral litanies from 16th century Ostroh. The choir later performed classics such as Schubert's "Kyrie," traditional folk songs such as Leontovych's "Dudaryk," and Popenko's "Silent Waters," as well as two Negro spirituals, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Jericho." The singing was superb!

During our first week on campus, the university was the site of a "Philosophy Olympiad" in which students from universities from all over Ukraine participated. "Does a unique Ukraine philosophy exist?" was the question addressed. Various responses, pro and con, were offered. The winner argued persuasively that such a philosophy did indeed exist.

Other events during our stay included "A Week of the Economists," during which economics majors made presentations; "A Day of Embroidery," when students wore embroidered shirts and blouses; a week of soccer games between various departmental faculties and their students; a two-day international practicum focusing on the theme "Intercultural Communication: Language, Culture and Personality" and attended by university professors from all over Ukraine; and a two-day conference titled "Problems of Cultural Identity in View of Current Cultural Dialogues."

The latter conference offered many fascinating presentations including: "History as a Factor in the Development of a National Identity," "The Role of the Orthodox Church in the Formation of Identity," "The Meaning of National Identity in the Self-Actualization Process."

During our stay, Yurii Shukhevych, son of the legendary freedom-fighter Roman Shukhevych, addressed a student group. Although he is legally blind, the result of 35 years of Soviet incarceration and exile, his memory remains intact. He fondly remembered his trip to Chicago, where he was hosted by the late Volodymyr Mazur, president of the Ukrainian National Aid Association.

Others who visited the campus while we were there included Ukrainian National Association Advisor Al Kachowski; Basil P. Tarasko, who was busy organizing Little League baseball games in the area; and George Duravetz, a retired Ukrainian language teacher from Winnipeg.

Another American professor on campus was Leonid Jakobczuk, Ph.D., who taught Christian Ethics (for the 10th year in a row). He was accompanied by his charming wife. Lesia and I had many interesting discussions with the Jacobczuks during our many lunches together.

Reflecting their high moral values, Ostroh students responded to the special needs of a Ukrainian child born with a severe heart problem by collecting money for urgently needed surgery.

My history classes were intriguing. In

addition to a 90-minute class on Ukrainian American history which I taught in Ukrainian, I taught two daily 90-minute periods of American history in English, one for fourth-year students and another for younger English-speaking faculty. To determine what they already knew about the United States, I distributed a 14 statement, anonymous, agree/disagree questionnaire to both groups.

Most of my students agreed that: "The United States is an imperialist Nation"; "It was the Soviet Union and not the United States that defeated the Nazis in World War II"; "When the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, it was a crime against humanity" (unanimous among faculty); "Most Americans love their country"; "The United States should leave Iraq and Afghanistan immediately" (unanimous among faculty); "Capitalism is an economic system that gives individuals the opportunity to create wealth"; "Most Americans believe in God"; "Most Americans trust their leaders."

Most students disagreed regarding statements such as: "Most millionaires in the United States inherited their wealth"; "Americans are very arrogant – they want to dictate how other people should live"; "Poor people and elderly in the United States live a difficult life"; and "The U.S. president can shut down Congress at will" (unanimous among faculty).

I was aware, of course, that responses to two of the more controversial historical issues – Hiroshima and U.S. involvement in the defeat of Nazi Germany – were probably the result of lingering Soviet interpretations, so I addressed these issues during my classes. Discussions regarding Iraq and Afghanistan were lively. The final was a take-home essay exam that allowed students to select four of eight controversial questions. The responses were nuanced.

I also required a pro and con term paper on one of the following topics (addressed in one of our texts, "American Values: Opposing Viewpoints"): "Capitalism Promotes/Does Not Promote Positive Values"; "Religion Is/Is Not Essential to a Moral Society"; "Society's Well-Being Depends/Does Not Depend Upon the Traditional Family." These were topics that I had not addressed in my classes so I was pleased to discover that among those who chose religious and family values, there was unanimity regarding their importance. Were my students just trying to please me? Given their willingness to disagree with me during class discussions, I think not.

Was I impressed with the caliber of the students? Absolutely. There was a difference in the level of student engagement this year and their involvement five and eight years ago. Eight years ago most of the students appeared reticent to participate in class discussions. Five years ago there was a decided improvement. This year students were eager to engage me in discussions. Some were even willing to stay after class to argue a point they felt deeply about.

Yes, Ostroh Academy is a wondrous place. I truly believe that with your continued support, Ukraine's future leaders will emerge from this institution. You can make your tax-deductible donation to: Ukrainian National Foundation/Ostroh Fund and mail it to me at 107 Ileshamwood Drive, DeKalb, IL 60115. Thank you.

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# "The missing Canadians" in the heroic epic songs of the Ukrainian people

by Thomas M. Prymak

## Conclusion

I knew very well that throughout the 20th century, whenever Ukrainians had an opportunity to immigrate to Canada, they did so, and they did so in great numbers. As soon as the first world war, which had temporarily shut down the emigration movement, was over, Ukrainians again began to come to Canada from inter-war Poland, which was now the ruler of the old Austrian province of Galicia. This continued until Canada slammed the door shut in the 1930s.

But when at the end of World War II Canada again opened its doors, thousands of Ukrainian displaced persons (DPs) again flocked to the new land. Of course, the Iron Curtain and the Cold War almost completely choked off immigration for the next several decades, but when Mikhail Gorbachev initiated his reforms, immigration from Ukraine again suddenly picked up. In recent years, tens of thousands of Ukrainians have come to Canada. Would all this have been the case if the image of Canada in Ukraine was so very negative? Certainly not.

Although neither Canadian nor Ukrainian scholarship has yet produced a study of the 20th century image of Canada among the Ukrainian people, mentions of this image occasionally pop up in the scholarly literature. For example, many years ago, the prestigious British historian, Sir Lewis Namier, who was of Jewish background from eastern Galicia, remarked at the extraordinary situation there after the first world war, when Canadian dollars sent to the old country by immigrants in the new (the famous so-called "remittance payments") became almost the unofficial currency of the land. This certainly does not fit in with the image of hardship and distress in the new land imposed by the Soviet censors.

Similarly, in the 1990s, when the Polish scholar, Anna Reczynska, examined inter-war immigration from the

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Republic of Poland to Canada, she found that this country was a synonym for well-being, abundance and wealth for the villagers of the former eastern Galicia. Yet "The Heroic Epic of the Ukrainian People" ignored all this.

Perhaps this was an anomaly, I thought. So I investigated the matter further. I found two important books that approached the question. The first was the great two-volume collection edited by the well-known Ukrainian folklorist, Anatolii Ponomarov (and somewhat mistitled): "Ukrainians: A Historico-ethnographic Monograph" (Ukrainci: Istoryko-Etnohrafichna Monohrafiia). It was published in 1999 by the National Museum of Ukrainian Ceramics in Opishna in the Poltava region. This work was, in fact, not a monograph at all but rather a collective work, and the article on songs was written by a scholar named Sofiia Hrytsa.

In this volume, Ms. Hrytsa's attractive essay on Ukrainian folk songs divided them into various genres: ritual and non-ritual songs, dmy, historical songs, ballads and others; these were then further divided into sub-categories.

At the very end, almost as an afterthought as it were, she appended a respectable section on emigrant folk songs. One of these repeats almost word for word one of the songs collected by Dr. Klymasz in 1965 in Vegreville, Alberta, and some time later broadcast by Radio Canada International and recorded in Ukraine. But it too simply repeats the story of hardship and disillusionment felt upon first arrival in the new country:

Treba bulo lysh khodyty  
Krasno sy vbyraty,  
A ya pishla do Kanady  
Hroshei zarobliaty.

A Kanada chuzhyi krai  
Ta chuzhii liudy  
Nema pravdy ni vid koho  
Ta vzhe i ne bude.

I translate these lines with some poetic license thus:

I just had to dress up nicely  
And show off my sash.  
But I went to Canada  
To work and earn cash.

And Canada is a foreign place.  
Its people bear a foreign face.



**Ukrainian homesteaders in western Canada enjoy a good harvest. Reproduced from "Greater than Kings" by Zonia Keywan and Martin Coles.**

There's no truth from anyone, you see,  
So it was, and will ever be.

Songs of complaint, songs of sorrow, loneliness and homesickness are all there; songs of adaptation and praise are not. In her classification of the various types of immigrant folk songs, Ms. Hrytsa admits that such songs exist, but she thereafter ignores the fact and does not give any examples of them.

The second major treatment of Ukrainian immigrant folksongs that I found was in Mariana and Zoriana Lanovyk's impressive book titled "Ukrainian Folklore" (Ukrainska Narodna Slovesnist) which was published in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv in 2000. In this book there is a very detailed classification scheme of different types of folk songs: lyric songs, epic songs and so on.

The Lanovyks divided the lyric songs further into ritual and non-ritual songs and placed the immigrant songs in a column of non-ritual songs of the "social lifestyle" type (sotsialno-pobutova). Here they are preceded by songs of life among the Kozaks, among the "Chumaks" or wagoners, songs of serfdom, pauper songs and songs about going away to work (either in eastern Ukraine or in Moldavia). They are followed by a section on songs of prison and exile in Siberia.

But the Lanovyks' discussion of the immigrant folk songs is just as rigid as that of Ms. Hrytsa. In fact, it is even more so. For, not only do the Lanovyks stress the songs of complaint and disillusionment, but they completely ignore the songs of adjustment and praise, and no classification scheme of the various kinds of songs in the Ukrainian immigrant folk song cycle is given. The complaints are not only about Canada as a whole, but one quoted verse even condemns hapless Manitoba:

Manitobo, Manitobo,  
Kliata Manitobo!  
Cherez tebe narid hyne,  
yak taia khudoba!

Oh Manitoba, Oh Manitoba,  
Cursed Manitoba!  
Because of you the people perish  
Just like cattle, never cherished!

Having catalogued the same old woes of the immigrant, the Lanovyks conclude unequivocally: "As a result of the processes of assimilation of the Ukrainian population with the linguistic and cultural environment of the lands of settlement, especially in the second and next generations of the immigrants, emigrant folklore lost its original

significance and for all practical purposes no longer exists among the people."

This startling judgement is not only greatly exaggerated, it is also largely erroneous. For not only did the Ukrainian Canadian immigrant folk song cycle survive from the World War I era through most of the 20th century to the 1970s, and evolve to include songs of adjustment and praise, but it also expanded to describe life in the new country and sometimes poke fun at it.

Dr. Klymasz provides us with several examples, with macaronic songs mixing Ukrainian and English, and also with humorous songs making fun of the lazy and feckless younger generation. In one song, for example, recorded at Fort River, Manitoba, in 1964, an elderly Walter Pasternak sings:

Kanadski khloptsi  
Vysoko sie nosiat,  
Yak pryde subota  
V Mama "kvodra" prosiat.

Kanadski khloptsi  
vysoko litayut,  
yak pryde nedilia  
To "suit pants" latayut.

Unsuccessful at putting these "macaronic" Ukrainian and English lines into rhyming English verse, I give Dr. Klymasz's literal translation:

Canadian boys  
Strut around proudly in high style.  
But when Saturday comes  
They have to ask their mother for a "quarter."

Canadian boys  
Like to fly high.  
But when Sunday comes  
They have to patch up their "suitpants".

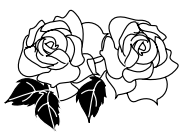
Lines such as these show that the Ukrainian Canadian immigrant folk song cycle was anything but fixed upon hardship in the new land and homesickness for the old. Of course, it included these themes, but it also evolved and expanded to include many other themes as well.

It is these "missing Canadians" who lived through those early days of hardship, but quickly adapted and then eventually did well in their new homeland, who are absent from the "The Heroic Epic of the Ukrainian People." These "missing Canadians" also recorded their life experiences in song and contributed a few unique pages of their own to the Ukrainian national story. They are the ones who made possible the image of Canada in inter-war and even Soviet Ukraine as a "land of milk and honey."

Contemporary Ukrainian folklorists need to take their experience and folk song corpus into account when describing the "songs of emigration"; contemporary Ukrainian scholars also need to go beyond inaccurate Soviet stereotypes and re-examine the image of Canada in Ukrainian folklore throughout the 20th century and integrate the positive aspects of the "Great Economic Emigration" into this picture.

Only when these two important tasks are completed will the "missing Canadians" be found and their verse happily written into the song book of "The Heroic Epic of the Ukrainian People." Perhaps there is yet among us on this continent some dedicated young folklorist who is willing to help his or her colleagues in Ukraine to undertake this pleasant journey?

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# Sixth annual Mackiw Lecture delivered at Shevchenko Society of Canada

TORONTO – “The Foundation of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences: Russian Imperial Science meets Ukrainian National Identity” was the title of the sixth annual Vladimir Mackiw Lecture given earlier this year by Prof. Elizabeth V. Haigh at the Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh) of Canada.

Prof. Haigh hails from Halifax, N.S., where she teaches the history of science at St. Mary's University. She has Ukrainian roots and still speaks the language of her forebearers; her lecture was in English.

The speaker pointed out that two eminent Ukrainian scholars, Mykhailo S. Hrushevsky and Volodymyr I. Vernadsky, were members of the Russian Academy of Sciences when they met in Moscow in the summer of 1916. They agreed that a Ukrainian Academy of Sciences would be of great advantage to their country of birth. However, the Poles and the Russians under whose rule the Ukrainians lived at the time were mostly Ukrainophobic, so the conversation between the two scholars was wishful thinking.

However in 1917 came the Revolution and the civil war. National minorities intensified their struggle for autonomy and self-determination. Ukrainians, divided into many parties, were in political turmoil, replacing each other at the helm in Kyiv in a rapid succession of short-lived governments.

The Central Rada, where Dr. Hrushevsky was in a leadership position, was fighting for an independent Ukraine. Dr. Vernadsky belonged to the Kadets, who supported a Constitutional Democratic Russian Federation. Both men were keenly interested in the establishment of a viable government-funded Ukrainian Academy of Sciences to benefit all Ukrainians.

In the beginning of 1918, under the threat of a Bolshevik invasion of Kyiv, the Central Rada had “officially requested military help from Germany”. The German occupiers replaced the Central Rada with a conservative government led by Hetman Pavlo Skoropadsky. The Skoropadsky Hetman's administration, Prof. Haigh said, was interested in promoting Ukrainian intellectual and cultural life.

In the spring of 1918 Skoropadsky's government opened 150 Ukrainian gymnasias in Ukraine “where no Ukrainian schools existed before; two universities were also organized at the time. Elementary schools were encouraged to use the Ukrainian language for teaching and several million manuals were issued explaining how to do so. The foundations were laid for new scientific and cultural organizations, including a national archives, an art gallery, a national library, a theater institute, a Ukrainian historical

museum, a drama and opera theater, and a symphony orchestra.” The Ukrainian Academy of Sciences (UAN) was the next big project and Skoropadsky considered Hrushevsky for the position of president of the UAN.

Hrushevsky had experience, as he was a distinguished historian who presided over the NTSh in Lviv and the Ukrainian Scientific Society in Kyiv (UNTK), both privately funded learned societies that united scholars interested in publishing, lecturing and conferencing in the Ukrainian language. These societies, given government recognition and funding, and “a bit of reorganization,” could become the core of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Haigh related.

Hrushevsky waited for the proper political climate to launch the formation of the UAN. During a meeting with Vernadsky in June 1918 in Kyiv, he implored Vernadsky also to wait for the best conditions to establish the UAN with a strong department of history in general and Ukrainian studies in particular. Vernadsky, a mineralogist, had been mostly interested in the natural sciences and in well-equipped laboratories.

In summer of 1918, a fellow Kadet, Mykola Vasylenko, minister of education in Skoropadsky's government, invited Vernadsky to set up an organization for the foundation of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. “Vernadsky accepted enthusiastically,” while Hrushevsky retreated to his NTSh in Lviv, Prof. Haigh continued.

To the start, Vernadsky recruited 13 scholars, including two from Russia: Stepan Tymoshenko from Petrograd and Ahatanhel Krymsky from Moscow. Members from the NTSh were also invited but did not respond, the speaker noted. At the first meeting of the organizing commission on July 9, 1918, Vernadsky related his vision of the future UAN. He was mainly concerned with the international prestige the UAN could gain for Ukrainians.

Over the next four months, 10 commissioners drew up a set of statutes to make the UAN Ukraine's highest scientific establishment. They outlined its relationship to the government, its financing, the structure of its executive, the types of members which it would have and how they would be selected. A special committee created a national library. They created 15 institutes, 15 permanent commissions, six museums, two cabinets, two laboratories, botanical gardens, an astronomical observatory, a biological station and a printing press, Prof. Haigh explained. Hetman Skoropadsky provided them with a generous 200,000 rubles for their initial outlays.

On November 14, 1918, the organizational committee appointed 12 academi-

cians; Vernadsky became president and Krymsky – the permanent secretary. In a press release Vernadsky announced his resignation from all political parties because “the academy's president ought not to be partisan.” One month later, the Skoropadsky government collapsed.

By February 1919, the Bolsheviks were approaching Kyiv. Krymsky met with the Ukrainian Soviet administration and successfully pleaded for support for the newly founded UAN. The first meeting of the UAN under the Soviet regime was held on February 12, 1919.

In August 1919 the White Army – the military arm of the Kadets under the command of Gen. Anton Denikin – swept through most of Ukraine, Prof. Haigh continued. The new administration cut off UAN funding and outlawed UAN meetings. In the fall of 1919, Vernadsky went to see Denikin at his headquarters in Rostov-on-Don to plead for Denikin's support of the UAN and for the restoration of academicians' salaries. He was met with refusal.

By the end of 1919 the White Army retreating before the advancing Reds. Vernadsky did not return to Kyiv; he was forced by the fast-moving front to take a detour to Crimea. From there his children were evacuated to Constantinople by the retreating White Army and he himself “dithered about emigrating,” Prof. Haigh said, but was “seduced by an offer of a special laboratory” in Petrograd.

At the request of the Russian Academy of Sciences he was transported to Petrograd in a sealed wagon “to protect him from the Cheka harassment,” his son George, the renowned historian at Yale University, later explained. Eventually Volodymyr Vernadsky became “a star of Soviet science, one of the few allowed to travel abroad,” Prof. Haigh noted.

In 1920 the UAN became VUAN (All-Ukrainian Academy of Sciences) under the leadership of Krymsky and Serhii Efremov. Despite financial shortages, the VUAN was doing well; in 1922 it acquired the press on the grounds of the Pecherska Lavra Monastery and over a million new titles for the library – many of them holdings confiscated from individuals and institutions, the speaker noted.

Attracted by the relatively liberal New Economic Policy (NEP), Hrushevsky came back to Kyiv in March 1924 and, after some negotiations with the VUAN,

took up the Chair of Ukrainian History. From the start he tried to obtain separate funding for Ukrainian studies within his division, however, he met resistance from an administration set in its ways of dividing the VUAN budget by general consensus.

By 1925 the NEP ended. Prof. Haigh related that the Russian Academy of Sciences became the Academy of Sciences of the USSR under the jurisdiction of the Council of Ministers. The centralized government in Moscow introduced Marxist dogmas into every sphere of life; commissars were appointed to watch over their implementation, sitting on every committee and attending every meeting. Their task was to point out “the guilty” who were then subject to humiliating show trials, condemned to the gulags or to death in prison. Such was the fate of the brilliant scholar Efremov and countless others; senseless accusations and brutal punishments spread terror throughout the land.

Hrushevsky's scientific methods and assumptions were now questioned. From 1931 “he was allowed to work in the area of Ukrainian literature as a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences.” He died in 1934, due to deliberately bungled surgery, said Prof. Haigh, and his body was brought to Kyiv for a hero's funeral.

In 1936 the VUAN became the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR. Upon the Soviet occupation of western Ukraine in 1939, NTSh was made an affiliate of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR and its holdings were transferred to Kyiv or redistributed.

Prof. Haigh's February 22 lecture was well-attended by local academics and by several out-of-town guests. Dr. Anna-Halya Horbatsch from Germany, the recent recipient of the German award for her translations of contemporary Ukrainian poets, was there.

Also in the audience were Bohdanna Mackiw and her eldest daughter, Christina, who expressed the family's appreciation to the NTSh of Canada for presenting another memorial lecture. Dr. Daria Darewych – president of the NTSh-C, extended an official welcome to all in the audience. Dr. Mark Stech, who will be lecturing in Ukrainian literature at York University in Toronto starting this autumn, introduced the speaker.

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Without the moral and financial support of many individuals and organizations it would not have been possible for me to continue in my struggle.

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# New visa regime grants Ukrainians access to EU's Schengen Zone

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – After two years of work, a delegation led by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich finalized on June 18 a new visa regime for Ukrainian citizens enhancing their access to the European Union's (EU) Schengen Zone.

Frequent international travelers such as small and middle businessmen and journalists will have access to multi-entry, five-year visas; children, pensioners and relatives of EU residents will obtain them free-of-charge.

"What is happening between Ukraine and the EU is a transition from simple partnership to political and economic relations," Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, the day after returning from the 11th Ukraine-EU Cooperation Council, held in Luxembourg.

The new visa regime is a direct result of efforts by post-Orange Revolution leaders to integrate Ukraine into Europe and give its citizens improved access to Western countries.

"We quite correctly expressed our attempt toward Euro-integration and hope this agreement will take our desire into account," the prime minister said.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Arsenii Yatsenyuk declined to state which leaders were most responsible for the achieving the improved regime.

Numerous officials from various gov-

ernments worked during two years of negotiations, which entered their final stage in Helsinki one year ago, he said.

"My desire was for Ukrainian citizens to feel like Ukrainian citizens, and not like Third World citizens, and that was the main condition in signing this agreement," Mr. Yatsenyuk said.

Europe's Schengen Zone consists of 15 countries that agreed to eliminate their mutual borders and checkpoints, including France, Germany, Spain and Portugal, but not Great Britain.

Other Ukrainian citizens to obtain free Schengen visas include official delegates, national and local government officials, Constitutional and Supreme Court judges, journalists, students, post-graduate candidates and teachers accompanying them.

Ukrainians traveling to international sporting, academic, cultural and creative events will also have access to free visas.

"This creates the possibility of contact between common people in Ukraine and the European Union," said Frank-Walter Steinmeier, president of the European Council. "It's the job of politicians to draw people closer."

Those not qualifying for free visas will pay \$47 (U.S.), or 35 euros.

Decisions to extend visas to Ukrainians will be made within 10 days from the day applications are received, according to the agreement; the time period may be extended to 30 days in special cases. For urgent requests, applications

will be reviewed in two days or less.

Those denied visas will be able to obtain explanations as well as the chance to appeal, according to the agreement.

Ukrainians living within 50 kilometers of a European border will also be able to enter 50 kilometers into the neighboring country's territory without a visa, Mr. Yatsenyuk said, as part of the agreement's small cross-border movement provision.

"This is very important because there are Ukrainians who survive on such two-way trips," he said.

The new visa regime can't take effect until both the Ukrainian and European Parliaments ratify it, Mr. Yatsenyuk said, adding that this is likely in November.

"Believe me, the first issue to be reviewed by the Verkhovna Rada will be ratification of this agreement, because deputies who have diplomatic passports won't need visas as a result," he said.

Aside from the new visa regime, the leaders reached agreements on readmitting illegal Ukrainian immigrants and relaxing quotas on steel exports, which are expected to increase by 35 percent compared to 2005 and more than 18 percent compared to 2006, officials said.

The EU agreed to increase to \$40.2 million from \$13.4 million the amount of annual funding for illegal migrant camps and border administration, Mr. Yatsenyuk said.

The current Ukraine-EU working agreement will expire in early 2008, Mr.

Yanukovich said, and a new 10-year pact will signify the next phase in bilateral relations that will provide new instruments in cooperation to draw Ukraine closer toward EU admission.

The two governments are examining trade, banking issues, transportation development, energy security, customs and border control, trade and preparations for the 2012 United European Football Association's European Soccer Championship.

"Euro-integration consists of stages that Ukraine is consistently undergoing and will undergo in relation to our strategic partners," the prime minister said.

Mr. Yanukovich said Ukraine will need to maintain annual Gross Domestic Product growth of between 3 and 4 percent during the next 10 years to qualify for the European Union.

Among the areas for improvement is Ukraine's negative trade balance with the EU, he said, noting that a working group will be formed to lessen the deficit.

The prime minister said he invited Luxembourg's Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker to Kyiv in September for the next Ukraine-EU Cooperation Council meeting.

Mr. Yanukovich said the Ukrainian government will make all efforts for Ukraine to join the World Trade Organization (WTO) this year, after which free trade zones will be established.

## Campaign promises...

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ministers for allowing bread prices to rise in eastern and southern Ukrainian oblasts.

Appearing on television newscasts as decisive, resolute and in charge, he ordered them to resolve what he deemed the unjustified increase in bread prices or face the dire consequences.

"If you don't establish order by the next meeting, I will raise the issue of your dismissal!" Mr. Yanukovich thundered. "I am serious, boys. Get together and establish some order!"

The Prime Minister directed his comments to Vice Prime Minister Viktor Slauta, Minister of Economy Anatolii Kinakh and Minister of Agricultural Policy Yurii Melnyk.

In response, the Tymoshenko Bloc issued a statement accusing the Party of Regions of artificially inflating bread prices and causing the crisis, which it is able to do because the nation's bread manufacturers belonging to its ranks.

The largest bread factories in southern and eastern Ukraine are owned by Mykhailo Tabachnyk, the brother of Party of Regions insider Dmytro, the statement said.

Significant shares in Ukraine's top bread producers are owned by the Party of Regions' top financier, Rynat Akhmetov, the statement alleged.

"As a result of the conspiracy hatched by grain traders and bread barons, villagers were robbed twice: last year, when wheat was bought from them for dirt cheap; and this year, when bread

prices rose an average of 14 percent, or 30 percent in some regions," the Tymoshenko Bloc statement said.

Though abstaining from television commercials during the 2006 parliamentary elections, Ms. Tymoshenko and her bloc released the first advertisements in this year's campaign, declaring "Justice Prevailed."

The slogan referred to the opposition leader's success in attaining the pre-term parliamentary elections that she had demanded for nearly a year.

It is also a reference to her bloc's 2006 campaign slogan, "There is Justice, It's Worth Fighting For."

Yurii Lutsenko's People's Self-Defense Bloc had been campaigning ever since its eponymous leader was dismissed as Ministry of Internal Affairs in December.

In its unique approach, the bloc has

held outdoor rallies in cities throughout Ukraine, drawing thousands of potential voters disenchanted with both the Orange political forces and the Party of the Regions.

The consistent and persistent efforts of the People's Self-Defense Bloc have paid off, as five percent of voters are projected to support it, according to a survey conducted by the Analytical Consortium released on June 15.

The Analytical Consortium is led by Kyiv political scientists Viktor Nebozhenko and Volodymyr Fesenko, who are financed by undisclosed Ukrainian businessmen and political parties.

Leaders of the Our Ukraine bloc are currently negotiating with leaders of Lutsenko's People's Self-Defense Bloc, as well as the Rukh-Ukrainian Right Wing Bloc, in order to form a mega-bloc.

Political scientists are virtually unanimous in their belief that Our Ukraine needs the latter two blocs to maintain or improve upon its results in the 2006 elections, in which it received 14 percent of the popular vote.

The Rukh-Ukrainian Right Wing Bloc led by Borys Tarasyuk and Yurii Kostenko could capture one percent of the vote, according to the Analytical Consortium survey.

In response to the survey's question, "What party or bloc do you support?," 34 percent of respondents said the Party of Regions, 20 percent said the Tymoshenko Bloc, 11 percent said Our Ukraine, five percent said Lutsenko's People's Self-Defense Bloc and four percent said the Communist Party of Ukraine.

About 2,000 respondents participated in the Analytical Consortium survey between May 19 and 28.

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## Was David Burliuk a Ukrainian artist? Scholar offers arguments for and against

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – Early 20th century modernist art movements are rarely associated in the public mind with Ukraine. Yet Kyiv and Kharkiv and other Ukrainian cities figure prominently as creative centers of new art trends. One does encounter names of Malevich, Archipenko, Burliuk and others in the great museums of the world. Yet one wonders about their identity.

Was Alexander Archipenko Ukrainian because he was born in Ukraine? Was he French or American because he lived and created in those countries? Was Kazimir Malevich Ukrainian because he identified himself as such? Or was he Russian because he was born in Imperial Russia? Or is there something fundamental in the art of these individuals, their world view, their approach to elements of design, form and function that reflects and builds on a particular Ukrainian art tradition?

These are some of the questions that participants asked themselves at the Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center on May 31 during a presentation titled “David Burliuk: Was He a Ukrainian Artist? Arguments For and Against” that was part of a lecture series sponsored by the Center.

The presenter, Prof. Myroslav Shkandrij, is a professor of Ukrainian literature in the Department of German and Slavic studies at the University of Manitoba. He was also the person behind the exhibition “The Phenomenon of the Ukrainian Avant-garde 1910-1935” at the Winnipeg Art Gallery in the 1990s.



Prof. Myroslav Shkandrij making a point during the Burliuk Lecture at Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre in Winnipeg.

Prof. Shkandrij has been doing extensive research into the cultural climate in Ukraine at the beginning of the 20th century, especially in Ukrainian literature of the 1920s, a vibrant period of experimentation, innovation and intellectual dialogue about the nature and function of literature and art and its role in society.

Burliuk was the driving force behind the creation of Futurism in Russia and Ukraine. He started out as an impressionist, worked his way through Cubism to Futurism. Born in Ukraine, he traveled widely, through Russia, Siberia and Japan, and ultimately settled in New York where he lived until the 1960s.

In making a case about Burliuk's identity, Prof. Shkandrij acknowledged that the Russians adopted Burliuk as their own – the founder of Russian Futurism. Burliuk also wrote poetry in Russian and his notations are in Russian.

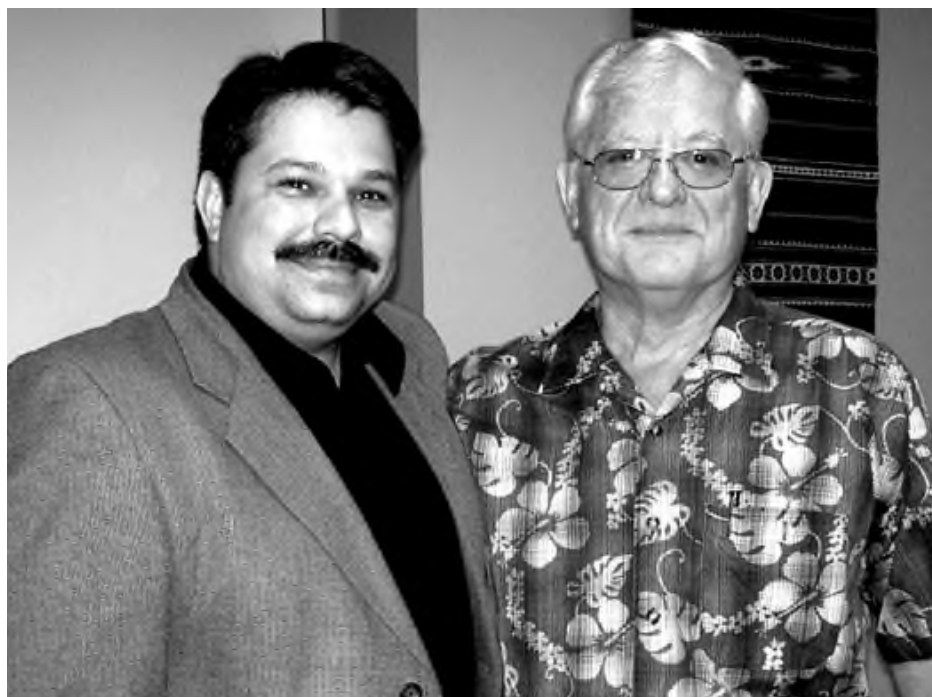
However, testimony of his son and surviving family indicates that Burliuk clearly defined himself as a Ukrainian. He was very proud of his Kozak lineage and asserted that his family was very Ukrainian. He tried to imitate early Kozak paintings and kept painting images of “Kozak Mamai,” referring to these images as “my ancestors.”

Prof. Shkandrij analysed Burliuk's body of work and came to the conclusion that it is essentially Ukrainian, reflecting the steppe landscape in which Burliuk grew up. The vibrant colors, the particular interest in the horizontal, the enthusiasm for the primitive world, the unspoiled primitive landscape and the abundance of the land define Burliuk as an artist. These reflect elemental characteristics of the Ukrainian soul, Prof. Shkandrij noted.

Prof. Shkandrij summed up his arguments for the Ukrainian identity of Burliuk in four brief phrases: self-identification, statement of others, contribution to the Ukrainian art scene and the art itself.

Finally, Prof. Shkandrij talked about the renewed interest in the art of David Burliuk and the work of art historians in Ukraine in reclaiming emigré artists and those adopted by other cultures.

## Winnipeg's Oseredok reports an excellent year and elects new president



The outgoing president of Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Education Center, Ken Romaniuk (left), with his successor, Oleh Gerus.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – At its annual general meeting held Wednesday, June 13, Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center proudly presented its members with a very positive Annual Report on its operations for the year ended March 31.

Over the past year, Oseredok has delivered vibrant and varied programs to the public. It collaborated with other cultural and academic institutions in bringing in exhibitions and speakers. It assembled an exhibition of 70 works of art by 32 artists from across Canada.

Oseredok promoted traditional Ukrainian folk arts through a series of workshops for children and adults. It also continued to provide research and reference services through its archives and library, and worked on upgrading access to these collections. The center's collections

were enhanced by many gifts, among them works by Leo Mol and Taras Snihurowycz.

Financially, the center performed very well, posting a net income of \$19,116 on expenses of \$274,969.00. Its financial position is strong and with the support of its members and donors it continues to be completely debt free. This healthy fiscal performance allowed the center not only to maintain operational stability, but also to contribute to its financial sustainability in the future.

The center allocated a total of \$25,000 to its endowment fund, the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Foundation Inc. At the same time, it undertook a successful capital campaign for the replacement of basement windows and pursued the acquisition of “Bandurist,” a sculpture by Mr. Mol.

The Ukrainian Cultural and Educa-

tional Foundation Inc. makes annual disbursements of its interest income to Oseredok. In the year ended March 31 that amounted to \$22,313. Oseredok's Boutique, operated exclusively by a group of committed volunteers, contributed its net income of \$17,818 to the center's operations.

Oseredok's president, Ken Romaniuk, who has completed six years in office, acknowledged ongoing operating grants from the Province of Manitoba, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, as well as from the City of Winnipeg through the Winnipeg Arts Council. He noted the continued support of the Shevchenko Foundation and the St. Boniface Ukrainian Foundation.

He recognized the great dedication and commitment of the center's board of directors and numerous volunteers in leading Oseredok and delivering programs and services. “The center has seen steady growth and development from total reliance on volunteers a few years ago to a very modest staff with an executive director today,” he stated.

Mr. Romaniuk thanked his colleagues on the board of directors for their fine stewardship of the institution and then presented certificates of acknowledgement to directors that were leaving the board: Ostap Hawaleshka, Linda Hunter, Anne Banera, Mary Jane Kalenchuk and Pat Bielak.

In presenting the outgoing president, Mr. Romaniuk, with a gift of an Orest Polischuk print, Scott Armstrong, treasurer, spoke about the process of rebuilding Oseredok that occurred over the past six years under Mr. Romaniuk's leadership. Oseredok faced a huge debt and the real possibility of closure that brought on a crisis of community trust in the institution's ability to exist.

“Today the center needs to acknowledge and express its gratitude to those individuals who lead the institution through those unstable times, put the

center's financial house in order and brought to it the financial stability that is evident in this year's financial statements. The optimism we feel about the future is built upon the achievements of the last six years and the dedicated efforts of individuals like Ken Romaniuk,” asserted Mr. Armstrong.

The presidential torch was passed from Mr. Romaniuk to Oleh Gerus. Members elected Prof. Gerus as president and Nadya Kostyshyn-Bailey as vice-president. Mr. Gerus is a professor of history at the University of Manitoba. He has been active on the boards of many Ukrainian community organizations, such as the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the Shevchenko Foundation, St. Andrew's College and the Center for Ukrainian Canadian Studies at the University of Manitoba, among others.

His connection with Oseredok is a longstanding one, both as a researcher and historian accessing its archival collections, as well as a past director and president of the institution. He brings a combination of experience and vision to the center.

In his address to Oseredok's members, Prof. Gerus spoke about the uniqueness of the Centre with its variety of resources and programs. He underlined the important role that Oseredok plays as the keeper of the community's collective memory, a legacy that requires the ongoing financial support of the community. He noted that “the holdings of Oseredok, its archives, library, art and ethnology collections are national treasures that deserve to be shared with the community.”

Prof. Gerus concluded by speaking about the challenges of the future – the need to further develop professional staff, the need to facilitate access to the collections through the Internet and the need to secure the financial resources to meet these challenges. He expressed confidence in the center's ability to build success in the present and to provide for the future.

# Memorial concert honors composer/musicologist Ihor Sonevytsky

by Helen Smindak

NEW YORK – “We are here tonight to remember and pay tribute to a man and an artist, an outstanding member of the Ukrainian American exile community that reconstituted itself in the East Village of New York City after World War II, a leader of creative projects and the beloved teacher to scores of students.”

These words were spoken by musicologist Maria Sonevytsky at a memorial concert honoring her uncle, Ihor Sonevytsky, composer, conductor, musicologist and teacher, who passed away in 2006 at the age of 80.

Ms. Sonevytsky, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology at Columbia University, was the main speaker at the commemoration, held at the Ukrainian Institute of America on June 9. An overflowing audience that included residents of the tri-state area and Pennsylvania was there to pay homage to a man who, Ms. Sonevytsky said, will be remembered “for his humor, for his ability to introduce levity into any situation, and the generosity of spirit he shared with the people who surrounded him in his life.”

Among the guests were Dr. Sonevytsky’s widow, Natalka, his daughter Melanie Serbay and her husband, Mykola, and son Markian with his wife, Jessica. Present but busy behind the scenes was the Sonevytsky’s other son, Andriy, head chef at the Ukrainian National Association’s Soyuzivka estate, who prepared refreshments for the post-concert reception.

Ms. Sonevytsky referred to her beloved “Striiko Ihor” as “a profound musical mentor – always challenging me to know and understand more about music, as when he would sit by my side on the piano bench and encourage me to sightread scores, identify progressions, assess another composer’s inspiration.”

The evening’s program was dedicated to Dr. Sonevytsky’s musical legacy – compositions which, Ms. Sonevytsky pointed out, evoke the direct lyricism and deceptive simplicity that can be found in the works of such 20th century composers as Arvo Part and Henry Gorecki. At times, she said, Sone-vysky’s works recall the Copeland-esque penchant for harmonic melodic sparseness, even in dense and complex contexts.

The roster of renowned artists who interpreted Dr. Sonevytsky’s compositions included soprano Anna Bachynsky, pianist Thomas Hrynkiw, baritone Oleh Chmyr, violinist Yuri Mazurkevich, and the Leontovych String Quartet, with Mr. Mazurkevich as first violinist, Alexander Abaev, second violinist, Borys Deviatov, violist, and Volodymyr Panteleyev, cellist.

Volodymyr Vynnytsky, a superb pianist in his own right, accompanied Ms. Bachynsky and Mr. Chmyr, and

added his musical prowess to the Leontovych Quartet’s presentation.

## A remarkable program

Ms. Bachynsky, who has a commendable soprano voice, performed Sonevytsky’s melodic “Ave Maria,” a sacred piece he composed at age 21. Her ardent interpretation of Dr. Sonevytsky’s jubilant “Alleluia” was a fitting start to a remarkable program.

Mr. Hrynkiw, performing the tranquil “Berceuse” and, later, the Sonevytsky “Triptych,” endowed these works with the poetry and dramatic power for which he is acclaimed. His charismatic performance of “Triptych” was especially appealing to the audience, which rewarded him with prolonged applause.

Mr. Chmyr used his rich baritone voice to impressive effect in works set to texts by revered Ukrainian poets Ivan Franko and Taras Shevchenko and the popular poet Vasyl Symonenko, whose satires on the Soviet regime marked the beginning of the Ukrainian opposition movement of the 1960s and 1970s. “The Day Seems Gray and Listless” (Symonenko), “Your Eyes” (Franko) and “This Way or That Way” (Shevchenko) were performed with telling intensity.

The Sonevytsky composition “Intermezzo,” in itself a beautiful piece, received a marvelous rendition in the hands of Mr. Mazurkevich, an artist of impeccable skill and versatility.

The evening’s final work, Piano Concerto in G minor with its three movements – a lively Allegro, elegant Andante and rapid Vivo – was performed with great verve by the Leontovych Quartet and Mr. Vynnytsky, producing a magnificent concert finale. The concerto, whose third movement incorporated Hutsul melodies that included the very spirited Arkan dance and a kolomyika, held the audience completely in its spell.

Members of the audience later commented that the concert was so inspiring they hoped there would be further opportunities to hear works by Dr. Sonevytsky and other Ukrainian composers.

While extending thanks to guests and performers for their participation in the evening and to Christine Karpevych “who put in so much work and heart into organizing this memorial concert,” Natalka Sonevytsky said that her husband’s contribution to art and music will be lasting. She said everyone in the audience would receive two of her husband’s CDs – his “Liturgia i Panakhyda” (Liturgy and Service for the Dead) and “Vokalna Liryka” (Vocal Lyrics), as a gesture of appreciation from the family.

Mrs. Sonevytsky received bouquets of flowers from Melasia Huryn and Olenka Kebalo, representing the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky School of Dance and its



During a visit to Lviv in 2002, Prof. Ihor Sonevytsky met with distinguished composer/conductor Mykola Kolessa, Prof. Kolessa’s daughter, Charytyna, and opera singer Tamara Didyk.

director, Anya Lonkevych, and Lidia Krushelnytsky’s Ukrainian Stage Ensemble. Dr. Sonevytsky dedicated his time and talent to the artistic endeavors of both Ms. Pryma Bohachevsky and Mrs. Krushelnytsky.

Yaroslav Kryshchalsky, president of the Ukrainian Institute of America, which hosted the event, expressed his gratitude to all who made the program a memorable occasion.

## Music studies in Lviv

Born in Hadynkivtsi near Chortkiv in western Ukraine, Ihor Sonevytsky began his music studies at the Lysenko Institute in Lviv, then went on to study at Vienna’s Music Academy. He received a diploma from the Hochschule fur Musik in Munich in 1950, and earned a doctoral degree in musicology from the Ukrainian Free University in the same city in 1961.

Settling in the United States in 1950, he was one of the founders, directors and lecturers of the Ukrainian Music Institute of America (1952-1967), taught at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome (1970-1982) and conducted several choruses – the Ukrainian Opera Ensemble in Germany, the Dumka Chorus in New York, the Trembita Chorus in Newark and the Taras Shevchenko Chorus in Cleveland.

From 1983 to 2003 Dr. Sonevytsky was the artistic director of the Music and Art Center of Greene County in Hunter, N.Y., where music programs sponsored by the center feature internationally acclaimed artists.

A member of the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S., the Shevchenko Scientific Society and the American Musicological Association, Dr. Sonevytsky is the author of several musicological studies, including “Artem Vedel and His Musical Heritage” (1966).

He is the author of a large body of works in various genres: “Zorya” in opera; “Cinderella” in ballet; and the music for about 35 stage productions, including Lesia Ukrainka’s “Lisova Pisnia,” Franko’s “Ivan Vyshenskyi,” Shevchenko’s “Nevolnyk” and “Dumy,” and Ivan Kocherha’s “Yaroslav Mudri.”

A prolific composer, Dr. Sonevytsky wrote symphonic and vocal-symphonic works such as “Love Ukraine;” a cantata for soloists, mixed chorus and orchestra by Vasyl Sosiura; “Three Psalms of David” for soloists, chorus and orchestra; chamber and instrumental works, works for piano, vocal works, 40 art songs to lyrics by Ukrainian poets, and church music.

Rooted in the traditions of Ukrainian song, particularly in the popular art songs

of western Ukraine, Dr. Sonevytsky’s works have been described by composer Myroslav Skoryk as “strikingly original, notable for their distinctive subtlety, which is manifested in the vividness of their thematic material (easily accessible, it is never banal), in their harmonic language (essentially an exponent of the classical style, the composer achieves striking and unexpected harmonic effects), and in form, which is always precisely structured and elegant.”

## From Lviv and Kyiv

Several of the artists featured in the memorial concert are natives of Lviv or studied in that city. Mr. Chmyr, a Lviv-born baritone, is a recognized lieder singer who teaches voice at the County College of Morris and performs with the New Jersey State Opera, received a doctoral degree in voice after studying at the Lviv and Moscow Conservatories. Mr. Chmyr performed as principal artist with opera houses in Ukraine, Russia and Poland before emigrating to the United States in 1994.

Mr. Deviatov, a violist who performs with the Lumina String Quartet and the New York Chamber Symphony and is principal violist of the Bachanalia Chamber Orchestra and the String Orchestra of New York City, earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in music at the Lviv State Conservatory.

Ms. Bachynsky, also a graduate of the Lviv State Conservatory, performed soprano leads at the Lviv Opera Theater, including the role of Violetta in “La Traviata,” and made numerous operatic and recital appearances in the former Soviet Union, Poland and the Czech Republic. She has performed frequently in Washington, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia since settling in the United States in 1990.

Mr. Mazurkevich, a Lviv-born violinist, won piano competitions in Helsinki, Munich and Montreal after completing studies at the Moscow Conservatory with the legendary David Oistrakh. He has served on the faculty of the Kyiv State Conservatory, at the University of Western Ontario in Canada and the Boston University School of the Arts, and has toured throughout the world as a soloist and as a violin duo with his wife, Dana Pomerants.

Also born in Lviv is Mr. Vynnytsky, a 1983 laureate of the Marguerite Long-Jacques Thibaud International Piano Competition in Paris, who is a visiting member of the faculty at the State University of New York in Purchase, N.Y., and artistic director of the Music

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Prof. Ihor Sonevytsky and his wife, Natalka, pose with members of the Orpheus Ensemble during a visit to Lviv in 2004.

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and Art Center of Greene County. Formerly a student of renowned pianist Evgeny Malinin at the Moscow Conservatory, Mr. Vynnytsky performs widely in the U.S. and abroad, both as soloist and with chamber groups.

Kyiv is at the center of the careers of Messrs. Abaev and Panteleyev. Mr. Abaev, who earned master's and doctoral degrees from the Tchaikovsky National Academy of Music, has won several international competitions as a soloist and as a member of the Kyiv String Quartet and the Kyiv Chamber Orchestra. He is concertmaster and guest soloist of the Greater Newburgh Symphony, and principal violinist of the Manhattan Virtuosi Orchestra.

Mr. Panteleyev, a cellist, is a professor of cello at Brooklyn College and several music schools. He taught cello and string quartet at the Kyiv Conservatory, sending many of his students off to win prizes at national and international competitions. A co-founder of the Leontovych String Quartet in 1971, he has performed with the group throughout Europe and the U.S., and

gives master classes at music festivals and summer music schools in many countries, including Ukraine and the U.S.

An award-winning pianist, Mr. Hrynkiw, a Pennsylvania native, has been making professional appearances since he was 13 years old. At 19 he won first prize for a performance of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto, with Leopold Stokowski conducting. A sought-after performer of chamber music, he plays major concerts throughout the world and appears in summer festivals. He was advisor, senior artist and vocal director of the annual Newport (Rhode Island) Festival for many years.

Ms. Sonevytsky, a Columbia University graduate student who performs piano and accordion music with a variety of New York City groups, has worked on Ukrainian popular and traditional music, the social life of the accordion, and theories of diaspora and post-coloniality, especially in Ukrainian contexts. In 2006 she was awarded first prize for the best graduate-student paper by the International Association of Popular Music Studies for her paper on Ukrainian pop star Ruslana's representation of Hutsul culture.



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torical links to Russia – a very sensitive issue. In the wake of the anti-NATO protests in June 2006, Ukraine banned entry to several Russians, including the maverick nationalist parliamentarian Vladimir Zhirinovskiy. Spin-doctor Gleb Pavlovskiy, far-left oppositionist Eduard Limonov and journalist Mikhail Leontyev also are unwelcome in Ukraine. Businessman Petro Poroshenko, an ally of Mr. Yushchenko, was not allowed to enter Russia in February 2007, apparently without explanation.

Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov, meeting with Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Arsenii Yatsenyuk in Moscow on June 7, recalled that several months earlier he had suggested that both countries abolish their respective “black lists” of unwelcome visitors. He received no reply to the initiative, Mr. Lavrov complained. Mr. Yatsenyuk, for his part, suggested that Russia should “teach its citizens and politicians” to respect their neighbors. As a concession, Mr. Yatsenyuk offered one-off entry permits for individuals temporarily banned from entering Ukraine.

As a result of the Lavrov-Yatsenyuk and Putin-Yushchenko meetings,

Moscow and Kyiv agreed to set up a commission to discuss entry bans. To put it simply, they agreed to disagree. Mr. Yushchenko, commenting on relations with Russia on June 8, complained that “somebody” was only looking for pretexts to make Russia and Ukraine quarrel, and pledged to do his utmost to prevent bilateral relations from worsening.

Exacerbations, however, may be objectively in the interests of both Presidents Putin and Yushchenko.

Selling Ukraine as an enemy to the electorate ahead of the crucial presidential election may contribute to an electoral success for Mr. Putin or his allies next year. This perfectly fits into the picture of fortress Russia surrounded by enemies, which Mr. Putin has been building for years, pursuing domestic political goals.

Mr. Yushchenko’s party, Our Ukraine, for its part is preparing for a snap parliamentary election scheduled for September 30. Our Ukraine’s electorate is located mostly in western Ukraine, where people are traditionally wary of Russia, and tensions with Moscow may consolidate this electorate.

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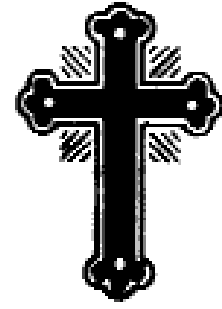
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## Political class...

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snap elections.

Mr. Moroz told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service on June 12 that the Verkhovna Rada obtained just 79 reliable resignation statements from opposition lawmakers, meaning that Our Ukraine and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc will still need to persuade at least 72 of their deputies to give up their parliamentary seats.

Mr. Moroz declared that as long as he does not see 151 acceptable resignations, the current legislature remains legitimate and early elections are ruled out. He also stressed the role of the Central Election Commission (CEC) in terminating the Verkhovna Rada.

"I am interested [only] in the situation when the CEC is unable to send us a single deputy to replace those who resigned,

and when there are fewer than 300 deputies in the session hall. Then we can say that there are preconditions for a presidential decree [on early polls]. So far there have been no such preconditions, and the presidential decree [of June 5] is unconstitutional [as the two previous ones]," Mr. Moroz said.

According to the Rada chair the conventions held by Our Ukraine and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc to annul their 2006 election lists were not sufficient – the invalidation needs to be formally approved by the Central Election Commission.

Additionally, Mr. Moroz argued that, according to the election law amended on June 1, the president has the right to decree early elections no sooner than 60 days before the election date, that is, on August 1.

### Legitimacy questioned

Mr. Moroz also told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service that he does not believe that early elections will improve the political climate in Ukraine.

"Ukraine remains in an artificially created political conflict, which discredits all government institutions and poses a colossal threat to its statehood. If we look at the situation from this point of view, we will have to take adequate measures. Regrettably, the pre-term elections will not neutralize this conflict; quite the opposite, they will deepen it," Mr. Moroz said.

Speaking at a news conference in Kyiv on June 13, Mr. Yushchenko reiterated his stance that the Verkhovna Rada ceased to be legitimate after the resignation of opposition deputies and the confirmation of this step by Our Ukraine and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc.

"The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has legitimate authority if it has no less than two-thirds of the number of deputies determined by the Constitution. Today, it does not have the two-thirds required by the Constitution because Paragraph 6 of Article 82 has come into effect, which says that in the event of a national deputy leaving a [parliamentary] faction, his or her mandate expires before the end of his or her term in Parliament, following a decision by the top governing body of his or her political party, effective upon the date that decision was made," Mr. Yushchenko said.

### Crisis unresolved

Mr. Yushchenko accused Mr. Moroz of "manipulation" in order to delay the resolution of the political crisis.

Mr. Yushchenko also suggested that Mr. Moroz's reluctance to terminate the work of the Verkhovna Rada is dictated by the latter's fear that he may not be elected to the next legislature. (All sociological surveys held in Ukraine in the past several months indicate that electoral support for Mr. Moroz's Socialist Party is well below the 3 percent voting threshold required for parliamentary representation.)

Mr. Yushchenko assured journalists that early elections will take place on September 30, but he did not elaborate on measures he may take if the ruling coalition refuses to participate in them. He only stressed that resolving the current standoff in Ukraine is a question of honor for the Ukrainian political elite.

"Elections on September 30 are inevitable. The question is not about that today. The question is whether or not we already have a tradition among top politicians of resolving political crises with dignity, honor and honesty," Mr. Yushchenko said.

The Ukrainian president is likely to succeed in enforcing his early-election decree. But it is quite apparent that the longer the current crisis will last, the less political dignity and honor will be in its resolution.

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## Ukrainian Music Institute celebrates three anniversaries

by Orysia Soroka

IRVINGTON, N.J. – A joyous atmosphere permeated the hall of the Ukrainian National Home here on April 29 when a large audience gathered to celebrate three anniversaries in connection with the Ukrainian Music Institute of America – the 55th anniversary of UMI; the 100th anniversary of the birth of renowned pedagogue Roman Sawycky, one of the original founders of UMI and its first director; and the 80th birthday of Taissa Bohdanska, one of UMI's beloved teachers for 55 years and currently its president emeritus.

Numerous students, alumni and faculty from UMI branches in Newark/Irvington, N.J., New York, North Arlington, N.J., and Philadelphia took part in the program. Current UMI President Bohdanna Wolansky opened the concert, lauding Ms. Bohdanska for her many years of selfless, multifaceted work in the musical and Ukrainian communities; thanks to the efforts of people such as Ms. Bohdanska, a third generation of young people is learning to appreciate and love Ukrainian music on American soil.

Dr. Boris Buniak, a graduate of UMI, created a most pleasant surprise by driving down from Syracuse, N.Y., to perform several pieces which he had studied under Ms. Bohdanska's tutelage years ago. A physician by profession, Dr. Buniak still enjoys practicing pieces from his student days, as well as learning new ones – an example of the lifelong enjoyment to be had by a good musical foundation. Next, Ms. Bohdanska shared memories of her years in UMI, and specifically of her teacher in Lviv, Mr. Sawycky, also a celebrant of this concert.

After these opening numbers, the stu-

dents took to the stage, performing works by Roman Sawycky, Ihor Sonevtsky (also a former teacher and director of UMI), and other Ukrainian and international composers. The audience warmly applauded all the students, from the youngest to the high schoolers: Alexandra Czartorysky, Maria and Sophia Soroka, Arielle and Danielle Aharoni, Lida Drybushar, Olia, Olesia and Tania Bihuniak, Yarema Hryvnyak, Katia Czartorysky, Paul Kravchuk, Marta Antoniv, Andriy Hawrysh, Lina Pavlowsky, Yuriy Legkyy, Katia Markowska, Sviatoslav Lesko, Olia Kushnir, Christina Makhno, Adrienne Magun, Oksana Yarychkiwsky, Lida Doll.

A number of UMI faculty members regaled the audience with their performances: Rafael Wenke and Olesia Hryvnyak with student Andriy Hawrysh, Lila Kushnir with student Adrienne Magun, Anastasia Antoniv and Elmira Romanyshyn, Christine Yurakewych, Andriy Legkyy.

Ms. Bohdanska was warmly greeted by the Rev. Leonid Malkov, pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Irvington; Janna Deikan, treasurer of UMI, New York branch; Irene Sawchyn Doll, from the Ukrainian National Women's League of America; Michael Stashchyshyn, from the Ukrainian National Home; and Maria Helbig of Scope Travel Agency, and mother of two graduates.

Ms. Bohdanska was further presented with a blessing from Pope Benedict XVI, and with numerous other greetings and good wishes sent for her 80th birthday – from Sister Maria Rozmarynowycz, general vicar of the Basilian Sisters in Rome; from the rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, the Rev. Boris



Taissa Bohdanska with performers from the concert.

Gudziak; from Prof. Ivan Yuzyuk, director of the Lviv Philharmonic; from the board of the Ukrainian Museum in New York; from the board of Selreliance, Newark, N.J.; from renowned pianist and pedagogue Seymour Bernstein; from Roman Sawycky Jr., son of her beloved teacher; from the Yara Arts Group; from the Musical "Sadochok" of Marta Sawycky; from Bishop Michael Kuchmak; and from the Rev. Bohdan Lukie. Every greeting reflected, as it were, a different facet of Ms. Bohdanska's unequalled character and her many activities in the Ukrainian community.

At the end of the concert, Ms. Bohdanska was greeted by her current students. The youngest students elicited smiles with their words: "We are very grateful for Ms. Bohdanska's work and good humor." Parents presented her with some truly unique gifts – a scrapbook of photos and memories of past and current students, and a collage of "The Melodies

of Ms. Bohdanska's Life," composed of her portrait surrounded by notes bearing the names of all her students, all of them beloved and unforgettable themes in the career of a teacher.

The concert was followed by a reception at which guests lingered, congratulating Ms. Bohdanska, sharing memories and plans, enjoying the family atmosphere. Ms. Bohdanska warmly thanked all her guests who traveled from near or far, her fellow parishioners at St. John's, and the parents who prepared the lovely celebration – Lucia Buniak, Olya Lesko, Nusia Denysyk, Basia Bihuniak, Olia Stashchyshyn, Orysia Soroka, Maria Wolansky, Iryna Bilewycz, Lesia Stebelsky, Ms. Helbig, the New York branch of UMI, Lilia Kushnir, Darka Semanyshyn, Ms. Sawchyn Doll, Ms. Wolansky, Oleh Holynsky and others. Ms. Bohdanska presented the proceeds of the concert and personal donations towards the needs of UMI and to Sister Bernarda for orphanages in Ukraine.

## UNWLA Branch 75 supports The Ukrainian Museum

by Katria Czerwoniak

NEW YORK – Branch 75 of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA), based in Maplewood, N.J., both as a group and as individual members, has always support-

ed The Ukrainian Museum in New York. Recently the branch sponsored an art exhibit, sale and silent auction for the benefit of the museum.

Titled "An Artful Afternoon," the event attracted a large crowd of art enthusiasts who were glad to meet with

the 14 Ukrainian artists participating in the show held at the new Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, located in Whippany. This was an opportunity to acquire works of art, chat with friends and acquaintances, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and bidding in the silent auction.

On Sunday, May 20, Olha Lukiw, chair of the organizing committee of the benefit art show (Ms. Lukiw also is president of the New Jersey Regional Council of the UNWLA); Bozhena Polanskyj, branch president; Anna Koziupa, chair of the branch's Scholarship/Student Sponsorship Program; and Natalia Hryniuk, branch vice-president; visited The Ukrainian Museum in New York.

On behalf of UNWLA Branch 75, Ms. Polanskyj presented a check for \$3,000 – the proceeds from "An Artful Afternoon" – to the president of the museum's board of trustees, Olha Hnateyko, and Maria Shust, museum director.

Ms. Hnateyko thanked all the members of Branch 75 for the very generous gift and especially for the generosity of their time and hard work for the benefit of The Ukrainian Museum.

She underscored that it is the caring efforts of Ukrainian communities near and far, among them members of the UNWLA, that enable the museum to not only exist but to maintain the high standard of performance that the public has come to expect.



From left to right: Anna Koziupa (chair of the UNWLA Branch 75 Scholarship/Student Sponsorship Program); Bozhena Polanskyj (president of UNWLA Branch 75); Lubow Wolynetz (curator of the museum's Folk Art Collection); Olha Hnateyko (president of the museum's Board of Trustees); Olha Lukiw (president of the UNWLA's New Jersey Regional Council and chair of the committee that organized the fund-raiser); Maria Shust (museum director) and Natalia Hryniuk (vice-president of UNWLA Branch 75).

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## NOTES ON PEOPLE

### Receives Fulbright for research in Kyiv

PARMA, Ohio – Larissa Ivanna Paschyn, an alumna of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School and Parma Senior High School, has been named a Fulbright Fellow for 2007-2008.

Ms. Paschyn was awarded the fellowship grant by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, a presidentially appointed board that is responsible for establishing worldwide policies for the program and for selection of Fulbright recipients. The Fulbright program is sponsored by the U. S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Paschyn, graduate of Cornell University (May 2007), received her bachelor of arts degree in archaeology, with concentrations in both international relations and law and society.

Ms. Paschyn will be doing her Fulbright research in Kyiv, studying con-



Larissa Ivanna Paschyn

temporary Ukrainian cinema and the lack of emphasis on contemporary political themes. Her fellowship is scheduled to begin in September 2007.

During the summer, Ms. Paschyn will be an intern for the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation in Washington.

### Sixth at state finals, thanks to Weekly

AUSTIN, Texas – Brian Wilson, 15, placed sixth in the Texas University Interscholastic Leagues (UIL) Extemporaneous Informative Speaking state finals. Mr. Wilson's topic for the final round of state was "The political crisis in Ukraine." One can't help but wonder what the odds were for a Ukrainian American to get this topic.

Brian, an avid reader of The Ukrainian Weekly, had copies of Weekly articles in his information tubs at the state competition. He had the opportunity to highlight Viktor Yanukovich's role as a puppet of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

He spoke extensively about Viktor Yushchenko, Yulia Tymoshenko and the Verkhovna Rada. He says the information he gleaned from articles from The Weekly were instrumental in his success at the competition.

Brian is a top-ranked sophomore in the Institute of Engineering, Math and Architecture at Lake Travis High School in Austin. He has been a member of the school's Debate and Speech Team for two years. In his freshman year, he competed at the state level in Cross Examination Debate and was an alternate in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

The Texas UIL is the country's largest high school academic decathlon program. Over 500,000 Texas students compete in UIL Speech and Debate, Academics and Athletics annually. Once students compete at the state level they are eligible to apply for a UIL college scholarship.

Brian continues a family tradition of



Brian Wilson

placing at UIL state and his sixth place medal adds to the family collection of UIL medals. His older brother Craig was a two-time consecutive UIL state computer science champ, second in the state in science and sixth in math.

Craig is studying electrical engineering on a full four-year honors and National Merit Scholar scholarship at the University of Texas at Austin. Brian is interested in either biomedical, mechanical or chemical engineering and a law degree with a view toward becoming a patent attorney.

Messrs. Wilson's parents both have degrees in chemical engineering. Their mother, Christine Wynnyk, hails from Yonkers, N.Y., where her father, Ostap Wynnyk, still resides. She is a stay-at-home mom who also substitute teaches math and science. Grant Wilson, Ph.D., is the vice-president of technology for Emerson Process Control. All the Wilsons are active members of the Austin Ukrainian Club.

### Chosen for TWG's Embassy internship

WASHINGTON – The Embassy of Ukraine has chosen Violetta Tutunik as its 2007 Summer Intern sponsored by The Washington Group's Fellowship Fund.

Ms. Tutunik was born in Chernivtsi, Ukraine. She immigrated to the United States at the age of 8. She was raised in Sacramento, Calif., where she participated in many Ukrainian events, including culture and music festivals. She was an active member of her Ukrainian church orchestra for many years.

In addition, she hosted political-awareness informational meetings with the goal of encouraging Sacramento area Ukrainians to become more politically active in their community.

Ms. Tutunik also worked for two and a half years at the Gannett News Service Capitol Bureau in Sacramento, where she learned about the media and its impact on local, national and international politics.

She graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles, with a B.A. in political science, specializing in international relations and comparative politics.

She also completed a minor in philosophy, concentrating on political philosophy and ethics. While at UCLA, Ms. Tutunik became interested in the study of post-Communist transition in Ukraine and other Soviet-bloc countries.

In addition to her academic involvement, Ms. Tutunik also taught English, history and mathematics to elementary school children.

Ms. Tutunik's desire to learn more about Ukraine brought her to Washington. She interned at the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, where she worked on various projects promoting Ukraine as a strategically significant country. Among other duties at USUF, Ms. Tutunik wrote press releases and stories about U.S.-Ukraine Foundation events. She has had her work published in several newspapers, including The Ukrainian Weekly, Svoboda and Chas i Podii.

The experience at USUF influenced her to pursue studies about Ukraine, its people and political institutions. Consequently, Ms. Tutunik decided to apply for the TWGs internship program at the Embassy of Ukraine. After her internship at the Embassy of Ukraine, she plans to attend graduate school to study international affairs.

### Graduates from RIT with high honors

by Judie Hawryluk

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Stephanie Michalow of Orchard Park, N.Y., graduated with high honors from Rochester Institute of Technology on May 26, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in new media design.

She will be working as an interactive designer at Corporate Communications in Rochester, N.Y.

Ms. Michalow, her sister, Mary, and mother, Ulana Pedersen, are all members of Ukrainian National Association Branch 360, in Buffalo.



Stephanie Michalow

"Notes on People" is a feature geared toward reporting on the achievements of members of the Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian community. All submissions should be concise due to space limitations and must include the person's UNA branch number (if applicable). Items will be published as soon as possible after their receipt.

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said at the GUAM summit in Baku that he expects the bloc to recognize the 1932-1933 Famine as a genocide against the Ukrainian nation. The president said he believes that the issue will be brought up at the next summit of the GUAM. (Ukrinform)

### Ukraine, EU sign accord on visas

KYIV – Ukraine and the European Union on June 18 signed an agreement facilitating the issuance of visas for Ukrainian citizens who plan stays in the EU for up to 90 days, Interfax-Ukraine reported. Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Arsenii Yatsenyuk, who participated in the signing ceremony in Luxembourg, told the agency the accord allows Ukrainian journalists, entrepreneurs, members of official delegations and relatives of Ukrainian citizens who have the right to live in EU member-countries to receive five-year EU visas. These categories of Ukrainians are also eligible to receive multi-entry visas for up to five years. Moreover, multi-entry visas for up to one year can be issued to drivers engaged in international cargo

and passenger transportation; crew members of international trains; people who participate in scientific and cultural activities, including university or other exchange programs; and participants in international sporting events. The visa agreement does not extend to the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Iceland or Norway. On the same day, Ukraine and the EU also signed an accord on readmission of illegal migrants. According to Mr. Yatsenyuk, both documents must be ratified by Ukraine as soon as November. (RFE/RL Newswire)

### Citizens to be evacuated from Gaza Strip

KYIV – The Cabinet of Ministers approved an allocation of 450,000 hrv (\$90,000 U.S.) for evacuation of Ukrainians from Palestinian territory, it was reported on June 18. As a result of military clashes in the Gaza Strip, Ukrainians staying on Palestinian territory appealed to Ukrainian diplomats to evacuate them. According to preliminary data, there are some 143 Ukrainians, 103 of them children, in Palestinian territory. The evacuation will be performed by Ukrainian servicemen. Defense Minister Anatolii Hrytsenko confirmed on June 16 that the Defense Ministry is cooperating with the Foreign Affairs Ministry in

this regard. A Tu-154 plane will be provided by Ukrainian authorities. The flight is being arranged with Israel's neighboring countries. (Ukrinform)

### Elton John performs in Kyiv

KYIV – Superstar Elton John performed in Kyiv on Independence Square on June 16. Among those attending the concert were President Viktor Yushchenko with his wife, Kateryna, and son, Andrii; former President Leonid Kuchma; members of the Cabinet of Ministers; Ukrainian singers Sviatoslav Vakarchuk and Ruslana; and many businessmen and artists. Guests at the concert donated about \$100,000 (U.S.) to Anti-AIDS Fund. In addition, Sir Elton's exhibition "Eye of Subconsciousness" opened at the PinchukArtCenter. The exhibition comprises over 148 photos taken by famous photographers whose main focus is on pop culture, cultural barriers, impact on environment, etc. The exhibition was officially opened on June 16 and will run through August 12. (Ukrinform, Ukrayinski Novyny)

### Ukraine's population: 46.534 million

KYIV – In April the Ukrainian population decreased by 0.06 percent or by 26,000 persons, as compared to March

and, as of May 1, the number of the population reached 46.534 million, the State Statistics Committee reported. The country's urban population, as of May 1, was 31.719 million, which was 0.04 percent or 14,200 people less than the number of April 1. The rural population reached 14.814 million, which was by 0.08 percent or by 11,700 persons less than in March. In 2006 the Ukrainian population decreased by 0.6 percent or 283,500 persons versus early 2006. According to the all-Ukrainian census of December 2001 Ukraine's population reached 48.415 million persons, including 32.538 million residing in urban areas and 15.877 million in rural parts of the country. (Ukrinform)

### Constitutionality of decree questioned

KYIV – The Constitutional Court on June 15 received a request from 55 lawmakers of the ruling coalition to examine the constitutionality of President Viktor Yushchenko's June 5 decree calling for early elections on September 30, Ukrainian news agencies reported. It was Mr. Yushchenko's third decree scheduling snap elections; the two previous decrees of April 2 and April 26 set pre-term polls for May 27 and June 24, respectively. Opponents of the third decree on early elections argue that the president issued it too early, without waiting for the formal dissolution of the Verkhovna Rada. Meanwhile, Parliament Chairman Oleksander Moroz on June 18 reiterated his stance that the Verkhovna Rada remains legitimate "in all respects" until the Central Election Commission rules that there are no remaining candidates on the 2006 election lists of Our Ukraine and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc to replace those deputies who gave up their parliamentary seats. Mr. Moroz predicted that the Ukrainian Parliament will end its current session by July 5, when an annual session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is scheduled to open in Kyiv. (RFE/RL Newswire)

### President cites breach of contract

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko on June 13 criticized Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksander Moroz for his failure to fulfill the deal they made together last month with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich to dissolve the Verkhovna Rada and stage early elections in September, Ukrainian media reported. "Today, Ukraine has a chance to resolve the political crisis on the basis of political agreements. There are forces today, however, that are torpedoing this option, and those forces include the head of Parliament, Oleksander Moroz," Mr. Yushchenko said at a news conference. He reiterated that the current legislature has become illegitimate following the resignation of opposition lawmakers earlier this month, and once again stressed that early polls will definitely take place on September 30. (RFE/RL Newswire)

### Kyiv is Europe's greenest city

KYIV – Kyiv is Europe's greenest city. Some 83,558 hectares in Kyiv are covered by parks and mini-forests. According to data of the KyivZelenBud, the planted territory of Kyiv is in the proportion of 21 square miles per citizen, while the proportion in London, Moscow and Riga is, respectively, 12 square miles, 14.2 square miles and 9 square miles. Kyiv boasts 140 parks with magnificent views and unique flora. One hundred twenty-seven of them are under KyivZelenBud's control. (Ukrinform)

### Lantos: Putin has Popeye complex

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## Speaker Moroz...

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"Mykola Yanovych, let's not educate one another," Mr. Moroz responded. "We haven't come together for that in reviewing this legislation."

That session, both the Socialists and the Communist Party of Ukraine broke ranks with the Party of Regions and twice didn't vote in support of the bill, "On purchasing products, labor and services with government funds."

Speaking to reporters on June 18, Mr. Moroz didn't rule out the fifth convocation could meet again in early September.

He still maintains there is no legal basis for parliamentary elections, despite the compromise agreement, because the Central Election Commission (CEC) has-

n't yet confirmed that the two opposition factions have successfully liquidated their ranks and excluded all replacements.

"Discussions I hear from the CEC's leadership that the commission won't be meeting until the (official) start of election campaigning doesn't at all satisfy me or society," he said.

Mr. Moroz and the Socialists aren't the only politicians still desperately fighting pre-term elections.

About two dozen Tymoshenko Bloc deputies who abandoned their faction to join the coalition are fighting, as well as the deputies from the Party of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs who abandoned the Our Ukraine faction.

Both these forces are appealing to the courts, arguing their respective factions didn't have the right to exclude them and their deputy mandates are still valid.

## NEWSBRIEFS

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, told Reuters in Washington on June 18 that Russian President Vladimir Putin's verbal "muscle flexing" with the West in recent months derives from massive oil and gas revenues, much as the muscle flexing of the cartoon character Popeye is the result of eating spinach. Rep. Lantos suggested that Russian leaders are "eating the spinach of petroleum revenues, and the billions are flowing into the Kremlin, and with every billion ... Putin's muscles bulge more powerfully." Rep. Lantos, who was scheduled to meet with legislators from the State Duma on June 21, added that Russia will probably become more cooperative when it becomes accustomed to its newfound wealth. "I am convinced that when this euphoria of energy revenues will be taken more routinely, the Kremlin leadership will understand that their future lies with cooperation with the United States and Europe in a mutually respectful and civilized fashion," he said. Rep. Lantos nonetheless referred to President Putin's recent threat to target Europe with missiles as "incredibly stupid," and cautioned him against again publicly comparing the United States to the Third Reich. (RFE/RL

Newsline)

**Kyiv: 28th most expensive city**

KYIV – Kyiv has been ranked 28th among the most expensive cities by the British consulting company Mercer HR. Moscow and London are ranked first and second, respectively. Experts considered prices for services, transport fees, prices for food and clothing, as well as entertainment. The ranking has Barcelona ranked 31st, Frankfurt ranked 40th, Los Angeles ranked 42nd, Berlin ranked 45th and Prague ranked 49th. The cheapest city in the world is Asuncion, Paraguay. The ranking comprises 147 cities. (Ukrinform)

**Otto von Habsburg visits Chernivtsi**

KYIV – The heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire's throne, Otto von Habsburg, 95, arrived in Chernivtsi on the occasion of the 600th anniversary of the city's founding. He was invited by Chernivtsi Mayor Mykola Fedoruk. The visit was organized by the PanEurope Austrian public-political organization. Mr. von Habsburg intends to visit the Chernivtsi Drama Theater and the children's hospital named after Emperor Franz Joseph. The Austrian guest was also supposed to meet with the city's mayor and students at Chernivtsi State University. Chernivtsi is a sister city of Klagenfurt, Austria, and cooperates with the Austrian cities of Volsberg and Graz. (Ukrinform)

### 57th Traditional GATHERING OF UKRAINIANS IN AMERICA

*The Conference of Ukrainian National Organizations in the USA*

*will hold celebrations honoring Ukrainian Heroes 'Sviato Heroyiv'  
at the Ukrainian-American Youth Association Resort in Ellenville, NY*

**on Sunday, July 8, 2007**

*The patriotic Ukrainian community will celebrate  
· the 65th Anniversary of the  
Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) and  
· the 100th anniversary of the birth of  
General Roman Shukhevych / Taras Chuprynka*

#### PROGRAM

**9:30 AM**—formation of the participants

**10:00 AM**—Divine Liturgy

**11:00 AM**—Pankhyda and an organized formation  
to lay wreaths at the foot of the statues of heroes.

**2:00 PM**—in the main hall—the grand opening of the photo-exhibit  
*"the Ukrainian Insurgent Army—the unsubdued army"*

- Main speaker—Mr. Osip Roshka—editor of the Ukrainian Catholic weekly "America"  
**2:30 PM**—stage program

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Intensive two weeks instruction and competitive play directed by George Sawchak. Limited to 45 participants.

Weeks: June 24– July 6, 2007  
\$670 UNA Members  
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## EXPLORATION DAY CAMP AGES 7-10

Six hours of fun-filled activities in this day camp, which focuses on the outdoors.

Session 1: June 25– June 29, 2007  
Session 2: July 2– July 6, 2007  
\$100/per week or \$25/per day

## PLAST CAMP-TABIR PTASHAT

A Plast day camp held at Soyuzivka. Please contact Plast for registration & Soyuzivka for room bookings.

Session 1: June 24– July 1, 2007  
Session 2: July 1– July 8, 2007

## ROMA PRYMA BOHACHEVSKY UKRAINIAN DANCE WORKSHOP AGES 16 and UP



For over 30 years, Workshop has been a popular summer dance program and this year it will be held at Soyuzivka! Continuing her mom's legacy, this workshop will be directed by Ania Bohachevsky-Lonkevych. Campers hard work will be highlighted at our Ukrainian Film & Cultural Festival weekend.

Session : July 1– July 15, 2007  
\$910- UNA Members  
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## UKRAINIAN HERITAGE DAY CAMP AGES 4-10

Formerly known as Chemney Camp, this day camp exposes kids to their Ukrainian heritage through daily activities such as dance, song, crafts and games. Price includes tee-shirt & daily lunch.

This year camp there is an older 7-10 day camp, for those kids not yet ready for an overnight experience.

Session 1: July 15– July 20, 2007  
Session 2: July 22– July 27, 2007  
\$150 Per Camper  
\$190 if not an overnight guest

## DISCOVERY CAMP AGES 8-15

Calling all nature lovers for this sleepover camp filled with hiking, swimming, scuba, organized sports, & bonfires.

Week: July 15– July 21, 2007  
\$400 UNA Members  
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## SCUBA DIVING COURSE AGES 12-ADULTS

One week course will complete academic, confined water and open water requirements for PADI open water certification. Classes given by George Hanushevsky, scuba-diver instructor.

Pre registration is required.  
Week 1 : July 15– July 21, 2007  
Week 2 : July 22– July 28, 2007  
\$400 for Course, \$120 Deposit Required, All fees payable to George Hanushevsky

## UKRAINIAN "SITCH" SPORTS CAMP AGES 6-18

This is the 38th Annual Ukrainian "SITCH" Sports Camp run by the Ukrainian Sitch Sports School. This camp will focus on soccer, tennis, volleyball & swimming and is perfect for any sports enthusiast. Registration for this camp is done directly by

contacting Marika Bokalo at (908) 851-0617.  
Session 1: July 22– July 28, 2007  
Session 2: July 29– August 4, 2007  
\$350 Per Camper  
\$150 for Day Campers

## ROMA PRYMA BOHACHEVSKY UKRAINIAN DANCE CAMP AGES 8-16

Directed by Ania Bohachevsky-Lonkevych (daughter of Roma Pryma Bohachevsky). Expert instruction for beginning, intermediate and advanced dancers. The camps will end with a grand recital- always a summer highlight!

Session 1: July 22– August 4, 2007  
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| Current-September 15<br>Baltimore, MD | Art exhibit featuring landscapes by Yuriy and Viktor Savjuk, SelfReliance Baltimore Federal Credit Union, 443-315-8873                     | July 7<br>Bond Head, ON  | Golf Tournament, The Club at Bond Head (South), Ukrainian Golf Association of Canada, www.theclubatbondhead.com               |
| June 29-July 1<br>Cleveland, OH       | "Ancestral Voices" directed by Nadia Tarnawsky with choreography by Natalie Kapeluck and Mark Tomasic, Gordon Square Theater, 216-269-7228 | July 7<br>Baltimore, MD  | Klitschko vs. Brewster fight broadcast, Dnipro Sports Club, ukisteve@aol.com  |
| July 3<br>Chicago                     | Ephyra performs at Taste of Chicago, Grant Park, 312-744-3370 or info@ephyraband.com   | July 7<br>Jewett, NY     | Gala fund-raising concert at The Grazhda - Music and Art Center of Greene County, 518-263-4619                                |
| July 5-July 28<br>Washington          | Art exhibit "Color Show" featuring works by Ilona Sochynsky, Gallery 10, 202-232-3326  | July 8<br>New York       | Barbecue and picnic, Ukrainian Language and Social Networking Group, Lighthouse Park, amerykanka@yahoo.com                    |
| July 6<br>Washington                  | Summer social, Smithsonian National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, The Washington Group, 240-381-0993                                    | July 8<br>Ellenville, NY | "Sviato Heroyiv" Holiday of Ukrainian Heroes, Ukrainian American Youth Association resort, 845-647-7230 or Ellenville@cym.org |
| July 6<br>Chicago                     | Ephyra performs at the Emergenza U.S. National Final, The Metro, 773-301-6106 or info@ephyraband.com                                       |                          |   |

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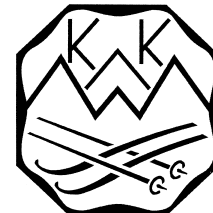
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### Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles

Dates: June 30 - July 1, 2007

Place: Soyuzivka Heritage Center, Kerhonkson, NY

Starting Times: Singles will start 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 30th.  
Doubles will start 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Entry: *Advance registration is required for singles.* Entry fee is \$20 per individual or a doubles team. Send registration form including the fee to:  
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Awards: Trophies will be presented to winners and finalists in each group.

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**Registration Form**  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Soyuzivka's Datebook

### MONDAYS, June 25-August 27, 2007

Steak Night with Soyuzivka House band located on Veselka Patio

### WEDNESDAYS, June 27-August 29, 2007

Hutsul Night with Soyuzivka House band located on Vorochta Lawn

### FRIDAYS, June 29-August 31, 2007

Odesa Seafood Night with Soyuzivka House band located on Veselka Patio

### SATURDAYS, June 30-September 1, 2007

Ukrainian zabavas (dances) featuring a live Ukrainian band

#### June 24-July 6, 2007

Tennis Camp

New Paltz

#### June 25-29, 2007

Exploration Day Camp Session #1, ages 7-10

#### July 29-August 4, 2007

Sitch Sports Camp Session #2, ages 6-18

#### July 1-8, 2007

Plast Camp – Tabir Ptashat Session #2

#### August 4

Dance Camp Session #1, Recital Performance

#### July 1-15, 2007

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Ukrainian Dance Workshop, ages 16 and up

#### August 5

UNWLA Day, featuring musical program - 2pm

#### July 2-6, 2007

Exploration Day Camp Session #2, ages 7-10

#### August 5-18

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp Session #2

#### July 6-8, 2007

Fourth of July Festivities: Tiki Bar Entertainment, Zabavas

#### August 10-12

Miss Soyuzivka Weekend

#### July 8-10, 2007

Discount Days, 25% off all room rates

#### August 11-18

Club Suzie Q week

#### July 11-15, 2007

Ukrainian Film & Cultural Festival – featuring Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Ukrainian Dance Workshop, Ukrainian films coordinated by Yuri Shevchuk, founding director of UFCCU, Ukrainian arts and crafts, and more

#### August 18

Dance Camp Session #2, Recital Performance

#### August 19-23

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#### July 13-15, 2007

Ukrainian Language Immersion Weekend offered at SUNY New Paltz

#### August 31-September 3

Labor Day Weekend Festivities: Tiki Bar Entertainment, Concerts, Zabavas

#### July 15-20, 2007

Ukrainian Heritage Day Camp Session #1, ages 4-7

#### September 6-9

Salzburg Reunion

#### July 15-21, 2007

Discovery Camp, ages 8-15

#### September 10-12

Reunions – Regensburg, Bertsgaden & Karlsfeld Gymnasiums

#### July 22-27, 2007

Ukrainian Heritage Day Camp Session #2, ages 4-7

#### September 14-16

UNA General Assembly Meeting & Bayreuth Gymnasium Reunion

#### July 22-28, 2007

Sitch Sports Camp Session #1, ages 6-18

#### September 21-23

KLK Weekend - General Meeting & Banquet

#### July 22-August 4

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp Session #1

#### September 25-27

Stamford Clergy Days - Fall Seminar

#### July 27-29, 2007

Ukrainian Language Immersion Weekend offered at SUNY

#### September 28-30

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Saturday, June 30

**CHICAGO:** The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art will host a special literary and film event, titled "Irene Zabytko: Chornobyl Remembered," at 7 p.m. Ukrainian American author will screen

excerpts from her current project, a documentary about survivors of the Chornobyl nuclear accidents living in the 30-kilometer exclusion zone, called "Life in the Dead Zone." Ms. Zabytko will also do readings from her works. For information call the UIMA, 773-227-5522.

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