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Thousands gather at Soyuzivka for inaugural Ukrainian festival

by Matthew Dubas

KERHONKSON, N.Y. — Thousands gathered for first Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival, held on July 11-15 here at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center in the picturesque setting of the Shawangunk Mountains. The festival was sponsored by the Ukrainian National Foundation, the charitable arm of the Ukrainian National Association, for the purpose of raising funds for the newly created Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation.

A donor-based foundation, the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation will enable Soyuzivka to become a true heritage center, with the goal of promoting, cultivating and preserving the unique culture and heritage of the Ukrainian immigration, and is part of an overall plan to help Soyuzivka become a self-

sustaining operation that will sponsor children's camps, cultural programs and other community projects.

Guests were treated to the usual festival features like vendors, food, refreshing drinks and a packed stage program spotlighting dancers, vocalists and musicians. As an added bonus, for the first time at a Ukrainian festival, a variety of films by Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian filmmakers were screened, affording both the casual movie watcher and the serious enthusiast a chance to see a broad range of film genres, to meet with some of the filmmakers and participate in discussions.

Opening ceremonies were kicked off with uniformed members of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA) and Plast Ukrainian Scouting

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Christine Syzonenko

Workshop dancers soar through the air during the Hopak at Soyuzivka's festival.

Train derailment near Lviv releases toxic chemical, contaminating area

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — Thick clouds of burning toxic chemicals permeated the sky outside Lviv on July 16 after 15 railway tankers transporting yellow phosphorus derailed, six of which ignited and began expelling plumes that contaminated a surrounding zone of 35 square miles.

Government officials decided to evacuate 800 residents of six surrounding villages in the Buskyi District just east of Lviv, while 145 residents were hospitalized, including 43 children, reporting symptoms from possible exposure to toxic chemicals.

Among those hospitalized were 20 confirmed victims of the accident, including 10 local residents, six Ministry of Emergency

Situations workers, two law enforcement officers and two railway workers.

Scenes of local villagers wearing protective masks, firemen battling the furious blaze and children in hospital beds reminded Ukrainians of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, though government officials confirmed two days later the derailment was nowhere near in magnitude to the 1986 catastrophe.

An official cause of the accident hasn't been determined, though Lviv Oblast Procurator General Anatolii Pryshko offered four possible reasons: negligence of the train crew, safety standards violations in transporting hazardous materials, defective railroad tracks or "human inter-

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Yurii Kalyniak/UNIAN

Ministry of Emergency Situations workers attempt to extinguish burning yellow phosphorus tanks on July 17 after cars derailed from a train in the Buskyi District of the Lviv Oblast.

Ukraine looks to Canada for new nuclear technology

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — Ukraine is considering investing in Canada Deuterium Uranium (CANDU) nuclear reactors as an alternative energy source, Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Arseniy Yatsenyuk told a July 18 press conference during a visit by Canadian Foreign Minister Peter MacKay.

"Ukraine can theoretically free itself of its dependence in purchasing nuclear fuel from various countries," Mr. Yatsenyuk said. "There are certain internal problems with these reactors, but we are considering this technology very seriously [as it is] especially important for us."

CANDU reactors, which use non-

enriched uranium as an inexpensive source of fuel, have already been built in Romania and are also under consideration by the Baltic states.

Other than nuclear fuel, the Ukrainian and Canadian governments agreed to consider renewing government-sponsored scholarships for Ukrainian university students to study in Canada as part of exchange programs.

Simplifying and streamlining the visa application process is also under consideration, Mr. MacKay said, adding that this will require an examination of legislative limitations.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko

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Daughter, 12, of Ukrainian immigrants abducted, murdered in Washington state

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — The daughter of Ukrainian immigrants, Zina Linnik, a 12-year-old girl who went missing on July 4, was found dead on July 12 in Eatonville near Silver Lake, Wash., approximately 25 miles from her home in Tacoma, Wash.

The Linnik family came to the United States 10 years ago from Kuznetsovsk, Ukraine. Zina was one of eight children.

Authorities apprehended Terapon Adhahn, a 42-year-old immigrant from Thailand, who was convicted in 1990 for the rape of a 16-year-old relative.

Police reportedly located Mr. Adhahn by running a computer check of his van and matching the color, model and partial license plate, with the assistance of wit-

nesses who recalled seeing a gray van in the alley near the Linniks' home before Zina vanished.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said that the conviction of first-degree incest was the basis for Mr. Adhahn's detention, which should have led to the man's deportation. Further court documentation states that Mr. Adhahn underwent court-ordered psychological evaluation and was diagnosed with pedophilia as part of the case, the Tacoma News Tribune reported. Mr. Adhahn also faces the charge of failing to register as a sex offender.

Police have obtained a search warrant

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ANALYSIS

Yushchenko's multi-vector election strategyby **Taras Kuzio***Eurasia Daily Monitor*

On July 4 Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko called a high-level meeting of oligarchs – the third such gathering in his presidency. The first took place in October 2005 after Yurii Yekhanurov replaced Yulia Tymoshenko as prime minister (see *Eurasia Daily Monitor*, October 28, 2005).

Mr. Yushchenko has always maintained cordial relations with the moderate business leaders who surrounded former President Leonid Kuchma. Viktor Pinchuk (Interpipe), Ihor Kolomoiskyi (Pryvat holdings) and Serhii Taruta (Industrial Union of the Donbas) aligned themselves with Mr. Yushchenko after his election as president.

At the July 4 meeting President Yushchenko said, "Dear colleagues, I call upon you to do one thing: we are one team. A team of businessmen and officials ... And your opinions are as important as those of the Ministry of Finance. We should see one another as members of one family."

The July 4 meeting was obviously part of Mr. Yushchenko's preparations for the parliamentary elections scheduled for September 30. Oligarch Rynat Akhmetov, affiliated with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's Party of the Regions, did not attend the meeting, citing a scheduling conflict. However, Mr. Yushchenko may have

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had Mr. Akhmetov in mind when he praised those oligarchs and businessmen, such as Mr. Pinchuk, who had opted to separate business and politics. Mr. Yushchenko again called for the end of parliamentary immunity to discourage businessmen from running for parliamentary seats to avoid prosecution.

Mr. Yushchenko's reasons for calling the meeting were spelled out in the package of accompanying documents prepared by the Presidential Secretariat. According to the papers, the aim is to "reach a mutual position on cooperation between the authorities and big business." This was to be spelled out in a memorandum that was never signed. Mr. Yushchenko outlined his plans to hold quarterly meetings with oligarchs.

How will this attempt to forge an alliance with the oligarchs sit with Our Ukraine voters? It runs contrary to efforts to repackage Our Ukraine as a national democratic force, closer in spirit to the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (BYuT).

To begin with, Yurii Lutsenko, head of the Our Ukraine-Ukrainian Self-Defense election bloc (see EDM, July 5), is anti-oligarch and refuses to consider the option of creating a parliamentary coalition with the Party of the Regions. Mr. Lutsenko aims to return Our Ukraine to the anti-oligarch and anti-corruption election program that helped propel Mr. Yushchenko's 2004 election campaign.

The eclectic nature of Mr. Yushchenko's 2007 election campaign (both pro- and anti-oligarch) is nothing new and has always had a place in his policies. When he was prime minister in 1999-2001, Mr. Yushchenko and his allies refused to support the Ukraine Without Kuchma movement in 2000-2001.

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Lutsenko tops Yushchenko's list for Verkhovna Rada electionsby **Pavel Korduban***Eurasia Daily Monitor*

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's bloc for the early parliamentary elections scheduled for September 30 has been formally set up. At a July 5 meeting chaired by Mr. Yushchenko, representatives of several right-of-center parties signed a declaration proclaiming the Our Ukraine People's Self-Defense Bloc. The bloc's pillars are Mr. Yushchenko's Our Ukraine and former Internal Affairs Minister Yurii Lutsenko's People's Self-Defense group. The bloc also includes several tiny parties allied with Our Ukraine, the People's Self-Defense and the Ukrainian Right Wing.

The chief of the Presidential Secretariat, Viktor Baloha, became head of the new bloc's election headquarters. This makes the bloc potentially vulnerable to accusations of using "administrative resources" during the campaign. Mr. Lutsenko won the competition to top NUNS's electoral list against the formal leader of Our Ukraine, Viacheslav Kyrilenko. Mr. Lutsenko is a substantially more popular and experienced

politician than Mr. Kyrilenko. At the same time, he will be an easier target for criticism by the bloc's bitter rivals, the Party of the Regions (PRU) and the Socialist Party (SPU), as he is quite a controversial figure.

Mr. Lutsenko earned Mr. Yushchenko's sympathy as one of the leaders of the popular protests against former President Leonid Kuchma in 2000-2002, and as "the DJ" of the "maidan" – the main venue of the Orange Revolution in late 2004 that brought Mr. Yushchenko to power. As internal affairs minister in 2005-2006, Mr. Lutsenko targeted the PRU as part of his crusade against corruption. However, the crusade's results were far from impressive. Mr. Lutsenko was sued for libel on several occasions, and one PRU leader, Borys Kolesnikov, whom he put behind bars, was later released from prison when accusations of corruption against him were not substantiated.

At the end of 2006 Mr. Lutsenko himself became the target of corruption allegations which were used as a pretext for his dismissal from Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's Cabinet in December. Speaking from the parliamentary rostrum, his successor as internal affairs minister, Vasyl Tsushko, accused Mr. Lutsenko of populism and legal nihilism. Although a court later acquitted Mr. Lutsenko of the corruption accusations, his popular image was tarnished.

Mr. Lutsenko was one of the leaders of the SPU until the summer of 2006, when he quit the party to protest its coalition with the PRU. Mr. Yushchenko reportedly asked Mr. Lutsenko to chair Our Ukraine in 2006, when it was in a deep identity crisis, but

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NEWSBRIEFS**Phosphorus spill under control**

KYIV – Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Ihor Krol told Interfax on July 18 that the situation in the area of the toxic phosphorus spill in the Lviv Oblast has been brought under control. Mr. Krol announced that six children with symptoms of injuries to their respiratory organs were hospitalized in Lviv, while 59 more children have been sent to other health centers. He added that rescue teams are continuing to spray water on the damaged train tanks and insulate them from exposure to the air with foam. On July 16 a freight train carrying poisonous yellow phosphorus in tanks from Kazakhstan to Poland derailed near the settlement of Ozhydiv in the Lviv Oblast, and several tanks caught fire after the phosphorus leaked out. Vice Prime Minister Oleksander Kuzmuk commented on July 16 that the accident was the most serious environmental catastrophe in Ukraine since the 1986 Chernobyl blast, but later backtracked on this remark. The Health Ministry reported on July 17 that 14 people involved in the decontamination efforts at the site of the derailment were hospitalized. More than 800 people living in the area were evacuated. (RFE/RL Newsline)

12 in Dnipropetrovsk cited as 'Righteous'

DNIPROPETROVSK, Ukraine – Zina Kalay-Kleitman, Israeli ambassador to Ukraine, came on an official visit to the eastern Ukrainian city of Dnipropetrovsk to honor 12 local "Righteous Among the Nations" who helped save Jews during World War II, reported orthodox.org.ua on July 4. Archpriest Mykola Kurdii, pastor of the Church of the Three Saints, came to take part in the ceremony at the invitation of the Israeli Embassy and with the blessing of Metropolitan Irynei (Serednii) of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Moscow Patriarchate. Ambassador Kalay-Kleitman presented awards and certificates to 12 area residents. Some children of heroes received awards because the titles were given to their parents posthumously. "Righteous Among the Nations" is a title established by Israel to honor the memory of those who helped Jews escape during World War II, risking their lives, freedom and well-being. A total of 2,185 residents of Ukraine have now

received the title of "Righteous Gentile." Ukraine is in fourth place, after Poland, the Netherlands and France, in the number of persons recognized as Righteous. (Religious Information Service of Ukraine)

Our Ukraine party has new head

KYIV – The political council of the pro-presidential Our Ukraine People's Union Party on July 12 appointed Oleh Humeniuk as the new head of the party's central executive committee, Interfax reported. Mr. Humeniuk replaced Roman Bezsmertnyi, who handed in his resignation and asked not to be included on Our Ukraine's election list in the forthcoming elections. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Humeniuk headed the party's Ternopil regional branch and was a member of the Our Ukraine caucus in the Verkhovna Rada. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Constitutional Court resumes work

KYIV – The Constitutional Court of Ukraine resumed its work on July 11, ruling that the suspension of all social benefits in the 2007 budget violates the Constitution of Ukraine, Interfax reported. The work of the Constitutional Court came to a standstill last month due to the dismissal of some judges by President Viktor Yushchenko and the government, and the resignation of the court's chief, Ivan Dombrovskiy. The court, which comprises 18 judges appointed in equal numbers by the president, the Verkhovna Rada and the Council of Judges, on July 10 elected Andrii Stryzhak as its new chairman. Ukraine's supreme judiciary body is now slated to examine the presidential decrees that disbanded the Rada and scheduled early parliamentary elections for September 30. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Politicians argue over bill publication

KYIV – Mykola Azarov, Ukraine's first vice prime minister and finance minister, on July 11 appealed to the Procurator General's Office, Internal Affairs Ministry and Justice Ministry to investigate the circumstances under which publication of the government-run Uriadovyi Kurier newspaper was disrupted, Interfax reported. Mr.

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Correction

In Zenon Zawada's news story "OSCE Parliamentary Assembly concludes annual meeting in Kyiv" (July 15), the names of two U.S. congressmen were switched in error. Where the story and captions refer to Rep. Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.), the reference should be to Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-N.C.). Also, the front page photo should have been credited to Ivan Dadiverin.

Yalta European Strategy summit now Ukraine's premier foreign policy event

by Zenon Zawada
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YALTA, Ukraine – At last year's Yalta European Strategy (YES) summit, Ukraine stood at a crossroads with the European Union (EU), having just held its most free and fair elections, only to have a Russian-oriented parliamentary coalition emerge as a result.

This coalition government took Ukraine one step forward and two steps back, reaching a pact that made the Schengen zone more accessible to its citizens, yet conducting a government usurpation campaign that triggered a severe crisis, stretch-

Rather than examining foreign policy or improving trade, much of the discussion was devoted to repairing Ukraine's fragile democracy after it had collapsed this spring.

While European leaders such as Mr. Kwasniewski appeared to scold the Ukrainians for what took place, President Viktor Yushchenko struck an apologetic tone in his remarks to open the conference on June 28, offering explanations, and in some instances, excuses.

"The Constitutional Court that we have isn't a court that we created today," the president said in his speech. "It was created many years ago. Friends, it's only manifesting itself today. The

whether it will be achieved this year, despite assurances by Mr. Yushchenko and others.

Mingling, sparring and debate

Despite the disappointment and frustration that pervaded the meeting, this year's YES summit marked its emergence as the premier annual Ukrainian foreign policy event.

Guests included former U.S. President Bill Clinton, President Yushchenko, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Russian Federation Ambassador to Ukraine Viktor Chernomyrdin, former Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma and former Polish President Kwasniewski.

The summit hosted more than 250 guests representing about 20 countries.

Mr. Clinton spoke on the world's increasing need for integration to cope with emerging crises that will inevitably include global warming, depletion of natural resources and exploding migrant populations.

He commended Ukraine's EU integration progress while maintaining strong bilateral relations with the Russian Federation.

Following his address, the former U.S. president mingled with the summit's guests in the Livadia Palace's Italian, white granite courtyard. Among them were boxing champion Vitalii Klitschko, First Lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko, Mr. Pinchuk and his wife, Elena Franchuk, as well as the aforementioned prominent leaders.

Former President Clinton was clearly thrilled to be the first American president to visit Yalta's Livadia Palace since

Franklin D. Roosevelt in February 1945, when he planned Europe's post-war landscape with Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The YES summit opened in Kyiv's luxurious Premier Palace Hotel, where President Yushchenko offered his assessment of the spring political crisis and the current state of Ukrainian politics.

The nation's path to democracy is no walk in the park, the Ukrainian president said, and Ukrainians are now paying the price for having a real democracy.

Mr. Yushchenko said he tried to create a constructive political system of governance by attempting to form the National Unity Coalition with the goal of unifying divergent forces around common goals, such as Euro-integration, open markets and freedom of speech.

"More than anything, we will be asked by our European colleagues whether or not this country, which from morning to night makes assurances on Euro-integration, is capable of forming a stable political situation," Mr. Yushchenko said. "It's possibly the simplest, but also the most difficult task, considering our inheritance. We need to honestly cope with the fact that we received an inheritance."

In his remarks the next day, Minister of Foreign Affairs Arsenii Yatsenyuk downplayed the political crisis, asserting that "nothing special is happening in Ukraine."

"Everything that's going on is called democracy," he said. "Ukraine has only 15 years of independent democracy. It's quite the small child. Sometimes it's

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Former Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma enjoys coffee with Russian Ambassador to Ukraine Viktor Chernomyrdin at the Yalta European Strategy conference.

ing Europe's patience thin.

"We Europeans cannot accept this concept of a permanent, developing, accepted crisis," former Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski told the YES audience on June 29.

In the year since last July's YES summit, the nasty and self-destructive course of Ukrainian politics offered no joy to the leaders and observers who met at the Livadia Palace for the fourth annual YES summit, hosted and financed by industrial and media tycoon Victor Pinchuk.

Procurator General's Office the way it is wasn't created today either."

Domestic politics so dominated the discussions that little mention was made of what remains Ukraine's most critical step towards European integration: World Trade Organization (WTO) membership.

For the last five years, Ukrainian leaders have vowed "this is the year" for membership, only to have their words ring hollow.

Although Ukraine is reportedly on the brink of membership, it remains uncertain

Crackdown on human rights defenders is 'dangerous development,' says OSCE official

Organization for Security
and Cooperation in Europe

VIENNA – Participating states of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe should work to ensure that crackdowns on legitimate human rights defenders come to an end, participants agreed at an OSCE conference concluded on July 13.

"Governments must open their eyes to human rights violations, deal with them and learn from past mistakes," said Ambassador Christian Strohal, director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

"The growing trend in some parts of the OSCE region not to offer proper mechanisms for redress to victims of those violations is not only unjust and unfair and a violation of OSCE commitments – it is also a dangerous development."

The conference, was organized by the OSCE's Spanish chairmanship and the ODIHR, focused on responsibilities and remedies in protecting human rights.

"If individuals and groups start viewing the state system as incapable of dealing with their complaints, they will try to find other ways," Mr. Strohal said.

"Ignoring legitimate human rights concerns will not make them go away.

The consequences of a failure to listen to, and act on, human rights violations can be devastating, as history has shown again and again," he added.

Some 300 experts, human rights defenders and government officials attended the meeting. They made several recommendations, calling on states to stop interfering in trials and in the work of non-governmental organizations. They also stressed that OSCE participating states should allow diplomats, magistrates and other interested parties to freely observe trials.

NGOs participating in the conference presented several cases they have won on behalf of victims in international courts.

"Rights are belatedly recognized, policies are belatedly changed and those who have committed violations of human rights, or were responsible for them, are belatedly punished," Mr. Strohal said. "It may be late, and it is often too little, but it is something, and it helps to prevent much worse."

Mr. Strohal underscored: "The OSCE human rights commitments are not merely high-sounding principles; they were written to prevent us from closing our eyes to legitimate grievances, and suffer the destabilization and threats to our security which this inevitably entails."

Presidents of Ukraine, Hungary unveil monument to Shevchenko in Budapest

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KYIV – Presidents Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine and Laszlo Solyom of Hungary together with their wives participated in the official unveiling ceremony of a monument to Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko in Budapest in July 11.

In his speech, Mr. Yushchenko said Shevchenko's role in the formation of the Ukrainian nation and the development of the Ukrainian language was "exceptional." He added, "For our nation, he is the person who has been teaching us freedom and love for the motherland over the past two centuries," he said, adding that it was important to teach Ukraine's young to respect the great bard. "I am convinced that this monument will serve this mission."

The Ukrainian president thanked the government of Hungary and Budapest

authorities for helping to erect the monument, describing their respect for Shevchenko as "the best compliment for the Ukrainian people."

The Hungarian president praised his country's Ukrainian community for their patriotism and said of the monument: "This is a token of the friendship, neighborly relationship and love between Ukraine and Hungary."

The presidents laid flowers at the monument after it was blessed. The official ceremony culminated with a reading of Shevchenko's poem "My Thoughts."

The monument was designed by Prof. Ivan Mykytiuk of Lviv and approved by President Yushchenko during his visit to Hungary in October 2006. The bronze monument is three meters high and depicts a seated Shevchenko.



Official Website of the President of Ukraine

Presidents Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine and Laszlo Solyom of Hungary next to Budapest's newly unveiled monument to Taras Shevchenko.

Mary Manko Haskett, 98, last survivor of Canadian internment operations, dies

Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association

OTTAWA – The last known survivor of Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920, Mary Manko Haskett, died on July 14 at a seniors' residence in Mississauga, Ontario. She was 98.

Born Mary Manko in Montreal, she was only 6 years old when she was transported to the Abitibi region of north-central Quebec, to the Spirit Lake concentration camp.

So-called "enemy aliens," mostly Ukrainians who emigrated to the Dominion from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, were held there not because of anything they had done but only because of who they were, where they had come from. Most internees were forced to do heavy labor for the profit of their jailers, had their wealth confiscated and were subjected to other state-sanctioned indignities, including disenfranchisement. Mrs. Haskett's younger sister, Nellie, died at the Spirit Lake camp.

For years, Mrs. Haskett served as the honorary chairwoman of the National Redress Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association. She was committed to ensuring that what happened to her and thousands of other innocents would be remembered.

Despite being a victim, she never sought an apology for the wrongs done to her, nor did she seek personal compensation for herself or any of the descendants of the internees. Instead, she asked the community to try and secure an acknowledgement of what happened and a restitution of the contemporary value of the internees' confiscated wealth and forced labor, with that money to be placed in a community-managed endowment fund to be used for educational and commemora-

tive initiatives to help ensure that no other Canadian ethnic, religious or racial minority would ever again suffer what Ukrainians once did.

Although royal assent was given to Conservative MP Inky Mark's Bill C 331 – The Internment of Persons of Ukrainian Origin Recognition Act, November 25, the government of Canada has not yet met its legal obligation to negotiate a unique Ukrainian Canadian Redress and Reconciliation Settlement.

Commenting on Mary Manko's passing, UCCLA's director of research, Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk, said: "We always hoped we would secure a timely and honorable redress settlement that Mary could bear witness to as the last known survivor of Canada's first national internment operations. We grew especially hopeful after Stephen Harper, then leader of the Opposition, and now the prime minister of Canada, endorsed Bill C 331 in the House of Commons in March 2005, saying that he too hoped Mary would be alive to see this matter resolved."

"Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, that did not happen," Dr. Luciuk continued. "But we remain committed to Mary's cause. Negotiations toward a settlement should begin when we meet with the minister of Canadian heritage, the Honorable Bev Oda, and the secretary of state for multiculturalism, Jason Kenney, on July 30. We are calling upon the prime minister to intervene and make sure that our deliberations lead to the kind of settlement Mary always hoped we would secure."

"It is truly sad that she won't be with us to see how the wrongs done to her, and so many other Europeans, are finally undone. But at least she knew that we will never give up until that just end is reached," Dr. Luciuk stated.

Ukrainian Canadians reject Community Historical Recognition Program

TORONTO – Ukrainian Canadians have rejected the Canadian government's proposed Community Historical Recognition Program (CHRP), which received Treasury Board approval on June 14. The \$24 million historical recognition program would oblige

ethnocultural communities to apply for funding for projects aimed at recalling past government wrongdoings. This fund is to be administered by the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

Over 80,000 Ukrainians were branded as "enemy aliens" during Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920. Almost 5,000 Ukrainians, including men, women and children, were interned as forced laborers in 24 Canadian concentration camps during and after the first world war.

"People were interned not because of anything they had done, but only because of where they had come from, who they were. There was no evidence then, nor has any been found since, of divided loyalties on the part of the victims of these internment measures," said Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk, a director of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

In an article published in The Toronto Star on June 14 the Ukrainian Canadian community called upon Prime Minister Stephen Harper to personally intervene to right this

historical injustice: "We are disappointed that the government of Canada has ignored its obligation to negotiate a settlement with the Ukrainian Canadian community," said Paul Grod, vice-presi-

dent of the Ukrainian Canadian.

The Ukrainian Canadian community has called for a series of commemorative, educational and cultural initiatives to be funded through a community-administered foundation, with an endowment based upon a determination of the present-day value of the economic losses suffered by the community (approximately \$47 million). Under the approved CHRP framework, in contrast, Ukrainian Canadians would, in effect be required, said Dr. Luciuk, "to go cap in hand to ask Ottawa to give back some of the money they took from the internees, under duress. Forcing us to do so is unconscionably paternalistic, and we have said so, repeatedly, for years."

"We call upon the Prime Minister to immediately intervene to ensure a timely and honorable settlement, as mandated by the Internment of Persons of

Ukrainian Origin Recognition Act, to which he gave his support in the House of Commons in March 2005, and which received royal assent in November 2005," said Andrew Hladyshevsky, president of the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko, a body created in 1963 through an Act of Parliament.

He went on to say: "We would like to secure the prime minister's personal assistance so that we might together craft a reconciliation settlement while the last known survivor, Mary Manko, is still alive. We believe that will reflect well upon this government's record, as did Prime Minister [Brian] Mulroney's much-lauded Japanese Canadian Redress Settlement."

Mary Manko Haskett on righting an injustice

Mary Manko Haskett, the last survivor of the Canadian internment operations of 1914-1920, wrote the article below in 1994. It appears in the book "Righting An Injustice" (The Justinian Press, 1994).

I was not involved in the Ukrainian Canadian community's campaign for acknowledgement and redress until the late 1980s. It was in 1988 that I first read about the Civil Liberties Commission's efforts to bring this unknown episode in Canadian history to light, in the pages of The Globe and Mail. Since then I have become involved and am proud to be listed as the honorary chair of the National Redress Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, which has continued with the campaign begun by the Civil Liberties Commission in the mid-1980s.

Of course, as a survivor, possibly the only person left alive today who can still remember Canada's first national internment operations, and the sad impact they had on the Ukrainian Canadian community, I have lived with memories of that injustice all my life. I can never forget what was done to my family and me. We were innocent and yet we were treated as "enemy aliens."

Worse, perhaps, the country then forgot about what was done to us. For many years it was almost as if it was all a bad dream, a nightmare it would be best if we forgot – certainly not something other Canadians wanted to talk about with us, the victims.

Today, looking over the many articles, editorials and other materials collected in this booklet, published on this issue over the past 10 years, I am, frankly, heartened at the widespread national support that has grown up for the Ukrainian Canadian community's efforts. As these articles demonstrate, all we have ever asked for is to have the government acknowledge that what was done to the Ukrainian Canadians was unjust and to see our claims for justice addressed in a timely and honorable fashion. That has not yet happened.

Still, we have made some progress. A few years ago very few Canadians knew anything about what had been done to Ukrainian Canadians during the first world war. Now, the record is almost corrected. So I want to take the opportunity presented by the publication of this booklet to do two things.

The first is to thank that small group

of Ukrainian Canadian volunteers who have spearheaded the redress effort for over a decade. In particular, Mr. J. B. Gregorovich, who served as chairman of the Civil Liberties Commission and now chairs its successor, the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association, deserves especial recognition. He gathered a few good people around himself and, with hard work, perseverance and good cheer – and often in the face of duplicity, indifference and criticism from both within and outside the community – pushed this issue forward. I don't really know why he has given so much of himself to this cause but I want him to know that I believe all those who suffered needlessly in Canada's concentration camps would be as grateful to him as I am, if only they could only be here to tell him so.

I want to also thank Peter Milliken, a Liberal MP who sits in the House of Commons as the member for Kingston and the Islands. He has conscientiously sought to place this issue before Parliament. In 1990, it was his effort which resulted in the passage of a Private Member's Bill which demonstrated all-party support for acknowledging the injustice of the internment operations and which endorsed the concept of providing appropriate redress. Having that bill passed was a historic achievement, not fully appreciated at the time, but one which will resound to Mr. Milliken's credit long after we are all gone. This document is reprinted in this collection. It deserves to be. For a survivor to see it is at least a partial vindication for what I endured.

I have only one other request. It is a simple one. I would ask the members of the House of Commons, from all the parties represented there today, to agree to do what is just and resolve the Ukrainian Canadian community's requests in a timely and honorable manner.

I am now 85 years old. I would like to live to see the day when the record is finally set straight, when we, as a country, remember that past wrong and right that wrong. I do not think my hope is misplaced, given the Canada-wide support I sense in the articles reprinted here, and what I hear when I speak with friends, family members and others in the community about this issue.

And so I ask, one more time, for justice. I can only pray that it will finally be done.

Prime minister commends Ukrainian Canadian

KINGSTON, Ontario – Canada's prime minister, the Stephen Harper, on June 23 commended Stefan Kuzmyn for his decades of dedicated volunteer service on behalf of the people of Ukraine and Canada.

Mr. Kuzmyn, a Ukrainian nationalist, political prisoner and survivor of several Nazi concentration camps, emigrated to Canada from a displaced persons camp after World War II. He worked for many years at the Nylon Plant, in Kingston, Ontario.

For most of the past five decades he was also president of the Kingston branch of the Canadian League for Ukraine's Liberation (since 1991 known as the League of Ukrainian Canadians) and of the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston.

Prime Minister Harper's message said, in part: In the early 1950s, you immigrated to this country after having survived the atrocities of the second world war.

With a strong cultural identity and a commitment to the liberation of your homeland, you became active within your newly adopted city. Over the past five decades, your work on behalf of the people of Ukraine and Kingston's Ukrainian community has been outstanding. As an active volunteer and president of the Kingston branch of the League of Ukrainian Canadians (formerly the Canadian League for Ukraine's Liberation) and the Ukrainian Club of Kingston, you have made a remarkable contribution to your fellow citizens. I would like to commend you for your many years of dedicated service."

For Mr. Kuzmyn is retiring to a Ukrainian Canadian seniors' residence in Toronto.

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THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

UNA Auditing Committee issues report on Soyuzivka estate

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The UNA Auditing Committee's review of Soyuzivka found good financial accounting records, Chairman Slavko Tysiak said.

The audit of Soyuzivka, the UNA-owned-and-operated estate in Kerhonkson, N.Y., is one of the UNA fraternal member benefits. Soyuzivka is also run for the benefit of the Ukrainian community as a whole. The audit is part of an ongoing effort by the Auditing Committee to examine different aspects of the UNA's business enterprise with the goal of improving oversight and fiscal practices at the UNA. One of the primary reasons for the audit of Soyuzivka is the perennial losses incurred by the resort and the need for monetary subsidies by the UNA.

"The financial accounting system and key safeguards instituted by the UNA at Soyuzivka demonstrate its commitment to

ensuring that money is being spent responsibly and for its intended purpose," said Mr. Tysiak. "I commend the hard-working management and staff at Soyuzivka and at the UNA for their careful stewardship of UNA member resources."

The audit examined internal controls over financial operations during the calendar year ending December 31, 2006. Financial operations at the estate are run by Soyuzivka's management with oversight provided by UNA Executive Committee members at the Home Office in Parsippany, N.J.

The audit, which examined the handling of cash receipts and cash disbursements, found that financial transactions were properly authorized, documented and paid in accordance with Soyuzivka's established processes and policies. The audit recommended several improvements to the UNA Executive Committee, including the need to

establish an annual operating budget for Soyuzivka and to reduce to writing the policies and procedures currently in practice at Soyuzivka. Mr. Tysiak stated that until the UNA's Executive Committee establishes what it expects in terms of revenues and expenditures from Soyuzivka operations, the Auditing Committee cannot comment on how well the resort is operated.

Since a relatively small number of employees work in the business office at Soyuzivka, the UNA has introduced compensating control mechanisms to ensure oversight and accountability. The audit pointed out that the compensating controls are not critical to help detect errors and prevent theft. The Auditing Committee recommended that the UNA Executive Committee re-evaluate the effectiveness of current compensating controls and make changes as necessary

to ensure that payments are accurate and timely.

Mr. Tysiak stated that the Auditing Committee has plans to audit significant aspects of the UNA enterprise and welcomes member input on fiscal issues that are of concern that may not already be the subject of the external audit firm retained by the UNA or of the regulator who routinely supervises the UNA's insurance business.

The UNA Auditing Committee consists of Mr. Tysiak, Dr. Vasyl Luchkiw and Dr. Wasyl Szeremeta.

Soyuzivka has four full-time, year-round employees who during the summer months are supplemented by seasonal workers. It spent \$2.2 million in calendar year 2006 and reported an operating deficit of \$635,000 after depreciation and UNA direct payments chiefly for payroll and related expenses.

Young UNA'ers



Kalyna Nadia Mazal, daughter of Eva Mykolenko and Jason Mazal of Miami, is a new member of UNA Branch 82. She was enrolled by her grandfather Nick Mykolenko.



Christian Roman Pakula, son of Symon and Oleksandra Pakula of Dearborn, Mich., is a new member of UNA Branch 82. He was enrolled by his grandparents Benjamin and Lida Pakula.



Ella Therese Russell, daughter of Alina and John Russell of Springfield, Va., is a new member of UNA Branch 88. She was enrolled by her grandparents Marta and Richard Legeckis.



Ariana Luba Zajac, daughter of Adrian and Roxolana Zajac of New York, is a new member of UNA Branch 269. She was enrolled by her great-grandmother Anna Kalba.

Aliquippa UNA branch awards scholarships to nine students

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. – The Aliquippa Ukrainian Club, St. Nicholas Branch 120 of the Ukrainian National Association, held its seventh scholarship awards dinner on June 15.

Nine scholarships totaling \$9,000 were awarded to Jennifer Campbell, Clarion University; Andrea Drevna, Kent State University; Rebecca Muller, Indiana University; Ryan Rapko, Robert Morris University; Valerie Refice, University of Phoenix; Mary Reft, Ohio State University; David Wytiaz II, Slippery Rock University; and Michael Zdranik II, Citadel Military Academy.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the student must have a parent or guardian who is a regular active member of the club. Mark Szedny chaired the banquet committee, and Jean Karmazyn was the master of ceremonies. Jenny McGinness, Ph.D., sang the national anthem, while the Ukrainian national anthem was sung by the club members.

Dr. James Shownink, a renowned educator and director of Manchester-Bidwell Corp. of Pittsburgh, presented a video documentary of the educational opportunities available at Bidwell. Entertainment was provided by D.J. Larry Miller.



During the presentation of UNA Branch 120 scholarships are: (front row, from left) Mary Reft, Andrea Drevna, Jennifer Campbell, Valerie Refice and Rebecca Muller; (back row) Mark Fox, Bar Steward, Mark Szedny (club secretary), Mike Frisk, Ryan Rapko, David Wytiaz II, Michael Zdranik II and Eli Matiash (club treasurer).

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Soyuzivka: for the future

During the previous weekend, the Soyuzivka Heritage Center hosted its first cultural festival, which drew over 2,000 people to the Ukrainian National Association resort located in the Shawangunk Mountains. The Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival would not have been possible had it not been for the over 60 volunteers who dedicated themselves not only to helping on the days of the festival, but in the planning and organizational stages during the months that led up to it. Thank you!

Special thanks are also due to Nestor Paslawsky, Soyuzivka's general manager, who performed an excellent job in maintaining the flow of the festivities and throughout the event, providing his expert direction for the volunteers. And, of course, there was the Soyuzivka staff, which also gave of its time and efforts.

These volunteers demonstrated an admirable trait among the Ukrainian community – cooperation for the greater good (“spivpratsia”). Seeing so many young people eagerly rolling up their sleeves to lend a hand offered attendees a chance to witness the future leaders of the Ukrainian community at work.

However, it should also be mentioned that it was not only the youths who were involved in the volunteer effort, but those with years of experience in running festivals elsewhere who brought their knowledge and expertise to the inaugural event, working side-by-side with the younger volunteers. There was teaching and learning on both sides along the way.

The foundation for our community has been placed into the hard-working hands of these youths who will be entrusted with ensuring the continuation of this festival at Soyuzivka. And, the newly established Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation will cultivate the Soyuzivka Heritage Center and turn it into a home for everything Ukrainian. (Look for more developments on that front in the near future.)

Just as most local Ukrainian communities have a place known as a Ukrainian national home or “domivka” on a smaller scale, the Soyuzivka Heritage Center will become the home of the greater Ukrainian community on the larger scale – a place we can all continue to call our own for generations to come.

In the midst of another festival season, we fondly recall the memories that were made at festivals gone by and look forward to those festivals that we yearn to attend and the new memories to be made.

We urge you all, dear readers, to mark your calendars for next year's festival at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center, to volunteer and become involved in some way, to be a part of this center, to become members of the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation. If you invest yourself in the preservation of your Ukrainian heritage, you're not likely to let it slip through your fingers, and you'll have memories and treasures that you can share with the next generation. It's up to you!

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Turning the pages back...

Fifteen years ago, on July 22, 1992, Russia and Moldova signed a cease-fire agreement. It was the fifth attempt to end the fighting in the Transdniester Moldovan Republic. President Mircea Snegur of Moldova had promised the people of this river-bed region that if the issue of reunification with Romania

was raised again, the Transdnistrians would be allowed to determine their own fate.

In late June of 1992, after the presidents of Moldova, Romania, Russia and Ukraine signed a joint communiqué calling for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire, a United Nations fact-finding mission was caught during an exchange of gunfire in Bendery, Moldova.

The military agreement guaranteeing a multi-national peacekeeping force, which included six Russian battalions patrolling a neutral zone along the Dniester River, drew skepticism on its success from both sides.

“We were told the war would end in April,” said Col. Vasyl Kalko, commander of the Transdnestrian militia in Bendery. “But on June 19 open aggression began here,” he said. “So we have little hope that this cease-fire will change anything.”

“I think that the political leadership of a nation should conduct itself in such a manner that no regions would wish to secede,” added Col. Kalko, an ethnic Ukrainian.

Many Moldovan leaders explain that the secessionist movement in this region is led by Communist reactionaries, like former Transdnestrian President Igor Smirnov, who deceived the population into believing that the Romanization of Moldova would lead to reunification with Romania.

“Unification with Romania is not the reason for this. The Transdnestrian people are rebelling against the totalitarian regime in Moldova,” said President Snegur. “I would never agree to granting any sort of political status to this region because its leaders are people who came to that area only a short time ago from Russia and other areas, and they are the ones with political ambitions who want political status,” cautioned Mr. Snegur.

The conflict has also brought in a “third force,” which includes mercenaries, among them Don Cossacks and Ukrainian UNSO (Ukrainian National Self-Defense) units, who claimed that the land belonged to them, and thus, they arrived to fight for it.

“Our ancestors shed blood for this land, and we will continue this tradition,” said Otaman Georgi Platonov from Irkutsk. “The Romanians will not rule here,” added the Russian Cossack sitting behind a desk in a dark room of the headquarters, which used to be a popular café.

“I think the future of Moldova must be decided by a referendum, and not by the ambitions of political leaders,” said Vyacheslav Barat, the commander of a detachment of Moldovan forces stationed outside of Dubossary. A young Russian soldier at a Moldovan camp in Dubossary added, “If you ask me what should be done, I would say that we, Moldovan troops, should turn our guns toward Chisinau and shoot the forces in Parliament.”

Source: “Battle-weary Transdnistrians pessimistic about new ceasefire,” by Marta Kolomayets, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, August 2, 1992.

IN THE PRESS

Commentary on developments in Ukraine and the inadequate response from the U.S.

“Another democracy neglected,” by Joel Brinkley, *San Francisco Chronicle*, July 15:

“In his second inaugural address, in January 2005, President [George W.] Bush declared a new, cardinal goal for his administration, ‘to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture.’

“Immediately, his critics began calling this a subterfuge – pulling an evergreen issue out of the diplomatic handbook to shift the focus from the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

“No matter the actual motivation, after two and a half years, dozens of speeches and hundreds of millions of dollars have been devoted to this effort. So it might be worthwhile to look at the results by focusing on one country: Ukraine. It has turned into a poster child for the flawed premise of Bush’s paint-by-numbers approach to encouraging democratic transitions in authoritarian states: Hold an election, celebrate its successful completion – then move on.

“In fact, just a few months after Ukraine’s Orange Revolution, in late 2004, the State Department announced it was cutting foreign assistance for Ukraine because it had ‘moved toward graduation.’ Within a year, Ukraine had descended into political chaos.

“... Washington largely lost interest in Ukraine after the glorious, American-funded revolution. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stopped by once in 2005, to buck up [President Viktor] Yushchenko. Otherwise Ukraine languished on its own. Had the administration spent even half as much time, energy and resources on helping the new president as it did unseating the old one, perhaps the outcome might have been different. ...”

“Viktor Iudorum,” *The Economist*, July 5:

“... To be sure, there are deep cultural, historical and economic differences between the east and the south of Ukraine, which supports Mr. [-Viktor] Yanukovich [sic], and the pro-Yushchenko west (with Ms. [Yulia] Tymoshenko’s support coming from the middle). Only 38 percent of western Ukrainians have been to the east of the country and 35 percent of easterners to the west, says one poll. The east, part of the Russian empire for centuries, is largely Orthodox and Russian-speaking. Donetsk, Mr. Yanukovich’s hometown, was the industrial heartland of the Soviet Union. By contrast western Ukraine was ruled, as Galicia, first by Poland and then by Austria-Hungary, joining the Soviet Union only in 1945. It is partly Catholic and mostly Ukrainian-speaking.

“Yet these differences between east and west, exploited by politicians on both sides, have not turned into separatism or even hatred. One thing all parts of the country agree on is that they want a united, independent Ukraine. For all the talk of a pro-Russian mood in the east, none of the Russian oligarchs has been allowed to gain control of its industrial assets. ...

“The real differences between Mr. Yanukovich and Mr. [Viktor] Yushchenko

lie in their values, style of governance and the economic interests they stand for. Behind Mr. Yanukovich lurk powerful billionaire oligarchs who control most of the former Soviet mines and giant steelworks in the east. They need markets in Europe, cheap gas from Russia and political connections. Mr. Yanukovich’s critics say that, despite an attempt at a makeover, he still bears the marks left by the criminalized post-Soviet era. To him, they claim, European integration is a way of gaining new markets rather than of installing democratic values. But Mr. Yanukovich also appeals to eastern Ukrainians who see him as a paternal post-Soviet figure who will ensure stable pensions and salaries and won’t bother with empty promises of a new way of life.

“For his part, Mr. Yushchenko sees it as his mission to transform a post-Soviet country into a democratic European one. Despite allegations of corruption in his entourage, most of Mr. Yushchenko’s support comes from millionaires who need clear rules and independent courts to enforce contracts. Since there are no giant industrial employers in western Ukraine, private initiative is the only way forward. ...”

“Escaping Putin’s Energy Squeeze,” by Adrian Karatnycky, *The Washington Post*, July 1:

“As Presidents George W. Bush and Vladimir Putin meet in Kennebunkport, Maine, this weekend, Russia’s leader has many reasons to smile. His country is increasing its strategic dominance over Europe’s energy supplies while U.S.-led efforts to promote energy diversity for Europe are faltering and the European Union’s energy policies are in disarray. ...

“... But the coming months could bring a turnaround. Concerned by Western passivity, the presidents of Poland, Ukraine and Lithuania have taken the lead in two recent energy-focused summits that brought together leaders of the Caspian and Central European regions.

“Their aim is to give new impetus to a route that would link Caspian and Central Asian oil to the Odesa-Gdansk pipeline. This regional initiative deserves more than rhetorical encouragement from Europe and far greater attention at the upper reaches of the Bush administration.

“... There are two reasons for optimism on this matter. One is the diplomacy of the presidents of Poland, Ukraine and Lithuania and the increased interest of energy-rich Azerbaijan in reducing Europe’s dependence on Russia. The second is the U.S. presidential campaign. With the next election likely to be decided in states such as Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania, where millions of Polish, Ukrainian and Baltic Americans reside, the issue of a focused energy security policy for ‘Old’ and ‘New’ Europe is likely to get some attention.

“It’s not likely to be a major factor in the campaign, but as with NATO expansion into Central Europe in the 1992 election, it’s a potential ‘side’ issue that could resonate among tens of thousands of voters in states where such numbers might represent the margin of victory. ...”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putin-bashing can get out of hand

Dear Editor:

If moderation is a virtue, it is not evident in The Ukrainian Weekly's editorial of June 17. Putin-bashing is always tempting and alluring, given President Vladimir Putin's propensity for autocratic pirouettes and nifty rhetoric. But lambasting Mr. Putin can get out of hand when it is used to mollify one's own frustrations about the ineptness of Ukraine's poobas who are managing the fragments of Ukraine's government.

Similar frustration is apparent in Stephen Velychenko's broadside at the Party of the Regions in Action Ukraine Report, excerpted in the same June 17 issue of The Weekly. The author fumes at Viktor Yanukovich's and his party's makeover which makes them appear respectable and suave, as well as mindful of hairstyles. Sounds like we have been had by vile rascals. President Viktor Yushchenko's cardinal blunders shortly after the Orange Revolution and corruption in his circles seem to have been forgotten. "Impotent rage" might not be the right description of Prof. Velychenko's article, but that's what comes to mind.

As for President Putin, despite his foibles he has done a thing or two right – for Russia. Most importantly, he has prevented the takeover of Russia's economy and resources by foreign capital. The government now controls the majority share of key enterprises. It has decisively curbed the oligarchs who were stripping Russia of its assets and selling them off to Western connections. Russians again are proud to be Russians. What a contrast to Boris Yeltsin's time, when Muscovites were lining up in bread lines, while the greatest ambition of many young girls was to become a prostitute for Western customers.

Mr. Putin's response to the recent American play of placing missiles in central Europe is entirely understandable. President George W. Bush's entire anti-ballistic missile project is a costly charade that the Clinton administration had refused to proceed with. It is a technical hokum that channels taxpayers' dollars into the military-industrial profit column. Political players know this full well, but that's where patriotic posturing takes over sanity – on both sides.

Boris Danik
North Caldwell, N.J.

UNA Seniors support Weekly

Dear Editor:

With appreciation of your work and best wishes for the future, the UNA Seniors Conference, which took place at Soyuzivka on June 10-15, decided to donate \$100 to The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund.

May this paper, which is so interesting and informative, come to our homes for many years. Best of luck in your work.

Sincere regards from the UNA Seniors Club.

Oksana Trytjak
Ija Wasylenko
Kerhonkson, N.Y.

The letter-writers are, respectively, president and treasurer of the UNA Seniors Club.

Poor attendance at our churches

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately, attendance has been declining in some of our churches. Rather than debate which to close, we should work together to increase membership, attendance and funding of our Ukrainian churches. Our churches would easily thrive with the work, advice and financial support of the plethora of professionals, scholars and skilled workers within our community. So many have worked hard to achieve so much professionally and personally, but the missing key to ultimate success and happiness is our public devotion to God in our churches.

Our most important relationship deserves the respect involved in openly celebrating and affirming that relationship on a regular basis. Many say they can pray at home, and perhaps the intent is good, however, one may question the commitment. We should work to commit ourselves wholeheartedly to God and our churches, rich with the traditions of our forefathers. We have so much for which to be thankful, and we're certainly not foolish enough to think we have achieved our successes solely by our own work or merits.

Rather, we owe a deep and eternal gratitude to God. We should also be grateful to our parents and grandparents. They came to America with a great deal of spirituality, intellect and culture, but with little material wealth. Their priorities and vision enabled them to accomplish great things, often in the face of adversity. Many endured menial conditions or even ridicule (since initial lack of English proficiency prevented them from articulating their wealth of knowledge), yet remained steadfast in their dedication to God, family, Ukraine and their new home, America.

They hoped and prayed for us, and with us, in the beloved churches they built. To close our churches or even to abandon them (except on Christmas or Easter) would be selfish and denote failure on our part. There are many Ukrainian events where the bar and "zabava" are packed (it's good to have fun at zabavy, too), however, the next morning the church is often sadly empty. No one expects perfection, however, we can do better as individuals and as a community to fill our churches and keep them vibrant for many more years to come.

Kristine Lykthey
Utica, N.Y.

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Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



A home at last

If there is one area of Ukrainian history that is sorely neglected, it is diaspora studies.

Many of our academic historians prefer to focus on what they consider "real" history, i.e., the history of Ukraine proper. Immigration studies have traditionally taken a back seat in the United States, especially at such stellar institutions as Harvard. What makes this so painful is the fact that Ukrainian studies at Harvard University wouldn't even exist if it had not been for the very immigration that Harvard professors now so cavalierly ignore.

It's not as if the United States doesn't offer a wealth of primary sources for research. Immigration archives can be found at Ukrainian museum libraries in New York City, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, and Dickinson, N.D. The Immigration History Research Center (IHRC) at the University of Minnesota houses the premier Ukrainian archive collection.

To assist historians, a research guide to Ukrainian and Carpatho-Rusyn American newspapers was recently compiled by Halyna Myroniuk of the IHRC and Dr. Alexander Lushnycky and published by the IHRC and the Shevchenko Scientific Society.

In Canada, of course, the situation is quite different. The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta has published a number of books on immigration, including "The Refugee Experience: Ukrainian Displaced Persons after World War II," edited by Profs. Wsevolod W. Isajiw, Yury Boshyk and Roman Senkus. "A Heritage in Transition: Essays in the History of Ukrainians in Canada," edited by Manoly Lupul, former director of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, remains a classic. Dr. Lupul's memoirs are a recent valuable addition to the genre.

The University of Toronto Press has many immigration publications, including "The Ukrainian Americans: Roots and Aspirations, 1884-1954" by this writer; "Ukrainians in North America" by Orest Subtelny; "Canada's Ukrainians: Negotiating an Identity," edited by Profs. Lubomyr Luciuk and Stella Hryniuk, and "Searching for Place: Ukrainian Displaced Persons, Canada and the Migration of Memory" by Prof. Luciuk.

Many of us involved with Ukrainian immigration studies dreamed of the day when historians in Ukraine would become interested in North America's Ukrainians. There was little hope of that during Soviet times when Ukrainian immigrants were portrayed as "bourgeois nationalist/fascist collaborators," worthy of attention only as war criminals.

After 1991 some scholars from Ukraine – especially those attending the annual weeklong conferences at the University of Illinois – began to demonstrate an interest in our communities, mainly the result of the efforts of Profs. Lubomyr Wynar, Oleh Wolowyna and Dmytro Shtohryn. As interest grew, support for an institute of Ukrainian immigration studies in Ukraine,

first proposed by Prof. Wynar, emerged.

Today, such a center is thriving. The Institute for Ukrainian Diaspora Studies was founded at the National University of Ostroh Academy in 2002. It is under the direction of Prof. Alla Atamanenko, a graduate of the University of Dnipropetrovsk and a student of the renowned Ukrainian historian Mykola Kovalsky who later became chair of the department of history at Ostroh. Many of his colleagues and students followed the legendary professor to Ostroh.

As stated in its by-laws, the Ostroh Institute has a twofold purpose: "to study various aspects of the life, activity, social development and academic creativity among Ukrainians living beyond their native land; to expand and deepen ties with Ukrainian communities outside of Ukraine."

The institute has the following objectives: 1. The theoretical and practical development of academic questions relating to the preparation of undergraduate as well as graduate studies (masters, candidate and doctoral dissertations) in the area of diaspora research; 2. the organization of academic conferences and seminars; 3. the publication of books and monographs; 4. the preparation of university courses and curriculum materials for middle and high schools; 5. cooperation with academics within Ukraine and the diaspora. 6. the creation of a library and archival center of works related to the Ukrainian diaspora.

Two conferences have already been sponsored by the institute and the proceedings published. The institute has also published the Ukrainian version of "Ukrainian Citadel: The First Hundred Years of the Ukrainian National Association," translated by Natalia Lominska to conform to contemporary Ukrainian language usage, and proofread by Hanna Holovka and Lubov Cherukha. Staff members at The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda were especially helpful during the translation process.

Organizations with which the institute has established cooperative ties include the Ukrainian Museum in Cleveland, the IHRC, the University of Illinois, the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies and the Shevchenko Scientific Society.

The editorial board of the The Ukrainian Historian, an academic journal once edited by Prof. Wynar in the United States, is now located at the institute.

The institute itself, housed in the newly built library at Ostroh University, is state-of-the-art. The facility, like the library, is impressive with its own resource center, computers, study center and a full-time staff. Ukrainian diaspora studies finally have a permanent home.

To my knowledge, the Institute for Ukrainian Diaspora Studies is a unique entity in Ukraine, perhaps the world. It exists only at the National University of Ostroh Academy, another reason for Ukrainians the world over to support this outstanding institution.

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During a visit to Babyn Yar (from left) are: Rabbi Alexander Duchovny, chief progressive rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine; Robert Slaughter; Rep. Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.); Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Wis.); Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.); Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.) and Myrna Cardin; Rep. Hilda L. Solis (D-Calif.); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.); Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-N.C.) and Dee McIntyre; and Sami Sayyad (husband of Rep. Solis).



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At the Famine-Genocide memorial in Kyiv (from left) are: Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.); Orest Deychakiwsky Helsinki Commission staff advisor; Ukrainian American survivor of the Holodomor Eugenia Dallas; and Dr. Brian Monahan.



At a press conference held in Kyiv during the annual meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (from left) are: Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R-Ala.); Helsinki Commission Co-Chairman Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.); Helsinki Commission Chairman Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (D-Fla.); Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.); and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor.



Members of the U.S. congressional delegation at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant's Industrial Heating Plant, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Two bills in Canada's House of Commons focus on Holodomor

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – On June 13, Member of Parliament James Bezan of Manitoba became the second Canadian lawmaker within days to introduce a bill in the House of Commons calling for the recognition of the 1932-1933 Great Famine in Ukraine as genocide and the establishment of a commemorative day to mark what has become known as the Holodomor.

"I am a Ukrainian Canadian and want to put forward this bill so that our government will acknowledge the deaths of 10 million victims as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people," stated Mr. Bezan. "I am also calling upon historians, journalists and educators to record and include the facts from this horrible geno-

cide so that all Canadians can learn from this tragic piece of Ukrainian history."

The proposed Private Member's Bill C-459 would be an act of the Canadian Parliament to establish a Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day and to recognize the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 as an act of genocide.

Commenting on the proposed act, Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Orysia Sushko said, "The UCC is pleased that Mr. Bezan has taken this step in proposing his bill. It is gratifying that MPs from all sides of the House of Commons understand the need for such positive legislation. We hope that both sides will be able to come together and enact a bill rec-

ognizing the Holodomor as a genocide. Ukrainian Canadians, including survivors of the Holodomor, are grateful that in this, the 75th anniversary of this terrible event, the Famine-Genocide is receiving the attention it deserves."

Liberal MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj (Etobicoke Center, Ontario), who had introduced Bill C-450, the Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Remembrance Day Act, on June 4, was not positively inclined toward Mr. Bezan's private member's bill.

According to a news release from Mr. Wrzesnewskyj's office, the Liberal MP had approached all parties, including Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan and Conservative Whip Jay Hill, among

others, in an effort to elicit broad support for his own bill, which was seconded by MP Inky Mark. Mr. Hill communicated that the Conservatives were only prepared to vote in favor of a motion and not a bill to recognize the Famine-Genocide.

On June 13 Mr. Wrzesnewskyj again approached Mr. Hill, who explained that under no condition would Conservative MPs support the passage of Bill C-450. Mr. Wrzesnewskyj said he was stunned later that day when Conservative MP James Bezan introduced a similar measure, Bill C-459, in the House of Commons.

On June 14 Mr. Wrzesnewskyj introduced a motion seeking unanimous consent for the passage of Bill C-450. He said: "Mr. Speaker, as the Conservative Member for Selkirk-Interlake yesterday introduced Private Member's Bill C-459, identical in its intent and outcome to my previously introduced Bill C-450, I would like to seek consent for the following motion that deals with the 75th anniversary of the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, Bill C-450: that notwithstanding any standing order or the usual practices of the House, Bill C-450, an act respecting a national day of remembrance of the Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide, be deemed to have been read a second time, referred to a committee of the whole, reported without amendment, concurred in at report stage and read a third time and passed."

The Conservative House leader and MP Bezan both voted down this motion.

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj said, "I'm indescribably saddened by Mr. Bezan's and Mr. Van Loan's shameful and politically cynical conduct around the issue of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide. If Mr. Bezan truly cared about the Holodomor and Ukrainian Canadian issues, he would not have yelled 'nay' to the passage of this bill."

Spain's Parliament issues statement on Ukrainian Famine

Ukrainian World Congress

TORONTO – The Congress of Deputies of Spain on May 30 issued a Statement honoring the memory of the victims of the Ukrainian Great Famine (Holodomor) of 1932-1933. The statement was issued in connection with the upcoming 75th anniversary of the tragedy. The draft had been initiated and submitted by the Convergence and Unification party.

The final text of the statement honors the millions of innocent victims of the tragedy; remembers the totalitarian brutality of the Stalin regime, which violated human rights and brought about millions of victims; condemns the disdain for human life and human rights which characterized totalitarian regimes – Stalin's and Hitler's; lends support to efforts on the part of the government of Ukraine for international recognition of the Ukrainian Famine; and stresses that an independent and democratic Ukraine is the best guarantor that a similar

atrocities does not befall the Ukrainian people. In its conclusion the statement from the Congress of Deputies calls upon the government of Ukraine to deepen its cooperation with the European Union and neighboring countries, especially Russia.

According to Ukraine's Embassy in Madrid, the original text submitted by the Convergence and Unification party included a declaration that "the artificial Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 was a genuine genocide in accordance with the definition of the Convention of Nations" [United Nations' Genocide Convention of 1948]. However, representatives of Spain's ruling Socialist Workers Party insisted that provision be deleted. Also, the original draft did not include the final provision about deepening cooperation with the EU and neighboring countries, especially Russia.

For some reason this provision was inserted by the opposition People's Party, which argued its necessity due to the lack of

a binding agreement between Ukraine and the Russian Federation regarding lines of energy transport. It's not clear how this is related to the Great Famine of 1932-1933, the Ukrainian World Congress commented.

Nonetheless, the statement of Spain's Congress of Deputies is significant as another step in the continuing process of seeking international recognition of the Great Famine. Credit for this belongs to the personnel of Ukraine's Embassy in Madrid and the assistance of the new Ukrainian Spanish communities. Stronger draft statements that include language about "genocide" have been submitted by the Ukrainian Spanish communities on regional levels and are awaiting resolution.

Spain's Congress of Deputies is the 10th Parliament to have passed a resolution or statement in this matter. Others are: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and the United States.

Bilaniuk lectures in D.C. on theories about the end of the universe

by Yaro Bihun

WASHINGTON – Prof. Oleksa-Myron Bilaniuk, a nuclear physicist of some renown, discussed the various theories about how the universe may end – or maybe not end – during a lecture on June 15 at the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington.

Titled “Fiery Crunch or Frigid Void? – Cosmological Reflections on the Ultimate Fate of Our Universe,” his presentation covered the reasoning behind the various theories of the world’s ultimate demise many billions of years from now, including the series of “Big” happenings (Bang, Crunch, Chill, Freeze, Rip), and the influence of these on the Earth’s density and shape.

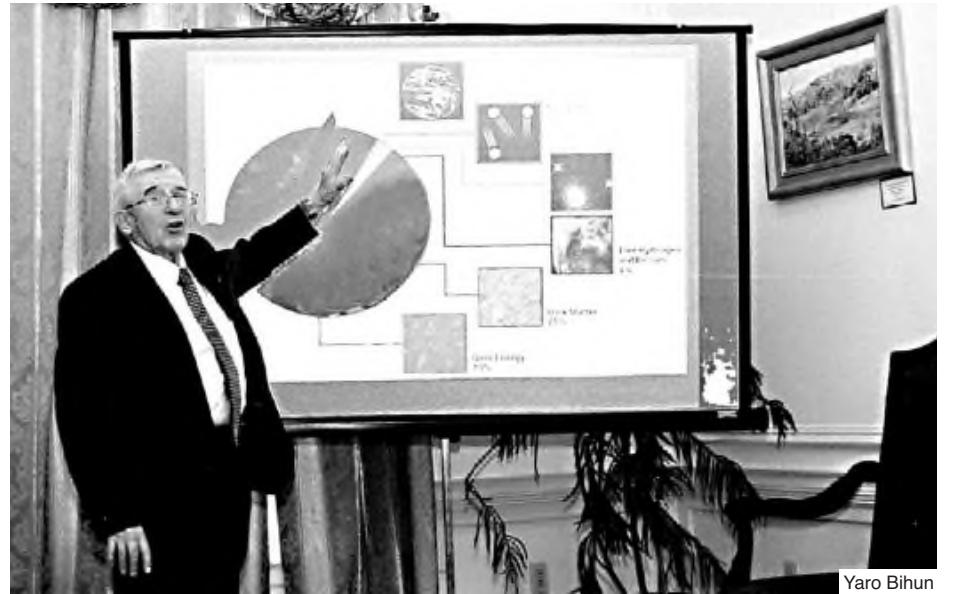
Dr. Bilaniuk is a Centennial Professor of Physics Emeritus at Swarthmore College, a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the former president of the

Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S.

His was the third in a series of scientific presentations at the Ukrainian Embassy sponsored by the Ukrainian Engineers’ Society of America, The Washington Group, the Shevchenko Scientific Society, the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S. and the Embassy of Ukraine.

The series began in December 2006 with a presentation by Dr. Ludmilla Kolokolova of the University of Maryland, who spoke about the nature of comets and their effect on the development of earth.

In the second lecture, on March 30, Dr. Eugene Z. Stakhiv of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers addressed some of the important issues of Hurricane Katrina – what went wrong and the lessons learned.



Prof. Oleksa-Myron Bilaniuk lectures on how the universe might end.

Ukraine's new ambassador to the U.N. visits Shevchenko Society

NEW YORK – Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev, the newly appointed permanent representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, paid a visit to the headquarters of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in America (NTSh) on June 29. He was accompanied by the second secretary of the Ukrainian Mission, Vitaliy Pohribnyi.

Representing NTSh were: Dr. Orest Popovych, president; Dr. Roman Andrushkiw, first vice-president, Dr. Roman Procyk, vice-president and learned secretary; Dr. Daria Dykyj, vice-president and treasurer; Svitlana Andrushkiw, library director; as well as board members Dr. Larissa Onyshkevych, Dr. Taras Hunczak, Prof. Vasyl Lopukh and Prof. Vasyl Makhno.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Popovych informed the guests about the society’s activities in North America and Ukraine over the last few years. Dr. Andrushkiw reported on the successful efforts by NTSh to convince Microsoft to offer the Ukrainian language in their computer programs in Ukraine.

Dr. Procyk expressed the society’s concerns about the growing incidents of censorship in Ukraine of scholarly journals, as well as the use of textbooks prepared by Communist and Socialist party functionaries. Recently, the director of the State Committee of Archives of Ukraine – a Communist, has been trying to prohibit access to all documents pertaining to the

past Communist repressions in Ukraine, a development that has negative implications for the studies of the Holodomor, the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 in particular, said Dr. Procyk. Dr. Onyshkevych sounded the alarm about the recent threats to close down several cultural institutions in Kyiv.

The Shevchenko Society’s concerns about the current threats to Ukrainian scholarship and culture in Ukraine were summarized in a letter presented to Ambassador Sergeyev.

In turn, Ambassador Sergeyev expressed his appreciation for the willingness of the NTSh leadership to meet with him and to share information on the sub-

ject of the current status of Ukrainian studies and culture. He promised to raise the society’s concerns at the appropriate governmental forums of Ukraine and spoke of plans by the Ukrainian diplomatic mission in New York to work with Ukrainian American organizations, in particular NTSh. Dr. Sergeyev referred to his experience of close cooperation with the NTSh center in Sarcelles during his tenure as Ukraine’s ambassador to France.

Guided by Mrs. Andrushkiw, the diplomats were taken on a tour of the NTSh library and archives. At the close of the meeting they received as gifts a number of books recently published by NTSh.



Vasyl Lopukh

In the entranceway of the Shevchenko Scientific Society building (from left) are: Vasyl Makhno, Orest Popovych, Vitaliy Pohribnyi, Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev, Roman Andrushkiw, Svitlana Andrushkiw, Larissa Onyshkevych and Daria Dykyj.

Mission Statement

The Ukrainian National Association exists:

- 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.

As a fraternal insurance society, the Ukrainian National Association reinvests its earnings for the benefit of its members and the Ukrainian community.

Folklore and ethnology draw attendance at Canadian national conference of Slavists

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan – The Canadian Association of Slavists (CAS) annual conference was held on May 26-28 here at the University of Saskatchewan and ethnologists were pleased to note that the number of panels regarding Ukrainian ethnology had doubled from the previous year and quadrupled from 2005.

Seven panel discussions addressed topics in Ukrainian folklore and ethnology. There was a large contingent of speakers from the University of Alberta’s Peter and Doris Kule Center for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore that included Dr. Andriy Nahachewsky, director, Kule Center for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore and Huculak Chair in Ukrainian Culture and Ethnography; Dr. Natalie Kononenko, Kule Chair in Ukrainian Ethnography, who spoke on “Ukrainian Ballads in Canada”; and Dr. Bohdan Medwidzky, Bohdan Medwidzky Ukrainian Folklore Archives, with a paper on “Revisiting High and Low Culture: Two Sides of the Same Coin.”

Also participating were: Dr. Peter Holloway, who presented “Packaging Ukrainian Folklore For Schools”; Nadya Foty, archivist, who talked about “Data Collection and Retrieval: Current Projects at the Bohdan Medwidzky Ukrainian Folklore Archives”; and Mariya Lesiv, Andriy Chernevych and Greg Borowetz, graduate students from the University of Alberta Modern Languages and Cultural Studies Department with papers on “Constructing Charisma: Leaders of the Ukrainian Neo-Pagan Movements,” “The Ukrainian-Canadian Pysanka in the Context of Western Aesthetics,” “Pioneer Stories: Family Narratives about

Immigration and Settlement among Ukrainian Canadians” and “Dual Coding in the Proverbs of Kalendar Kanadiiskoho Farmera.”

Speakers from other Canadian institutions included Andriy Makuch, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies; Peter Melnycky, Alberta Historic Site and Museums; David Makowsky, Gord Yaremchuk and Vita Holoborodko, independent scholars; Irene Jendzjowsky, Provincial Archives of Alberta; Dr. Natalia Shostak, University of Saskatchewan; Orysia Tracz, Dr. Denis Hlynka and Dr. Robert Klymasz, University of Manitoba; and Lessia Petriv, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Alberta Historic Sites and Museums.

They were joined by a record number of participants from Ukraine: Dr. Maryna Hrymych, University of Kyiv; Dr. Yuriy Makar and Dr. Vitaliy Makar, Chernivtsi National University; and Dr. Iryna Matiash, Ukrainian Research Institute for Archival and Records Studies, Kyiv.

Conference participants attended a reception at the St. Thomas More Gallery, where they enjoyed the exhibition “Far, Far Away: Postcards from Pre-Revolutionary Ukraine,” organized by The Prairie Center for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) and St. Thomas More Gallery.

The annual general meeting of the Canadian Association of Ukrainian Ethnology (CAUE) was also held at the conference. The Kule Center extended its thanks to Radomir Bilash, president of CAUE, for encouraging so many panel participants to submit their presentations for discussion.

The 2012 European soccer championship: what's ahead for Ukraine

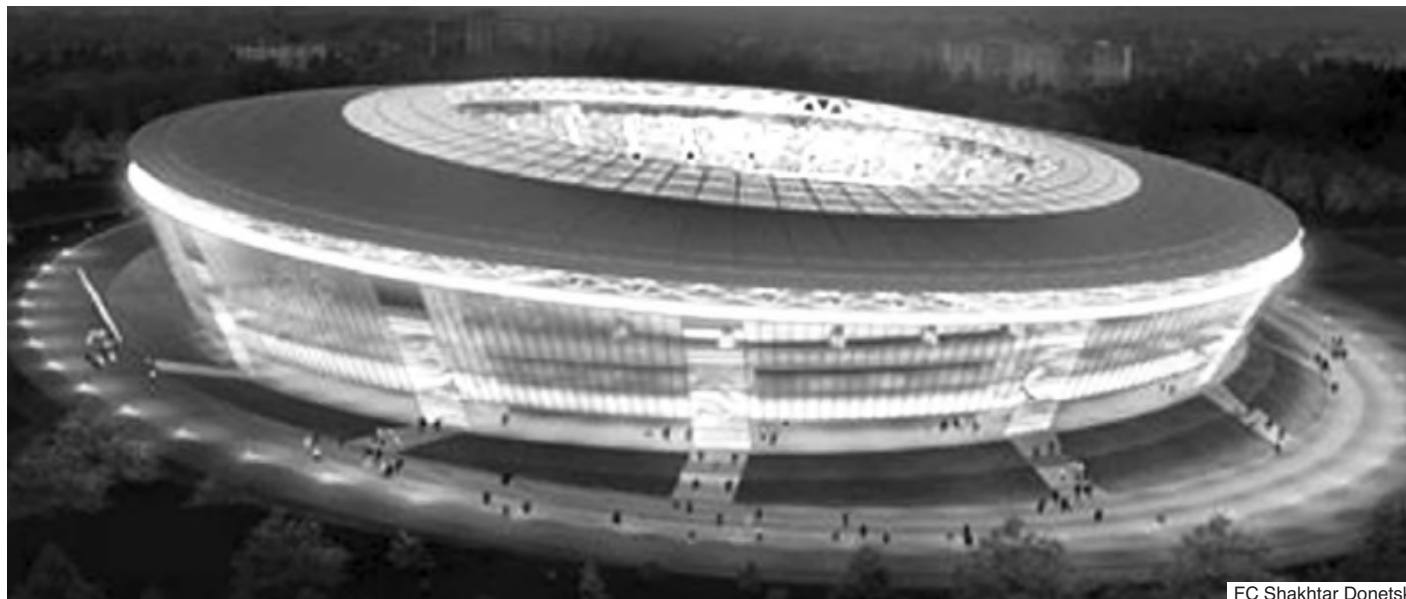
by Roman Tabatchouk

On April 18, UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) President Michel Platini announced that Ukraine and Poland had won their joint bid to host the 2012 European Championship (Euro). The surprise decision was even more surprising in that Ukraine and Poland had received eight out of the 12 votes, topping both Italy and the joint bid of Croatia and Hungary.

The chosen host cities were: Gdansk, Poznan, Warsaw and Wroclaw in Poland and Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv and Lviv in Ukraine, with Kyiv being chosen as the location of the final. Reserve cities (selected in case chosen cities do not work out) were: Chorzow and Krakow in Poland, and Odesa and Kharkiv in Ukraine. A second stadium in Donetsk was chosen as a reserve stadium as well.

The announcement led to widespread celebration throughout Ukraine and Poland. Soon thereafter, committees were set up in each country to prepare for the Euro. In Ukraine President Viktor Yushenko became the head of the Euro 2012 Organizing Committee that will be making the preparations and hosting of this event one of Ukraine's top priorities.

Ukraine has a long way to go before



FC Shakhtar Donetsk

A rendering of the new five-star stadium of Shakhtar Donetsk, to be completed by the end of 2008. The stadium will host the quarter- and semi-finals of Euro 2012.

and Kharkiv have slowly deteriorated. Transportation in Ukraine has also been left by the wayside as roads, highways and local public transportation units such as trams, have all deteriorated or have not been properly updated. Airports in Ukraine lack the proper capacity, and there are just a

its cities, transportation and stadiums in a hurry.

The one advantage Ukraine will have is its soccer infrastructure. Not only do Ukrainian cities have adequate soccer facilities but there are a number of new state-of-the-art stadiums being built. Donetsk and Dnipropetrovsk will have new stadiums seating 55,000 and 35,000, respectively, completed by next season. Donetsk's stadium is going to be the only five-star stadium in Ukraine and one of two in Eastern Europe (Luzhniki in Moscow being the other). Kharkiv will be done with its renovations by that time as well, and pledged nearly 40 million Euros for its reconstruction. Odesa and Donetsk's back-up stadium, the Olympic stadium, will undergo renovations in the near future as well.

Ukraine must overcome serious problems in regards to stadiums in Kyiv and in Lviv.

There has been no decision on whether the Olympic stadium in Kyiv will undergo renovations or whether a new stadium will be built instead. Currently the stadium seats 84,000; with renovations that number would drop to 77,000. The Euro commission has proposed the construction of a new facility

to seat up to as many as 80,000 fans in a new location, but no concrete decision has yet been made. The new project would cost over \$200 million (U.S.) and the stadium would be located on the outskirts of the city.

Lviv has a similar issue. The Ukrayina stadium may not be renovated and a new stadium might be built. A proposal has already been presented, a number of architectural designs have been submitted and land has been secured in the Stryiskyi region. The new stadium would cost about \$80 million and would seat 32,000 to 40,000 fans. Adjacent to the stadium, a concert complex will be built. A name has also been proposed for the new facility: Lemberg – Lviv's former name under the Austro-Hungarian Empire. However, nothing concrete has been decided, and the process has been put off until next year.

Local stadiums must also be revitalized in order to be used as the training bases for international teams. Lviv has selected Silmash, SKA and Yunist as its training facilities, and not one of those stadiums is in satisfactory condition. Ukrayina is cur-

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FC Karpaty Lviv

The Ukrayina Stadium in Lviv, which will be used to host group matches unless a new stadium is built.

2012, and the road ahead is not only difficult but quite troubling. Since the fall of the USSR, only Kyiv has been modernized and refurbished. Meanwhile, cities like Lviv

handful of hotels – about 110 in all – in major cities outside of Kyiv. With 250,000 plus fans expected to enter Ukraine during the Euro, Ukraine will have to modernize



FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk

Depiction of the new stadium of Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk that is to be completed by October of this year.

Bone marrow drive held for Maryland youth

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Secondary acute myeloid leukemia is caused by chemotherapy that was used to cure another cancer. It can manifest at any time and it is not age or sex dependent. The only way to cure acute leukemia is through a bone marrow transplant.

This is the situation in which Michyo Iwashko, 20, of Lutherville-Timonium, Md., finds himself today.

In 2005 he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. After surgery and 13 months of intense chemotherapy, Mr. Iwashko was in remission and was able to continue with his life. He attended Towson University for one year, was a counselor at Plast's Vovcha Tropa camp and joined the Khmelnychenky fraternity of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization. He also recently learned to play the accordion and was scheduled to perform with the dance group Fantazia at various Ukrainian festivals this fall.

Unexpectedly, over Memorial Day weekend, Mr. Iwashko was diagnosed with secondary acute myeloid leukemia. He is in dire need of a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Anyone meeting certain age and health criteria can be a donor.

This past weekend at Soyuzivka, during its first-ever Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival, Mr. Iwashko's older brother Lev held a bone marrow drive partially sponsored by the Law Firm of Stanzione and Kim. More than 50 individuals stepped up to the plate, but this is a "numbers game," according to Lev Iwashko. The search for compatible donors continues.

Anyone wishing to be tested for compatibility can send an e-mail to MarrowForMichyo@gmail.com. Please include your name, phone number, address and age, and you will receive a testing kit from the National Donor Bone Marrow Foundation, along with detailed instructions. Time is of the essence, notes Lev Iwashko.

Ukrainian American Youth Association visits Soyuzivka

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – The Ukrainian American Youth Association's (UAYA) Vyshkilnyi Camp visited Soyuzivka for the opening of the estate's first Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival on July 11. The trip, which was coordinated by Roman Kozicky, the director (komendant) of the Vyshkilnyi Camp, and Nestor Paslawsky, general manager of Soyuzivka, brought 91 campers and seven head counselors to the festival.

The participants took part not only in the opening of the festival, but also in the blazing of a new trail.

The Vyshkilnyi Camp at the nearby UAYA property in Ellenville, N.Y., usually runs for three weeks and during the third week the camp has a nature hike. However, this year the camp was cut down to two weeks, and in order to maintain tradition Komendant Kozicky decided to organize a similar outing. He contact-

ed Mr. Paslawsky at Soyuzivka and together they decided that it would be beneficial for them to cooperate as the UAYA camp needed a nature hike and Soyuzivka had a new trail it wanted to blaze and a festival it was hosting. This trip also gave many of the UAYA campers from areas outside of the Northeast an opportunity to see Soyuzivka for the first time.

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A group of campers from the Ukrainian American Youth Association during their visit to nearby Soyuzivka.

Thousands gather...

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Organization in attendance.

The film portion of the festival was opened in the Veselka hall on Wednesday evening July 11, by film festival director Christina Kotlar, who is an independent writer, director and producer in the New York metropolitan area, with the screening of "Mamay," the entry for Best Foreign Film at the Academy Awards in 2004.

On Thursday afternoon the festival continued with documentaries about Ukraine's Orange Revolution providing different views and vantage points, including "Nevseremos" (People from the Maidan) by Serhy Maslobovshchikov and "Orange Winter" by Andrei Zagdansky.

In the evening, Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, the festival's programming director, founding director of Columbia University's Ukrainian Film Club and lecturer of Ukrainian language and culture at Columbia University, moderated a discussion and screening of the Chernobyl documentary "La Zona" (The Unnamed Zone), with filmmakers Carlos Rodriguez and Asun Lasarte on hand for questions.

With the increase in availability of Ukrainian-language films, Dr. Shevchuk moderated a discussion on Friday morning about how to build your own Ukrainian film collection and the dubbing of films into Ukrainian, followed by the screening of the animated film "Karlson Who Lives on the Roof."

Later that afternoon, a sampling of award-winning films that have been featured at international film festivals, including the Cannes and the Berlin festivals, included "Podorozhni" (Wayfarers) by Ihor Strembitsky, "Piesadlia Triokh Aktoriv" (Play for Three Actors) by Oleksander Shmyhun, "Proty Sontsia" (Counterclockwise) by Valentyn Vasianovych, "Tyr" (The Shooting Gallery) by Taras Tomenko, and "Ishov Tramvay Nomer Deviat" (Streetcar No. 9) by Stepan Koval.

For those with a taste for nostalgia and a bit of old-fashioned humor, Dr. Shevchuk introduced Viktor Ivanov's 1961 classic "Za Dvoma Zaytsiamy" (Chasing the Two Hares). For the night owls, a midnight screening of the Norwegian animated film "Terkel i Khalepa," which examines Ukrainian youth today, was shown in Soyuzivka's Main House Library.

On Friday evening guests danced to the music provided by two bands, with Luna on the Veselka patio and Burya in the Veselka hall. Just as Luna's "Kolomyika" finished and another one was about to begin, the unthinkable happened. The power went out downstairs. Many retreated to the patio, the Trembita lounge or the Tiki Bar to wait it out. To counter the dismay of the dancers-in-waiting, this field reporter seized the opportunity to start an improvised sing-along at the Tiki Bar, with music provided by this writer on accordion, and local talent singing Ukrainian songs and dancing to the toe-tapping music.

On Saturday morning Dr. Shevchuk and Ms. Kotlar led a presentation and discussion on the present state of Ukrainian filmmaking, offering their insights into the business side of independent films, filmmaking and distribution. One of the biggest challenges for Ukrainian filmmakers, according to the discussion, is the distribution of their films to a large audience in the Ukrainian language, due to the dominance and legacy of Russification. But the situation is slowly improving, added Dr. Shevchuk.

The discussion was followed by screenings of the short films "Bozhychi" by Anastasia Kharchenko and Svitlana Stepanenko, "There Was a Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" by Olena Fetysova, "Two In One" by Kira Muratova and "By the River" by Yeva Neimann.

Up-and-coming filmmakers and their projects were also highlighted throughout the festival including "The Whisperer" by Andrea Odezynska, "The Balloonist" by Lesya Kalynska, "Kokly" by Natasha Mikhalchuk, "Mertvi Pivni" (Dead

Roosters) by Andriy Parekh and "Angelus" by S. Poznanskiy and Anton Tromimov. Also featured was the documentary "The Orange Chronicles" by Damian Kolodiy and Peter Zielyk.

Ms. Kotlar commented, "The turnout was fabulous, no one expected the number of people because sometimes at film festivals you're not really sure what the audience is looking for. Dr. Yuri Shevchuk did a fantastic job finding films that would appeal to a everyone and fit it within the festival schedule."

"The interest level and awareness of independent film itself has really increased in the past few years. A film festival such as this is the perfect opportunity to increase the accessibility of these films to the public," she added.

In organizing the film portion of the festival, Ms. Kotlar explained that Nestor Paslawsky, Soyuzivka's general manager, was the one who proposed adding the film aspect to the cultural festival, which gave something a little extra to the cultural aspect of the festival. "It was wonderful that Mr. Paslawsky gave us a free hand in setting up the film portion," Ms. Kotlar said.

"I can't wait for the next one," she added, "that may be run as just a film festival on its own, which will draw more filmmakers and possibly make it the first competitive festival of Ukrainian film in the United States."

The festival's stage programs on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and the spectacular Saturday evening performances – which included acts from across Ukraine and the United States – began on Friday evening with the "Pryvit" or welcome dance performed by the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Workshop, marking the first time it was held at Soyuzivka, under the direction of Ania Bohachevsky Lonkevych, camp director; Kristine Izak, artistic director; Orlando Pagan, instructor and choreographer; and Larysa Pagan, costume designer.

The stage program was led by Ron Cahute on Saturday afternoon and Erko

Palydowycz on Saturday evening as emcees. Friday's program was emceed by Miss Soyuzivka 2007 Deanna Rakowsky.

Over 40 dancers filled the stage as the campers opened with a demonstration of what they've learned over the two weeks of camp. With the precision of a finely tuned Swiss watch, the dancers wowed the audience with their proficiency in Ukrainian dance techniques.

Additional dances included "Znyva," a harvest dance; a wedding dance from the Hutsul region of Ukraine; a Kozak-inspired dance; a modern dance to Ruslana's "Dyka Enerhiya" or Wild Energy; and the staple of Ukrainian dance groups, the Hopak.

Other acts included vocalist Nina Shestakova from Kyiv; the Bandurna Rozmova duo of Taras Lazurkevych and Oleh Sozansky from Lviv; violinist Marian Pidvirny from Brooklyn, N.Y.; vocalist Marina Skliarova from Kyiv; tenor Roman Tymbala from the U.S.; violinist Inessa Tymochko-Dekajlo from Lviv; and pop singer Filip Zmaher from Kyiv.

The festival also hosted Ron Cahute's delightful and fun "Barabolya" children's music program. There was also a varenyky-eating contest, which drew 15 competitors, won by Alexei Bushunov.

Among the lumiaries in attendance at the festival on Saturday was Ambassador Yuriy Sergeev, Ukraine's newly appointed envoy to the United Nations.

Many who attended the festival, echoed the sentiments of Bohdan Tymyc of Yevshan, North America's largest Ukrainian mail order catalogue, and one of the vendors of the festival, who said, "This festival was the best festival ever!"

The success of the festival was due to in large part the phenomenal dedication and tireless efforts of the over 60 volunteers who were united in their love for Soyuzivka who were involved in the planning and organization of the festival during the months preceding the event. Also noteworthy is that many of Soyuzivka's employees donated their day's wages for the main Saturday event.

PHOTO REPORT: Soyuzivka's first Ukrainian festival



Christine Syzonenko

Workshop dancers perform a dance from the Hutsul region.



Matthew Dubas

Nina Shestakova



Oksana Trytjak

Asun Lasarte and Carlos Rodriguez with Dr. Yuri Shevchuk.



Oksana Trytjak

Nestor Paslawsky, Erko Palydowycz, Stefan Kaczaraj, Roma Lisovich and Andrij Stasiw.



Matthew Dubas

Bandurna Rozmova: Taras Lazurkevych and Oleh Sozansky.



Christine Syzonenko

One-handed high-flying kicks draw applause during the Hopak.



Christine Syzonenko

Lev Iwashko plays the groom in the Hutsul Wedding Dance.



Roma Lisovich

Volunteers serve food at Soyuzivka festival.



Christine Syzonenko

Workshop ladies perform in unison during the "Pryvit" dance.



Christine Syzonenko

Kristine Izak, Ania Bohachevsky Lonkevych and Orlando Pagan with flowers after the Hopak finale.



Oksana Trytjak

Swiatoslawa Kaczaraj, Stefan Kaczaraj, Olya Hunczak, Natalia Sergejev, Ambassador Yuri Sergejev and Dr. Taras Hunczak.



Oksana Trytjak

Attendees hiding from the sun and enjoying the concert in front of huge tryzub.



Christine Syzonenko

Spot-spins performed during the Hopak.



Christine Syzonenko

Workshop dancers strike a pose and draw applause at the conclusion of the Hopak.



Christine Syzonenko

Violists Marian Pidvirny and Inessa Tymochko-Dekajlo perform a duet.

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Maria or Marusia. She studied at Hunter College in
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Looking for the burial sites of
Mikolaj, Vladimir, and Elizabeth
Kusznieruk. Born in Vohlynia Poland
(now Volyn, Ukraine) between 1895-
1905. Children of Afanazy and
Euphemia Kusznieruk. Vladimir and
Elizabeth were living in the Rivne
area of Ukraine at the start of WWII.
In September 1941, Mikolaj was to
be transported to Semipalatynsk,
Kazakhstan (now Semey) from
Griazovec, Vladimir Oblast, Russia.
Would also appreciate information
about their descendants.

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Azarov described the disruption of publica-
tion as "a rough interference of the special
services" in the work of the government
newspaper. The newspaper's publication
was suspended after it published the text of
a bill on state purchases that was adopted
by the Verkhovna Rada after its dissolution
by the president. Five thousand copies of
Uriadovi Kurier were distributed, which,
Mr. Azarov argued, means that the bill
came into force, but the publication of the
bill was in violation of a recent decree by
President Viktor Yushchenko suspending
the publication of legislation until a new
Verkhovna Rada convenes. Ihor Pukshyn,
the deputy head of the Presidential
Secretariat, said the same day that "all bills
adopted by the illegitimate Verkhovna
Rada have no legal legitimacy," but he
added that if Mr. Azarov has evidence of
the special services' interference in the
newspaper's work, the case should be
investigated. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Russia may shut radar sites in Ukraine

MOSCOW – The daily Vedomosti
reported on July 12 that Russia would
shut down two early-warning radar sta-
tions based in Ukraine, citing an unnamed
official at Russia's Defense Ministry. The
two sites are located on the Crimean
Peninsula and in the western Ukrainian
border town of Mukachiv. The unnamed
official said that the sites are outdated and
will be replaced by more modern ones on
Russian territory. Moscow pays Kyiv
\$1.5 million in rent each year to operate
the sites under a contract that will expire
at the end of 2007. (RFE/RL Newsline)

No restaurant near Caves Monastery

KYIV – Kyiv Mayor Leonid
Chernovetskyi on July 2 cancelled permis-
sion for the construction of a restaurant
near the Kyivan Monastery of the Caves. City
deputies of the Chernovetskyi Bloc person-
ally broke the fence surrounding the con-
struction area. Mr. Chernovetskyi stressed:
"I promised that on the site where the for-
mer administration illegally allotted land for
the construction of a restaurant there would
be a lovely river bank." Also, the mayor
thanked the monastery's priests "for their
support in restoring justice." On June 12 a
delegation from the Kyivan Monastery of
the Caves protested and suspended con-
struction of the restaurant. According to
Father Varsonofii of the monastery, the ban
on construction was really necessary since
the Lower Caves of the monastery are locat-
ed 200 meters from the construction site.
(Religious Information Service of Ukraine)

Religion Committee releases 2006 stats

KYIV – Ukraine's State Committee on
Matters of Nationalities and Religions has
released the statistics for 2006 on religious
groups in the country. The table was pub-
lished on July 3 by the Lviv Gazette.
According to the report, the number of reli-
gious organizations grew by 857 in 2006,
and, as of January 1, 2007, there were
33,063 organizations. As in previous years,
Orthodoxy continues to have the largest
number of communities; as of January 1
there were 16,581 religious organizations
(50.1 percent of the total). The Ukrainian
Orthodox Church – Moscow Patriarchate is
dominant in Ukrainian Orthodoxy with
10,972 communities. The Ukrainian
Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate is
second with 4,007 religious communities.
The Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church has
the third largest number of religious organi-
zations in Ukraine, 3,628. (Religious
Information Service of Ukraine)

Yatsenyuk critical of Russia's CFE pullout

ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan –
Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister

Arsenii Yatsenyuk told journalists in
Ashgabat on July 14 that Russia's recent
suspension of its participation in the
Conventional Armed Forces in Europe
(CFE) Treaty "is not conducive to
regional security and is not the best deci-
sion Russia could have made," Interfax-
Ukraine reported. Mr. Yatsenyuk was vis-
iting Ashgabat before returning to Kyiv
after a trip to Kabul, Afghanistan.
Answering a question about the potential
threat to Ukraine from Russia's suspen-
sion of the treaty, Mr. Yatsenyuk said
Russia could "in theory" move its armed
forces closer to the Russian-Ukrainian
border. "But we hope Russia will not do
that," he added. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Helsinki Commission leaders react

WASHINGTON – Rep. Alcee L.
Hastings (D-Fla.), chairman of the
Commission on Security and
Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki
Commission), and Sen. Benjamin L.
Cardin (D-Md.), commission co-chair-
man, on July 17 issued the following
statement on Russia's decision to sus-
pend its participation in the Treaty on
Conventional Armed Forces in Europe
(CFE). "We are deeply disappointed in
Russia's decision to suspend the CFE
treaty. This unilateral pronouncement is
clearly not about 'extraordinary circum-
stances' affecting Russia's security, but
rather a discontent with the United
States' plan to place missile defense sys-
tems in Poland and the Czech Republic.
We find this not only to be unsettling, but
also quite unfortunate. While Russia
claims that it is not 'shutting the door to
dialogue,' it is quite evident that this one-
sided decision has been made out of
haste and is a step backwards for
European security. It is our most sincere
hope that Russia will reconsider its deci-
sion." The CFE was negotiated by NATO
and ex-Warsaw Pact member states and
signed in 1990. The CFE, one of the
most significant arms control treaties of
the Cold War, established comprehensive
limits on key categories of conventional
military equipment in Europe and man-
dated the destruction of excess weaponry.
It was amended in 1999 to reflect the dis-
solution of the former Soviet Union and
the fact that many of the Warsaw Pact
allies had joined NATO. However, this
revised version has not yet been ratified
by NATO member-states. (U.S.
Commission on Security and
Cooperation in Europe)

Ukraine propelled toward NATO

KYIV – Oleksander Razumkov Center
International Programs Director Valerii
Chalyi said he believes that Russia's deci-
sion to suspend participation in an agree-
ment on Europe's conventional armed
forces is likely to accelerate Ukraine's
accession to NATO. This is another impetus
for Ukraine. This is an obvious push by
Russia to join NATO, the expert stressed.
He also suggested that bipartite consulta-
tions and information exchange between
Ukraine and Russia are not efficient. "As
far as I know, Russia held no consultations
with Ukraine on such a decision despite
Ukraine's ratification of the agreement,"
Mr. Chalyi said. According to Mr. Chalyi,
it is extremely hard for Ukraine to stand
between NATO and the Agreement on
Collective Security. Russian President
Vladimir Putin inked an order on July 14
suspending Russia's participation in the
Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in
Europe (CFE). (Ukrinform)

Ukraine's population continues to shrink

KYIV – Ukraine's State Statistics
Committee on July 13 reported that the
country's population fell by some 27,000
people in May to 46.5 million. Of the

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total population, 31.7 million live in urban areas and 14.8 million in the countryside, Interfax-Ukraine reported. Ukraine's population stood at 52.2 million in 1992. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Editor slams bill on Belarusian spelling

MIENSK, Belarus – Andrey Dynko, the editor-in-chief of the private Belarusian weekly *Nasha Niva*, has described the authorities' intention to introduce new spelling and punctuation standards for the Belarusian language as politicized ignorance, Belapan reported on July 12. Mr. Dynko also said that the introduction of uniform spelling could be undertaken as "the result of joint efforts by linguists and the Belarusian-speaking community." The Belarusian language has two norms of spelling in use. One, called "the classical" or "tarashkevitsa" (derived from Branislau Tarashkevich, the name of the codifier), is mostly used by the publications associated with the independence movement in Belarus. The second norm arose as a result of the 1933 reform aimed at making Belarusian more similar to Russian. The latter is sanctioned for public use in present-day Belarus. The lower

chamber of the Belarusian legislature is currently working on drafting further improvements to the official spelling norm. (RFE/RL Newsline)

European Parliament reports on Ukraine

KYIV – The European Parliament on July 12 adopted by an overwhelming majority a report on offering Ukraine a perspective for future membership in the European Union, Ukrainian media reported. Ukraine's EU membership is not foreseeable in the "near future," Michal Kaminski, who presented the report, told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service, "but we want to send a clear signal to Ukrainian society: the European Parliament does not intend to close the door to Ukrainians." The non-binding report contains a proposal that the negotiations with Ukraine should result in the signing of an association agreement, giving Kyiv a clear perspective for membership. The European Commission on July 12 voiced its opposition to doing so, saying it did not want to "prejudge" future relations. In spite of their support for Ukraine's European aspirations, parliamentarians stipulated that Ukraine should continue its reforms, fight corruption and increase the level of political culture. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Daughter...

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to collect DNA samples from the suspected killer. Local and federal investigators are following up on open cases that may be linked to Mr. Adhahn.

Thousands gathered for the funeral service held for Zina on Sunday, July 15, at the Slavic Christian Church in Tacoma. Known surviving family members are her father, Mikhail, brothers Stan, 18, and

Pavel, 14, sister Nina, 16, (the only immediate family members whose names have been released to the media). The family has refused to publicly comment on the tragedy.

The Tacoma Police Department opened an account for the Linnik family at Tapco Credit Union. Locations are available at www.tapcocu.org or by calling 253-565-9895. Donations can also be made to the Linnik Memorial Fund at any Key Bank or Bank of America branch.



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Oleh Baczynskyj

83, of Rutherford, N.J.

passed away June 8, 2007, in Passaic, N.J.

Mr. Baczynskyj was born in Berezhany, Ukraine. Before making his home in Rutherford, N.J., he resided in Jersey City, N.J.

He was employed as a metallurgical engineer for Ball Brother's Company in Brooklyn, N.Y. before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Baczynskyj is predeceased by his wife, Dr. Jadwiga. He is survived by his daughters, Oksana and Martha; son, Andrew; and grandchildren, Nicholas, Eugene, Juliana, Andrew, Adam, Steven and Ariana.

Friends and family were received at Ippolito-Stellato Funeral Home, June 12.

A funeral service was held June 13 in St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark, N.J.

Writer Irene Zabytko appears at Philly fund-raisers for documentary

PHILADELPHIA – Award-winning fiction-writer-turned-filmmaker Irene Zabytko appeared in the Philadelphia area as part of her Northeast fund-raising tour for her documentary, "Life in the Dead Zone."

Ms. Zabytko is producing and writing the documentary featuring the "samoseily," the elderly inhabitants currently living in the highly contaminated Chornobyl Exclusion Zone who returned to their forbidden villages after the nuclear reactor exploded in 1986. The fund-raising tour, which occurred in May, also included New York City and Hartford, Conn.

Ms. Zabytko's first Philadelphia event was held at Big Blue Marble Bookstore, a popular independent bookstore in the Mount Airy region. Ms. Zabytko read excerpts from her novel, "The Sky Unwashed," which is about a group of elderly women who return to a fictionalized irradiated village after the Chornobyl nuclear reactor exploded in 1986.

Ms. Zabytko also presented a short promotional film trailer of "Life in the Dead Zone." The film included highlights of her trip to one of the villages in the Chornobyl exclusion zone, where she and the director, Peter Mychalcewycz, visited two of the elderly residents in their homes. (An extensive chronicle of Ms. Zabytko's trip was featured in the April 15, 22 and 29 issues of The Ukrainian Weekly).

Ms. Zabytko repeated her presentation at a private fund-raiser held at the home of one of the film's producers, Mary Kalyna. Ms. Kalyna is also a member of the renowned choral group Svitanya: Eastern European Women's Vocal Ensemble who provided entertainment along with Nahid Hochberg, a singer and percussionist from Iran.

Ms. Zabytko concluded her



Orysia L. Hewka, executive director, and author Irene Zabytko on the grounds of the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, Pa.

Philadelphia-area tour at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown. This was her first meeting with Philadelphia's Ukrainian community, and she was especially pleased to meet with them since her father was born in nearby Chester. A book-signing was held after the reading and screening, and Ms. Zabytko donated a copy of "The Sky Unwashed" to the center's library.

Throughout her presentations, Ms. Zabytko emphasized the importance of keeping Chornobyl alive in people's consciousness, especially through books and film.

"Chornobyl is no longer a Ukrainian problem, a Belarusian problem or even a European problem. Chornobyl is a global problem," she said. "People are still being

affected by that catastrophe. We want to show that in our documentary and remind everyone that Chornobyl didn't go away."

Funding is still needed to continue the film project. For more information about hosting a fund-raiser for Ms. Zabytko, or to send tax-deductible donations for "Life in the Dead Zone" readers may contact her at info@lifeinthedeadzone.com or send donations directly to the Ukrainian Artistic Center, 2657 W. Iowa St., First Floor, Chicago, IL 60622-4755. Please earmark the check for "Chornobyl Film."

In addition, a printable donation form can be downloaded from the website www.lifeinthedeadzone.com

All donors will be mentioned in the film credits and on the website.

Prime minister...

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Reflecting on Mr. Kuzmyn's contributions, Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk said: "Mr. Kuzmyn has given his entire life over to the cause of Ukrainian independence. From the interwar period, when he was interned for being a Ukrainian nationalist, to the second world war, when he fell victim to the Nazis and found himself at the infamous Dachau concentration camp, here was a man who refused to concede defeat. He continued to speak plainly and forcefully in defense of the Ukrainian nation's right to self-determination, regardless of the danger that sometimes placed him in."

"As a political refugee he was fortunate in securing the right to resettle in Canada, and here he built a new life for himself and his family, working hard but also never forgetting that his homeland was under Soviet occupation, which he, like so many others, was delighted to see come to an end, in 1991," Dr. Luciuk continued. "As small as the Ukrainian Canadian community in Kingston might be, it nevertheless has always been actively engaged in the affairs of our community nationally, thanks in large measure to Mr. Kuzmyn's dedication."

Dr. Luciuk added that Mr. Kuzmyn "was a genuine promoter of multiculturalism and inter-community dialogue, building bridges between Kingston's Ukrainian, Polish and other ethnocultural communities, always a strong advocate of the Kingston and District Folk Arts Council, and the annual Folklore festival, which has now run for 36 years."

A small reception for friends and well-wishers was held to mark Mr. Kuzmyn's retirement from Kingston at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Center, on Saturday, June 23.

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Jack Palance Memorial Scholarship established at Penn State's Hazleton Campus

HAZLETON, Pa. – Elaine Palance has established a trustee scholarship at Penn State Hazleton in memory of her late husband, Hollywood icon Jack Palance. The scholarship will benefit Penn State Hazleton students with demonstrated financial need.

A native of the Hazleton area, Mr. Palance passed away on November 10, 2006, at his home in Montecito, Calif., at the age of 87.

Following his death, daughter Holly Palance, on behalf of the family, requested that a memorial scholarship fund be established at the campus. The Jack Palance Memorial Trustee Scholarship at Penn State Hazleton is the result of money raised from friends and family around the world and creates a lasting legacy of Mr. Palance.

Penn State Hazleton students will immediately benefit from the scholarship which will be awarded for the fall semester.

Elaine Palance said, "Jack loved this area and the people. We visited as often as possible, and thought it was important to keep his memory alive. I can't think of a better way than helping young people attain their educational goals."

The trustee scholarship program is designed to keep a Penn State education

accessible to all qualified students, regardless of their financial means. The program has a unique matching component – the university matches 5 percent of the principal of each gift annually and combines these funds with income from the endowment to effectively double the financial impact of the scholarship.

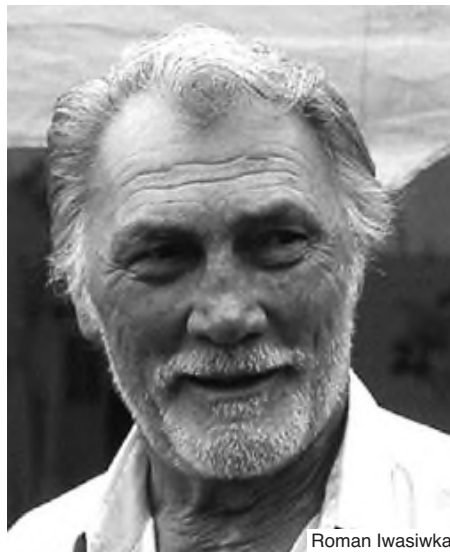
Implemented in 2002 upon approval by Penn State's board of trustees, the program assisted more than 4,000 students in 2006-2007.

Born Volodymyr Ivanovich Palahniuk, son of a Ukrainian coal miner, in Lattimer Mines, Pa., Mr. Palance is well-known for roles in the 1950s movie classics "Shane" and "Sudden Fear."

On television, he won the Emmy Award for the 1957 show "Requiem for a Heavyweight." In the 1980s Mr. Palance also co-hosted, with his daughter Holly, the television series "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

He won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1992 for his performance as cowboy Curly Washburn in the 1991 comedy "City Slickers."

In addition to his home in the Los Angeles area, he kept a farm in Butler



Roman Iwasiwka

Jack Palance

Township, Pa., to which he returned each summer to be among local friends and family. Mr. Palance's fondness for his hometown was well-known and he was a valued member of the Greater Hazleton community. Among his closest friends was local television producer and entrepreneur Sam Lesante.

It was Mr. Lesante who, with local attorney Pasco Schiavo, began a dialogue with Mr. Palance and his family related to supporting the Hazleton campus as a means for creating a legacy in his hometown. Mr. Schiavo serves as vice-president of the Hazleton Educational Council, the campus advisory board, and chairs the campus Development Committee.

"Jack expressed interest in supporting the campus and it's wonderful to see his wishes come to fruition," Mr. Lesante said. Attorney Schiavo added, "Many of us here in the community view Penn State Hazleton as a true asset to the region, and it's gratifying to know that someone like Jack Palance agreed."

Penn State Hazleton Chancellor John Madden commented, "We appreciate the Palance family establishing the Jack Palance Memorial Scholarship at Penn State Hazleton. This gift will have a lasting effect on students, giving those who may not have the resources to attend college an opportunity to do so."

For more information on the Trustee Scholarship program, readers may contact Kevin Salaway, director of development at Penn State Hazleton, at 570-450-3015.

UMANA awards two Prokopiw scholarships

CHICAGO – The Foundation of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA Foundation), recently awarded two \$1,000 scholarships through its Walter and Olga Prokopiw Scholarship Fund.

The foundation, a not-for-profit educational and medical literacy arm of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), was incorporated in 1996 to improve medical knowledge among Ukrainians worldwide. The foundation received an endowment from the estate of former UMANA member Dr. Walter Prokopiw and his wife, Olga, to help fund scholarships for medical students and defray the increasing cost of medical studies.



The late Dr. Walter and Olga Prokopiw

dance and bandura instruction. Ms. Skliarenko said she hopes to become active in the Ukrainian community as a preventive health advocate, holding informative seminars in English and Ukrainian and exposing Ukrainian youth to the medical profession through mini-med school seminars.

Ms. Zelisko, born in Illinois, is completing her first year of medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin, which she elected to attend because of Milwaukee's strong Ukrainian community. She participates in the Dnipro Dance Ensemble despite her heavy class load. Ms. Zelisko said she looks forward to when she can be of help to the Ukrainian



Julia Skliarenko

The board of the UMANA Foundation, respecting the wishes of Dr. and Mrs. Prokopiw, established a formal scholarship screening process and began publicly seeking applicants early in 2007. After reviewing the qualified candidates, the board selected two individual medical students fulfilling the qualifications for the scholarship. The 2007 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 were awarded to Julia Skliarenko and Andrea Zelisko.

Ms. Skliarenko, originally from Kyiv, has lived in Canada for the last 12 years. She is presently completing her second year of medical school at the University of Ottawa. She has been actively involved in the Ukrainian Canadian community, participating in Ukrainian folk



Andrea Zelisko

immigrants who are experiencing the same difficulties her grandparents encountered when they arrived in the United States.

For the 2008 academic year, the UMANA Foundation will accept applications beginning on September 10 and ending at 5 p.m. CST on January 10, 2008. For more information readers may log on to www.umana.org.

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The SKA stadium in Lviv. The stadium will be renovated for use as a training base for an international team during the Euro.

The 2012 European...

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rently laying down new grass and it may replace one of the three stadiums if the city decides to build a new stadium instead of renovating it.

Ukraine must also focus on infrastructure. Roads in cities like Lviv must be completely rebuilt. A highway between Lviv and Donetsk must also take shape sooner rather than later. Proposals have already been processed for a similar project, which would be an autobahn between Lviv and Luhansk. This project is estimated to cost about \$7 billion.

Repaving of the roads in Lviv and expansion of the airport there has been estimated at around \$130 million. Plus, the water shortages in Lviv must be addressed. The city lacks the proper plumbing and sewage outlets to have constant running water at the moment, even though the city is situated on a river.

as well as for cities nearby. Lviv has proposed over 30 new hotels to accommodate tourists. The hope is that all of these proposals get approved within the year and that construction can begin shortly. However, many investors are afraid to commit to so many hotels because they believe that once the Euro ends these hotels will be largely vacant.

The benefits a competition like the European Championship brings to a country are tremendous. Portugal saw a revival of its entire economy following the Euro it hosted in 2004. With the renovation of stadiums, utilities, transportation and city facades, and with the exposure of Ukraine to nearly 500,000 tourists in the span of 30 days, Ukraine will see a rapid rise in the tourist industry and a boom in its economy from newly created jobs in the service and food industries.

Estimates put the average spent by a tourist at about 400 Euros a day for the Euro tournament. That includes buying food from local restaurants and vendors,



RSC Olimpiyskiy

The Olimpiyskiy Stadium in Kyiv, which will host the final championship game of Euro 2012.

Water is limited in most places to only three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon.

The deteriorated railway system in Ukraine must also be addressed. The Euro commission recently announced that the railways in Ukraine would undergo renovations with faster trains being utilized. Locomotives have already been chosen from certain German and French companies, with Ukrainian companies supplying the cars.

Border issues between Ukraine and Poland must also be resolved because of the expected surge of tourists. The current operation of the border is insufficient to handle the influx of people anticipated in 2012.

There is also a proposal to expand the airports in the host cities. Boryspil in Kyiv – which currently has two domestic terminals and an international terminal – will build four new terminals and will expand its main facility. The airport in Lviv will be expanded to handle direct international flights to and from over 30 countries, including the U.S. and Canada.

The largest problem, however, is where and how to house nearly a half a million people. Dozens of hotels have been proposed for each of the host cities,

paying for housing and transportation, as well as other fees associated with travel and tourism. That would amount to as much as 5.8 billion Euros of new money in the hands of the local population in Ukraine and Poland, not to mention future income from return tourism.

The next few years for Ukraine and its leadership will be critical. Government issues must be resolved, proposals must be received and preparations must begin. The issues in Lviv related to the construction of the stadium and hotels must also be resolved as it is a very important city for the Euro. Lviv's ties with Western Europe and its shared history will make it an attractive place for tourists and foreign investors. If, however, Lviv does not begin its preparations on time, officials must decide very soon whether to switch to either Odesa or Kharkiv.

With Ukraine's economy already one of the most rapidly growing economies in the world, and the even quicker pace that growth will assume with the advent of Euro 2012, Ukraine could be set to completely revitalize itself within the next 10 years. With a successful tournament, foreign investment should hit new levels and Ukraine should prosper sooner rather than later.

Tryzub Golf Tournament in Pennsylvania attracts 60 players

HORSHAM, Pa. – The 2007 Tryzub (Ukrainian Nationals) Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 9, here at the Limekiln Golf Club. Sixty golfers participated in the event, which marked the 31st year that this tournament has taken place. Ukrainian golfers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland participated.

The sponsors for this year's event were the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Federal Credit Union and the Fletcher-Nasevich Funeral Home, both of Philadelphia. Both sponsors have also



First-place ladies' winner Ulana Warren of Middletown, N.Y.



First-place team winners (from left): Lou Wilczak, Steve Nahorniak, Bohdan Anniuk and Walter Wilczak.

supported this tournament in previous years. Michael Nasevich and a group of his staff also joined in the competition.

The tournament committee was led by Joe Homick; committee members included Roman Jarymowych, Andriy Zajac, Orest Lesiuk, Bohdan Anniuk and George Lucyszyn.

The weather was sunny with a cool breeze. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and the great golf. After the tournament everyone traveled to the Ukrainian Sports Center in Horsham, Pa., for the awards banquet.

This year's competition winners included the following:

- Low Gross winners: first place – Mike Zaremba, Forked River, N.J.; second place – Gary Warren, Middletown, N.Y.;

- A flight low net: first place – George Baer, Philadelphia; second place – Zenon Kos, Mt. Laurel, N.Y.;

- B flight low net: first place – Walter Tkach, Manalapan, N.J.; second place – Leo Gramiak, Philadelphia;

- Ladies' winner: Ulana Warren, Middletown, N.Y.;

- First-place team winners: Bohdan

Anniuk, Philadelphia, Steve Nahorniak, Gillette, N.J., Lou Wilczak, Whippany, N.J., Walt Wilczak, Whippany, N.J.;

- Longest drive: Bohdan Anniuk, Philadelphia;

- Closest to the pin: Steve Nahorniak, Gillette, N.J.

Next year's event will be played during the fifth Ukrainian Diaspora Olympiad, which will be held over the Fourth of July weekend.



First-place men's winner Mike Zaremba of Forked River, N.J.

Yushchenko's...

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He later combined cooperation with the Arise Ukraine protests in 2002-2003 with attempts to cooperate with the moderate wing of the Kuchma camp.

In his newly published memoirs, former President Leonid Kuchma recalls how Mr. Yushchenko's 2004 presidential campaign advertisements on Ukrainian television channels began and ended with the cry: "The authorities are bandits; away with the authorities!" Mr. Kuchma was comforted, he recalled, when Mr. Yushchenko told him that he need not take these harsh slogans to heart. "Do not listen to what I say about you and the authorities at meetings. Do not place importance on them. Do not take them to heart. This is politics," Mr. Kuchma recalled Mr. Yushchenko saying.

Mr. Yushchenko's attempt to organize oligarch support is aimed at undermining the Party of the Regions dominance of eastern and southern Ukraine. Other centrist, pro-Kuchma parties were marginalized after Mr. Yushchenko's elections. Two Orange political forces – the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine-Ukrainian Self-Defense – dom-

inate western and central Ukraine.

This is the first time in Ukraine's history that the Donetsk clan has dominated eastern and southern Ukraine. In the Soviet era, Ukraine was run by the "Dnipropetrovsk mafia." Volodymyr Shcherbytsky, who ruled Ukraine from 1972 to 1989, hailed from that region. Currently two Dnipropetrovsk oligarchs, Messrs. Pinchuk and Kolomoiskyi, are aligned with Mr. Yushchenko, but they have not invested in political projects that could counter the Party of the Regions.

The Dnipropetrovsk clan re-entered national Ukrainian politics after Mr. Kuchma was elected president in July 1994. Dnipropetrovsk is also the first and only region to launch a dissident oligarch party – Pavlo Lazarenko's Hromada (1997-1999).

This was followed by the creation of the pro-Kuchma Dnipropetrovsk clan's Labor Party, whose leading stars were Mr. Pinchuk (Mr. Kuchma's son-in-law) and Serhii Tyhypko of the Interpipe group. A rival Dnipropetrovsk clan, Pryvat led by Mr. Kolomoiskyi, never secured a political patron.

Rumors in Ukraine that Pryvat was aligned with Ms. Tymoshenko have never been substantiated. However, a recent

London trial launched by a Russian oligarch against Mr. Kolomoiskyi did unearth evidence of his close ties to Oleksander Tretiakov, a former senior adviser to Mr. Yushchenko.

Following Mr. Yushchenko's election, Ukraine's oligarchs went in four different directions.

- Exit: Mr. Pinchuk followed through on his promise to separate business and politics by not running in the 2006 and 2007 elections. Mr. Tyhypko resigned as head of the Yanukovich election campaign following massive fraud in Round 2 of the 2004 presidential elections. Without Mr. Tyhypko, his Labor Ukraine party collapsed, leaving Dnipropetrovsk politically unrepresented. Mr. Yushchenko could be seeking to revive the Labor Party's political fortunes.

- Entry: After contesting the 2002 elections as a member of the pro-Kuchma For a United Ukraine bloc, the Party of the Regions stood as an independent political force for the first time in the 2006 parliamentary elections and placed first with 32 percent of the vote. Mr. Akhmetov entered politics for the first time when he ran in the 2006 elections in the top 10 of the Party of the Regions.

- Marginalization: Verkhovna Rada Chairman Volodymyr Lytvyn's People's Party (the former Agrarian Party), former Prime Minister Valerii Pustovoitenko's People's Democratic Party and former presidential administration head Viktor Medvedchuk's Social Democratic Party – United (SDPU) became marginalized.

- Cooptation: President Yushchenko co-opted the Industrial Union of the Donbas when its two senior directors were given the No. 2 slots in the Presidential Secretariat (Valerii Chalyi) and the National Security and Defense Council (Vitalii Haiduk).

President Yushchenko's multi-vector strategy for the 2007 elections seeks to compete with the Tymoshenko Bloc for second place in the voting by placing Mr. Lutsenko, who is popular with Orange Revolution activists, at the head of the Our Ukraine-Ukrainian Self Defense bloc. Meanwhile, Mr. Yushchenko's overtures to oligarchs seek to counter Party of the Regions domination of eastern and southern Ukraine. It remains to be seen if one vector will undermine the other.

Sources: *Ukrayinska Pravda*, June 25-30, July 4-7; *tabloid.com.ua*, June 26.

Ukrainian American...

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The UAYA campers arrived by bus at around 10 a.m. and split into two groups. "The kids had a great time. The girls went on the nature hike up to the falls, but they were a little disappointed because the falls were dry, so they didn't get the opportunity to go swimming. They did, however, get the opportunity to go swimming in the pool later," Mr. Kozicky related.

"The guys worked on clearing a new trail down to the baths, connecting it with the existing orange trail with the help of Walt Nalywayko. After that the guys got to play some volleyball and go swimming," added Mr. Kozicky.

Mr. Nalywayko helped coordinate the hike and clearing of the trail, which had been considered for some time now. The cleared path will be marked as a new trail.

Mr. Sonevytsky, Soyuzivka's head chef, provided lunch for the campers. Afterwards they met in the library to watch "The Orange Chronicles" and await the opening of the festival. However, "Mother Nature didn't play into the scheme and it started to pour," said Mr. Kozicky. The rain forced the opening indoors and, due to the limited amount of space and the thousands of people in attendance, only the komendant himself and three flag-bearers were able to attend as representatives of the Vyshkilnyi Camp, while the remainder of the campers left Soyuzivka at about 5:30 p.m.

The outing was a success for both parties and, as Mr. Kozicky said, "We are very happy that we were able to work with Mr. Paslawsky and Mr. Sonevytsky on having us there. They were more than gracious as hosts and all the kids had a great time. We are looking forward to doing similar excursions in the future."

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Yalta...

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playing tricks, sometimes it's playing different games, but it's growing anyway."

Ukraine will definitely join the European Union, he said, it's only a question of when. Even if Ukraine met all the criteria tomorrow, the EU isn't necessarily ready to accept its membership because many internal reforms are still needed, Mr. Yatsenyuk added. Therefore, Ukraine isn't asking for urgent membership, he said.

The diverse European approach in relating to Ukraine was reflected by Mr. Kwasniewski, among Ukraine's strongest advocates in Europe, and Mr. Schroeder, well-known for his close relations with Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin.

In fact, Mr. Schroeder is chairman of a pipeline-building subsidiary of the Russian natural gas monopoly Gazprom, which is constructing a transit line directly between Germany and the Russian Federation.

Russia has been a reliable partner in providing Europe with energy supplies for more than four decades, he said. Alternatives are rather limited compared to the stability offered by Russia, whose energy supplies have provided for the EU's economic success, Mr. Schroeder said.

At the same time, "energy issues can't be handled in a unilateral way," Mr. Schroeder told the summit. "We all have to work together towards global energy security. Even if competition increases in the future, we must not allow energy to become the currency of power in international relations," he said.

Ukraine serves as a bridge between the EU and Russia, Mr. Schroeder said, particularly as a transit country in the energy partnership. Therefore, Ukraine needs to maintain strong relations with both powers, he said, not only for its own sake, but also in the EU's interest.

"It is in Europe's interest that we do

not create a new European divide," he said. "This particularly applies to how we can have reliable energy supplies and how, together with our neighbors, we can find a joint approach to security policy. If we take this path, then Europe will master its challenges."

Mr. Kwasniewski struck a different chord, arguing that Ukraine doesn't need to play the role of a bridge between the EU and Russia.

Ukraine has its own unique role in European structures and institutions, he said, and the Russian Federation is powerful enough to act on its own. "It is very important for the EU to see Ukraine as an independent state, as a sovereign state, as a partner, and not only as an element or factor in European-Russian relations," Mr. Kwasniewski commented.

Summit participants got a first-hand glimpse of Ukraine's nasty politics when representatives of four of the Parliament's five factions offered their perspectives of the crisis and current situation in the country.

Party of the Regions National Deputy Leonid Kozhara blamed the crisis on personality conflicts, the Socialists placed full blame on President Yushchenko, while Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc National Deputy Hryhorii Nemyria characterized it as an institutional crisis.

Minister of Transportation Mykola Rudkovskyi, a Socialist, became the summit's least popular figure when he offered his dismal view of Ukrainian politics.

He didn't get off on the right foot when he criticized the Europeans for failing to mediate in the spring crisis, as they had in December 2004. Then he drew the audience's ridicule when he claimed there was a 30 percent likelihood the September 30 parliamentary elections would take place.

Mr. Rudkovskyi accused President Yushchenko of destabilizing the country by flagrantly violating the Constitution of Ukraine in dismissing the Parliament without legal grounds. He said there

should be impeachment hearings.

Mr. Rudkovskyi's assertions were challenged by audience members, who pointed out the coalition government had disregarded the Universal National Unity and waged a campaign to usurp government power in attempting to create a constitutional majority in the Verkhovna Rada.

Sensing the audience's disapproval, Mr. Rudkovskyi announced he was leaving the summit immediately following his remarks.

Other prominent guests traded verbal punches as well, though not as nastily.

Mr. Kwasniewski decided to challenge Mr. Chernomyrdin, blaming the Putin government for allowing relations to deteriorate with Poland in the diplomatic and cultural spheres.

Mr. Putin hasn't met with the Polish leadership to discuss policy in more than five years, he said, while the government has neglected to foster Russian language studies.

Responding to Mr. Kwasniewski's criticisms, the former Russian prime minister assured summit participants "after some time, all of you will speak Russian."

"You'll do everything for it yourself and we will promote that with all our lives," he said. "And you say vainly that we aren't tolerant with other countries. That's not true. Sure, it's difficult to wean oneself from the usual things that were earlier. Even East Germany sometimes feels nostalgia about the times of the USSR and the GDR."

Following his verbal bout with the former Polish president, Mr. Chernomyrdin joined Mr. Kuchma in sipping coffee in the palace courtyard while offering sound bites to surrounding journalists.

When asked by a Polish journalist whether he was addressing Poland when he said in his remarks, "Don't anger us," Mr. Chernomyrdin answered, "Not at all."

"You produce good meat," Mr. Chernomyrdin snapped sarcastically at the reporter, referring to his nation's ban on Polish meat imports because of alleged quality concerns. "Don't poison your own people, particularly ours."

Mr. Kuchma made clear his disinterest in the media spotlight that he once monopolized as president.

During the coffee break, a reporter led the former president of Ukraine to a dozen cameramen and a table with microphones.

Sensing an impending press conference, Mr. Kuchma immediately spun around and sped off in the opposite direction. He ducked behind Washington think-tanker Anders Aslund, telling journalists they'd be better off talking to him.

Once he began sipping coffee with Mr. Chernomyrdin, Mr. Kuchma became more comfortable chatting with reporters.

WTO waiting game

The YES summit has set 2020 as its goal for Ukraine's membership in the

European Union.

In his closing remarks to the summit, Mr. Pinchuk announced that two strategic initiatives had emerged.

A YES Ukrainian Economic Advisory Council will be established to advise Ukrainian authorities on necessary economic reforms, especially the steps needed to take in negotiating the free trade area with the EU.

In September the first YES summer university will be held for young European and Ukrainian political leaders to provide them with the opportunity to debate and discuss Ukraine's European perspective.

Ukraine remains as a member of the European Neighborhood Policy program, which is extended to the EU's neighboring countries for closer cooperation. Ukraine hasn't yet achieved the status of potential candidate, something already designated for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia.

In his address, Mr. Yushchenko boasted of Ukraine's Euro-integration efforts since he became president in January 2005, citing visa-free travel for Westerners (up to three months), the recent Visa Facilitation Agreement for Ukrainian citizens and last year's pact to consolidate energy systems.

WTO accession remains the next critical hurdle in Ukraine's European integration process, which will clear the way for establishing a free trade zone agreement.

Negotiations began on a New Enhanced Agreement with the EU several months ago, Mr. Yatsenyuk said, adding that Ukraine is taking a pragmatic approach in furthering trade relations, particularly in securing access to the EU market for steel, metal and information technology.

The Ukrainian government's biggest Euro-integration step during the past year was the Visa Facilitation Agreement announced on June 18, which significantly enhanced its citizens' access to Europe's Schengen Zone of 15 countries that agreed to eliminate their mutual borders and checkpoints.

A new enhanced version of the agreement will be finalized next year, Mr. Yatsenyuk said, calling it a milestone in EU-Ukraine bilateral relations and a roadmap to further enhance integration.

"We need to have the right to enter the EU," he said. "People are the best envoys to deliver Ukrainian values to the EU, and to bring EU values to Ukraine."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Kyiv Press Bureau Editor Zenon Zawada traveled to the YES summit in Crimea with an entourage of more than 20 journalists on a June 29 charter flight paid for by the Victor Pinchuk Fund. He declined hotel accommodations.

In covering last year's Yalta European Strategy summit, Mr. Zawada joined more than 20 other journalists in accepting two nights at the Hotel Yalta provided by the Victor Pinchuk Fund (worth between \$120 and \$180). He declined transportation.

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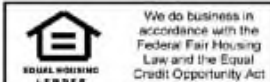
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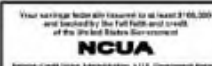
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Ukraine looks to...

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will visit Canada in the fourth quarter of this year, Mr. Yatsenyuk announced.

International security depends on the execution of the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty signed by Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan in 1990, Mr. Yatsenyuk said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on July 14 signed a decree suspending his country's participation in the treaty, after alleging in recent weeks the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was threatening stability in Eastern Europe by planning missile defense systems in the region.

The Ukrainian government joins the world in being disturbed by Mr. Putin's decree, Mr. Yatsenyuk said. "We are convinced that not all means and methods have been exhausted, and it's nevertheless possible to renew dialogue on this matter," he explained.

Mr. MacKay announced the Canadian government has awarded Ukraine \$16 million – \$9.5 million of which is earmarked for election reforms and support



Zenon Zawada

Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Peter MacKay.

for election-related mechanisms.

"We wanted to show in a tangible way that we support free choice, and free and fair elections coming this fall," Mr. MacKay said, adding that Canadians will participate in election monitoring.

Train derailment...

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ference" (i.e., sabotage).

The cargo train of 58 cars was transporting chemicals, as well as raw materials such as coke (a coal residue), from Kazakhstan to Poland when the railcars derailed at 4:55 p.m. between the villages of Krasne and Ozhydiv, damaging 164 feet of rail and 328 feet of cables.

A leak from one tanker ignited the phosphorus contained in five others, the Ministry of Emergency Situations reported.

Phosphorus is a chemical that can spontaneously catch fire when in contact with air hotter than 104 degrees, the Associated Press reported. Used primarily in fertilizers, phosphorus produces a toxic smoke when burned.

By the time workers extinguished the fire at 10:30 p.m. on July 14, 16 persons were poisoned by their exposure to the burning phosphorus.

Officials determined that more than 11,000 residents in 14 villages were contaminated by the chemical cloud, which they reported was entirely dispersed by July 18.

Officials from the Kazakh company, Kazfosfat, that produced the yellow phosphorus visited the disaster scene on July 18.

Local residents reacted with fear and panic to the toxic leak with government officials largely to blame.

Within hours of the disaster, Vice Prime Minister for National Safety and Defense Oleksander Kuzmuk compared the disaster to Chernobyl.

"A misfortune has happened," Mr. Kuzmuk said on the night of July 16. "After the Chernobyl catastrophe, we have a matter with real substance that can threaten the Ukrainian people. This incident is an emergency that was not predictable."

Only the next day did officials advise local residents to stay inside and avoid consuming fruits and vegetables from

their gardens and water from their wells, drawing complaints from villagers that they hadn't been warned immediately after the accident.

Confusion mounted when, just two days after his Chernobyl comparison, Mr. Kuzmuk offered a remarkably positive evaluation of the situation, reporting that the local environment was safe for habitation and encouraging local residents to go about their lives as usual.

The day after the accident, President Viktor Yushchenko issued a decree ordering the Security Service of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Procurator General's Office to begin investigating the accident's cause and find those responsible.

Soon enough, the disaster became a campaign issue for the September 30 parliamentary elections.

The finger-pointing game began on the evening of July 17 with Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha calling for the resignation of Minister of Transportation Mykola Rudkovskiy, a member of the Socialist Party who has been the Secretariat's worst enemy since the spring political crisis.

In response, Mr. Rudkovskiy accused President Yushchenko of failing to implement a law passed by Parliament during his prime ministership in 2000 that would have improved the safety of transporting dangerous cargo.

Another \$6.5 million in aid is designated for juvenile justice reform, the Canadian foreign minister said.

Mr. MacKay's three-day visit to Ukraine began on July 17 in the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, where he visited a summer camp for orphans organized by the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund.

Referring to the region as "Ivano-Francisko," Mr. MacKay commented on its "beautiful landscape, which is very reminiscent of Canada."

"We saw some beautiful rolling hills and trees which remind me very much of regions of our own country," Mr. MacKay said. "More important than that, the deep and abiding friendship that Canadians feel for Ukrainians was evident everywhere we went."

In their remarks, the two diplomats noted that more than 1.2 million Canadians are of Ukrainian descent.

"This is a part of Canadian culture," Mr. Yatsenyuk said. "Mr. MacKay saw from where this culture emerged and its sources, in order to have a more grounded view of Ukraine as a nation and Ukrainians as a people who were born in Ukraine and moved to Canada."

While in Kyiv, Mr. MacKay met with President Viktor Yushchenko, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko.

Under a scorching afternoon sun, Messrs. MacKay and Yatsenyuk placed flowers at the 1932-1933 Holodomor victims memorial at St. Michael's Square in Kyiv.

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July 25-29
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Jewett, NY

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Binghamton, NY

July 30
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Jewett, NY

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Art Exhibit "Ukrainian Riches,"
WheatonArts Down Jersey Folklife
Center, 800-998-4552 or
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Ukrainian Disco Night, Armada
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Lecture by Michael S. Flier, "Order
in the Court: Hierarchy, Gender
and Representation in Kyiv's
Cathedral of Holy Sophia," Harvard
University, 617-495-4053

60th annual Ukrainian Orthodox
League convention, Embassy Suites
Hotel, 412-276-1130 or 412-389-1723

Film presentation by Yuri Shevchuk,
including films by Alla Yakovleva,
Olena Fetysova, Taras Tomenko
and others, Harvard University,
617-495-4053

Concert featuring Viktor Lutsyuk,
the Grazhda - Music and Art
Center of Greene County,
518-263-4619

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Vocal Ensemble, World Fest on the
Plaza, 607-723-8572

Concert "From Ukraine with Love,"
Serhiy Salov and Paul Merkelo, St.
Andrew Presbyterian Church, 613-
234-8008 or info@chamberfest.com

Ceramics Course, the Grazhda -
Music and Art Center of Greene
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Film presentation by Yuri Shevchuk,
"The Return of Roman Balayan:
'Bright is the Night,' 617-495-4053

Pysanky Course, the Grazhda -

Jewett, NY

July 30-August 12
Jewett, NY

August 2
Cambridge, MA

August 3
Washington

August 3
Annandale, VA

August 3, 7-9
San Rafael, CA

August 3-5
Durham, ON

August 4
Jewett, NY

August 5-12
South Bound Brook, NJ

August 5-19
Emlenton, PA

August 6
Cambridge, MA

August 6-10
Jewett, NY

Music and Art Center of Greene
County, 518-263-4619

Ukrainian folk singing for children,
the Grazhda - Music and Art
Center of Greene County,
518-263-4619

Lecture by John Gillingham, "Is
There An EU In Ukraine's Future?"
Harvard University, 617-495-4053

Summer social, The Washington
Group, Smithsonian National Gallery
of Art Sculpture Garden,
240-381-0993

Concert featuring Voloshky
Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Mason
District Park Amphitheater
Spotlight, 703-324-7469

Film screening "Shadows of
Forgotten Ancestors" by Sergei
Paradjanov, Christopher B. Smith
Rafael Film Center, 415-454-1222
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Lemko Vatra, Association of
Lemkos in Toronto and Association
of Ukrainians from Lemkivshchyna
in Hamilton, 416-259-0640 or
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Concert with Mykola Suk, the
Grazhda - Music and Art Center of
Greene County, 518-263-4619

High School Mission Trip, St.
Sophia Seminary, 412-488-9664

Kobzarska Sich Bandura Camp, All
Saints Camp, 734-658-6452 or
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Book reading "Brushstrokes" with
Dzvinia Orlowsky and Alexander
Motyl, Harvard University,
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Ukrainian embroidery course, the
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Lutsenko tops...

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Mr. Lutsenko refused. Instead, he preferred to set up the People's Self-Defense, using money from a businessman of Georgian descent, Davyd Zhvaniya, who had spent some of his wealth on the Orange Revolution. Mr. Lutsenko said in a recent interview with Kommersant Ukraine that his task then was "to restore faith in democratic principles of those voters who had abandoned Our Ukraine."

Since early 2007 Mr. Lutsenko has been touring Ukraine, drumming up support for his People's Self-Defense (PSD), arguably at the expense of the popularity of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine. Mr. Lutsenko's natural charisma and Mr. Zhvaniya's money made the PSD quite popular very quickly. When opinion polls began to show that the PSD would easily clear the 3 percent barrier to win seats in Parliament, he proposed a merger with Our Ukraine to Mr. Yushchenko.

As Mr. Lutsenko explained in the interview with Kommersant Ukraine, he came to Mr. Yushchenko and said: "I'll get to Parliament, so there will be a certain degree of confrontation between our teams." Mr. Lutsenko's interviewer described that proposal as blackmail.

Commenting on Mr. Lutsenko's top position on the joint OU-PSD list, Russian analyst Kyril Frolov suggested that Mr. Lutsenko is set to compete against Ms. Tymoshenko for the post of prime minister and possibly even president. Mr. Lutsenko is widely believed to harbor far-reaching ambi-

tions. His rivals have been trying to use this circumstance to make Mr. Yushchenko, who can run for a second term in 2009, jealous.

Segodnya, a newspaper linked to the PRU, has suggested that Mr. Lutsenko may return to the post of internal affairs minister and use a corruption-fighting platform as a launching pad for the presidency. SPU leader Oleksander Moroz declared as early as this past March that "Mr. Lutsenko has always wanted to become Ukrainian president." Mr. Lutsenko told Channel 5 that he will become prime minister, "but not this year." He did, however, say that he is not going to run for president in 2009.

Speaking at a press conference on July 5, Mr. Lutsenko outlined the OU-PSD's essentially populist priorities. "A crusade against crime" topped Mr. Lutsenko's list, followed by the development of small and midsize businesses, and "European standards of life with European wages, European education and healthcare." Mr. Lutsenko ruled out a coalition with the PRU in the future parliament, and he said that the Tymoshenko Bloc will be the OU-PSD's only ally.

Interviewed by Zerkalo Nedeli, Mr. Lutsenko urged an early election for mayor of Kyiv. The incumbent, banker Leonid Chernovetskyi, used to be a Yushchenko ally but recently he has been drifting toward the Yanukovich camp, and Ms. Tymoshenko on several occasions has accused him of manipulating real estate deals.

Source: *uatoday.net*, March 24; *samooborona.in.ua*, *Vzglyad* (vz.ru), *Kommersant Ukraine*, July 5; *Segodnya*, July 6; *Zerkalo Nedeli*, July 7; *Channel 5*, July 5, 8.

Ukrainian Folk Art WORKSHOPS at the GRAZHDA

Ceramics Course July 30 – August 3

Instructor: Sofika Zielyk, artist

Pysanky Course (Easter eggs) July 30 – August 3

Instructor: Sofika Zielyk, artist

Embroidery Course August 6 – 10

Instructor: Lubow Wolynetz

Gerdan Course (bead-stringing) August 6 – 10

Instructor: Anastasia Berezovsky

Cost of each one-week course - \$50.00 plus materials

Register by calling Sofika Zielyk, 518 989-6218

Ukrainian Folk Singing for Children (ages 4-10)

Instructor: Anna Bachynska July 30 – August 10

Cost of two-week singing program - \$100.00

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Soyuzivka's Datebook

MONDAYS, June 25-August 27, 2007

Steak Night with Soyuzivka House band on the Veselka Patio

WEDNESDAYS, June 27-August 29, 2007

Hutsul Night with Soyuzivka House band on the Vorokhta Lawn

FRIDAYS, June 29-August 31, 2007

Odesa Seafood Night with Soyuzivka House band on the Veselka Patio

SATURDAYS, June 30-September 1, 2007

Ukrainian zabavas (dances) featuring a live Ukrainian band

July 22-27, 2007

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

July 22-28, 2007

Sitch Sports Camp Session #1,
ages 6-18

July 22-August 4

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky
Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp
Session #1

July 27-29, 2007

Ukrainian Language Immersion
Weekend offered at SUNY
New Paltz

July 28

Art Exhibit featuring Daria "Dycia"
Hanushevsky Ukrainian
Ceramics, Zabava featuring
'Oberehy,' 9:30 pm

July 29-August 4, 2007

Sitch Sports Camp Session #2,
ages 6-18

August 3

Entertainment at Tiki Bar featuring
'Pete & Vlody Unplugged'

August 4

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky
Ukrainian Dance Camp Session
#1 Recital, Art Exhibit featuring
Rem Bagautdyn - exhibit of
copper brass enamel works and
paintings, Zabava featuring 'Fata
Morgana' and 'Svitanok,'
9:30pm

August 5

UNWLA Day, featuring musical
program - 2 pm

August 5-18

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky
Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp
Session #2

August 10-12

Miss Soyuzivka Weekend

August 11

Miss Soyuzivka 2008 Contest,
Zabava featuring 'Tempo' 9:30 pm

August 11-18

Club Suzie Q week

August 18

Art Exhibit featuring Kozak
Family paintings, prints and
various artwork, Roma Pryma
Bohachevsky, Ukrainian Dance
Camp Session #1 Recital, Zabava
featuring 'Fata Morgana,' 9:30 pm

August 19-23

Discount Days, 25% off all roomrates

August 24

Joseph's Dance Studio Polish
Ballroom Dance Camp Recital

Labor Day Weekend Festivities:

August 31 - Zabava featuring 'Na
Zdorovya,' 9:30 pm

September 1 - Zabava featuring
'Hrim,' 9:30 pm

September 2 - Zabava featuring
'Luna,' 9:30 pm

September 6-9

Reunion - Salzburg Gymnasium

September 10-12

Reunions - Regensburg,
Bertesgaden, Karlsfeld and
Landshut Gymnasiums

September 14-16

UNA General Assembly Meeting
and Bayreuth Gymnasium
Reunion

September 21-23

KLK Weekend - General Meeting
and Banquet

September 25-27

Stamford Clergy Days - Fall Seminar

September 28-30

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 25

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a lecture given by Michael S. Flier, Oleksandr Potebnja Professor of Ukrainian Philology, Harvard University. His lecture, "Order in the Court: Hierarchy, Gender and Representation in Kyiv's Cathedral of the Holy Sophia," will be held in Room S-020 (Belfer Case Study Room) of CGIS Building South at 7-9 p.m. The South Building of the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) is located at 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138. For more information contact HURI at 617-495-4053 or huri@fas.harvard.edu.

Thursday, July 26

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a film presentation with Yuri Shevchuk, "New Films from Ukraine: Alla Yakovleva, Olena Fetysova, Taras Tomenko et al." It will be held in Room S-020 (Belfer Case Study Room) of CGIS Building South at 7-9 p.m. The South Building of the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) is located at 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Note: this event is co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Film Club and the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University. For more information contact HURI at 617-495-4053 or huri@fas.harvard.edu.

Saturday, July 28

JEWETT, N.Y.: The debut performance in the Music at the Grazhda summer concert series by Viktor Lutsyuk, tenor, accompanied by series Artistic Director Volodymyr Vynnytsky, will take place at 8 p.m. Mr. Lytsyuk, honored artist of Ukraine, sang with the Dnipropetrovsk Opera and the Mariinsky Theater of St. Petersburg. Singing a broad range of opera roles, he has toured widely in Europe and on other continents. Admission to all concerts is \$15 (\$12 for members and seniors, and free for students). For information about concerts and the annual art exhibit, and for updates and travel directions, consult the Grazhda website, www.grazhdamusican-dart.org, or call 518-989-6479.

Monday, July 30

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a film presentation with Yuri Shevchuk, "The Return of Roman Balayan: 'Bright is the Night' (Nich Svitla)." It will be held in Room S-020 (Belfer Case Study Room) of CGIS Building South at 7-9 p.m. The South Building of the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) is located at 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Note: this event is co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Film Club and the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University. For more information contact HURI at 617-495-4053 or huri@fas.harvard.edu.

Saturday, August 4

JEWETT, N.Y.: Well-known pianist Mykola Suk will perform a concert of favorite piano pieces as part of the Music at the Grazhda summer concert series in the Hunter area of the Catskills. Currently on the faculty at the

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Suk was a New York based pianist and teacher for many years, and he remains a popular performer with both Ukrainian and American audiences in the Northeast. Concerts begin at 8 p.m., and admission is \$15 (\$12 for members and seniors and free for students). For information about concerts and the Annual Art Exhibit, and for updates and travel directions, consult the Grazhda website, www.grazhdamusican-dart.org, or call 518 989-6479.

Sunday, August 19

HORSHAM, Pa.: The 16th annual Ukrainian Folk Festival, celebrating Ukraine's Independence Day, will be held at the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (www.tryzub.org), County Line and Lower State roads. The stage show will begin at 1:30 p.m.; headliners are the Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (Philadelphia); the Ukrayynski Barvy Orchestra (Kyiv); the Bandurna Rozmovia duo of Oleh Sozansky and Taras Lazarkevich (Lviv); and the Svitanya Eastern European Women's Vocal Ensemble (Philadelphia). A dance (zabava) will follow the stage show, at 4:30-9 p.m. with music, from polkas to rock 'n roll, provided by Ukrayynski Barvy. The center's Majors Division Ukrainian Nationals will play an exhibition soccer match against a select opponent. Delicious Ukrainian foods (varenyky, holubtsi, kovbasa), picnic fare, baked goods and cool refreshments will be plentiful. An arts and crafts bazaar and a children's fun area will be open all day. Admission: \$10; children under 13, free; free parking. For further information call 215-343-5412. Proceeds benefit cultural programming and youth soccer.

Thursday-Sunday, August 23-26

CHICAGO: The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art along with the Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University and the Chopin Theater present a Festival of Current Ukrainian and Polish Film and Thought. The festival "POST-REVOLUTION BLUES The Carnival is Over - The Problems Remain" will explore current issues facing post-Soviet bloc countries in transition. Film presentations will be held at the Chopin Theater Thursday through Saturday and at the Ukrainian Cultural Center on Sunday. For further information contact Zygmunt Dyrkacz at 773-278-1500 or info@chopintheatre.com, or visit www.uima-art.org.

Friday, August 24

WILDWOOD CREST, N.J.: The Khmelnychenko Plast fraternity is sponsoring an all-ages dance at the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center, across the street from the Pan Am Hotel. Doors open at 7 p.m. with dance music at 7-8 p.m. The "Party Ptashat" kids' dance will be held at 8-9:30 p.m., followed by the teen "Vechnikka" beginning at 10 p.m. Live music will be provided by Luna from 8 p.m. to midnight. Teens, bring your iPods! Uke Tube will be there. Admission: kids and students, \$5; adults age 23 and over, \$10. A portion of the proceeds goes toward Plast camps. Donations will be accepted. For information and suggestions contact Adrian Horodecky, adrian@tellgys.com, or log on to www.xmel.org.

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