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Proposed congressional resolution urges Ukraine's leaders to abide by accord setting pre-term elections for September

WASHINGTON – A congressional resolution urging all sides in Ukraine's political crisis to abide by the agreement that sets pre-term parliamentary elections for September 30 was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 23 by Helsinki Commission Chairman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Fla.). He was joined by Reps. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif.), Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.), Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.) and Sander Levin (D-Mich.), who signed on as the resolution's original co-sponsors.

House Concurrent Resolution 189 also called on Ukraine's political forces "to ensure a free and fair, transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law" and expressed "strong and continuing support for the efforts of the Ukrainian people to consolidate the democratic gains of the Orange Revolution of 2004 by strengthening respect for human rights and the rule of law."

The measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The concurrent resolution is to be introduced also in the Senate.

In introducing the resolution, Rep. Hastings pointed to the "current political uncertainty in Ukraine, a country of strategic importance to the United States" and explained that his resolution calls on all sides "to abide by the agreement signed by Ukraine's leadership on May 27 providing for a new round of parliamentary elections to be held on September 30."

Noting that he had just returned from Ukraine, which hosted the 16th annual meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Rep. Hastings said: "While in Kyiv, I met with President [Viktor] Yushchenko and other prominent Ukrainian officials. My colleagues and I received assurances from Kyiv that Ukraine would not backtrack on the path

to political reform and good governance."

The Florida congressman went on to explain that "Ukraine's current political conflict is the result of the ongoing power struggle that President Viktor Yushchenko and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich have been engaged in since Yanukovich became prime minister last August. Rooted in hastily conceived constitutional reforms, the ongoing power struggle threatens to undermine Ukraine's hard-fought and substantial democratic gains, especially those won since the 2004 Orange Revolution."

Rep. Hastings added that "it is important to recognize that Ukraine has made genuine democratic gains since the Orange Revolution. The December 2004 presidential vote was hailed as a stirring example of the triumph of peaceful protest and democratic ideals." He also underscored that "Ukraine for the last two years has been designated by Freedom House as a 'free' country, in contrast to the 'partly free' assessment it held during its first 13 years of independence."

"Nevertheless, democratic institutions and the rule of law in Ukraine are still emerging and lacking in their ability to safeguard democratic gains," he continued. "It is this fragility, especially the lack of constitutional clarity in delineating the separation of powers that made it possible for the power struggle to ripen into a full-blown political crisis in recent months. However, it is heartening to see that more serious turmoil was averted through careful and constructive dialogue and capped by an agreement involving the country's leading political figures."

Rep. Hastings concluded his introductory remarks by urging his colleagues "to support this timely resolution as a demonstration of Congress's interest, concern, and support for the Ukrainian people."

The full text of H. Con. Res. 189 appears on page 6.

UNA Executive Committee holds second quarterly meeting of 2007

by **Christine E. Kozak**
UNA National Secretary

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The Executive Committee of the UNA met on Friday, July 6, at its second quarterly meeting of 2007, focusing on such topics as the recent sale of the UNA headquarters building, the launch of new features on the UNA webpage and plans for the development of the Soyuzivka estate.

In attendance were: Stefan Kaczaraj, president; Zenon Holubec, first vice-president; Michael Koziupa, second vice-president; Myron Groch, director for Canada; Christine E. Kozak, national secretary; and Roma Lisovich, treasurer. Present

from the UNA Auditing Committee were Slavko Tysiak, chairman, and Vasyl Luchkiw. Nestor Paslawsky, Soyuzivka's general manager, was a guest presenter.

President Kaczaraj reported that the UNA continues in a deficit situation. However, during the first quarter of 2007 insurance premium income had a slight increase and the publications showed a small profit of \$12,000.

The UNA headquarters building in Parsippany, N.J. was sold on June 4, therefore, the UNA's reserves will not reflect the positive change until the third quarterly statement, he noted. At the end

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Ukrainian officials assess damage from phosphorus leak in Lviv region

by **Zenon Zawada**
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – A cargo train carrying 15 derailed tankers departed for Kazakhstan the early morning of July 26 – 10 days after six of them exploded, sent thick clouds of burning phosphorus blowing towards Volyn and split toxic chemicals into soil located 50 miles east of Lviv.

"I think that I'll be standing next to the train and waving my hand," said Nestor Shufrych, the minister of emergency situations who led the clean-up effort and has been the subject of both praise and criticism. "And I'll be doing it with joy."

The tankers, which originated in Kazakhstan, may be gone from Ukraine, but they left behind a remnant of social,

political and environmental damage that has yet to be fully assessed.

The disaster didn't cause any fatalities, and no serious injuries were reported, the Ministry of Emergency Situations said.

About 120 victims suffering from exposure to the toxic chemical remain in Lviv Oblast hospitals, the ministry reported, among them 32 children and 14 rescue workers. Estimates of the total number of hospitalized victims ranged from 145 to 190, according to news reports.

Roman Ivaskiv, a firefighter from the district center of Busk, was the only victim in critical condition, the ministry reported. Among the first fire fighters on the scene, Mr. Ivaskiv suffered severe

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Official Website of the President of Ukraine
President Viktor Yushchenko meets on July 21 with residents of Ozhydiv, located near the site of a train derailment that released toxic phosphorus.

Plast Ukrainian scouts to mark 95th anniversary with jamboree

by **Oksana Zakydalsky**

TORONTO – The countdown to the 95th anniversary celebrations of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization has begun. From August 4 to August 19, the efforts of scores of people – efforts that began two years ago – will finally bear fruit.

The celebrations on behalf of the worldwide Plast organization are being held in Canada with an ambitious and varied program – wilderness canoeing in northern Ontario, a beginners' camp in Quebec and a three-day visit to Ottawa, Canada's capital.

They will culminate with four days (August 16 to 19) of festival-like activities at the Plastova Sich campground in Grafton, near Toronto.

About 650 Plast youths, ages 12 to 18 and over 100 counselors will take

part in the entire two-week program. Although the majority of campers will be from Canada and the United States, there will be a 90-person international contingent – over 40 from Ukraine and others from Germany, Australia, Argentina, Poland and the United Kingdom – countries where Plast organizations are active today. Many senior and former Plast members are planning to attend the last four-day festivities, with even more guests expected on August 18 when a program for the general public has been planned.

When the first worldwide Plast jamboree was held in Canada in 1957 to mark 45 years of Plast, the material circumstances and options were more modest. The celebrations lasted only four days and most people arrived in

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ANALYSIS

Old guard is banished from Our Ukraine leadership

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Roman Bezsmertnyi, a high-ranking member of President Viktor Yushchenko's Our Ukraine (OU) party, has left its leadership and is not going to run for Parliament this year.

Mr. Bezsmertnyi's departure is part of an evolutionary process affecting Our Ukraine. The group of businessmen active in politics, commonly referred to as the "dear friends," and the party functionaries linked to them helped Mr. Yushchenko come to power in 2004, but now are being banished from top positions in OU. Mr. Yushchenko apparently holds them responsible for the party's – and to a certain extent his own – low popularity. The head of the Presidential Secretariat, Viktor Baloha, is managing this process.

When the top 10 names on Mr. Yushchenko's Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc list for the September 30 parliamentary election was made public on July 5, it turned out that there was no place on it for two of the "dear friends." Neither Mr. Bezsmertnyi, who built OU's party organization at Mr. Yushchenko's request in 2005, nor Yurii Yekhanurov, who was prime minister in 2005-2006 and topped OU's list for the March 2006 parliamentary election, made the top 10.

Mr. Baloha, however, is among the top 10. In addition to managing Mr. Yushchenko's office, he has also been appointed to steer OU's election campaign. Mr. Yekhanurov has been relegat-

ed to chairing OU's election headquarters in the Dnipropetrovsk region.

On July 12 Mr. Bezsmertnyi resigned as chairman of OU's political council. In addition, he asked the OU leadership to completely strike his name from the OU-PSD list. He said that his mission had been to bring Mr. Baloha and the current chairman of OU, Viacheslav Kyrylenko, to the top of the party. Now that this mission is completed, Mr. Bezsmertnyi is leaving.

This must have been a difficult decision for the ambitious Mr. Bezsmertnyi, who served four terms in the Verkhovna Rada. He said he would not leave OU altogether and would continue to serve in the Presidential Secretariat. Speaking in an interview with Glavred, Mr. Bezsmertnyi made it clear that he did not like the Yushchenko-Baloha plan to disband all pro-Yushchenko parties and create one super-party in their place after the election. "Please understand that for me, who was at the birth of Our Ukraine, it is not easy to see it disappearing for the sake of creating a new party," he said.

Mr. Bezsmertnyi called on Our Ukraine not to view his step as a "demarche." He said he was stepping down so that his "younger" colleagues in the party have more freedom of action, even though Mr. Bezsmertnyi himself is only 42.

Two other prominent members of OU, former Zaporizhia Oblast State Administration Chairman Yurii Artemenko and OU Vinnytsia Oblast branch leader Mykola Sokyrko, have

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Ukrainian defense minister slashes expenses with an eye toward NATO

by John C.K. Daly
Eurasia Daily Monitor

When the USSR collapsed in 1991, both Russia and Ukraine claimed the Black Sea Fleet and the historic port of Sevastopol. Eventually an agreement was reached to divide the hardware and allow Russia to lease the port.

Ukraine opted to offload much of its share of the fleet. After selling the semi-completed hulk of the Soviet naval aircraft carrier *Variach* to China in 1998, Kyiv is now interested in auctioning off other items from its Soviet naval inheritance, including the country's only submarine.

Most recently Ukraine's Defense Minister Anatolii Hrytsenko, the country's first civilian defense minister, announced that Kyiv will refurbish its sole remaining submarine, the *Zaporizhia*, for sale to the highest bidder. "We'll repair this submarine and sell it, and use the proceeds to develop the fleet," he said. (Agentstvo Voyennykh Novostey, July 2).

According to Mr. Hrytsenko the *Zaporizhia* had been a Soviet 641 Foxtrof boat, which logged 120,000 miles in missions in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean with a 78-man crew, before joining the Ukrainian navy in 1997.

The *Zaporizhia* has been undergoing a major refit for the last decade. The modernization should be finished by the end of the year, when the government hopes to realize \$50 million to \$70 million from the sale of the submarine (Interfax-Ukraine, July 2).

Mr. Hrytsenko said, "We'll use the proceeds to develop the fleet. We need to

polish the submarine and to investigate the market," adding that the revenue would be used for designing a new \$7.1 million corvette for Ukraine's naval forces (for-ua.com, January 25). The decision is final, according to the defense minister, who said, "The issue will not be revised," as a foreign sale has been under consideration by the Ukrainian government since October 2003.

The *Zaporizhia* is not the only post-Soviet warship on the auction block. Mr. Hrytsenko conceded, "We have to make decisions that should have been made several years ago. Some of these are painful and unpopular, but they cannot be postponed any longer," adding that the missile-carrying cruiser *Ukrayina*, part of the 1164 series, also was for sale. The Ukrainian press speculated that Ukraine would initially offer the vessels for sale to Russia, although India and China have also been mentioned as potential clients.

Ukrainian analysts and the Defense Ministry say that the submarine is not worth maintaining. It is difficult to see who might want to acquire the vessel, as the *Zaporizhia*'s keel was laid down in Leningrad in 1970, making the hull 37 years old (Morskaiia Derzhava, July 5).

The sale masks a much deeper point of contention between Moscow and Kyiv, however. With the break-up of the Soviet Union, Moscow lost its free access to Ukraine's advanced shipyards in Mykolayiv and the deepwater port of Sevastopol. The latter is heavily ingrained in the Russian

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NEWSBRIEFS

Ukraine looks into illegal transplants

KYIV – The Internal Affairs Ministry is checking information about illegal transplantation of donor organs in Kyiv hospitals, Vice Minister of Internal Affairs Mykola Kupianskyi told a press conference in Kyiv. He said Ukraine has been requested by Israel to investigate the situation. Mr. Kupianskyi said that Israel cited a tipster, who claimed to have been seized by two persons who demanded that he participate in searching for donors of internal organs. It has been established that the tipster entered Israel as a tourist and remains there. The Tel-Aviv police on July 24 detained a number of people suspected of illegal transplantation of donor parts. The suspects, apparently part of an international network suspected of illegal organ transplantation, placed ads in newspapers, promising large sums of money for donors of organs. Those who agreed were sent to a private hospital in Kyiv. On July 24 the press service of the Security Service of Ukraine said there are no Ukrainian citizens among suspects of illegal activity in the transplantation of human organs who were detained by Israeli police. According to the SBU, Israeli law enforcement bodies petitioned the SBU for likely assistance if Ukrainian citizens are engaged, to which the SBU agreed. (Ukrinform)

Campaign against deputies' immunity

KYIV – The Our Ukraine-People's Self-Defense bloc has launched a campaign to collect signatures to cancel deputies' immunity. The action, dubbed "Touch MP" was launched on July 24 in Kyiv. The chief of the bloc's political council, Viacheslav Kyrylenko, reminded all those who seek to run for the Verkhovna Rada in the composition of the megabloc to reject deputies' immunity. Participating in the event were: Yurii Lutsenko, Defense Minister Anatolii Hrytsenko, Foreign Affairs Minister Arsenii Yatsenyuk and Mykola Katerynchuk. Organizers intend to spread the campaign across the country. (Ukrinform)

Bloc seeks punishment for minister

KYIV – The Our Ukraine-People's Self-Defense election bloc released a statement on July 23 calling on Prime Minister Viktor

Yanukovich to suspend Transport and Communications Minister Mykola Rudkovskyi and Emergency Situations Minister Nestor Shufrych until a full investigation is completed into last week's derailment of a train carrying toxic phosphorus in the Lviv Oblast, the *Ukrayinska Pravda* website (<http://www.pravda.com.ua>) reported. "We are convinced that the activities of [Rudkovskyi and Shufrych] in their posts expressly reflect the activities of the current government in general – its lack of professionalism and indifference to citizens' problems," the statement reads. Meanwhile, Vice Prime Minister Oleksander Kuzmuk promised on July 22 that the shipment of yellow phosphorus, some of which caught fire following the derailment, would leave Ukraine on July 25. Mr. Shufrych told journalists the same day that the cargo will be sent back to Kazakhstan after the issue of its ownership is settled. The phosphorus shipment, which was being transported from Kazakhstan to Poland, reportedly belongs to a Dutch firm, the name of which has not been revealed. According to Health Minister Vitalii Haidayev, some 16,000 people were checked for symptoms of chemical poisoning following the accident, which released toxic smoke into the air. Nearly 180 people reportedly remain hospitalized because of phosphorus poisoning. No deaths have been reported. (RFE/RL Newsline)

NSDC assesses phosphorus accident

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko on July 20 convened a session of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) in Crimea, where he is vacationing, to discuss the rescue operations at the site of a train derailment last week. The session, chaired by Mr. Yushchenko, was attended by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, First Vice Prime Minister Mykola Azarov, NSDC Secretary Ivan Pliusch, presidential staff chief Viktor Baloha, Cabinet ministers and oblast administration chairs. "We have to mobilize ourselves ... and ensure a full clean-up after this accident," Mr. Yushchenko told journalists. Meanwhile, Yurii Lutsenko, a leader of the pro-presidential election bloc of the Our Ukraine and Self-Defense par-

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UCCA looking for new office space in Kyiv as NGOs get the boot

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KYIV – The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is looking for a new Kyiv office after the organization with which it shared its space for five years, the Ukrainian-Polish Forum, was evicted on May 23.

Months earlier, National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council Chair Vitalii Shevchenko decided not to renew a lease with the Ukrainian-Polish Forum, rejecting pleas from the four non-governmental organizations (NGOs) sharing the space to let them stay.

Despite the Ukrainian Polish Forum's eviction, UCCA's monitoring mission for the September 30 parliamentary elections won't be disrupted, said Tamara Gallo Olexy, UCCA's executive director, who is based in New York.

"We have plans to move to a different office anyhow," she said. "The election season doesn't officially begin until August 2. We are choosing between two locations in our final negotiations, and we will have a new premises by end of this week or next week."

For five years, the UCCA had a verbal agreement with the Ukrainian Polish Forum to share the 309-square-foot office located on the second floor of 2 Prorizna St., along with the Ukraine-Georgia Association and Mother and Child's Hope charity.

The Ukrainian-Polish Forum, a civic and cultural organization promoting ties between the two countries, signed a lease seven years ago with the State Property Fund's Kyiv Regional Division and became neighbors with National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council (NTRBC) employees, said Viktoriya Hubska, the forum's executive director.

The site proved valuable for UCCA, which used it to host and assist its 2,534 election observers for the 2004 presidential elections and 209 observers for the 2006 parliamentary elections.

Located along Kyiv's main boulevard, the Khreshchatyk, just down the street from Independence Square, it played a valuable role during the Orange Revolution as a place for foreign election observers to meet and for protesters to sleep.

Since Mr. Shevchenko became NTRBC chair in April 2005, he persistently tried to evict the NGOs from the space, arguing that Council employees



Zenon Zawada

Viktoriya Hubska, director of the UCCA's Kyiv office, addresses the press.

needed more room to work.

Many of its more than 250 employees work in cramped conditions that violate the government sanitary standard of five square meters of office space per employee, said Alexander Chabanov, the council's deputy chief of staff. In many offices, two workers sit behind a single desk. Mr. Chabanov demonstrated during a brief tour of the offices on July 13.

For example, the 11 workers in suite 201 work with 2.8 square meters of space per employee, while the eight employees in suite 205 have an average of 4.4 square meters to work in, the Council stated in a press release.

Since July 2005, the NTRBC has written 42 letters asking the Ukrainian-Polish Forum to vacate, Mr. Chabanov said. Ms. Hubska denied she received that many letters, but she did have in possession more than a dozen.

Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers gave Mr. Shevchenko the green light to realize his goals on January 31, awarding the council chair control over the first five floors of 2 Prorizna St., including Suite 203, which housed the NGOs.

Mr. Shevchenko claims the decree awarded the NTRBC ownership of the five floors, while Ms. Hubska alleges the property is still owned by the State Property Fund.

What Ms. Hubska doesn't deny is that

the Cabinet decree gave Mr. Shevchenko the ability to evict the Ukrainian-Polish Forum, a decision unopposed by Kyiv Regional State Property Fund Chair Vladyslav Zburzhynskiy.

In April, the NTRBC gave the Forum a one-month notice letter to vacate the room by May 23, the date of termination stated on the lease.

Mr. Shevchenko simply wants to boot all NGOs from the building and usurp all the space, Ms. Hubska alleged.

In response to their claims of overcrowded conditions, Ms. Hubska said the NTRBC moved 80 employees into 2 Prorizna St. in 2005, thus creating the problem by itself.

"These are the ambitions of a Ukrainian official who decided that state property belongs only to him, not the state," said Ms. Hubska, who also serves as director of

UCCA's Kyiv office. "As civic organizations, we have the same right to rent state communal property as the officials who occupy them," she added.

When eviction day came, Ms. Hubska locked the office and held onto the keys, insisting the NGOs had the right to remain, citing letters of support from President Viktor Yushchenko and former Prime Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov.

That same day, Ms. Hubska presented Mr. Shevchenko with a letter from Presidential Secretariat Chair Victor Baloha requesting him to temporarily extend the lease with the NGOs.

Mr. Shevchenko responded by threatening to toss all the NGOs' belongings "in the toilet," Ms. Hubska alleged.

After Ms. Hubska locked the doors, NTRBC officials applied their own metal clamp and barred all the NGO employees from entering the building by deactivating their electronic passes.

Ms. Hubska launched a daily protest at the entrance to the NTRBC starting on July 11, calling for Mr. Shevchenko's dismissal and alleging the eviction could threaten the ability of international observers to participate in the September elections. The protest involved the NGO employees covering the building's entrance with signs of protest, and Ms. Hubska holding two press conferences.

No lawsuit has been filed so far, though Ms. Hubska threatened to do so.

UCCA President Michael Sawkiw Jr. said he was aware of the one-month notice letter and allowed Ms. Hubska to determine the course of action. "I can't say what warranted a protest or not," Mr. Sawkiw said. "She was in consultation with the other NGOs in the building. It's not just the UCCA."

After her July 13 press conference, Ms. Hubska alleged Mr. Shevchenko

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Yushchenko travels to Poland for 25th annual Lemko Vatra

ZDYNIA, Poland – President Viktor Yushchenko traveled to Poland on July 21 to help light the bonfire ("vatra") in the opening ceremony of the 25th annual Lemko Vatra held in the Lemkivschyna region in Zdynia.

History has not treated the Lemkos kindly, Mr. Yushchenko said in his remarks to the Lemko community, many of whom arrived from North America and Europe for the Vatra.

"Today we bow our heads before the memory of victims of severe trials, including Akcja Wisla" – the 1947 forced resettlement of 150,000 Ukrainian and Lemkos, said the Ukrainian president, who was accompanied by his wife and children.

Ukraine and Poland are renewing historical justice in remembering victims of the Communist terror, Mr. Yushchenko said, and both nations are walking the road towards unity, understanding, partnership and trust.

Polish President Lech Kaczynski this year joined Mr. Yushchenko in condemning Akcja Wisla as a totalitarian crime, marking the first time a Polish president had done so on an official level, the Ukrainian president's website reported (www.President.gov.ua).

President Yushchenko expressed deep gratitude to the Polish government, and President Kaczynski personally, for their good will in strengthening partnership between the two nations, particularly in regard to Ukraine's Euro-integration efforts.

He called upon the Ukrainian diaspora to unite, assuring them the government will



Official Website of the President of Ukraine

President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine, assisted by his son, Taras, rings the Bells of Peace in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Akcja Wisla.

do everything possible to support the cultural needs of Ukrainian citizens abroad.

In particular, work will soon begin on the Bohdan-Ihor Antonych Center of Lemko Culture in Gorlice. Additionally, the Ukrainian National Home in Przemysl

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Ukraine wins regional championship of Junior League baseball Team now heads for World Series in Michigan

KUTNO, Poland – The Ukraine Junior League team from Kirovohrad defeated England 3-2 during the EMEA Junior League Regional Championships played in Kutno, Poland, on July 11-19, to capture for the first time the title of champion for Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Thus, Ukraine will represent the EMEA region at the Junior League Baseball World Series to be played in Taylor, Mich., on August 12-18.

An ecstatic Basil Tarasko, district administrator of the Little Leagues in Ukraine since 1995, exclaimed that the team of 13- and 14-year-olds from Kirovohrad "did the impossible by scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to answer the two runs scored by England in the top of the inning."

Ukraine beat the undefeated team from England in the final game on July 19, in extra innings (games are seven innings).

In Michigan, which brings together 10 teams playing for the title of world champion, Ukraine will play the following games: August 12 against Latin America (5:30 p.m.); August 14 against Puerto Rico (2 p.m.); August 15 against Canada (8 p.m.); and August 16 against the Philippines (11 a.m.).

The championships will be played on August 18.

All games will be played at the Taylor South Little League fields in Heritage Park.

Mr. Tarasko will be with the team in Michigan for the World Series. The resident of Bayside, N.Y., is also associate scout for the San Diego Padres Major League Baseball Club and assistant head baseball coach for Abraham Heschel High School in New York.

For further information on the Ukraine Baseball program readers may call Mr. Tarasko at 718-415-7821 or log on to www.ukrainebaseball.org.

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burns to his breathing organs.

Other rescue workers reported symptoms of chemical poisoning. Several journalists also suffered from inhaling the burning phosphorus at the accident site.

Four days after the disaster, local residents complained of a lack of medical supplies, bottled water and coal tablets. "They tell us maybe we might need them, maybe not," Ozhydiv Village Council Chair Oleksandra Shakh said of the coal tablets. "I believe if people have the desire and want to use them, they should have access to them."

Environmental damage

More than 800 residents of six nearby villages in the Buskyi District were evacuated following the explosion, which contaminated a zone of 35 square miles with toxic smoke.

In the ensuing days, emergency workers wearing masks and rubber suits stood knee-high in the polluted water, shoveled contaminated soil and foam into vats, and pumped the leftover toxic water into tankers, all for hauling away.

The disaster caused no permanent environmental damage, Mr. Shufrych said on July 26 "In a day or two, this territory will return to how it was 10 days ago," he said.

That same day Vice Prime Minister for National Safety and Defense Oleksander Kuzmuk assured reporters the area was safe and clean. His remarks came a little more than a week he had compared the disaster to Chernobyl.

The toxic cloud has vanished, while the land polluted by the spilled chemicals was hauled off to Kazakhstan, filling three tankers, Mr. Kuzmuk said. Ministry workers, he added, are still detoxifying 258,000 square feet of polluted land, situated between Ozhydiv and Krasne.

As early as July 20, the Ministry of Emergency Situations reported it noticed no trace of higher than normal concentrations of phosphorus in the air, water and soil.

The Presidential Secretariat, however, offered conflicting information that same day. The water, air and food products are of questionable safety, Secretariat Assistant Chair Viktor Bondar, adding that the government would provide safe feed for the region's farm animals.

Government officials have been minimizing the disaster's environmental consequences, in the view of Volodymyr Boreiko, director of the Kyiv Ecological-

Cultural Center.

Phosphorus particles can strongly harm respiration and the nervous system, he said. "Phosphorus can end up in ground water, and that will be the biggest problem, considering we have no control over such processes. ... wells in a 60-kilometer radius can end up simply poisoned."

Political damage

The disaster immediately became a political football, occurring at the start of campaigning for the September 30 parliamentary elections.

The Presidential Secretariat struck the first blow the day after the disaster, calling for the resignation of Minister of Transportation Mykola Rudkovskiy for lax safety standards and lack of preparedness for emergency and terrorist acts.

Mr. Rudkovskiy accused Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha of politicizing the disaster, adding that President Viktor Yushchenko had neglected to sign a law passed by Parliament in 2000 that would have improved the safety of transporting dangerous cargo.

Three days later, the Our Ukraine-People's Self-Defense Bloc added Mr. Shufrych to the list of officials that should resign their posts. Mr. Shufrych was widely criticized for not appearing at the accident scene until three days afterwards.

The conduct of Mr. Rudkovskiy and Mr. Shufrych "is a bright reflection of the current's government activity as a whole - unprofessionalism and indifference to the problems of citizens," said a July 23 statement from the Our Ukraine-People's Self Defense Bloc.

In his defense, Mr. Shufrych explained when the disaster occurred he was on a plane to London to attend a European Bank for Reconstruction and Development assembly to award a contract of nearly \$1 billion to construct the new Chernobyl sarcophagus. He said he left the Assembly the afternoon of July 18 after an affirmative vote took place, abandoning other procedures.

President Yushchenko took authority over the clean-up four days after the accident, first calling a meeting of the National Security and Defense Council in Yalta on July 20, then visiting the disaster site the same evening.

He ordered the disaster area cleared as soon as possible and the creation of an environmentally safe green zone. The president assured local residents that those responsible would be punished.

Public trust in Ukraine's leadership suffered as a result of the accident, large-

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Mr. Kuzmuk has become notorious for comparing the disaster to Chernobyl the evening it happened. He appeared on television two days later, insisting the local water was safe, eating local produce and claiming the air was breathable, even as victims were still checking into hospitals and doctors were warning residents not to eat or drink anything locally derived during the first three days.

Similarly, the Ministry of Environmental Defense announced the day of the accident that phosphorus anhydride levels in the air were 20 times above normal, only to state the next day that levels were safe.

Local villagers told television reporters they lost trust in anything government officials said because their advice appeared to change every day. And, they weren't informed of the accident until the day after.

Lviv State Oblast Administration Chair Petro Oliinyk called Mr. Kuzmuk's Chernobyl reference a "very big psychological mistake."

Acknowledging the public information failure, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich ordered his ministers on July 25 to each develop a program for their particular ministry to properly inform the public and media of disasters.

Mr. Shufrych said he would draft a Cabinet resolution within the next two weeks. Among its points will be to hold accountable government officials who give inaccurate or unreliable information, he said.

Amidst the posturing and finger-pointing, no one has accepted responsibility for the accident, no one has been charged with a crime, and no cause has been determined.

Financial damage

The Lviv phosphorus disaster cost the Ukrainian government \$3.2 million, according to the Lviv State Oblast Administration press service.

President Yushchenko assured victims they would be compensated for damages they incurred, with offering an estimate.

During a July 25 teleconference, Ministry

of Transportation Safety Department Director Yurii Hershot said the train conformed to all rules and requirements, and no railroad workers are responsible. He implied the blame is with Kazfosfat, the Kazakh company that supplied and shipped the phosphorus, for improperly preparing and sealing the tankers. He echoed the position of Ukrzaliznytsia Director Volodymyr Kozak, who days earlier said Kazfosfat is potentially to blame because the phosphorus tankers contained too little water.

Days earlier, Mr. Bodnar blamed the employees of Ukrzaliznytsia, the government-owned railroad company, for allowing an inappropriate transport of dangerous cargo through Ukraine.

In response, Kazfosfat Director Kairat Shotbakov said during the teleconference that he saw no basis for compensating the Ukrainian government, or accident victims, or even paying for the cargo to be returned to Kazakhstan. He also denied Mr. Rudkovskiy's claim the tankers were in disrepair, pointing out that the expiration date for two tankers was December 2007 and 2008 for the other 13 that derailed.

The cargo's owner is the Dutch company Thermphos International BV, Mr. Shotbakov said, and it should be held liable. However, a Thermphos spokesman told Dielo, a Kyiv daily newspaper, that the cargo was still the property of Kazfosfat when it crossed Ukraine and that thermphos would not pay any damages.

Silver lining

The aftermath of the Lviv phosphorus disaster did have some hopeful moments.

On July 20, the Donetsk Oblast Council voted to send a truck with 15 tons of mineral water and medicine to the villages in need, in response to Ms. Shakh's televised requests for assistance. The council also offered to accept 50 children to spend the rest of their summer at a Donetsk Oblast retreat.

Communities in the Kharkiv and Luhansk Oblasts have already begun hosting several dozen evacuated children at their local summer camps.

UNA Executive...

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of the first quarter, the UNA's reserve was at \$2,553,000.

National Secretary Kozak reported that "Restructuring for the 21st Century" has begun. Cuts were made within the recording department, as well as in other departments of the UNA, while the recruiting of professional agents continues with a positive response.

A sales contest for UNA branch secretaries commenced February 1 and continued through June 30. For the first quarter, the UNA collected \$33,512 in premiums with applications. This does not reflect the income from new annuities which sharply increased in the month of April, Ms. Kozak said.

The national secretary reported that the UNA is proud to announce an exciting addition to the UNA webpage: the Branch Secretaries/Agents Resource Center. This Resource Center will allow UNA branch secretaries and professional agents to download UNA brochures, flyers, utilize the UNA Rate Book Tutorial, and gather information on UNA products. This information will be at their fingertips with easy access at any time of day or night.

The site will enable the professionals and secretaries to get answers to their questions at any time, Ms. Kozak continued. It allows them also to access compliance information that may pertain to their state and UNA company policy procedures such as the UNA Conservation Policy for branch secretaries or UNA Advertising Procedures for professional agents.

Treasurer Lisovich and Mr. Paslawsky spoke about the development and future of Soyuzivka. The beloved cultural center is owned by the Ukrainian National Association and has been supported by the UNA since 1952. It was noted that the UNA has subsidized Soyuzivka to the tune of approximately \$600,000 per year over the last decade and it is obvious the UNA cannot continue covering the expenses associated with the resort.

However, the UNA is investigating several projects that will provide a means by which Soyuzivka will be able to operate profitably, becoming a self-sustaining facility without the direct financial support of the Ukrainian National Association.

The UNA is cognizant of the impact Soyuzivka has on the Ukrainian community, especially the younger generations attending summer camps, Ms. Lisovich noted. Other programs are available year-round, from the preschoolers' Tabir Ptashat to the UNA Seniors' Conference, various reunions, meetings, seminars and recreational activities. Over 5,000 people annually visit Soyuzivka and, with the community's help, Soyuzivka will continue to flourish and grow as future generations bring their children to experience the magic that is Soyuzivka.

Slavko Tysiak, chairman of the UNA Auditing Committee, presented the Soyuzivka auditing report, which found good financial accounting records at the UNA estate. The audit examined internal controls over financial operations during year ending December 31, 2006. The audit findings of the committee will be published in the UNA's two newspaper's, Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly.

UCCA looking...

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tricked her into unlocking the office by offering assurance the NGOs could remain. Once she opened the door, a dozen men stormed into the room, threw the NGOs' furniture aside and changed the locks on the office, she alleged.

By July 16 three NTRBC employees were already working in office.

Mr. Shevchenko, who left for vacation after the incident and was unavailable for comment, is an accomplished journalist who was elected to the Verkhovna Rada in 1998 with the People's Rukh of Ukraine. He has been active in the Ukrainian People's Party.

In a July 23 press release, Mr. Shevchenko said he would interrupt his vacation to return to Kyiv to meet with election observers and convince them to serve with other organizations. He said Ms. Hubska's claims that international election missions are threatened are baseless.

"The Ukrainian-Polish Forum's announcements are completely provocative, inasmuch as they mislead representatives of international civic associations of Ukrainians, baselessly exacerbate tension surrounding the elections and, above all,

harm the reputation our of country in the international community," the release stated.

On the other hand, Ms. Hubska said the eviction and Mr. Shevchenko's abusive conduct set a dangerous precedent for all NGOs working in Kyiv which don't have the ability to stand up against a government organ with large influence.

"This is a problem for all civic organizations which can't compete on the same level with business structures to rent space to carry out their official activities," she said.

Among the UCCA property still in Suite 203 are file cabinets containing the confidential information of thousands of UCCA elections observers since 1994, such as passport numbers.

NTRBC officials repeatedly offered Ms. Hubska the opportunity to remove any confidential information, Mr. Chabanov said. Ms. Hubska said she has no place to move the cabinets.

Regardless of the files' location, UCCA elections observers need not worry because all the cabinets are under lock and key, Mr. Olexy Gallo said.

So far, the UCCA has received about 60 inquiries from Americans interested in serving as election monitors, Ms. Olexy said, and that number is likely to increase.

THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

There's no place like Soyuzivka in June for UNA Seniors Week

by **Oksana Trytjak**
UNA National Organizer

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – The UNA Seniors Conference helped kick off the busy summer season at Soyuzivka by welcoming some of the lovely estate's oldest and dearest friends. The conference began with registration on Sunday afternoon, June 10 and ended with a fabulous brunch Friday afternoon, June 15.

The registration table was manned by Olha Trytyak, Iya Wasylenko and this writer, president of the UNA Seniors. Each participant received a packet filled with information about the conference and daily activities, brochures about Soyuzivka and the UNA publications, Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly.

After registration, the rest of Sunday was reserved for "meet and greet" time and a chance for the conference participants to settle into their rooms. In the evening, everyone gathered in the lobby of the Main House for wine and cheese and a sing-along to the delicate strings of Rostyslav Wasylenko's mandolin.

Monday morning began with a divine liturgy at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Rev. Piso offered the liturgy for the health and well-being of all UNA Seniors with special prayers dedicated to the members who had passed away over the course of the year.

The formal portion of the conference began with the UNA's national organizer Seniors president, welcoming all of the participants. Three national anthems



Participants of the 2007 conference of UNA Seniors at Soyuzivka.

were sung, including the American, Ukrainian and Canadian. Ihor Hayda was elected chairman, and Mrs. Trytyak was elected secretary of the conference.

The UNA Seniors By-laws explain the organization's *raison d'être*: Support UNA endeavors to preserve and cultivate Ukrainian heritage, promote unity, develop social activities and maintain Ukrainian community life in America. These annual conferences certainly follow those principles.

The following speakers contributed their time and expertise both to inform and entertain at the conference: Monday morning began with a presentation by Petrusia Kotlar-Paslowsky, a chiropractor who practices in New Jersey, who spoke about the benefits of practicing a healthy lifestyle, including exercise and herbal therapy. In the afternoon, Mr. Hayda, UNA Seniors' vice-president, spoke on the impact of various foods on memory and especially brain function, as they

relate to the elderly.

On Tuesday morning, Dr. Zirka Voronka, a professor of the English language at Passaic County Community College, shared her experiences as an amateur beekeeper in Hunter, N.Y. She also shared some delicious honey from her hives, much to the delight of the participants.

In the afternoon, the Rev. Leonid Malkov from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church of Newark, N.J., explained the various trends and issues of the Ukrainian Eastern rite.

On Wednesday morning, Lydia Piasecky, an artist of traditional Ukrainian icons, spoke about the fascinating world of Ukrainian iconography. She revealed her great passion for the painstaking process required to create icons.

The afternoon speaker was Zorianna Smorodsky, a pharmacist, who provided informative explanations and advice on seniors' ailments. She also explained the various options that are available to sen-

iors in the realm of home care.

On Thursday morning, Zenia Brozyna, a travel agent for many years, encouraged everyone to take a vacation and provided many interesting tips on where and when to travel.

Dr. Bohdar Woroch, a cardiologist and internist, and a seasoned speaker at the conference, spoke about the "relaxation response" and its specific value in reducing stress and strengthening the heart.

On Friday morning, Christine E. Kozak, UNA national secretary, welcomed all the participants and gave a short talk on current UNA products available. Afterwards UNA Treasurer Roma Lisovich gave a slide show on last fall's UNA Caribbean Cruise.

The UNA Seniors have been very fortunate to attract a roster of special speakers who contribute their expertise to the conference. Everyone provided an interesting presentation and shared their pre-

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OBITUARY: Dr. Jaroslaw Stachiw, 65, leading authority on ocean engineering



Dr. Jaroslaw Drahomyr Stachiw

CANYON LAKE, Texas – Dr. Jaroslaw (Jerry) Drahomyr Stachiw was born May 23, 1931, in Lviv, to Frances and Matthew Stachiw. He immigrated to the United State in 1949 with his parents.

He received his B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University in 1955 in mechanical engineering and that same year married Joan Atkerson. Over the years the couple had two sons, Michael and Mark.

Mr. Stachiw returned to school after serving in the U.S. Army and received both his master's and doctorate from Pennsylvania State University.

Because of his numerous achievements in the field of ocean engineering, he is considered to be the world's leading authority on the structural application of plastics and brittle materials used in external pressure housings and hyperbaric chambers.

His books on acrylic plastic, "Acrylic Plastic Viewports" and "Handbook of Acrylics for Submersibles, Hyperbaric Chambers and Aquaria," are the standard references on that subject. Dr. Stachiw is the author of numerous technical papers and presentations at technical conferences.

For the contributions to the U.S. Navy's ocean engineering programs, the Navy honored Dr. Stachiw with the

Military Oceanographer Award and the Lauritsen Bennett Award. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers recognized his contributions to the engineering profession by election to the grade of Life Fellow, as well as the presentation of the Centennial Medal, the Dedicated Service Award and a Pressure Technology Codes Outstanding Performance Certificate. He was an active member of the New York Academy of Sciences and the research

society Sigma Xi.

Dr. Stachiw died on April 25, at his home in Canyon Lake, Tex. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, his two sons and four grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Alexandra and Jacqueline. He was buried in Sallisaw, Okla.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations were made to the Ukrainian National Association's Ukrainian National Foundation.

Donations to the Ukrainian National Foundation in memory of Dr. Jaroslaw Drahomyr Stachiw

Name	Address	Amount
Mr.&Mrs. M. Dale Ewy	Tucson, AZ	\$ 50.00
Eggleston, Curt & Vonnie	Denton, TX	30.00
Aransas County Republican Party	Rockport, TX	50.00
Chapman Jeffrey A., Sheila R. and family	Dallas, TX	25.00
Hawkes Karen & Graham	San Anselmo, CA	50.00
Wallace, Jonathan	Weare, NH	100.00
Faust, Gerald J. & Susan K.	Wildwood, NO	25.00
Canavan, William E. & Mary D.	Boerne, TX	100.00
Republican Women Of Aransas County	Fulton, TX	50.00
Wagert, Kam	Rockport, TX	30.00
Samuels, Terry	Rockport, TX	10.00
Atlantis Submarines International, Inc.	Vancouver, Canada	500.00
Johnson, Lynne	Rockport, TX	100.00
Kornegay, Christine B.	Plano, TX	50.00
Crane, John & Blanson LTD	Leicesten, England	500.00
		\$ 1,670.00

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

A salute to Plast

This year Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization worldwide celebrates the 95th anniversary of its founding in Lviv as an organization for youth that emphasizes leadership skills, good moral character, patriotism, self-reliance and all-around self-education. The premier event of the jubilee celebration is the International Plast Jamboree that begins on August 4 in Canada and whose two-week program spans the provinces of Ontario and Quebec and activities from canoeing in the wilderness to festivities in the Canadian capital of Ottawa.

Organizing Plast in 1911 on the model of Lord Robert Baden-Powell's (1857-1941) scouting for boys, which dates to 1907, Plast's founder, Dr. Oleksander Tysovsky (1886-1968) adapted the scouting program to meet the needs of Ukrainian youths with a focus on "God and Ukraine." The name of the Ukrainian organization was taken from the word "plastun," a scout of the Zaporozhian Kozaks.

Plast's founder was a science teacher at the Academic Gymnasium of Lviv. It was at the gymnasium 95 years ago that the first group of scouts took the Plast oath on April 12, 1912 – a key date in the youth organization's history. The organization grew and spread in both western and eastern Ukrainian lands, and by 1915 a girls' Plast organization had been established.

Plast members have served Ukraine with great distinction, enlisting and making the ultimate sacrifice in various military forces such as the Ukrainian Sich Riflemen, the Ukrainian Galician Army and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army that fought for the country's freedom. Plast members also were involved in the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists as well as with countless Ukrainian organizations, institutions and causes.

It was the organization's strong nationalist leanings that led Plast to be banned, first by the occupying Polish authorities of western Ukraine in the 1930s. But the ban did not end Plast activity as the organization operated underground and via various other groups such as those dedicated to sports and health. Nor was Plast allowed to exist during the German occupation of Ukraine, or under Soviet rule; by 1944, with the Soviet occupation of western Ukraine and, therefore, complete Soviet domination of Ukraine, all Plast activity on Ukrainian lands came to a halt.

However, Plast re-emerged abroad, first in the displaced persons camps and then in the countries where Ukrainians settled after World War II. Having survived various occupations of Ukraine, two world wars, and the hardships of refugee and emigrant life, Plast flourished beyond the borders of Ukraine. Today the organization is active in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, Argentina, Poland and Ukraine. Indeed, the organization has come full circle, officially returning in 1990 to its homeland, where today the Ukrainian president is an honorary member of Plast and his daughter Sophia is a "novachka" (cub scout).

Through the decades "plastuny" have played leading roles in Ukrainian community life from Ukraine to the diaspora. Its ideals – of being faithful to God and Ukraine, of helping others and of living in accordance with the Plast code – endure, and its members are as devoted as ever to this unique scouting organization and their nation. We wish Plast and all its members around the globe a glorious 95th anniversary and many, many more years of serving our Ukrainian youth and our Ukrainian nation.

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Turning the pages back...

Thirty-two years ago, 35 states, including the United States and the Soviet Union, began a summit meeting on July 30, 1975, in Helsinki, Finland, to discuss the pressing international issues of the time.

Prior to the summit, President Gerald R. Ford met on July 25 with 17 members of American organizations representing U.S. citizens of Central and Eastern European descent. The group included representatives of Armenian, Byelorussian, Czech, Estonian, German, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak, Slovenian and Ukrainian organizations.

The Ukrainian group was represented by Prof. Lev. E. Dobriansky, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and Joseph Lesawyer, president of the Ukrainian National Association.

Accompanying the group were congressmen Edward J. Derwinski (Ill.), Clement Zablocki (Wisc.), Jack Kemp (N.Y.), Dan Rostenkowski (Ill.), and Daniel J. Flood (Pa.).

Also attending the meeting were Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Donald Rumsfeld, Philip Buchen, Robert Hartmann, John Marsh and Henry Kissinger.

Rep. Derwinski said that this was the first time in American political history that a U.S. president met with a cross-section of American ethnic leaders before attending an international conference. In his 30 years in Congress, Rep. Flood could not recall any such conference held by the president on the eve of such a historic meeting.

Prof. Dobriansky expressed fear that Moscow would manipulate the Helsinki agreement for its psycho-political propaganda and according to its own interpretive likings.

He also urged President Ford to make a definitive statement to the effect that the U.S. supports the aspirations of the peoples of Eastern Europe for freedom and national independence be widely disseminated by Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, so that the adverse psycho-political impact of the Helsinki meeting on Western Europe would be effectively reduced.

Officially known as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the summit attendees on August 1, 1975 issued a "Final Act" – which became known as the Helsinki Accords – an agreement to respect state boundaries as outlined after the second world war, to pursue arms reduction, to abide by the rule of international law and to uphold human rights.

Source: "President Ford met with ethnic leaders on eve of Helsinki conference," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, August 9, 1975.

FOR THE RECORD

House Concurrent Resolution 189 on parliamentary elections in Ukraine

Following is the full text of House Concurrent Resolution 189, which was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 23 by Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (D-Fla.), chairman of the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission). Original co-sponsors are: Reps. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif.), Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.), Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.) and Sander Levin (D-Mich.).

Concurrent Resolution

Urging all sides to the political crisis in Ukraine to abide by the May 27, 2007, agreement which calls for a new round of parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, and to ensure a free and fair, transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law.

Whereas the Ukrainian people, most spectacularly during the Orange Revolution of 2004, demonstrated their ability to resolve political differences through nonviolent protest and in a manner consistent with democratic principles;

Whereas Ukraine has accepted numerous specific commitments governing the conduct of elections as a participating state of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE);

Whereas the March 26, 2006, Ukrainian parliamentary elections were pronounced to be free and fair by the OSCE-led International Election Observation Mission;

Whereas free, fair and transparent elections are of vital importance to Ukraine's continued democratic development;

Whereas the people of Ukraine deserve to participate in free and fair elections and must be assured that the integrity of their democratic process continues to be consolidated and strengthened;

Whereas Ukraine is currently grappling with political uncertainty, rooted in hastily conceived constitutional reforms, that could jeopardize that country's hard-fought and substantial democratic gains;

Whereas on April 2, 2007, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko issued a decree dissolving the Ukrainian Parliament (Verkhovna Rada) and calling for early parliamentary elections, asserting that Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and his coalition government were overstepping their constitutionally limited bounds and "attempting to monopolize political power";

Whereas weeks of tension nonetheless gave way to negotiations between President Yushchenko, Prime Minister Yanukovich, and Parliamentary Speaker

Oleksander Moroz in an attempt to end the constitutional dispute;

Whereas the May 27, 2007, agreement accepted and signed by the Ukrainian president, prime minister, and parliamentary speaker stipulated new parliamentary elections for September 30, 2007;

Whereas the United States supports the principles of the May 27, 2007, agreement, as a forward-looking path to making Ukraine a more democratic and more united country;

Whereas the United States Congressional delegation to the 16th annual session of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) in Kyiv held a discussion with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, who reiterated his commitment to democratic principles and to holding elections on September 30, 2007, consistent with the May 27, 2007, agreement; and

Whereas the United States Congress has consistently demonstrated strong bipartisan support for an independent, democratic Ukraine: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that Congress –

(1) acknowledges and welcomes the strong relationship formed between the United States and Ukraine since the restoration of Ukraine's independence in 1991 and especially following the Orange Revolution of 2004;

(2) applauds Ukraine for holding free, fair and transparent presidential elections consistent with Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) standards on December 26, 2004, and parliamentary elections on March 26, 2006;

(3) urges the leadership and political parties of Ukraine to abide by the May 27, 2007, agreement and conduct elections as scheduled on September 30, 2007;

(4) supports the holding of free, fair, and transparent elections on September 30, 2007, in a peaceful manner consistent with Ukraine's democratic values and national interest, in keeping with its commitments as a member of the OSCE;

(5) expresses strong and continuing support for the efforts of the Ukrainian people to consolidate the democratic gains of the Orange Revolution of 2004 by strengthening respect for human rights and the rule of law, including an independent judiciary; and

(6) pledges its continued assistance to the further development of a free and transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law, a free market economy, and consolidation of Ukraine's security and sovereignty.

UCC leaders react positively to foreign minister's visit to Kyiv

WINNIPEG – Canadian Foreign Minister Peter MacKay was in Ukraine on July 17-18 on an official visit, meeting with Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and Foreign Affairs Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, along with leaders of various Ukrainian political parties.

While in Ukraine, Minister MacKay announced the following Canadian commitments to supporting Ukrainian democracy:

- a five-year \$6.5-million Juvenile Justice Reform in Ukraine project;
- a six-year \$9.5-million Policy Reform and Implementation Support Mechanism project that will fund individual initiatives aimed at improving

Ukraine's governance through policy development and implementation;

• a plan to send up to 60 observers through the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the upcoming parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

Additionally, Minister MacKay was able to visit two projects undertaken by Ukrainian Canadian NGOs in Ukraine. In the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast he visited a summer camp for orphans run by the charity Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund. In Kyiv, the Minister visited the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Resource Center at the National Parliamentary

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Who denied solace to Mary Manko Haskett?

by Lubomyr Luciuk

They dithered until she died.

She didn't make it easy for them. The last known survivor of Canada's first national internment operations, Mary Manko Haskett, lived to be almost 99. She passed away peacefully last week.

We met because of what she endured as a child. Mary was 6 years old when she was herded into a railway car, then transported with the rest of her family into Quebec's Abitibi region to be interned as an "enemy alien" in the Spirit Lake concentration camp. Her younger sister, Nellie, perished there.

Two Canadian kids, one dying, the other living, jailed not because of anything they did but only because their parents were lured to this Dominion with promises of freedom. Instead, when the first world war broke out, the Mankos lost nearly everything, most devastatingly their youngest child.

During the second world war Ottawa's men reconsidered the loyalty of Ukrainian Canadians but, save for a few Stalinists who got what they deserved, large-scale imprisonment became the rack of another minority, Japanese Canadians rounded up under the very same War Measures Act first deployed in the Great War. Until just a few years ago most Establishment historians, politicians and journalists, if they even referred to those imprisoned between 1914 and 1920, imprecisely called them Germans, Austrians and Turks, indifferent to who the internees actually were.

As for those who had their wealth confiscated, did heavy labor for the profit of their jailers and suffered other state-sanctioned indignities, including disenfranchisement, the victimized stayed silent. You would not want others to know you were once, officially, an "enemy alien," particularly not in wartime. Ironically, the internees collaborated in the repression of the historical memory of what was done to them.

While doing graduate research in Kingston I interviewed Nykola Sakaliuk, who had been held at Fort Henry, then Petawawa, and, finally, at the Kapuskasing internment camp. Intrigued by this little-known episode in our nation's history, a colleague and I penned an opinion-editorial published in *The Globe and Mail*, on October 28, 1988, titled "And who says time heals all?" Soon after Mary found me.

I learned how, when she finally dared to speak out about what happened, even her own children doubted her. They weren't being mean. There were no books about Canada's first national internment operations then. The very name, Spirit Lake, had long since vanished from Canadian atlases, renamed Lac Beauchamp. We were never taught about the internment operations in school or at home. It was a blank page in

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Canadian history.

But when the Japanese Canadian Redress Settlement was signed in 1998, providing an official apology, tax-free compensation payments to Japanese Canadian internees and many millions of dollars for a community-based endowment fund, I asked Mary what she wanted, given this welcome precedent. She said no apology was necessary, just an acknowledgement of what occurred.

And she wanted plaques and interpretive panels at the 24 internment camp sites, teaching materials for high schools and universities, internee cemeteries restored and other commemorative projects initiated, all to be paid for by calculating and recovering the present-day value of the internees' forced labor and confiscated wealth. She hoped such measures would ensure that no other Canadian ethnic, religious or racial minority ever suffers as Ukrainian Canadians once did. A devout Catholic, so very forgiving, she insisted this cause must be about memory, not money. We have, ever since, honored her wishes.

Over the years there were moments when we thought justice would soon be done. On June 8, 1993, the then leader of the Official Opposition, Jean Chretien, wrote: "The Liberal Party ... supports your efforts to secure the redress of Ukrainian Canadians' claims arising from their internment and loss of freedoms during the first world war ... we will continue to monitor the situation closely and seek to ensure that the government honors its promise." Alas, after "dat little guy from Shawinigan" became Mr. Prime Minister, he broke his promise.

Another former leader of the Opposition, Stephen Harper, titillated too. Rising in the House, on March 24, 2005, to support Bill C 331 – The Ukrainian Canadian Restitution Act, he said: "The last remaining survivor of these internment operations, Mary Haskett, is still alive. She will be turning 97 this summer. I sincerely hope that she will live to see an official reconciliation of this past injustice." Two years have gone by but the "new government of Canada" has done nothing to fulfill Mr. Harper's promise. He can ask his bureaucrats why.

Fortunately, royal assent was given to Inky Mark's Bill C 331 on November 25, 2005. That law obliges the government to negotiate a settlement with the Ukrainian Canadian community's designated representatives, as Secretary of State for Multiculturalism Jason Kenney reaffirmed on February 17.

The Prime Minister's Office should take note: we are ready to begin negotiations, and today is better than tomorrow, given that we have been waiting for 20 years.

Mary Manko Haskett prayed the injustice done to her and so many others would be addressed while she could still bear witness to an honorable reconciliation. Who denied her that solace? I don't know. But I do know they should be ashamed of themselves



The things we do...

by Orysia Paszczak Tracz

Malyna and Mama

by Orysia Paszczak Tracz

There I am in our raspberry patch in the back yard. Even though it is very hot, I have on socks, jeans, a hat, a white long-sleeved shirt buttoned up at the neck and sleeves, and I'm sprayed with Muskol. This is the Canadian prairie in the summer – gloriously sunny, rarely muggy, but home to the unofficial provincial bird, Manitoba's mosquito. I'm picking luscious, sun-warmed "malyny," or raspberries. They are so ripe that I must place the bowl under the branch as I pick them, because the dark red, even purple ones drop off in their ripeness. And some don't make it into the bowl, because there is nothing lovelier tasting than a sun-warmed purple malyna.

As soon as I start picking, the song pops into my head, the song and my Mama's voice: "Bulo ne khodyty po horishky pishky, bula by s ne mala, bula by s ne mala, i maloy potishky. Bulo ne khodyty u lis po malyny, bula by s ne mala, bula by s ne mala, i maloy dytyny." (You should not have gone walking into the woods to pick nuts, you would not have had [a bundle of] joy. You should not have gone into the woods to pick raspberries, you would not have had a little baby).

Ah, the temptations of the outdoors, and the lessons songs teach.

The melody is gentle and lovely, and sounds almost like a "kolysanka," or lullaby. I have never heard this one sung anywhere else. It could be a fragment from a longer song. For some reason, based on the melody, I think it may be a Lemko song. One of these days I may find the rest of it.

Why would I remember this song? Of course, the malyny trigger the memory. Then I wonder why I remember so completely so many songs and so many lyrics from my childhood?

My Mama sang all the time, but by the time I was in high school she stopped, as her mental health came crashing down on her, with the memories of her lost youth and dead first-born baby, along with the voices only she could hear. She had lost her family, her home, and her emotional and mental health to Stalin and Hitler during that war.

So I must have learned those songs before my teenage years. I don't think I sang along with Mama. I just listened. And those melodies and lyrics just got stored in the grey matter databank. Nowadays, I still remember all of that, and forget everyday necessities such as what day it is.

The malyna is a delicious berry and a very beneficial medicinal plant. In folklore, it also has a symbolic meaning, similar to that of the "kalyna" (viburnum, high-bush cranberry). In folk songs, the two are often mentioned as one – "kalyna-malyna," meaning a young maiden, a virgin, a young woman.

According to Yevhen Onatskyi, kalyna is always the first part of the phrase, malyna secondary. A malyna is a symbol of something attractive, sweet, "divchyna

yak malyna" (a girl as lovely, sweet, as a raspberry). Both the kalyna and malyna also refer to a bride's virginity on her wedding night, and the "malyna" was also the name of the flag hoisted over the home on the day after the wedding.

In songs, picking berries, such as kalyna and malyna, means to make love. In one Lemko song the girl sings to her boyfriend: "Ne rvy mylyi, ne rvy mylyi solodki malyny, oy ne dury, oy ne dury na raz dvi divchyny" (lover, don't pick, don't pick the sweet raspberries, don't lie to two girls at once).

In Winnipeg, during the multicultural Folklorama festival, you can have a "kalyna-malyna" drink at the Kyiv Pavilion.

The malyna (*Rubus idaeus* L.) is most commonly known by that name throughout Ukraine, but there are also regional and local names, such as duplavka, kosmatka, kosmachok, malynnyk. The berries are used medicinally, as are the flowers and leaves.

The former are eaten ripe, and are used as a diaphoretic, to bring on sweating during a cold, and as an anti-inflammatory. They are considered one of the best remedies for a cold. The berries are an aid for anemia, arteriosclerosis, hypertension, diabetes, loss of appetite, digestion problems and eczema. A tea from the berries is also used for some of these needs. A syrup from the ripe berries is cooked, and is used to make other medicines more palatable. The berries are eaten not only raw, but as jams and juices.

The leaves of the malyna contain much vitamin C, and are made into a tea. The leaves (from the new growth) and flowers are collected in May, the berries upon ripening in July. The berries and the leaves can be preserved for the winter by drying. You do not have to pick it yourself. Raspberry tea is easily available and, as a special treat, I have brought back malyna tea from Ukraine – "Karpatskyi chai" comes in pretty boxes full of fragrant herbal tea bags, in a wide variety of healthful and delicious flavors.

The all-encompassing encyclopedic dictionary "Likarski Roslynny" (medicinal plants) published in Kyiv by the editorial board of the *Ukrainska Radianska Entsyklopediya* in 1989 (ed. by A. M. Hrodzinsky), lists 1,297 entries of such plants in Ukraine. For the malyna, it says, "from folk medicine experience, it is known that leaves of the malyna are characterized as being binding, anti-inflammatory, anti-toxic, styptic and blood purifying. The flowers are anti-inflammatory and anti-toxic."

Externally, infusions from the malyna leaves are used to heal skin problems, and juice from fresh leaves is used in salves. Infusions from the flowers are used to rinse eyes suffering from conjunctivitis.

It is fascinating to learn about all the medicinal properties of this glorious berry and plant, but my primary interest is in eating. So, for the short malyna season, see you in the berry patch! Smachnoho!

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UMANA 2007 convention convenes at UNA's Soyuzivka estate

by George Hrycelak

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – The Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) concluded its regular biennial convention on June 21-24 here at the Soyuzivka estate with the largest turnout of participants in recent history.

The XXXIX Scientific Convention and XXXII Assembly of Delegates drew colleagues and their families from across the United States and Canada to a long weekend of science, business and socializing.

Participants arriving Thursday evening were treated to a warm, tasty and cordial reception, courtesy of Soyuzivka, in the lobby of the Main House. Colleagues renewed acquaintances, caught up on past events and made plans for the upcoming weekend activities.

During the reception, UMANA was pleased to exhibit the artwork of Orysia Sinitowich Gorski, a well-known Canadian Ukrainian artist and spouse of member Dr. Bronislaw Gorski from Winnipeg. In the library of the main building the artist's daughter, Tamara Gorski of Los Angeles, conducted what has now

professionals eager to hear the latest updates in medicine. Dr. Andrew Melnyk, scientific committee chairman, opened the proceedings, welcoming the audience and setting the tone for the next eight hours.

The topic of the conference was "Preventive Medicine – To Screen or Not to Screen," a relevant topic given the importance and urgency of screening tests that may impact the outcomes of a range of diseases and birth defects. Speakers presented their data (see sidebar) and answered questions from the audience.

Presentations proceeded throughout the day, with a special guest speaker, the assistant surgeon general of the U.S., Rear Adm. Boris Lushniak, addressing the audience during a working luncheon. The working session concluded slightly beyond schedule due to enthusiastic participation by interested attendees.

Ukrainian national costumes predominated at Friday's Hutsul Night dinner, amid Ukrainian music provided by Cheres. Colleagues enjoyed an evening of relaxation, camaraderie, renewal of old acquaintances and sharing of recent experiences.



New UMANA inductees (from left) Rostyslaw Sz wajkun, Markian Shulakewych, Lyudmila Lachac, Viola Arias and Liza Pilch.

become a traditional candle-lighting ceremony in front of the Famine-Genocide and Chernobyl works. While doing so, she read, in both Ukrainian and English, words composed by Dr. Alexandra Pawlowsky, who was unable to attend the art exhibit, but with whom the artist works closely. The exhibit remained open for viewing throughout the convention.

The following day was dedicated to science – the conference started at 8 a.m. with a meeting hall full of health care pro-



Assistant Surgeon General Dr. Boris Lushniak lectures on the role of the Food and Drug Administration in counterterrorism.

Younger participants of the UMANA program were treated to Exploration Day Camp geared to those below age 12, with hiking, arts and crafts, and sports activities to keep the energy levels manageable and focused.

The UMANA Assembly of Delegates met on Saturday morning to discuss the association's business issues and elect a new leadership for the upcoming two years. Of significant note was the presence of a large number of branch presidents: Dr. Ihor Fedoriw (Pennsylvania), Dr. Luba Komar (Toronto), Dr. Bohdan Pichurko (Michigan), Dr. Wayne Tymchak (Edmonton, Canada), Dr. Andrew Wojtowycz (Syracuse, N.Y.) and Dr. Roxolana Horbowyj (Washington D.C. Metro).

After reviewing and accepting the officers and committee reports, the discussion focused on the mission of the Journal of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (JUMANA). The assembly reaffirmed the need for and usefulness of publishing JUMANA, and made suggestions for modernization, while technologically updating the journal to make it more relevant and accessible to the modern world. Efforts to amplify the journal's reach would include expansion of its electronic edition and Internet format.

After a vote of confidence in the outgoing board, the new officers were elected unanimously as follows: Dr. Ariadna Holynskyj, president; Dr. Andrew Melnyk, vice-president; Dr. Wayne Tymchak, president-elect; Dr. Borys Buniak, secretary; Dr. Roman Prawak, treasurer; Dr. Alexandra Kushnir, membership director; Dr. Maria Hrycelak,



Maria Hrycelak

At the UMANA conference at Soyuzivka (from left) are: outgoing President Dr. Andrew Iwach, current President Dr. Ariadna Holynskyj and President-Elect Dr. Wayne Tymchak.

archivist; Dr. Roxolana Horbowyj, liaison to the World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Associations; Dr. Andrew Iwach, UMANA News; and Dr. Luba Komar, Scientific Committee chairman.

The election of Dr. Tymchak as president-elect marks a historic milestone: in two years, he will become the first president of the national office of UMANA to be a Canadian branch member. This culminates an effort introduced in 2001 by then president Dr. Ihor Voyevodka and further expanded by outgoing president Dr. Andrew Iwach to stimulate Canadian participation in UMANA.

Soyuzivka's Veselka patio hosted the evening's cocktail reception, with members surrounded by the mountainous splendor of New York's Shawangunk Mountains. Guests and members then retired below, to the Veselka Hall, for a deliciously prepared dinner served in pleasant surroundings.

After dinner, master of ceremonies Dr. Iwach greeted the guests warmly and introduced the guest of honor Dr. Lushniak.

Also present at the festivities was Roma Lisovich, treasurer of the Ukrainian National Association (UNA).

Dr. Maria Hrycelak led a short, friendly roast of outgoing president Dr. Iwach. Dr. Maria Fischer-Slysh received an honorary award for having attended all UMANA conferences except one – her excuse for that absence was: "I had to meet the pope in Ukraine." Dr. Gorski received a plaque originally awarded to him in 1995 at the last

UMANA conference held at Soyuzivka.

New members Viola Arias, Lyudmila Lachac, Liza Pilch, Markian Shulakewych and Rostyslaw Sz wajkun received membership certificates as new inductees to UMANA.

Dr. Iwach introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Nestor Paslawsky, general manager of the Soyuzivka estate. Mr. Paslawsky welcomed UMANA to Soyuzivka and presented a brief overview of the historical and cultural importance of this institution. He presented plans for the near future of the estate, with several different versions of real-estate options designed to update and modernize Soyuzivka, increasing its user-friendliness and broad appeal.

The evening's unexpected presentation had Alexa Holynskyj introducing her mother, the new UMANA president, Dr. Holynskyj, who thanked those present for their support and confidence, and encouraged continued participation and activity in all aspects of UMANA's endeavors.

The evening concluded with dancing to the pleasant tunes of Vidlunnia, featuring band leader Stepan Ben and violinist Marion Pidvirnyj. Members stayed late into the night, many preparing for their return trips home the next day, refreshed, reinvigorated and ready to fulfill UMANA's mission for the next two years.

The Conference Committee thanked Olesia Guran and the entire UNA estate staff for a smoothly run operation and for

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Dr. Andrew Iwach welcomes Soyuzivka General Manager Nestor Paslawsky (left) for keynote address at gala banquet.

Ukrainian National Credit Union Association holds 26th annual general meeting

by Volodymyr Pavelchak

CLEVELAND – A feeling of belonging to one cooperative family pervaded the 26th annual general meeting of the Ukrainian National Credit Union Association (UNCUA), which took place June 7-9 in Cleveland.

Representatives of the 17 Ukrainian American credit unions in the United States gathered to discuss their achievements and to plan for the future growth of their credit unions and the cooperative movement as a whole.

Thursday, June 7, was devoted to a managers' meeting and roundtable discussion moderated by Steve Goldberg of CUNA Mutual Insurance Society, the cooperative agency providing service to credit unions in the U.S. The UNCUA Technology Committee also met that day.

The following day was devoted to general sessions, which began with a welcoming address from Bohdan Czepak, President of Cleveland Selfreliance Federal Credit Union, which hosted the annual general meeting. The Chairman of the UNCUA board of directors, Bohdan Watral, greeted the assembled delegates and congratulated President Czepak on the 50th anniversary of the Cleveland credit union.

Delegates were addressed by Pete Crear, CEO of the World Council of Credit Unions; Bohdan Kekish, president of the World Council of Ukrainian Cooperatives; Askold Lozynskyj, president of the Ukrainian World Congress;



Ukrainian National Credit Union Association Chair Bohdan Watral (left) and President Orysia Burdiak present a recognition plaque to Cleveland Selfreliance General Manager Orest Liscynesky (second from left) and board President Dr. Bohdan Czepak on the occasion of the credit union's 50th anniversary.

and Nancy Sterner, CUNA Mutual Group's regional sales executive for Illinois. Mr. Lozynskyj presented awards to a number of credit unions for their support of the Ukrainian community.

A series of educational sessions followed: William Klewin of CUNA Mutual spoke on "Lending Today, Lending Tomorrow"; David Colby of CUNA Mutual discussed "The Road Ahead for Credit Unions"; Ronald Koza of Members United Corporate FCU presented an economic overview; Marcia Sarrazin of the National Credit Union Administration addressed the topic of disaster recovery. A general roundtable dis-

ussion chaired by Mr. Goldberg of CUNA Mutual concluded the sessions.

The annual meeting and election of UNCUA officers were held on Saturday. Both Mr. Koza of Members United Corporate FCU and Michael R. Kos of Selfreliance Ukrainian American FCU took advantage of this opportunity to present UNCUA checks in the amount of \$5,000 for further support of UNASCU, the credit union association in Ukraine.

Lubomyr Lypeckyj chaired the meeting. Following reports and discussion, new UNCUA governing bodies were elected. The newly elected executive

committee includes: Mr. Watral, chair (Chicago); Stephen Kerda, vice-chair (Washington); L. Mykola Hryhorczuk, vice-chair (Selfreliance Michigan); Olga Jakubowska, Secretary (Philadelphia); Victor Babanskyj (Ukrainian National, New York), Walter Kozicky (SUMA Yonkers) and Bohdan Kurczak (Self Reliance New York), members; and Lew Futala, honorary member.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America President Michael Sawkiw Jr. addressed the delegates. He reminded participants that in 2008 Ukrainians worldwide will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of the 1932-1933 Famine-Genocide in Ukraine.

Also in attendance at the meetings was Olga Klymko, board chair of Self-Help Credit Union in Poltava, Ukraine. She gave the assembly an overview of her credit union's involvement with the local community in Poltava.

The chairman of the UNCUA board, Mr. Watral, closed the meeting, thanking delegates for their participation and stating that, at the request of Ukrainian Selfreliance FCU of Philadelphia, the 2008 annual general meeting would be held in Philadelphia.

Delegates and guests then proceeded to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Cleveland Selfreliance FCU. This was a joyous event for the cooperative family, as another of UNCUA's member credit unions attained the landmark age of 50, marking half a century of service to its members and the Ukrainian American community.

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Ukrainian Homestead marks centennial of Ukrainian patriot Oleh Kandyba-Olzhych

by **Natalka Gawdiak**

LEHIGHTON, Pa. – An observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the poet, scholar and Ukrainian patriot Oleh Kandyba-Olzhych took place on Sunday, July 8, at the Ukrainian Homestead named in Olzhych's honor that was established in 1957 in Lehighton, Pa.

After Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Stepan Soroka celebrated a divine liturgy at the Homestead's outdoor chapel, the poet's son, Oleh Kandyba, who resides in

Kingston, Ontario, assisted in laying a wreath at the monument to Olzhych on the Homestead's grounds.

Mr. Kandyba spoke very movingly of how his father's legacy should serve as a beacon for a moral reawakening of today's Ukraine. He urged the participants at the well-attended event not to dwell on the fact of Olzhych's early death or the loss of his talent, but to try to replicate what was positive in his father's life for the advancement of the Ukrainian nation.



In the Homestead's banquet hall are Tamara and Oleh Kandyba, and their children, Andrij and Yaryna.



Oleh Kandyba delivers remarks on the 100th anniversary of his father's birth at the monument to his father, Oleh Kandyba-Olzhych, while the chair of the event's organizing committee and head of the Organization for the Rebirth of Ukraine, Alexander Prociuk, looks on.

Members of the community gave readings of Olzhych's poetry, and a musical program at the end of a festive banquet in the poet's honor was provided by the musical ensemble Ukrynski Barvy, among others, who had composed original music set to Olzhych's poetry.

The keynote speaker at the event was economist Mykola Plaviuk, last president of the Ukrainian National Republic in exile.

The head of the commemorative event's organizing committee was Alexander Prociuk, head of the Organization for the Rebirth of Ukraine.

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Ukrainian American Veterans select design for national monument

SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N.J. – The National Monument Committee of the Ukrainian American Veterans Inc. has selected a design for a monument honoring all Ukrainian American men and women who have served in the United States armed forces. The monument will be built at the Metiopia center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. (UOC of the USA) on a prominent site provided by the Consistory near St. Andrew Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, N.J.

A request for the submission of designs for the memorial was publicized in the Ukrainian American community and the response was quite impressive, with numerous interesting designs being submitted. Members of the monument committee participated in a thorough review process of all the submitted designs before making the final selection.

Ukrainian Canadian sculptor John Jaciw submitted the design selected by the committee. The design was chosen because of its uplifting effect upon observers. Two tall granite pillars immediately lift the eyes, hearts and minds of any visitor to prayerful commemoration of those Ukrainian Americans who gave so much to and for their nation and all it stands for. This effect dramatically increases as one draws physically closer to the monument.

The committee is co-chaired by Mathew Koziak, immediate past national

commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, and the Rev. Protopresbyter Frank Estocin, secretary of the Consistory – of the UOC of the U.S.A. Honorary chairs are Metropolitan Constantine, primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the U.S.A. Steven Wichar of the UAV also was an honorary chair, but he passed away after the committee was formed. Archbishop Antony, president of the UOC-USA Consistory serves as active advisor to the committee.

Others serving on this committee are: Anna Krawczuk, UAV national commander and committee treasurer; the Very Rev. William Diakiw, UOC; the Very Rev. Daniel Gurovich, UCC; Irene Estocin, assistant treasurer; Walter Bodnar, secretary; Col. Leonid Kondratiuk, Vasyl Luchkiw, Oksana Koziak, Bernard Krawczuk, Michael Wowk and Edward Zetick. Walter Demetro, an original member, passed away.

This national monument pays tribute to all branches of the U.S. armed forces and will honor the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian American men and women who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military. Ukrainian Americans have served in peace and war since the Spanish-American War, however, according to U.S. Army historian Col.



John Jaciw's design for the monument honoring Ukrainian Americans who served in the U.S. armed forces.



Members of the National Monument Committee of the Ukrainian American Veterans.

Kondratiuk, there is historical evidence that Ukrainians also served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War.

There is currently no official count of the number of Ukrainian Americans who have served in the U.S. armed forces. One statistician lists 90,000 living veterans at this time, while stating that over 200,000 Americans of Ukrainian descent fought in World War II.

The Ukrainian American Veterans Registration Project is collecting the names of veterans from veterans themselves, their families and the Ukrainian American community. This information is being entered into a computerized

database and plans are to make it accessible to the public as part of the UOC of the U.S.A. Historical and Educational Complex. These veterans are also being memorialized through the publication of a multi-volume series of books listing their names and photographs, when available. Volume I was released in 2004; volume II is slated for 2008.

The Ukrainian American Veterans Monument Committee expects to begin its fund-raising efforts for the monument this summer. Donations payable to UAV may be sent to: UAV National Monument Committee, P.O. Box 5058, Somerset, NJ 08875.

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Tennis Camp celebrates its 40th year, honors camp director George Sawchak

by Petrusia Sawchak

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – Forty years is a long time to do anything year after year – let alone teaching and organizing tennis. However, that's something that George Sawchak has been doing at Soyuzivka for many years along with his co-director, Zenon Snylyk, who passed away six years ago.

This year marked the 40th anniversary of Soyuzivka's Tennis Camp and Mr. George Sawchak who has been the camp's director since its inception, was honored for four decades of dedication. During the tennis camp banquet, Mr. Sawchak was presented with numerous awards for his tireless work as instructor and director of the camp. Making the presentations on the behalf of the Ukrainian National Association was UNA Advisor Olya Czerkas.

On accepting his awards, Mr. Sawchak said, "These awards also belong to Mr. Zenon Snylyk, who co-directed the camp



Soyuzivka's 40th Tennis Camp, 2007.

The instructors were Tania Sawchak Louer and Leda S. Kopach, both accomplished USTA players and former USCAK's champions. They were assisted by counselors Adam Ogonowski, Tatyana Romanyuk and Greg Serba. The

years and is a resident of the Ukrainian capital). These awards are given on the basis of exemplary behavior and overall attitude both on and off the courts; recipients are determined by the entire staff.

During the last days of camp the campers played tournaments to practice what they had learned during the first week. Presenting the trophies to the winners were Mrs. Louer and Mrs. Kopach. The girls' singles were played in three groups. Girls' Group I winner was Ada Kowcz, second place went to Anissa Boyko, and third place went to Lydia Kowinko. The Girls' Group II winners were Larysa Boyko, Biata Gerasymenko and Alexia Blackhurst. The Girls' Group III winners were also Sophia Tsiselsky, Andriyka Keller and Paige Astrup.

The girls' doubles winners in Group II were the team of Julia Kotliar and Julie Goodfriend, second place went to Alex Byskosh and Sophia Tsiselsky, and third

place to Suzanna Halatyn and Andriyka Keller. The Girls' Doubles Group I did not complete their tournament.

The boys' singles Group I winner was Danylo Tylawsky, second place went to Adrian Burke, and third place to Roman Krywulych. In the boys' singles Group II Maksym Kurganskyy won the play-off for first place over Andrew Simakov, with third place going to Matthew Liber. The boys' doubles winners were the team of Daniel Tylawsky and Matthew Liber, second place went to Adrian Burke and Slava Metveychuk, and third place went to the team of Maksym Kurganskyy and Petro Chudolij.

During the banquet it was noted that many of the campers had parents who had attended the Tennis Camp years ago. Among them were Victoria Kuritza's mom, Greg Serba's dad, Suzanna Halatyn's mom and aunt (her grandfather Danylo Slobodian) was one of the founders of Soyuzivka, Alexandra Foty's dad, Alexia Blackhurst's mom and Adrian Ivaskiv's dad.

Other interesting facts: the campers came from 10 different states, as well as one from Canada and one from Ukraine. There were 38 total campers in all; 20 were attending for the first time and others from their second to sixth time. The campers' ages ranged from 10 to 17 and, despite the age difference, the campers were able to work and play.

As in the past, the emphasis of the camp was on tennis. The instructors gave intensive tennis instruction at various sessions during the day, developing and stressing correct form, proper strokes and

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Greg Serba congratulates George Sawchak on the 40th anniversary of the camp.

with me for 35 years until he passed away in 2001. Mr. Snylyk was an Olympic soccer player, a captain of the U.S. team, and an excellent athlete and teacher. He was also an editor of The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda for many years."

"This was one of the best camps we've had in recent years," continued Mr. Sawchak, who is a United States Tennis Association (USTA) ranked player, teacher, organizer and captain of the Middle States team which competes with other USTA teams in his age bracket. He thanked the entire camp staff for their help.

24-hour dorm supervisor was Mrs. Czerkas and the coordinator was Petrusia Sawchak. Both are school teachers who organized off-court activities.

During the banquet held on Thursday night, June 30, Mrs. Louer and Mrs. Kopach presented certificates to all the campers and trophies to tournament winners.

The coveted "Best Campers" awards were given to Ulana Stasula and Victoria Kuritza (who also won last year), both from Illinois, Petro Chudolij of New Jersey, and Maksym Kurganskyy of Kyiv (who has attended tennis camp for three



The 40th Tennis Camp staff (left to right): Adam Ogonowski, Mrs. Olha Szerkas, Greg Serba, Tatyana Romanyuk, Mr. George Sawchak, Mrs. Tania Sawchak Louer, Mrs. Petrusia Sawchak and Mrs. Lida S. Kopach.

USCAK-East tennis tournament continues tradition at Soyuzivka

by George Sawchak

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – During the weekend of June 30-July 1 Soyuzivka's six tennis courts, with a beautiful view of the Shawangunk Mountains, were filled with enthusiastic tennis players of all ages participating in the annual USCAK-East Tennis Tournament. Competition

was conducted in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in 11 groups.

There were 60 entrants in the tournament making it the largest Eastern Championships of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK) in recent history. Many of the participants were junior players from Soyuzivka's Tennis Camp, which was held

at the resort at the time of the tournament.

In men's singles, young Mykola Stroynick became the winner of the group when he defeated Damian Petrykevych 6-1, 6-0 in the final. In the semifinals Stroynick won against Christian Cholhan, and Petrykevych defeated Greg Serba.

Damian's father, George Petrykevych, became the senior men's champion when, with the score at 1-6, 7-5, 2-0 in the final round, his opponent George Walchuk retired due to injury. In the semifinals Walchuk advanced when Ivan Durbak withdrew due to injury, and Petrykevych defeated George Hrabec 6-2, 6-4. Walter Dziwak won the senior consolation group.

Don Kopach and his father-in-law, George Sawchak, won the men's doubles tournament, overcoming the team of Durbak and Hrabec 6-2, 6-0. Kopach-Sawchak also defeated Roman Kowcz and Richard Legeckis in the semifinals and the Petrykevyches in the first round. The Durbak-Hrabec team advanced to the final with a close 6-3, 7-5 win over a

young team of Serba-Cholhan in the semi-finals and Petro Dubas and Orest Wasyluk in the first round.

In the mixed doubles group the winners were Nusia Dubas and Orest Wasyluk, who defeated Martha and Richard Legeckis 5-4, 6-3.

The junior girls' singles were played in two age groups. In the older group final Ada Kowcz defeated Lydia Kowinko in a 8-7 pro set, a format established for all junior matches in the tournament. In the semifinals Kowcz defeated Victoria Kuritza 8-2 and Kowinko eliminated Alexandra Foty 8-3. Marta Cherpak won the consolation of the older girls' group.

Biata Gerasymenko won the girls' younger group, defeating Suzanna Halatyn 8-6 in the final. Julie Goodfriend won the consolation in the younger girls' group. Kowcz and Foty won the junior girls' doubles, winning the final 8-7 over a team of Anissa Boyko and Kowinko. Victoria Kuritza and Natalia Hryhorowych won the consolation of the girls' doubles group.

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Some of the players and trophy winners of the USCAK-East tourney during the closing ceremonies with Soyuzivka's manager, Nestor Paslawsky.

Vovcha Tropa campground welcomes over 260 summer campers

by Natalka Salek

EAST CHATHAM, N.Y. – Under bright and sunny skies, the Vovcha Tropa campground in East Chatham, N.Y., on July 6 kicked off its 54th year of hosting summer camps for Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization members.

Over 260 campers and 56 counselors from all over the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania tri-state area – and from Plast branches as far away as Detroit and Chicago – are spending the next two to three weeks learning to live in nature, appreciating their Ukrainian heritage and forming lifelong friendships.

Vovcha Tropa, comprising over 350 acres of beautiful forests and meadows, is nestled between the Catskill and Berkshire mountains.

This year, five different camps are offered, grouped by age. These include three-week camps for the youngest Plast members – “novachky” and “novaky,” age 7-11; camps for “yunaky” and “yunachky,” age 12-15; and a two-week “Supercamp” (a.k.a. “U-2”) tailored to

more experienced campers age 15 and older.

Lisa Milanych and Darko Chornodolsky are the head counselors responsible for the younger campers while Adia Hankewycz, Maxim Artymyshyn and Stefko Stawnychy are responsible for the older campers.

Each camp has its own theme with customized programs and adventures. Key theme messages will be reflected in camp “baptisms,” camp songs, arts and crafts, and bonfire skits.

Additional activities will encompass various scouting skills, ecology, scavenger hunts, sports and games, swimming and hiking. The older campers are scheduled to do three- to four-day hikes across established trails in New England and Saranac Lake in upstate New York’s Adirondack Mountains.

Vovcha Tropa is managed by the Regional Camp Committee, a committee of seasoned Plast members and volunteers who are devoted to passing on their Plast experiences and love of the organization to future generations.



Flag-bearers on opening day represented all the camps being held at Vovcha Tropa.



Camp directors and Vovcha Tropa Regional Camp Committee members at the opening day ceremonies.

Sonia Bokalo is currently the committee chair and oversees committee sub-groups focused on operations, administration, health services, counselor recruitment and fund-raising. Peter Bokalo is in charge of facilities management, which this year include a new dining hall for the yunaky.

Lida Huk of Clifton, N.J. continues to oversee camp programs and the recruitment of counselors. Heading up the infirmary for the second year is Regina Michel, R.N., from Randolph, N.J. The food service continues to be first-rate under the skillful and experienced watch of Amelia Liteplo of New York.

The annual “Den Plastuna” (Day of the Plast Scout) festivities were held over the weekend of July 21-22, with each camp treating visiting parents, siblings and guests to a sampling of their camp themes and spirit.

Camps at Vovcha Tropa, save for the two-week “Supercamp” that concluded on July 22, continue through July 28.

Bandurist Julian Kytasty performs at Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute

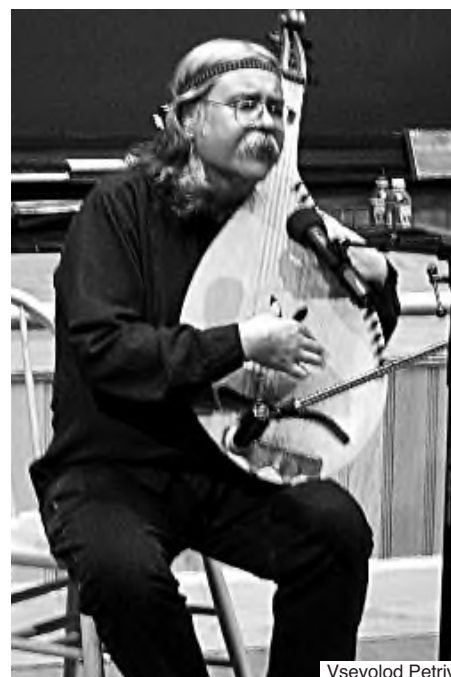
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – The Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) and the Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute (HUSI) on July 6 sponsored “Bandurysty i Kobzary,” a solo performance by noted bandurist Julian Kytasty in honor of the 100th birthday of his uncle Hryhorii Kytasty, who founded and directed the Ukrainian National Bandura Cappella in Kyiv.

In the aftermath of World War II, Hryhorii Kytasty oversaw the Capella’s removal to and establishment in Detroit where he was responsible for much of the music played by the ensemble.

Julian Kytasty’s performance repertoire ranged from the traditional to the contemporary and featured a number of songs that his father and uncle were able to transcribe from the old blind itinerant musicians that Joseph Stalin had executed in the 1930s.

Mr. Kytasty played the bandura, the kobza and the dutka in turn, performing both vocal and instrumental compositions. Vocal selections included certain pieces composed by Hryhorii Kytasty in the waning days of the war in Zakarpattia. Mr. Kytasty also introduced a number of his own original compositions.

The recital was held in Sever Hall at Harvard University and attracted students from the university and the Summer Institute, as well as from the Greater Boston Ukrainian community.



Vsevolod Petriv

Bandurist Julian Kytasty performs at Harvard.

Diaspora Olympiad and Youth Rally scheduled for July 4-6, 2008

by Tamara Stadnychenko

PHILADELPHIA – The president and board of directors of the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub have issued a formal announcement to diaspora organizations and institutions about Tryzub’s plans to host an Olympiad in 2008.

As in the past, the Olympiad will be organized under the auspices of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK) and promises to attract hundreds of young athletes and spectators to Horsham, Pa., for an exciting and elaborately choreographed series of competitive sporting events.

Since May, Tryzub and USCAK officials have been working steadily to prepare for an event that continues a tradition begun in 1988, coinciding with the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine. The goal of the Olympiad is to promote good sportsmanship and collegiality among diaspora youth. Scheduled for July 4 through July 6, 2008, the Olympiad will motivate and challenge young Ukrainian Americans

and Ukrainian Canadians to reach for the best within themselves and to honor the athletic prowess of their peers.

Moreover, organizers say, the Olympiad will present a wonderful opportunity for young people with a common heritage to meet, compete and form lifelong friendships.

With this agenda in mind, the Olympiad planning committee has already held several preparatory meetings with leaders of Ukrainian diaspora sports and youth organizations to address the complex logistics involved in creating a seamless program that will appeal to athletes and spectators alike.

Additional meetings will be held as the Olympiad agenda is solidified to ensure that all details relating to venue, accommodations, entertainment and other important aspects of the event are meticulously attended to.

Tryzub has invited all members of the Ukrainian community to help support this important endeavor. For further information readers may contact UASC Tryzub at 215-343-5412.

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ties, has called for the dismissals of
Transport and Communications Minister
Mykola Rudkovskiy and Emergency
Situations Minister Nestor Shufrych,
blaming them for the accident and insuffi-
cient rescue efforts. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Clean-up continues in Lviv Oblast

KYIV - Rescue teams on July 19 con-
tinued to clean up waste from the toxic spill
that took place in Lviv Oblast on July 16
when a train carrying tanks of yellow phos-
phorus derailed, Interfax-Ukraine reported.
According to the agency, 81 people, includ-
ing 28 children and 25 officers of the
Emergency Situations Ministry, had so far
sought medical aid because of exposure to
toxic smoke from the phosphorus fire that
followed the train wreck. More than 800
people were evacuated from the area affect-
ed by the accident. "The evacuation is nec-
essary, but after this chemical is out of the
air, people can return home," former
Ukrainian Environment Minister Serhii
Kurykin told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service
on July 18. "We're not talking about a
long-term evacuation here. Comparing this
to a second Chernobyl is incorrect, to put it
mildly. But in any case consuming this
year's harvest in this territory is out of the
question." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Yushchenko visits Flossenburg complex

FLOSSENBURG, Germany - President
Viktor Yushchenko and his family on July
22 attended a ceremony to open a museum
in the Flossenburg Memorial Complex. In
his speech, Mr. Yushchenko paid tribute to
each inmate of this German concentration
camp. "Thirty thousand people rest here.
Each visitor to this camp pays tribute to
those who died in it," he said. The president
said his father, Andriy, had been in
Flossenburg between December 1944 and
April 1945. He said it was important to
"learn proper lessons from the past," adding
that the "horrors of history unite the peo-
ple." Accompanied by Minister-President
Edmund Stoiber of Bavaria, President
Yushchenko also visited the Flossenburg
camp chapel and then laid a wreath at the
memorial plaque to the killed Ukrainians in
Nations Square. He spoke with former pris-
oners of Flossenburg and gave them wrist-
watches. Flossenburg was a German con-
centration camp built in May 1938 by the
SS Economic-Administrative Main Office

at Flossenburg in the Oberpfalz region of
Bavaria. Between 1938, when the camp
was established, and April 1945, more than
96,000 prisoners passed through
Flossenburg; about 30,000 died there. Most
of the inmates sent to Flossenburg, or to one
of about 100 subcamps, came from the
German-occupied Eastern territories. (Press
Office of Ukraine's President)

Poland welcomes temporary workers

WARSAW - As of July 20, Poland will
allow citizens of Belarus, Ukraine and
Russia to take up temporary jobs without
work permits, the dpa and Interfax news
services reported on July 18, quoting
Poland's Labor Ministry. Under the new
regulations, Polish companies will have
the chance to hire job-seekers from those
three countries twice a year for three-
month periods. A simplified procedure
makes low-cost visas available to poten-
tial workers at Polish consulates in Kyiv,
Moscow and Miensk with the completion
of a one-page form. The Labor Ministry
estimates that Poland needs some 500,000
foreign workers annually to work in low-
paid manual jobs, chiefly in the agricul-
ture and construction sectors, in order to
fill the gap created by Poles who have left
the country to work abroad since Poland's
entry into the European Union in 2004.
(RFE/RL Newsline)

Former Soviet property still at issue

KYIV - The Foreign Affairs Ministry
of Ukraine said on July 20 that it wants
Russia to provide official information
concerning the precise composition, book
cost and market cost of former Soviet
property abroad. The ministry urges that
negotiations on this issue be renewed
soon. The Foreign Affairs Ministry's
press-service chief, Andrii Deschytia,
commented that, following a recent state-
ment by the Russian president's business
manager, Vladimir Kozhin, on former
Soviet property abroad, the Ukrainian
Foreign Affairs Ministry noted that, in
spite of a number of agreements conclud-
ed previously with regard to the distribu-
tion of USSR property abroad, the prob-
lem remains unresolved. With a view
toward settling the issue of the external
state debt and assets of the former USSR,
the Verkhovna Rada in February 1997
adopted a resolution to address this issue
upon receipt from Russia of official
information concerning former Soviet

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With deep sorrow the Board of Trustees
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Ukrainian community of the sudden death
on July 18, 2007 of



DR. YAR W. MOCIUK

longtime Treasurer on the Museum's Board of Trustees and a most
generous benefactor of our institution.

We offer our sincere condolences and sympathy to his daughters,
Daria Zaluckyj and Natalia Baron, with their families, and to the
extended family and friends of Dr. Mociuk.

May he rest in peace.

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DR. YAR W.
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of Bronxville, N.Y.
passed away July 18, 2007.



Visitations were held on July 22, 2007
at Whalen and Ball Funeral Home in Yonkers, N.Y.

The funeral was held on July 23, 2007
at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers, N.Y.
Interment took place in Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic
Cemetery, Campbell Hall, N.Y.

He is survived by:

Daughters – Daria with husband, Ihor, and their
daughter, Anastasia and son, Peter
– Natalia with husband, David, and
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KONSTANTYN STEPOWYJ

100, originally of Newark/Irvington, N.J., and recently of
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He was born June 1, 1907 near Poltava in Ukraine.

He is survived by:

- daughters, Antonina and Olha
- son Wolodymyr and wife Cynthia
- 4 grandchildren, Christina, Maria, Nicholas and Michael.

The funeral was held on July 16 at the St. Andrew Ukrainian
Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, Md., and St. Andrews
Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, N.J., prior to
interment at St. Andrews Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery.

May his memory be eternal.

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*We are young
and the future is before us!*



Photo courtesy M. Kuzmowycz

Members of the U.S. Plast National and Rada Commands and the Supreme Plast Bulava at last year's Conference of Ukrainian Plast Organizations conference (KUPO). Standing from left: Sofia Hlewryk, Vasyl Liteplo, Yuriy Kuzmowycz, Ihor Mykyta, Bohdan Pechenyak, Adia Fedash. Front row: Ulana Slabicky, Marta Kuzmowycz, Zoriana Stawnyehy and Marta Pereyma.

In honor of the 95th anniversary of the founding of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, the U.S. Plast National Executive Board would like to welcome all plastuny around the world. This year's slogan says it all: "Molodi my i svit nam vidkrytyj" (We are young and the future is before us) – a reminder that although many years have gone by, we still continue to work to raise our Ukrainian youth in the scouting spirit.

At last year's triennial conference of Ukrainian Plast Organization's (KUPO), in Kyiv on November 2-5, many interesting discussions took place regarding the future of the organization. New leadership for the Supreme Plast Bulava was elected. The conference was attended by a number of representatives from different countries as well as the U.S. Plast National Executive Board and Rada. Participants also had the opportunity to meet with various representatives from Ukraine's ministries and the Ukrainian press. KUPO, is an excellent opportunity to discuss Plast activities and objectives in various countries and to coordinate those activities according to the principles of the entire Plast organization.

We, the U.S. Plast National Executive Board hope that all members attending camps will have a wonderful time this summer and we look forward to seeing everyone this August 4-19 at the worldwide Plast Jamboree in Grafton, Ontario!

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**National Executive Board
of the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, U.S.A.**

Meet Our Members! Funia O'Connell



Photo courtesy S. O'Connell

Funia O'Connell, a member of Plast's "starshi plastuny" (rover scouts) age group, credits membership in Plast as developing her the leadership skills and courage necessary to be a successful stage actress. She began performing on stage at a very young age – first in school then community plays and immediately developed a love of theater. One of her favorite performances was in 42nd Street in a high school production, playing the lead role which required learning to tap dance. Others included playing Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* and Eponine in *Les Miserables*.

This summer (for the entire month of August), after completing her degree in musical theater at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Funia will be playing the role of Maria in the New Hampshire Papermill Theater production of *West Side Story*.

Funia has been a member of the New York Plast branch since she was little, and has served in various leadership roles in Plast, including "kurinna" (troop leader), counselor and camp counselor. She is also a member of the Plast sorority "Spartanky". "Plast's entire ideology is a huge part of my life regardless of whether I'm performing on stage or planning "skhodyny" (Plast meetings)," Funia says.

We wish Funia all the best in her blossoming acting career and look forward to seeing her as the lead in a future Broadway show!

Plast celebrates 95th year

All of us who have been involved in Plast owe the organization a big thank you for giving us the opportunity to forge lifelong friendships, wonderful experiences and further our knowledge of the Ukrainian heritage and scouting ideals. In this year of celebrations honoring the 95th anniversary of the founding of Plast by Dr. Oleksander Tysovsky (DROT), let's take a moment to reflect on how much effort has been given to the task of building character and leadership skills in our youth, and how many continue to benefit from membership in our organization.

From its first beginnings in Ukraine, the Plast ideology enticed the young generation.

Plast, even with its activities curtailed, continued to exist, albeit illegally during Polish occupation. During the ensuing German occupation in 1941, Plast attempted to renew its activities openly, but the Germans did not allow it. Plast was again forced underground to continue its work. After the end of the Second World War in 1945, Plast was resurfaced in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany and Austria, where many new fraternities and sororities were formed. With Ukrainian emigration in the 1950s, Plast launched branches in countries like the U.S., Australia, Argentina, Great Britain and Canada and continued in Germany. The Plast program expanded to include many different camps, activities and programs. With the reawakening of the nationalist movement in Ukraine in the early 90s and then independence, Plast has reactivated itself in Ukraine and boasts approximately 6,000 members.

In commemorating this important anniversary, let us remember our counselors who helped us become enthusiastic about Plast activities, and close friends with whom we spent so many years scouting together. Our counselors taught us to value our membership in Plast, to be proud Plast members and we would like to pass on this enthusiasm to our children and grandchildren.



Members of the Passaic Plast pack "Vovky" (Wolves), from troop 17 – "Pryateli Lisu" (Friends of the Forest) stand on command while receiving their yellow "khustky" (sashes) at the Passaic branch "Yalyuka" celebration. The receipt of the yellow "khustka" is a very important moment for young scouts, as it symbolizes their completion of the first "proba" (series of entrance requirements) and their official membership in the Plast organization.

Photo courtesy R. Handzy



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Finally....

Counselors and some participants from last year's 10th annual Winter Exploration Camp which took place in the Lake Placid area of the Adirondack mountains in New York State. This camp, organized by

Plast's fraternity "Lisovi Choroty" is for older scouts who enjoy hiking five to eight miles a day and camping in winter weather conditions, as well as ice climb.

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There's no place...

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cious time and valuable knowledge with all of the participants.

On Thursday evening, everyone attended a special banquet – a favorite tradition of UNA Seniors Week. Many participants donned traditional Ukrainian blouses, shirts and/or embroidered dresses, adding to the evening's already very festive atmosphere. UNA President Stefan Kaczaraj gave his usual support to this program by attending the conference and the evening's festivities.

Mr. Wasylenko shared some humorous

anecdotes and a dramatic poetry recitation, while Bohdan Chaplinsky entertained all with his melodic tenor voice.

The special guest speaker for the evening, Ukraine's Consul General in New York Mykola Kyrychenko, was warmly greeted by all the participants. His warm greetings at the banquet were heartfelt and greatly appreciated by his audience.

The evening ended to the tunes of the Vidlunna Band, conducted by Stefan Ben. Everyone relaxed, wined and dined, and waltzed the night away.

During the week, the evenings were filled with all kinds of activities, including Bingo, lead by Dr. Yuriy Soltys and Mykola

Nenadkevich. Helen Redko and Dr. Soltys, our very special auctioneer, raised funds for the UNA Seniors. Mr. Nenadkevich read a piece from Hanna Cherin's book of poems. Alex Redko discussed the relationship between Taras Shevchenko and Ira Aldridge, the well-known American Shakespearean actor of the time.

The seniors spent a memorable and eventful week at Soyuzivka, thanks to the cooperation of the glorious weather, the first-class presentations and entertainment, and the chance for all to meet both new and old friends. As usual, the meals were wonderful and provided everyone with the opportunity to reflect and enjoy a first-rate

culinary experience, thanks to Andrij Sonevytsky, Soyuzivka's executive chef.

The executives of the UNA, under the leadership of President Kaczaraj, support the UNA Seniors' program and always attend the conferences to meet with participants.

Under the management of Nestor Paslawsky, the staff at Soyuzivka did a great job in accommodating the needs of all the participants. Each and every staff member deserves thanks for making the UNA Seniors' Week special.

We had 106 participants at this year's conference, but there is hope that Soyuzivka will host even more participants at Seniors' Week 2008.

UCC leaders...

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Library of Ukraine established with the support and assistance of the Canadian Friends of Ukraine. Both the CCCF and the CFU are members of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

"This trip by the minister is the first one by such a high placed Canadian politician since before the 2004 presidential elections in Ukraine," explained UCC President Orysia Sushko. "The UCC believes that this trip acts as a signal to the Ukrainians, of Canada's continued support for democratic development. The concrete support announced by Canada supporting the advancement of good governance in Ukraine is to be welcomed."

"The UCC is particularly pleased that the Minister became acquainted with the good work being undertaken by Canadian NGOs in Ukraine. We know that people helping people is one of the fundamentals of Canadian civil society and are happy to see that principal at work in Ukraine. The volunteer sector has a lot to offer in furthering Canadian foreign policy objectives," she added.

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"Shostokryli" sorority of Plast holds annual gathering at Soyuzivka



The "Shostokryli" of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization gather at Soyuzivka.

by Larisa Popadiuk

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – The "Shostokryli" sorority of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization held its annual "Velykyi Zlet" meeting at the Soyuzivka resort the weekend of April 27-29. The main agenda item this year was to reorganize the sorority, which has been invigorated with new members, get to know some of the original members and create a plan for future activity.

The sorority was founded in July 1960 by Plast members in Cleveland. There were 15 members at the time the National Plast Command officially recognized the "Shostokryli" as a sorority in September of 1960. By 1970 membership grew to 60 and included branches in New York, Cleveland, Buffalo, N.Y., Baltimore, Philadelphia and Toronto.

The name "Shostokryli" is derived from the era of Galician Prince Roman of the Galician-Volhynian State, who was described in the famous "Tale of Ihor's Campaign" as a "Shestykrylets." The sorority's activities center on Ukrainian traditions and customs, as well as working as counselors in Plast branches and camps.

Some examples of past activities organized by the "Shostokryli" sorority include the staging of exhibits by Ukrainian artists, music concerts, lectures and "hahilky" at Eastertime. In recent years members in the Cleveland area have prepared the traditional "Mykolaiko," or St. Nicholas play for the Cleveland Plast branch, also attended by members of the local Cleveland Ukrainian community.

Just as many other Plast sororities and

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their dedicated efforts to make UMANA's stay at Soyuzivka enjoyable, memorable and fun.

Speakers at the UMANA Scientific Convention were:

Borys Buniak, M.D. – "Colon Cancer Screening"

George Demidowich, M.D. – "Prevention of Coronary Disease"

Yuri Deychakiwsky, M.D. – "When Screening Isn't Done"

Irene Fedorovich, M.D. – "Screening for Childhood Eye Disorders"

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Marko Jachtorowycz, M.D. – "Screening for Ovarian Cancer"

Luba Komar, M.D. – "Childhood Poisoning"

Luba Komar, M.D. – "Childhood

Obesity"

Petrusia Kotlar, D.C. – "Non-Traditional Medical Treatments"

Roman Kowalchuk, M.D. – "Coronary Artery Screening"

Alexander Kudryk, M.D. – "Diabetes Screening"

Boris Lushniak, M.D. – "FDA Role in Counterterrorism"

Alice Lytwyn, M.D. – "Cervical Cancer Screening"

Wolodymyr Medwidsky, M.D. – "Skin Cancer Screening"

Andrew Melnyk, M.D. – "Newborn Genetic Screening"

Joseph Pober, M.D. – "Who Are Candidates for Aging Youthfully?"

Ihor Sawczuk, M.D. – "Prostate Cancer Screening"

Walter Silecky, M.D. – "Osteoporosis"

Wladimir Wertelecky, M.D. – "Role of OMNI-Net Ukrainian Birth Defects Program"

Leo Wolansky, M.D. – "Gadolinium-Enhanced MRI: The Party's Over?"



The Exploration Day Camp led by Walt Nalywayko (second from right).

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PHOTO GALLERY: Wladimir Klitschko's victory in Cologne



COLOGNE, Germany – IBF and IBO heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko, 31, (49-3,44 KO) on July 7 retained his titles against Lamon Brewster (33-4, 29 KO) after the fight, held in Cologne, Germany, was called by Brewster's corner man Buddy McGirt at the conclusion of the sixth round. Klitschko suffered a fractured middle finger on his left hand during the bout. In the photos above – from the photo gallery of Jaroslav Kernitski – Klitschko is seen before, during and after the fight. (A report on the bout appeared in "Sportsline" on July 15.)

Plast Ukrainian...

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chartered buses. The highlight of the event was the attendance of Dr. Oleksander Tysovsky, the founder of Plast, who arrived from Vienna.

Today, most North American Ukrainians are more affluent, but scattered all over the continent and busier.

The parameters for this type of large-scale project have changed dramatically in the last 50 years. New legal requirements – privacy rules, waivers of liability, jurisdiction agreements, medical histories, the submission of mandatory risk management plans – add to the organizational challenges.

Participants will be arriving not only in chartered buses but trains, planes and automobiles; new passport requirements at the U.S.-Canada border add another complication.

Yushchenko travels...

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will soon be transferred to the Ukrainian community in that city. Diverse educational programs will also be developed for diaspora representatives in Ukraine, he said.

During the ceremony, Mr. Yushchenko gave state awards to Lemko leaders, awarding the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise, fifth grade, to Archbishop Alexander Dubets, the Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church's prelate for Peremyszl and Nowyj Sancez.

The president and first lady participated in blessing the Bells of Peace to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Akcja Wisla and in a "panakhyda," or requiem service, for its victims.

Prior to Mr. Yushchenko's visit, the closest thing to an official Polish apology for Akcja Wisla appeared in an April 2002 letter to the Polish government-affiliated Institute for National Remembrance written by then-President Aleksander Kwasniewski in addressing an academic conference on the 1947 operation.

On behalf of the Polish government, Mr. Kwasniewski expressed regret to all those wronged by Akcja Wisla, an event he described as "a brutal pacification of Ukrainian villages and the expulsion of a populace" that should have been condemned.

Only the upper chamber of the Polish Parliament, the Senat, officially condemned Akcja Wisla, doing so in August 1990. The Sejm, the lower chamber, did not follow suit.

At the same time, to meet current "green" and conservation requirements, Canadian authorities are limiting access to wilderness parks, limiting the number of campsites, limiting the sizes of groups using canoe routes and requiring permits for everything.

The key elements of the project – the coordination of the celebrations and the organization and operation of nine separate camps for youth – have engaged a host of Plast members who not only have years of counseling, leadership training and skills development experience, but also significant professional experience in management and organization.

The organizing committee co-chairs are Ann Szyptur, who also heads Plast in Canada, and Bohdan Kolos. Ms Szyptur, who recently took early retirement, was a senior public servant with the Ontario government for 30 years. Her last position was Director of the Governance and Accountability Office. For the last six years, she has conducted training seminars in Ukraine for the Help Us Help the Children organization.

A teacher for almost 20 years, Mr. Kolos is currently the vice-president of the Catholic Teachers Association, an organization that has 30,000 members in Ontario. Since 1994 he has taken part in annual teacher training sessions in Ukraine organized by the Ukrainian World Congress Education Committee.

For the actual implementation of the program of the jamboree, the crucial persons will be the leaders of the nine camps – the "komendanty" – and the organizers have put together a stellar cast of people who have not only the commitment, the leadership training and skills that participation in Plast activities ensures but also significant professional experience in people and resource management.

Two of the komendanty – Deanna Yurchuk (New York) and Lubko Belej (Toronto) have professional training in outdoor education. Ms. Yurchuk has an M.A. in outdoor education from Prescott College, Arizona. For the last six years she has worked as an experiential education teacher at Friends Seminary in New York, both as a guide and an outdoor recreation instructor.

Mr. Belej has a bachelor's degree in recreational and leisure studies from Brock University, and for the last eight years has been a coordinator of student residence programs. He currently works for Campus Living Centers Inc., where he is coordinating programs for 13 institutions across the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia.

Dr. Lubomyr Domashevsky (Chicago)

who heads one of the camps for 15-to 17-year-old boys, is an emergency medicine attending physician at two hospitals in Wisconsin; he is also a Major in the U.S. Army. He spent 10 years on military medical assignments and his tours of duty included one year (2004-2005) in Baghdad. He also served in Germany, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Two of the girls' camps are headed by Larysta Szanc Smarsh (Toronto) and Tamara Balan (Toronto), both recipients of the highest youth rank in Plast – "Hetmanska Virlytsia." Ms. Smarsh is currently working in New York at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She was one of the first holders of an undergraduate Fulbright to Ukraine, where she spent one year on a research project.

Although Ms. Balan graduated from the University of Toronto only two years ago, she has racked up an impressive dossier of

Originally from Germany, she has worked in Ukraine since 2001 and, for the last three years, has been the head of the Human Resources Department at ProCredit Bank Ukraine.

The two camps for the youngest Plast members – 12- and 13-year-olds – are being held in Quebec. The girls' camp is headed by Katria Kuzmowycz (Maryland) a music educator who spent her Plast life with the New York City branch where she achieved the rank of "Hetmanska Virlytsia." She has had a musical education and three years' music teaching experience, the last year as a full-time elementary music teacher in Prince George's County in Maryland.

Heading the youngest boys' camp is Mark Lazurko (Edmonton) – a pharmacist, an M.B.A. and senior manager of BearingPoint, a North American health-care consulting practice. He has 20 years



Bohdan Kolos and Ann Szyptur, co-chairs of the organizing committee for the 2007 International Plast Jamboree.

organizational work in volunteer positions – coordination of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, election observer both in Ukraine and Canada and, for the last five years, with the Help us Help the Children camps in Ukraine and fund-raising events in Canada.

Michael Hantzsch (Calgary) who will head the camp for 13-to 14-year-old boys, can count up 29 years of business and technical experience. He is a professional engineer and currently is vice president of business development at Provident Energy Ltd. In Plast he heads the Calgary branch, of which he is one of the founders.

His partner – in charge of the younger girls' camp – is Romana Zubenko (Kyiv).

of consulting experience and is very active in the Edmonton Plast branch, which he formerly headed.

The leaders of the camps will have over 100 camp counselors to implement the planned program. Because regulations require that each canoeing group of eight persons have two adults, an additional 50 part-time counselors have signed up for the three- to four-day canoe trips.

The fact that Plast can put together such a large and committed group of adults to provide what will no doubt be an unforgettable experience for young people proves that, once tasted, the values of the organization become deeply rooted. And that's one explanation for the fact that Plast today can boast of a 95-year history.

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Old guard...

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been more outspoken. They left OU on July 11, protesting what they saw as a lack of democracy in the party. Both are believed to be close to Petro Poroshenko, one of the "dear friends."

Two political websites, For-ua.com and proUA.com, have predicted that Mr. Poroshenko may be expelled from OU ranks by the end of this year along with several other "dear friends." They suggested that this may result in OU losing financial and mass media support, as much of that has been coming from the "dear friends," while OU is turning into a monolith structure run by the "authoritarian" Mr. Baloha, who received carte blanche from Mr. Yushchenko to "purge" the ranks of Our Ukraine.

Analyst Oles Doniy, commenting on Mr. Bezsmertnyi's departure from OU's leadership for Segodnya, a newspaper linked to OU's bitter rivals from the Party of the Regions, suggested that Mr. Bezsmertnyi might launch a new party targeting the protest electorate. He also said that the former leader of OU's Ternopil branch, Oleh Humeniuk, a dark horse who unexpectedly replaced Mr. Bezsmertnyi as head of the OU political council, is a relative of party Chairman Kyrylenko. If this

is true, it is a boon to those critics of Mr. Yushchenko who claim that family ties are no less important in the presidential team than professional qualities.

Mr. Yushchenko banished the "dear friends" from the OU leadership last December, simultaneously instructing Mr. Baloha to rebuild the party with an eye to an early parliamentary election (see Eurasia Daily Monitor, December 13, 2006). Several of them were publicly accused of corruption by a former head of the Presidential Secretariat, Oleksander Zinchenko, in September 2005. Mr. Yushchenko apparently blamed the "dear friends" for OU's defeat in the March 2006 parliamentary election.

The "dear friends" have been steadily losing political clout ever since, while young party functionaries like Messrs. Kyrylenko and Humeniuk have come to the fore. Glavred, a website linked to one of the "dear friends," Oleksander Tretiakov, has warned that this strategy of promoting the young and inexperienced may result in another election defeat for Our Ukraine and another term as prime minister for Viktor Yanukovich, the leader of the Party of the Regions.

Source: *Interfax-Ukraine*, July 5, 12; *proUA.com*, July 12; *For-ua.com*, July 13; *Segodnya*, July 14; *Glavred.info*, July 13, 16.

USCAK-East...

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The junior boys' singles were played in three age groups: 12 and under, 14 and under, and 18 and under. The youngest group's winner was Petro Chudolij, defeating Andrew Simakov 8-5 in the final. Danylo Tylawsky took the 14-and-under title, defeating Adrian Burke 8-0 in the final. The final of the 18-and-under juniors between Damian Petrykevych and Christian Cholhan was not played due to a scheduling conflict. The consolation singles' winners for each age group were, respectively, Oliver Chernyk, Zachary Buniak and Dragan Rozwadowski.

The junior boys' doubles winners were the team of Tylawsky and Burke defeating Buniak and Chudolij in the final 8-1.

Consolation winners of the group were Roman Krywulych and Matthew Liber.

As in previous years, the 2007 tournament was organized and conducted by USCAK's tennis committee consisting of Messrs. Durbak, Hrabec and Sawchak (tournament director). The host club and provider of awards was the Carpathian Ski Club (KLC) of New York. Also providing awards this year was Soyuzivka, whose manager, Nestor Paslawsky, congratulated the players during the closing ceremonies and award ceremonies and encouraged everyone to support the estate's events.

The next Ukrainian tennis tournament is USCAK's singles championships, which will be held also at Soyuzivka during the Labor Day weekend, September 1-3. (More information will be provided in the future issues of The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda.)

"Shostokryli"...

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fraternities have accessories to wear with their Plast uniforms, the "Shostokryli" incorporate the Ukrainian "kraika" (woven sash) around their waists. Newly initiated members get their "kryla" (wings) during the initiation ceremony of "Pereletna Nich" (Flight Night). Two important symbols of the sorority are the wreath, considered a symbol of friendship, love and happiness, and the lit candle, a symbol of truth.

Today, the largest "krylo" (branch) of members is located in the Cleveland area, but more and more members are joining from various cities. Additional "kryla" can be found in Kyiv and Ternopil, Ukraine.

For more information on the "Shostokryli" Plast sorority readers may e-mail larisacp@wowway.com.

Ukrainian defense...

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consciousness. Gen. Alexander Suvorov founded the port in 1783, in the wake of Russia's interminable 11 wars against the Ottoman Empire. It was the site of two legendary sieges, the first during the Crimean War and the second during World War II.

The 95 percent complete Ukrayina has been decaying at the Mykolayiv shipyard complex since 1991.

In 2006 Ukraine's military budget was slightly over \$1.1 billion, of which the naval forces were allocated less than 11 percent. The fiscal shortfalls have severely impacted the fleet; besides the Zaporizhia and the Ukrayina, three frigates have been stricken from the fleet's 40-ship roster.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko is a strong promoter of Western reforms and NATO membership for Ukraine. Defense Minister Hrytsenko is one of the few other members of the Ukrainian government promoting NATO membership, and he sees his role toward that end as implementing a less threatening and less costly Ukrainian military, slashing costs

by retiring redundant personnel and hardware (Kyiv Post, July 5).

Since independence, Ukraine has persistently worked to better its relations with its Black Sea neighbors, annoying Russia as it outperforms Moscow in its dealings with its recent colleagues. As a member of the Blackseafor Task Group, Ukraine interacts with Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia and Russia.

The historic base of Sevastopol is not Moscow's sole loss. Russia also was forced to evacuate the Balaklava nuclear ballistic submarine base, located six miles southeast of Sevastopol, which is carved into the surrounding cliffs and could house up to 10 ships. The issue is fraught with emotion; while Tsar Peter the Great founded the Russian navy in the late 17th century, it was Catherine the Great who established it on the Black Sea in the late 18th century.

Kyiv's fire sale of its Soviet naval heritage and its interest in embracing NATO membership remain major irritants in Ukraine's prickly relationship with Russia, a situation not likely to be resolved anytime soon.

Tennis Camp...

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game strategy, as well as the importance of good sportsmanship and tennis etiquette.

The daily regimen always began with calisthenics. Campers were divided into groups according to ability and the instructors rotated their instruction. The last few days were devoted to tournament play, in which the campers put to use what they had learned.

Off-court activities included swimming in Soyuzivka's Olympic-sized pool, playing team games in the pool organized by

Mrs. Czerkas, watching movies, going on scavenger hunts, singing around the bonfire, enjoying Soyuzivka's dance to a live band, and attending "Hutsul Night," a special treat thanks to Soyuzivka's manager, Nestor Paslawsky.

Despite the fact that Soyuzivka was literally brimming with children for two weeks because of various camps, the food was excellent thanks to Chef Andriy Sonevytsky. Many thanks were given also to the entire Soyuzivka staff who tried their best to provide the best service to the Tennis Camp held on June 24 - July 6.

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property abroad. To date the Ukrainian side has received no such information, which makes ratification of the zero-leveling agreement impossible. The Foreign Affairs Ministry of Ukraine has repeatedly proposed consultations with the Russian side aimed at finding mutually acceptable ways to resolve the issue. The Russian side, however, has not accepted any of these proposals as yet, Mr. Deschytsia explained. (Ukrinform)

President's third decree questioned

KYIV – The Constitutional Court on July 23 received a petition from 46 lawmakers questioning the legality of President Viktor Yushchenko's June 5 decree that set early parliamentary elections for September 30, Ukrainian media reported. The petition concerns Mr. Yushchenko's third decree on early polls; in April the Ukrainian president set snap elections twice, for May 27 and June 24, but subsequently canceled these decisions. Presidential adviser Stepan Havrysh, who was appointed a judge of the Constitutional Court by Mr. Yushchenko in May, commented on July 23 that the Constitutional Court is unlikely to examine the petition any time soon, adding that the court is inoperative because its judges are on vacation. Mr. Havrysh acknowledged that the court could hold an emergency session convened by its chairman, but said such a possibility is unlikely. "Such an [emergency] session would mean that the Constitutional Court challenged the political stability in Ukraine," the Ukrayinska Pravda website (<http://www.pravda.com.ua>) quoted Mr. Havrysh as saying. "Moreover, I cannot imagine how – given the political and

legal accord on pre-term elections signed by three political leaders [on May 27] in order to lay constitutional foundations for the polls – the court might accept such a petition for examination," he added. (RFE/RL Newswire)

SBU seizes heroin shipment

KYIV – The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) has confiscated 174.5 kilograms of heroin in one of the country's largest-ever narcotics-smuggling cases, Ukrainian and international news agencies reported on July 23, quoting an SBU spokesman. The heroin was transported by a truck originating in Iran. The SBU arrested its driver, a Turkish national, shortly after the vehicle arrived in the Ukrainian port of Illichivsk by ferry from the Georgian port of Poti. The heroin, with a street value of some \$20 million, was concealed in a false bottom in the truck's trailer. The seizure reportedly was possible due to cooperation between the SBU, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and Turkish law-enforcement bodies. (RFE/RL Newswire)

Lavrov withdraws journal article

NEW YORK – James Hoge, the editor of the U.S. bimonthly Foreign Affairs, told RFE/RL on July 20 that the recent decision by Foreign Minister Lavrov to withdraw an article on Russian foreign policy from the magazine came as "a complete surprise" to its staff. Mr. Hoge stressed that the magazine, which is considered one of the world's most influential journals on international affairs and foreign policy, went out of its way to accommodate Mr. Lavrov. The Russian foreign minister charged that the editors changed his article in such a way as to misrepresent his views. (RFE/RL Newswire)

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Concert with Mykola Suk, the Grazhda - Music and Art Center of Greene County, 518-263-4619

August 3
Washington

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

August 5-12
South Bound Brook, NJ

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

August 3
Annandale, VA

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

August 6
Cambridge, MA

Book reading, "Brushstrokes" with Dzvinia Orlovsky and Alexander Motyl, Harvard University, 617-495-4053

August 3, 7-9
San Rafael, CA

Film screening, "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" by Sergei Paradjanov, Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, 415-454-1222 or www.cafilm.org

August 6-10
Jewett, NY

Ukrainian embroidery course, the Grazhda - Music and Art Center of Greene County, 518-263-4619

August 3-5
Durham, ON

Lemko Vatra, Association of Lemkos in Toronto and Association of Ukrainians from Lemkivshchyna in Hamilton, 416-259-0640 or www.lemko.org/index.html

August 6-10
Jewett, NY

Ukrainian bead-stringing course (gerdan), the Grazhda - Music and Art Center of Greene County, 518-263-4619

August 9
Cambridge, MA

Lecture by Mykola Riabchuk, "Pluralism by Default: Institutional Crisis in Contemporary Ukraine," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

August 10
Cambridge, MA

Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute closing events evening, featuring presentations and plays by students, Harvard University, 617-495-4053

August 10-12
Huntington, OH

Quads volleyball tournament, Ukrainian American Youth Association resort "Khortycya," 440-476-6714 or bycko@yama.clearlight.com

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ment academics and eyewitness testimonies; the narrator is Bohdan Beniuk. For information call Lev Bodnar, Ukrainian Radio Program, 847-825-4649.

Sunday, August 26

SOMERSET, N.J.: The Ukrainian community of Central New Jersey (New Brunswick, Manville, South Bound Brook) invites all to a commemoration of the 16th Independence Day of Ukraine, which will take place at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 3 Davidson Ave. The commemoration will include: a literary performance by Honored Artist of Ukraine Rostyslaw Wasylenko, the vocal/instrumental quartet Fourth Wave, the vocal ensemble of the New Brunswick parish, the Barvinok dance ensemble, and composer and Honored

Artist of Ukraine Lilia Ostapenko. Free refreshments will be served at the end of the program. Admission: \$15. For further information call 908-534-6683.

Saturday, September 1

KERHONKSON, N.Y.: The 51st annual swimming championships of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK) will take place at Soyuzivka. Warm-up is at 9 a.m.; meet begins at 10 a.m. Prizes for first, second and third places in all events and the team trophy are funded by the Ukrainian National Association. Registration fee of \$10 per swimmer must be paid by August 20; no poolside registration. Please send checks payable to Ukrainian Sports Federation to: Marika Bokalo, 641 Evergreen Parkway, Union, NJ 07083. For information call Ms. Bokalo, 908-851-0617, or log on to www.soyuzivka.com.

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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-August 4

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky
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Session #1

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

July 29-August 4, 2007

Sitch Sports Camp Session #2,
ages 6-18

August 19-23
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August 3

Entertainment at Tiki Bar featuring
'Pete & Vlody Unplugged'

August 24
Joseph's Dance Studio Polish
Ballroom Dance Camp Recital

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

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

August 5

UNWLA Day, featuring musical
program - 2 pm

September 6-9
Reunion - Salzburg Gymnasium

August 5-18

Roma Pryma Bohachevsky
Ukrainian Folk Dance Camp
Session #2

September 10-12
Reunions - Regensburg,
Bertesgaden, Karlsfeld and
Landshut Gymnasiums

August 10-12

Miss Soyuzivka Weekend

September 14-16
UNA General Assembly Meeting
and Bayreuth Gymnasium
Reunion

August 11

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

September 21-23
KLK Weekend - General Meeting
and Banquet

August 11-18

Club Suzie Q week

September 25-27
Stamford Clergy Days - Fall Seminar

August 18

Art Exhibit featuring Kozak

September 28-30
Plast Sorority - Pershi Stezhi Rada



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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 2

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a lecture given by John Gillingham, professor of the history department, University of Missouri - St. Louis. His lecture, "Is There An EU In Ukraine's Future?" will be held in Room S-050 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.

presents Ukrainian Festival 2007 at Chicago's Smith Park, 2500 W. Grand Ave. (corner North Campbell Street) at noon-10 p.m. both days. The largest Ukrainian festival in the Midwest, it includes Ukrainian food, crafts, music, dancing and more. Pony rides and children's attractions add to the entertainment for the whole family. There will be appearances by performers from Ukraine as well as local talent; dance groups will perform on Sunday afternoon. Celebrations of Ukraine's Independence Day will begin on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Pavlo T. Bandriwsky, 773-772-4500.

Monday, August 6

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute will host a literary reading with authors Dzvinia Orlovsky and Alexander Motyl. The reading, "Brushstrokes: An Evening with Dzvinia Orlovsky and Alexander Motyl," will be held in Room 110 (Thompson Room) of Barker Center at 7-9 p.m. The Barker Center is located at 12 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138. For more information contact HURI at 617-495-4053 or huri@fas.harvard.edu.

Saturday-Sunday, August 25-26

CHICAGO: The premiere of the documentary film "Bereza Kartuzka" (Ukrainian version) will take place at the auditorium of Ss. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral, 2245 Superior, on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker Yuriy Luhovy, this is the first film to be made about the Polish concentration camp Bereza Kartuzka, where thousands of arrested Ukrainian patriots were imprisoned in 1934-1939. The film is based on extensive research, vintage stock shots, commentaries by pre-emi-

Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19

CHICAGO: The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Illinois Division,

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