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Thousands celebrate dedication of Parma's Ukrainian Village



Plaques designating the Ukrainian Village section of Parma, Ohio, are unveiled by Bishop John Bura and City Councilman Chuck Germana.

by Maria Kvit-Flynn

PARMA, Ohio – The city of Parma, together with the United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio, on Saturday, September 19, celebrated the dedication and unveiling of plaques designating a two-mile stretch on State Road between Tuxedo Avenue and Grantwood Drive as the “Ukrainian Village.” The ceremonies that day – which were attended by thousands of area residents – also included a religious service, a parade and a festival.

It was back on October 8, 2008, that the city had passed a resolution designating the area as the Ukrainian Village. The city has long recognized the economic impact that Ukrainian residents have made on the city of Parma. Ukrainians are Parma’s largest new immigrant demographic – it is estimated

that about 15,000 Ukrainian Americans live in Parma and this number has increased with the new wave of immigrants after the collapse of the Soviet Union. There are about 65,000 Ukrainian Americans living in north-east Ohio.

Parma has become the center of Ukrainian businesses, cultural and religious activity. The city plans to make this portion of State Road, a major thoroughfare, into an attractive, commerce-friendly neighborhood that will encourage economic investment and patronage, as well as celebrate the culture and heritage of the Ukrainian people.

To prepare for the historic dedication of the Ukrainian Village, a 20-member planning committee of the United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio (UUOO) was formed

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Yushchenko poisoning in the news as journalist uncovers PRU smear

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – Recent claims by Party of Regions officials that First Lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko stealthily added dioxin to her husband’s blood samples to claim poisoning have been proven false by Serhii Leschenko, a top Ukrainian investigative journalist who writes for the Ukrayinska Pravda website.

Volodymyr Sivkovych, a Party of Regions national deputy and chair of the ad hoc parliamentary committee investigating the Yushchenko poisoning, claimed on September 19 he had recordings that prove Ms. Yushchenko, using the pseudonym “Marta,” asked agent “Roman” to tamper with her husband’s samples.

As a result of “unbelievable efforts,” Ukrayinska Pravda said it gained access to the recordings, which were given to the Odesa Scientific Research Center for verification by Mr. Sivkovych.

“The investigative committee’s assumption was that the conversation of ‘Roman’ and ‘Marta’ never would become public,” Mr. Leschenko reported in his article published on October 6. “That allowed them to continue developing the ‘dioxin-enriched blood’ scenario, involve the American intelligence services and build counter-campaigns around the theme ‘there was no poisoning.’”

In fact, the voice of “Roman” on the recordings is that of Roman Zvarych, the Yonkers, N.Y., native who became a close advisor to Viktor Yushchenko during his 2004 presidential campaign.

The voice of “Marta” is not Mrs. Yushchenko’s, but that of Dr. Marta Lopatynsky, Roman’s sister-in-law, who has an ophthalmology practice in Morristown, N.J.

More importantly, these two individuals didn’t make any mention of enriching

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Yalta European Strategy conference and Ukraine’s role in new world order

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – The sixth annual Yalta European Strategy (YES) conference was more exclusive than ever, as the global and Ukrainian elite was hosted on September 24-27 this year at the historic Livadia Palace.

YES has emerged as the main forum for the global elite to plan Ukraine’s role in what they often refer to as the “new world order,” which they generally characterize as a restructuring of global institutions to enhance international cooperation in addressing global challenges and problems.

Last year, YES Board Chairman Stephen Byers, a former member of the British Parliament, called upon Ukraine to recognize the realities of the new world order and view it as an opportunity, not a threat.

This year, one of the conference’s biggest discussions, moderated by Financial Times U.S. Managing Editor Chrystia Freeland, was on the topic “The New World Economic Order After the Crisis.” The question was posed whether Ukraine was moving towards a new world economic order and governance.

The Ukrainian Weekly was denied access to this year’s YES conference and can’t report on the discussions. While audio and video recordings from previous YES conferences are accessible on the conference website, none were posted from this year’s event as of October 8. (A

YES spokesperson said some recordings will eventually be posted.)

New world economic order

Among the key elements of a new world economic order is the International Monetary Fund (IMF) taking on the role of a global central bank and issuing the world reserve currency of special drawing rights (SDRs), which is a basket of currencies and commodities that would replace the U.S. dollar.

In line with this plan, the United Nations on October 6 declared its support for a new world global reserve currency to replace the U.S. dollar, which has been used globally to price energy and commodity costs since World War II.

Meanwhile the Group of 20, an organization of top central bank governors and finance ministers, will serve as the premier coordinating body, or a board of directors, to police the world economy through the IMF and World Bank, officials said following the G-20 summit on April 2 in London.

Skeptics allege that the new world order is an attempt by globalists to eliminate national sovereignty and create regional superstates, such as the existing European Union and the theoretical North American Union, in order to concentrate power and wealth among a small elite that will rule the world tyrannically through high-tech surveillance.

What’s certain is that YES is intended

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The 2,000-strong crowd gathered around the outdoor stage for the unveiling of the Ukrainian Village plaques.

ANALYSIS

Can President Yushchenko disrupt the presidential election?

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Ukraine's second most popular presidential candidate, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, suspects President Viktor Yushchenko – who is running for a second term – of conspiring to disrupt the presidential election scheduled for January 17, 2010.

Mr. Yushchenko, to whom opinion polls give no more than 2-4 percent of popular support, has appealed to the Constitutional court against several provisions in a new election law. Ms. Tymoshenko's team suspects that he did so in order to find a pretext to cancel the election – or at least postpone it in an attempt to cling to power. While Mr. Yushchenko has not offered any comment to dispel suspicion, controversial statements by Mr. Yushchenko aides fuels such speculation.

Mr. Yushchenko vetoed a new version of the presidential election law, which was passed on July 24, but Parliament overruled the decision on August 21. Commenting on the development, Ihor Popov, the deputy head of the Presidential Secretariat, predicted that Mr. Yushchenko would appeal to the Constitutional Court against several provi-

sions in the new law. He warned that the legitimacy of the election might be questioned if the court outlawed those provisions (Ukrayinska Pravda, August 21).

Mr. Yushchenko appealed on September 15. His representative in the Constitutional Court, Maryna Stavniychuk, specified that he argued that the new law limits the rights of Ukrainians voting abroad, fails to ensure a transparent election process or offer mechanisms to improve voter lists, and does not provide for control of the process by courts (Ukrayinska Pravda, September 15).

Mr. Popov commented on the same day that, if the Constitutional Court pronounced the provisions rejected by Mr. Yushchenko as unconstitutional, then the election could be disrupted. He urged Parliament to urgently correct those provisions. If it did so, Mr. Popov said, the election would be held "in an organized and normal manner."

He suggested that the Verkhovna Rada's failure to smoothly pass the 2010 state budget also threatened the election, because there would be no money to organize the process (Channel 5, September 15). Parliament may fail to pass the budget by the end of the year, due to a blockade of the

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Party of Regions claims Tymoshenko attacks freedom of speech: Déjà vu?

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The Pechersky District Court in Kyiv on September 22 banned "any unfair advertisement" against Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. This prompted Viktor Yanukovich, her main rival in the run-up to the January 17, 2010, presidential election, to accuse Ms. Tymoshenko of infringing freedom of speech.

Ironically, it was Mr. Yanukovich's team that was accused of this ahead of the previous election in 2004. The semi-official instructions to journalists on how to cover political events, imposed by the administration of then President Leonid Kuchma, who viewed Mr. Yanukovich as his successor, sparked journalists' protests in the fall of 2004, which were a core element of the Orange Revolution that brought Viktor Yushchenko to power as president and Ms. Tymoshenko as prime minister.

The court ruled on a lawsuit filed by Ms. Tymoshenko's Fatherland Party against an entrepreneur accused by the party of producing a video to compromise Ms. Tymoshenko. The court's wording was significant, as it ruled that unfair advertisements against Ms. Tymoshenko are "anti-social in nature, discredit Ms. Tymoshenko, increase social tension and cause other negative consequences" (Ukrayinska Pravda, September 24).

A newspaper linked to Mr. Yanukovich's Party of Regions of Ukraine (PRU) admitted that the PRU was behind the video, which claimed that Ms. Tymoshenko does not deliver on her promises. The video reportedly mocked Ms. Tymoshenko's main campaign slogan "She Works," which is frequently used in her own advertisements (Segodnya, September 25).

The PRU's initial reaction came from the party's unofficial spokeswoman Hanna Herman, who claimed that the verdict was "an unprecedented offensive against freedom of speech [which means that] censorship is returning to Ukraine" (Ukrayinska

Pravda, September 24).

Mr. Yanukovich claimed that the ban on unfair advertisements against Ms. Tymoshenko meant that Ukraine was returning to totalitarianism. He repeated the allegation that is often leveled against Ms. Tymoshenko by her rivals that she indirectly controls the judiciary, thus violating the balance of power (www.partyofregions.org.ua, September 25). This allegation was prompted by the fact that the Supreme Court is chaired by Ms. Tymoshenko's ally Vasyl Onopenko.

PRU National Deputy Olena Lukash appealed against the court's ruling on September 25 (Kommersant-Ukraine, September 28). It was Lukash who defended Mr. Yanukovich in the courts as his lawyer when the 2004 election results were disputed.

The PRU also appealed to the international community, just like its opponents did five years ago. Mr. Yanukovich told the Yalta European Strategy international forum that the court had effectively "banned people from telling the truth" (ICTV, September 26). The PRU complained against the verdict to the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the Reporters without Borders human rights watchdog (www.partyofregions.org.ua, September 25, 28).

President Yushchenko and Verkhovna Rada Chair Volodymyr Lytvyn, whose bloc is part of the pro-Tymoshenko coalition, effectively sided with the PRU. Yushchenko aide Maryna Stavniychuk suggested that the verdict banning unfair advertising against Ms. Tymoshenko "looked like an infringement of freedom of speech" (Ukrainski Novyny, September 25).

According to Mr. Lytvyn: "This showed that the court has joined the presidential election campaign." Mr. Lytvyn also criticized Ms. Tymoshenko for spending too much on her advertising campaign and accused her of violating the law according to which political advertising is illegal until

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NEWSBRIEFS

Ecumenical Patriarchate reps in Kyiv

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko received a delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate with Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, General Secretary of the Holy Synod Archimandrite Elpidiphorus Lambriniadis and the Rev. Vasilios Paphthanasios. The meeting took place by agreement with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the presidential press service reported on October 5. Both parties expressed satisfaction with the development of a dialogue launched last year during the patriarch's visit to Ukraine to celebrate the 1,020th anniversary of the conversion of Kyivan Rus' to Christianity. In particular, they pointed to progress in relations among Orthodox believers in Ukraine, especially the establishment of regular communication among them. The delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is visiting Ukraine in keeping with a deci-

sion of the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to become familiar with developments in Ukrainian Orthodoxy and find solutions to existing problems. (Ukrinform)

UOC-MP primate receives delegation

KYIV – The Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate (UOC-MP), Metropolitan Volodymyr (Sabodan), met with the delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the UOC-MP website reported on October 6. During the meeting, representatives of the Constantinople-based Patriarchate praised the recent meeting between working parties of the UOC-MP and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Kyiv Patriarchate (UOC-KP). They also underlined that Metropolitan Volodymyr consolidates all Orthodox believers of Ukraine "whatever

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Plans scrapped for Babyn Yar hotel

KYIV – After plans were scrapped for a hotel complex to be built near Babyn Yar in Kyiv, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko promised to protect that site of World War II Nazi massacres of Jews and others.

The Kyiv City Council in September had approved building a complex of hotels across the capital city, and one of the hotels would have run alongside the Babyn Yar memorial park. The decision provoked outrage among Jewish groups worldwide.

According to the BBC, Kyiv Mayor Leonid Chernovetskyi then stepped in and overruled the decision. His action was hailed by Israeli President Shimon Perez and the U.S. Helsinki Commission, among others.

Some 150,000 people, mostly Jews but also including Ukrainians, Russians, Poles and Gypsies, as well as prisoners of war and members of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, were shot by Nazi troops at Babyn Yar, a wooded ravine on the outskirts of the capital, over a two-year period beginning in September 1941. More than 30,000 Jews were rounded up and shot over the two-day period of September 29-30, 1941.

Reuters quoted President Yushchenko as saying, "The Babyn Yar memorial is sacred. The Ukrainian leadership will not allow any defilement of the memory of our fellow citizens and will ensure the proper protection of their place of perpetual rest."

The area where the killings took place is now sprawling parkland and is the site of several monuments to victims of the massacre whose remains lie there.

On September 29 a new monument to Babyn Yar victims was unveiled in Kyiv on the occasion of the 68th anniversary of the Nazi massacre. Ukrinform reported that the monument is based on the novel "Babyn Yar: A Document in the Form of a Novel" by Anatoly Kuznetsov.

The leaders of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.), chairman, and Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (D-Fla.), co-chairman, applauded Ukrainian officials for abandoning plans for the hotel project.

"The city authorities of Kyiv deserve credit for their rapid response to concerns

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NEWS ANALYSIS: EU report on 2008 war tilts against Georgia

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RFE/RL

BRUSSELS – An international report into the causes of the Russian-Georgian war in August 2008 accuses Georgia of starting the hostilities, but divides the blame for the conflict between both sides.

The Swiss official who presented the 1,200-page report to a select gathering of international diplomats said the document aimed to show the facts about the 2008 war in a “sober and neutral manner.”

Heidi Tagliavini, the head of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Conflict in Georgia (IIFMCG), told representatives from Georgia, Russia, the European Union, the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe that the report was simply a collection of objective findings, and nothing else.

That the report leaves others to interpret those facts, however, may yet prove to be its Achilles’ heel.

Deep divisions over Russia policy within

the EU – which originally commissioned the report – have left the bloc unwilling and unable to use the report, and its own political authority, to draw a line under the conflict.

In the absence of authoritative international guidance, Russian and Georgian officials quickly made a series of claims and counterclaims blaming the other side for the war.

Moscow had a distinct edge in this because it had won what EU sources say was its crucial objective – to have the Tagliavini report say Georgia started the hostilities.

Russia’s ambassador to the EU, Vladimir Chizhov, drove home the point during his press conference in Brussels. “It provides an unequivocal confirmation – an unequivocal answer to the main question: who started the war,” Mr. Chizhov said. “And it says squarely that it was the Georgian massive shelling and artillery attack on the city of Tskhinval [known in Georgia as Tskhinvali] on the night of the August 7-8, 2008.”

Speaking in Tbilisi, Georgian State Minister for Reintegration Temur Iakobashvili made the opposite claim and called attention to parts of the report that detail Russian breaches of international law that it says escalated the tensions.

“I would like to emphasize that the document does not claim that Georgia started the war. Any such interpretations would be a lie. The report makes no such claim,” Mr. Iakobashvili said. “Furthermore, the report says that the war did not start on August 7 or 8, but that the military provocation had been prepared for a long time.”

Boiling point

The report itself lays the blame for initiating armed conflict at Georgia’s feet, but suggests that both parties share the blame for the long-simmering conflict.

The key passage in the document reads: “The shelling of Tskhinvali by the Georgian armed forces during the night of 7 to 8 August 2008 marked the beginning of the large-scale armed conflict in Georgia, yet it was only the culminating point of a long period of increasing tensions, provocations and incidents.”

More damning for Georgia, however, are the words uttered by Ms. Tagliavini as she summed up the gist of the report for international diplomats in Brussels. She said that, in her team’s view, “it was Georgia which triggered off the war,” and “none of the explanations given by the Georgia authorities in order to provide some form of legal

justification for the attack [on Tskhinvali] lend it a valid explanation.”

In her remarks, Ms. Tagliavini stressed that the “crux of the report” is not a political, military or legal truth – which she says will always remain contested – but the “human suffering and tragedy that is always and inevitably the result of armed confrontation.”

Violations of international law

The report, although clearly aiming for a careful balance in assigning blame, limits its assessment of Russia’s role to within the framework of tensions which have arisen from the historically, ethnically and politically complex situation in Georgia.

Ms. Tagliavini said that while “the onus of having actually triggered off the war lies with the Georgian side, the Russian side, too, carries the blame for a substantial number of violations of international law.”

Chief among those, she said, are the “mass conferral of Russian citizenship” in Abkhazia and South Ossetia, the presence of non-peacekeeping Russian troops in South Ossetia before the war, the disproportionate Russian military action on Georgian territory, Russia’s long-standing support for the separatist authorities in the two regions and its post-war recognition of the two territories as independent states.

The report says Russian allegations claiming Georgia had carried out ethnic cleansing or genocide against South Ossetians are not substantiated. But it also says “there are serious question marks” when it comes to the inaction of the Russian army in allowing South Ossetian irregulars to commit atrocities against the civilian Georgian population.

Georgia’s ambassador to the EU, Salome Samadashvili, focused on these and other numerous Russian infractions of international norms and standards during a press conference in Brussels.

She did not directly dispute the report’s conclusion that Georgia had initiated the hostilities, but she said that, while interpretations differ, the government in Tbilisi had a legal right to protect its citizens in South Ossetia whose lives it believed were in danger.

“In that sense I believe that the question of when the Georgian government considered it necessary to take action to protect the lives of its citizens, when we considered that the threshold had been passed – we might have a difference of opinion with the

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Kateryna Yushchenko on the record in interview with Ukrayina Moloda

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – The Yushchenkos accepted requests from strangers, and even political adversaries, to be godparents because the Orthodox Church forbids its members from declining, First Lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko revealed in a rare and wide-ranging interview published in the Ukrayina Moloda daily newspaper on September 18.

“I met some ‘kumy’ [parents of godchildren] on the eve of the baptism, some even afterwards,” Ms. Yushchenko said. “And when I saw that the other godparents, either father or mother, with whom I was supposed to carry the child to the altar was from another political camp, I clearly understood that the parents of this child simply placed their eggs in all the necessary political baskets. This was unpleasant, but our Church doesn’t permit declining requests to be godparents.”

Mrs. Yushchenko rarely gives interviews to the press, and rarely reveals much about the inner world of presidential politics and social life. Ukrayina Moloda is a pro-Yushchenko newspaper that is edited by Mr. Yushchenko’s fellow native of Khoruzhivka, Mykhailo Doroshenko.

Some kumy didn’t work out for the Yushchenkos, such as David Zhvania, whom they chose to be godfather to their youngest son, Taras.

In June 2008, Mr. Zhvania made the sensational claim that President Viktor Yushchenko wasn’t intentionally poisoned during the 2004 presidential elections, but suffered accidental food poisoning which his campaign used to gain sympathy among the public and boost his popularity.

Meanwhile kum Mykola Martynenko led the Our Ukraine-People’s Self-Defense parliamentary faction to abandon support for the president to ally with his rival, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

Yet, many of the Yushchenko kumy were reliable political allies who were appointed to political office, which critics allege was a betrayal of the Orange Revolution vows declared on Kyiv’s Independence Square – the “maidan” – to separate government from business and nepotism.

For example, Oksana Bilozir became the culture minister, Petro Poroshenko led the National Security and Defense Council and National Bank of Ukraine Council, Yurii Pavlenko became youth, family and sports minister, and Serhii Buriak leads the State Tax Administration.

Mrs. Yushchenko revealed she’s unfazed by accusations of nepotism in the president’s administration, confidently claiming “he fulfilled the promises of his election campaign.”

“He’s the single candidate who proved with his actions that he always stands in defense of Ukraine’s interests,” she said. “He’s the only one who can be trusted with that today. And when others concentrate their efforts on ruination, he creates, builds



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First Lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko in a photo from July 2007.

and revives things which influence the generations of future Ukrainians. And I see that Ukrainians are starting to understand this.”

The ruination attempts even affect Mrs. Yushchenko’s projects, such as the delayed construction of the Children’s Hospital of the Future, which she said she knew would be difficult and accompanied by accusations and political speculation.

“The season of smear has already begun,” she said. “One [national] deputy, who hadn’t lifted a finger to help sick children, accused our [Ukraine 3000] fund of embezzling the money collected for the Children’s Hospital of the Future. We waste many hours and days answering these nonsensical accusations.”

The first lady said she was advised to work on small projects instead, “but it would be a sin to ignore the country’s acute need for such a hospital and work on projects that are easy, from a public relations point of view.”

Mrs. Yushchenko said she’s been the target of Russian-based websites that attack her background in the Ukrainian diaspora, having worked for “offensive” anti-Communist organizations such as the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Ukrainian World Congress and the National Captive Nations Committee.

“Of course, Communists might not like these organizations, but these very institutions represented millions of Ukrainians in the diaspora,” she said. “These organizations for decades spoke of Ukraine, about violations of human and national rights in our country, about the striving for freedom and the possibility of determining our fate on our own.”

She also addressed Russian website accusations that her surname prior to marrying Mr. Yushchenko was Clare, the surname of an alleged first husband.

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Quotable notes

RFE/RL: The EU-funded mission which is investigating the August [2008 Georgia-Russia] war is due to publish its findings next week. Some reports – including those published by the German magazine Der Spiegel – speculate that the report will lay most of the blame with Georgia, although other sources contradict this. What are your expectations about the document?

Mart Laar (Estonia’s prime minister in 1992-1994 and 1999-2002): I’m a little afraid because of the discussion we see around the report – which is not yet published – and still I keep hearing [things] that make it look like it’s been published already. But it is not. We will see from the report; it is very difficult to comment [on it] now.

But, of course, I am a little afraid – looking at the comments on the possible report, and looking at the statements of several people who belong to that commission – statements they made even before [joining] the commission. [They seem to be] looking at things from a very, we can say, interesting point of view, forgetting history, forgetting context and forgetting one simple point: that during the war, no Georgian soldier, no plane, no other military equipment left the legal, internationally recognized territory of Georgia. It was Georgian territory, and no Georgian soldier [left] the borders of Georgia.

So it could not have been any aggression, any attack, or anything like this. One other country the neighboring country actually [entered] Georgia in several ways, in several areas, in several trajectories. That’s very clear; this is a fact. And the problem is that some people do not want to look at the facts.

– From a September 27 interview conducted by RFE/RL Georgian Service correspondent Nino Gelashvili. (See http://www.rferl.org/content/Estonian_Signatory_Laar_Champions_Stand_Up_For_Georgia_Letter/1837609.html.)

MP Wrzesnewskyj welcomes parliamentary interns from Ukraine

OTTAWA – Liberal Member of Parliament Borys Wrzesnewskyj (Etobicoke Center) welcomed and hosted a meeting with visiting university students from Ukraine participating in the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP), an eight-week internship at the House of Commons.

“Such a visionary program as CUPP is of tremendous importance to Ukraine’s future, particularly its democratic development. The unique experiences that the students will gain here in Canada, will not only empower them as individuals, but will motivate them to act as catalysts to further strengthen and deepen Ukraine’s democratic development and institutions,” said Mr. Wrzesnewskyj. “I am confident that these students are the future leaders of Ukraine; they will succeed as individuals and in their goal to help Ukraine achieve her rightful place on the world stage.”

During the meeting, the CUPP students engaged Mr. Wrzesnewskyj on numerous topics related to politics in Canada and Ukraine, and the relations between the two countries. The MP shared his insights on politics, bilateral relations between Ukraine and Russia, Canada and the United States, and Canada and Ukraine.

The students also posed questions about Ukrainian history, the upcoming presidential election in Ukraine, and Mr. Wrzesnewskyj’s recent visit to Ukraine as a part of an official delegation led by the speaker of the House of Commons, Peter Milliken.

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj challenged and encouraged the students in their ambitions to have a positive impact on Ukraine by using the knowledge and experience they will garner while participating in their internship.



Member of Parliament Borys Wrzesnewskyj with students from the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program.

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) is supported by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto and has been operating for the past 19 years. The CUPP was established by Ihor W. Baryn, the president of the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation, who has successfully guided the program and provided this exceptional learning and work experience over the past 19 years.

The CUPP assigns the students to offices of members of Parliament from all parties where they participate in the day-to-day operations of an MP’s office, undertake research and other assignments, attend official meetings with parliamentary officers and experts in Canadian parliamentary affairs, and learn about Canadian parliamentary procedures and governance. This was the first official meeting that the stu-

dents had since their arrival on September 14.

The evening gathering was also attended by Mr. Baryn, who welcomed the students and wished them the best as they embark on their internship in Canada. He also informed the students that they will continue to hold meetings with important government and non-governmental opinion-leaders during their stay and encouraged them to take advantage of their time in Ottawa to learn and experience Canadian parliamentary democracy in action.

Yaroslav Kovalchuk, this year’s CUPP coordinator, thanked Mr. Wrzesnewskyj for hosting the students and presented him with a book on Ukrainian history as a memento on behalf of the gathered students.

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj remains committed to the CUPP and has once again through his family foundation, Dopomoha Ukraini/Aid to Ukraine Fund, provided a scholarship to one of the students for 2009 and is hosting two CUPP students (Artem Sokolskyi and Anna Yablonska).

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Demjanjuk trial begins November 30

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – John Demjanjuk will go on trial in Munich, Germany, on November 30 on 27,900 counts of accessory to murder during World War II.

According to the BBC, the Munich state court has set aside 35 trial days for the process, which is to end in May 2010. Mr. Demjanjuk could face 15 years in prison if he is found guilty.

The former resident of Seven Hills, Ohio, has denied accusations that he was a guard at the Sobibor death camp and says he was a prisoner of war captured by the Germans.

Mr. Demjanjuk’s son, John Jr., commented on the case on October 2:

“[My father] is innocent of the charges and already proven so in the Israeli criminal trial. The mainstream media will not write about the suffering my father and mother endured at the hands of the Nazis. My father was nearly killed by Nazi artillery, nearly died in a POW camp and has survived the German torture to date. My mother was stolen from Ukraine and forced to Berlin as a 16-year-old slave laborer.

“Germany is trying to condemn Ukrainians and East Europeans with a broad brush in order to shift the burden from themselves for the Holocaust. They are morphing themselves from perpetrators to avengers. Ukraine and Ukrainians suffered so greatly at the hands of the Germans and now the Germany of today is selfishly revising history. The mainstream German media has propagated this theme.”

He added: “There is a mountain of historical evidence that we have submitted to the Munich court which proves Ukrainian POWs were tortured and coerced by threat of death. This alone proves the Munich court is allowing an illegal case according to German law.”

German authorities announced the Demjanjuk trial date on October 6; during the previous week the court had cleared the way for the trial when it accepted the state prosecutors’ indictment. Mr. Demjanjuk was officially charged by German authorities on July 13 after medical experts at Stadelheim prison said he was fit to stand trial as long as his questioning in court was limited to two 90-minute sessions per day.

Demjanjuk family members say he is too ill and frail to stand trial, explaining that he has a bone marrow disease, Myelodysplastic syndrome, and that he could have only months to live.

John Demjanjuk Jr. told the press on October 2: “My father’s health continues to decline. During an evidentiary hearing two weeks ago, there was an incident in the Munich court holding cell when the guards caused him physical

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Kateryna Yushchenko...

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"I remember how my husband and I laughed at this," Mrs. Yushchenko said. "Fortunately, Viktor is my first and only husband."

She said her parents named her Kateryna Klava at birth in honor of her father's two youngest sisters who died as a result of the Holodomor. Yet hospital officials wrote her name as "Katherine Clare."

When asked what she expects of the 2009-2010 presidential campaign, Mrs. Yushchenko mentioned populist statements, promises that no one plans to fulfill and sound bytes, slogans and billboards offered by Russian and American political scientists.

The slogans are geared toward manipulating the consciousness of naïve voters, she said, but they don't have any real meaning. Unbelievable accusations against the candidates and their families will also fill the campaign season.

"Normal people will simply close their eyes and ears," the first lady said. "They will live their lives, raise families and hope that the day will come when their leaders will finally start to work for the benefit of the country and its citizens."

As for claims that her husband failed to fulfill his own campaign promises, "I often repeat that, thanks to the maidan, we didn't gain change, but the possibility for change. We gained the right to take an active part in rebuilding society."

She said she believes the day will come when the majority of Ukrainians become patriots and active citizens in undertaking social reform, health care, education and politics.

Ukrainians must stop depending on someone and themselves begin to work to fulfill their dreams, Mrs. Yushchenko said. A civil society is forming in Ukraine, but the country is still far from real citizen participation in resolving vital social problems.

She said she finds it strange to see Ukrainians turn to her husband with requests to resolve problems such as finding a job, acquiring an apartment or house, or closing a criminal case.

"People do that here since a system is lacking to resolve these problems in a logical, efficient way," she said. "Our Constitution and its laws don't provide for

real, effective representation of the citizens' interests."

Mrs. Yushchenko also discussed her children, who are attending a Kyiv elementary school with an emphasis on social projects and developing individual qualities.

Fifth-grader Sofiya works in a children's shelter, while second-grader Khrystyna collected money for countries lacking drinking water. It's very important that her children have an internal need to think of someone other than themselves, the first lady said, and they gain happiness from something other than their own material needs.

"I teach them that material things rarely bring true happiness and satisfaction in life," she said. "The feeling of self-realization and satisfaction comes from something more complex, spiritual – it comes from love for God and your country; from love for family, friends and stranger; and finally, from love for life."

The Yushchenkos try to take their children everywhere so that they take advantage of the unique possibility to learn more about Ukraine, its history and culture. They also need to understand their role and responsibility as the president's children in setting an example for family values, she said.

"Even if they don't want to go, they understand it's their job," she said. "Sometimes they perform their job well, sometimes not, but they're learning."

The first lady of Ukraine dismissed her critics who claim she wears too much Ukrainian folk clothing: "Does someone think to criticize the French for wearing French, or Italians for wearing Italians?" she asked rhetorically. "I simply adore our embroidery and contemporary clothing with Ukrainian motifs," she said. "It's beautiful, comfortable, diverse and multifunctional."

Mrs. Yushchenko said she doesn't have much desire to wear expensive clothing brands and they're beyond what she can afford. Even if she could, the value of brand name items is overestimated. "I'd rather spend the money on what brings more benefit than satisfaction," she said. "The maximum of what I can afford is accessories – shoes, bags and such."

The full-text of the interview in Ukrainian can be viewed at: <http://www.umoloda.kiev.ua/number/1493/171/52540/>

OSCE launches book on human rights education

OSCE

WARSAW – The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and several partner organizations on October 2 launched a resource book on human rights education for primary and secondary schools and teacher-training institutions featuring 101 examples of good practices.

The book, "Human Rights Education in the School Systems of Europe, Central Asia and North America: A Compendium of Good Practice," was presented in the margins of the OSCE's annual human rights conference, the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

ODIHR created the book together with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Council of Europe, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

"Education on human rights is vital for a democratic society as it promotes equality, empowerment and participation, as well as conflict prevention and

resolution," said Ambassador Janez Lenarcic, director of ODIHR.

He added that human rights education is an important means to develop societies in which the human rights of all are respected, protected and fulfilled. "We hope that this publication will inspire new initiatives in human rights education and encourage further implementation of those already in place," Mr. Lenarcic said.

The book includes descriptions of successful education initiatives in the fields of human rights and democratic citizenship education, as well as education for mutual respect and understanding from Europe, North America and Central Asia.

It covers key elements of successful human rights education such as normative frameworks, the learning environment, teaching and learning tools, professional development for educators and evaluation.

The publication is available on the OSCE website at http://www.osce.org/odihr/item_11_40041.html. The full version, including numerous examples of teaching materials, will be available both online and on CD-ROM in December.



THE UNA FORUM

UNA leader-activist Myron Kuropas honored by President Yushchenko

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Last week's issue of *The Ukrainian Weekly* reported on the nine Ukrainian Americans who received Ukrainian state awards from President Viktor Yushchenko while he visited New York. Among those honored was a longtime leader and activist of the Ukrainian National Association, and a longtime columnist of *The Ukrainian Weekly*, Dr. Myron B. Kuropas, who received the Order for Merit, third class.

Although the official decree identified Dr. Kuropas, and many others, simply as "hromadskyi diyach" – community activist – he is that and more. Following is a short account of his community service.

Dr. Myron B. Kuropas has been active in the Ukrainian community since the 1960s. He has served as vice-president of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America, president of the Young Ukrainian Nationalists and vice-president of the Organization for the Rebirth of Ukraine. He was a supreme advisor and supreme vice-president of the Ukrainian National Association, and now is an honorary member of the UNA General Assembly.

He edited *The Trident Quarterly* in the 1960s, and authors "Faces and Places," a column that has been published for more than 25 years in *The Ukrainian Weekly*, as well as "Tut i Tam," a column that has been appearing in *Novy Shliakh/The New Pathway*, a Ukrainian Canadian weekly, since August. He was awarded the Shevchenko Freedom Award by the Ukrainian Congress Committee in 2004.

As a member of Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine (AHRU), and the Ukrainian American Justice Committee, Myron Kuropas helped raise thousands of dollars for the defense of John Demjanjuk.

In addition to numerous book chapters, journal articles, encyclopedia entries, books on Ukraine and Ukrainians for secondary school students ("Saga of Ukraine" and "Ukrainians of America"), Dr. Kuropas is the author of two major books on the Ukrainian immigration: "The Ukrainian Americans: Roots and Aspirations, 1884-1954" (University of

Toronto Press) and "Ukrainian American Citadel: The First Hundred Years of the Ukrainian National Association" (Eastern European Monographs). His most recent publication is "Ukrainians of Chicagoland" (Arcadia Publications).

Dr. Kuropas has also been active in Ukraine. He has taught at the University of Kyiv, as well as the National University of Ostroh Academy where he taught as a Fulbright Senior Scholar for two summers. In 1998, he was awarded the title of "academic" by Ostroh Academy. He and his wife Lesia chair the Friends of Ostroh committee that has raised over \$250,000 for the university since 2004. The Kuropases also brought Marriage Encounter, a marriage renewal program, to Ukraine in 2005.

Dr. and Mrs. Kuropas are members of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Church in Palatine, Illinois where they serve as members of the parish council.

Dr. Kuropas is known also for his work outside the Ukrainian community.

Now retired, Dr. Kuropas has worked as a teacher and principal in the public schools of Chicago and DeKalb, Ill., and as adjunct professor at the Northern Illinois University School of Education.

He was regional director of a federal anti-poverty agency that led to the development of Project Ethnic Find, a program created to assist senior citizens including Ukrainians in Chicago, Cleveland, Gary and Detroit. In 1975, he was appointed special assistant for ethnic affairs to President Gerald Ford. Serving in the White House, his efforts led to the promulgation of "An American Promise" which recognized the errors of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 which established Japanese American detention camps on American soil in 1942. Dr. Kuropas also organized four White House ethnic conferences, including one that resulted in the inclusion of nationality questions on the 1980 census, and he organized a meeting between President Gerald Ford and his staff with Cardinal Jozef Slipyj.

Dr. Kuropas was a board member of

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Dr. Myron B. Kuropas receives the Ukrainian state award Order for Merit from President Viktor Yushchenko.

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Civil discourse

Click through your cable TV channels and you will no longer see talking heads but shouting heads. It seems that he/she who speaks loudest and interrupts the most wins the argument! Log on to an interactive website and you'll see many comments that one would consider to be out of line in polite company. This lack of civil discourse has affected the print media as well – including these pages, where some letter writers and commentators have, on occasion, excoriated others simply for holding a view different from their own.

(Could this be one reason that trust in the news media has fallen to a new low? According to a survey of 1,506 people conducted in July by the Pew Research Center, Americans say reporting is inaccurate, biased and driven by special interests. An unprecedented 74 percent of those polled said news organizations showed favoritism in their reporting of political and social issues.)

What's happened to the "marketplace of ideas" that every student once learned about in high school or college? Remember? That the free expression of ideas in an open, transparent public discussion would ultimately lead to the truth. The 17th century English author and thinker John Milton wrote: "Let all with something to say be free to express themselves. The true and sound will survive. The false and unsound will be vanquished."

Brought up in this country, where journalism courses have always touted the marketplace of ideas, our staff has tried to allow our columnists, commentators and readers to speak their minds (in keeping with principle "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it"). And we've tried to have a variety of columnists. In fact, we've added two new columnists in the past few months – a move that necessitated limiting each of our nine columnists to one submission per month.

Some letter-writers have berated the editors of this newspaper for publishing certain opinions. One note to the editors (not intended for publication and from a person who'd never subscribed until recently) accused our paper of right-wing bias; while another said we'd lowered our editorial standards by publishing a more liberal columnist. There have also been suggestions that The Weekly should not publish the writings of one columnist or another.

In turn, we humbly suggest that readers look at The Weekly like they do at any other American or Canadian newspaper that carries a variety of opinions. There will be columnists you love, there will be those you loathe, and those in between. Read what you like, but remember that what appeals to you may not appeal to others. You have a choice of columnists to read, or not.

We hasten to add that there's no magic mathematical formula to what we publish. If there seem to be more letters on one side of an issue, it's because, well, there truly were more letters on that side. Furthermore, the fact that a certain opinion was published has no relation to the editorial opinion of our newspaper. That, dear readers, you will find in our editorials in this space.

Having underscored how open our pages are to diverse opinions, we nonetheless fear that, lately, on some occasions we've erred on the side of, shall we say, permissiveness. We've allowed letter-writers to speak their minds, even though at times what was on their minds was more ranting than reasoning. Sometimes, what they wrote and what we did not edit out was beyond the bounds of polite discussion. It used to be that letter-writers maintained a certain decorum, but the mean-spirited times in which we live seem to have affected their missives. We promise to be more vigilant in what we choose to publish – letters that make a point worth making, on topics of concern to our community. But we also ask you to please work with us to raise the level of discussion.

Let's get back to civil discourse and intelligent debate. If you disagree with an opinion, please do so respectfully by addressing the issue – not by hurling ad hominem attacks on the opinion writer. The way to win a debate, as we always tell our kids, is with facts, not insults.

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Turning the pages back...

Last year, on October 13, 2008, the Ukrainian World Congress issued a statement in response to pressure from Russian authorities to cancel events related to the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame project, which marked the 75th anniversary

of the forced starvation of millions of Ukrainians by the Soviet regime in 1932-1933.

The flame traveled around the world and was winding up its journey with stops in Russia, followed by Armenia, before ending in Ukraine for nationwide events in November 2008.

"Prior to the arrival of the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame in Russia, the Ukrainian Embassy received notice on October 6 [2008] from Russia's Foreign Ministry that commemorative events must fall in line with the Russian position on the Famine or be cancelled. Russia continues to claim that the Holodomor was not a genocide and that Ukraine's effort to secure such recognition is 'a political matter that is aimed against Russian interests,'" the UWC statement noted.

Events were cancelled for Orenburg, Tumen, Ufa, Krasnodar and St. Petersburg.

Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 8, 2008, stated, "it was suggested to Ukrainian community organizations in the Russian Federation that they should not recall the largest humanitarian catastrophe in the history of Ukraine, which resulted in millions of deaths among the Ukrainian population."

"...we can not comprehend or accept the contradictions by the Russian side of generally known facts about a crime that has all the attributes of genocide," the statement continued.

Ukraine's Ambassador to Russia Kostyantyn Gryschenko said, "Russia and the Russian people cannot be accused of crimes committed by the regime, including against Russians. But if we fail to recognize the entire depth of the terror that the Ukrainian, Kazakh and Russian nations have lived through, and if we fail to restore the proper historical remem-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change requires accountability

Dear Editor:

I applaud Alex Kuzma for his work in Ukraine but am appalled by his reference to "hysterical rants by Sarah Palin, Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh" and others. In fact, there is no "hysteria," but there is a rather curious and troubling silence by our glorious mass media regarding federal corruption and the litany of intentional misrepresentations emanating from Washington.

When the stock market crashed followed by the domino effect of real estate defaults, bank failures and collapse of our auto industry, Americans patiently endured without "hysteria" or revolution. Yet the stock market crashed specifically because of changes enacted by our government agencies which failed to protect us, its constituents through blatant negligence, arrogance and non-accountability bordering on treason.

Americans chose to protest and dissent via so called "tea parties." The American people voted for change but not for scrapping our Constitution or bankrupting our country. Too many changes in too short a time have caused millions of Americans considerable worry, financial losses and lost jobs. Unaccountability is the problem that must be addressed before further changes are enacted.

In extolling the virtues of universal health reform, not once does Mr. Kuzma, an attorney, mention serious legal tort reform. Not once does he mention the current shortage of physicians and nurses that might seriously jeopardize the totally unprepared current healthcare delivery industry. Not once does he mention the millions of American seniors who would be robbed of their Medicare Advantage insurance plans. Mr. Kuzma's main concern is the implementation of radical change – not the consequences of "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

Notably, Mr. Kuzma mentions the achievements of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid programs enacted decades ago. Yet all of these programs have been altered and tampered with over the years and consequently are currently failing, along with the Postal system. To be sure, health reform is necessary and will in time be implemented, but not by penalizing seniors, without enacting serious tort reform and without adequate preparation of our health delivery systems.

Finally, sacrifices should be shared equally. If and when enacted, the reformed healthcare industry should include everyone without exception – including the very lawmakers promoting such changes for us.

Andrew M. Senkowsky, D.D.S.
Van Etten, N.Y.

Let's scrutinize proposed changes

Dear Editor:

Those whose mantra is "change" are the ones whose motives need to be questioned. The effects of their proposed changes and reforms, and the far-reaching impact they will have on everyone, need to be carefully scrutinized before we consider implementing them.

Why does the left feel that they need to marginalize and dismiss those of us who

have a genuine concern about having government try to fix yet another problem?

I am not one who believes that government should be totally absent from regulation or shirk its responsibility in making sure that all its citizens are safe and secure. But let me use my friend Alex Kuzma's own analogy, the one he used on September 6 – let us bring the government's role into our everyday lives "to its vulgar extreme."

Government would run every aspect of the economy, including healthcare. It would be directly involved with every aspect of our daily lives. It would be obligated to make sure that it does only what is important for the majority. The individual would be inconsequential. Because the individual is not as important as the whole, individual freedom and choice would need to be surrendered.

The government would decide, and then mandate, what would be best for the collective. The government would do a much better job than the free market system because it could use central planning to make sure everything runs smoothly and more efficiently. Costs would also be greatly reduced. Everything would be less expensive.

Government would also ensure that everyone is taken care of and guarantee that there is a fair and equal outcome in everything we do. Taxation and redistribution would achieve this noble goal. The government would decide who gets what and how much, making sure that everything is divided fairly.

If memory serves, this kind of system was actually tried a few times during this past century. And I don't think this form of government worked out all that well. Tens of millions of individuals were even murdered for the collective good.

Mr. Kuzma puts much faith in government. I would ask him to give me a few examples of well-run, efficient and cost-effective government programs. He mentioned Social Security. The last time I checked, it was rapidly running out of money. Ditto for Medicare and Medicaid.

We have spent billions of dollars on TARP 1 + 2, big banking, the insurance and auto industries. We topped it off with an \$800 billion stimulus package. This year alone we will run a \$1.6 trillion deficit.

Let's reform healthcare, but let's do it slowly and make sure we get it right. Let's have a rational national debate, and let's have all our questions and concerns addressed and answered honestly.

Myron Dytiuk
Schenectady, N.Y.

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On second thought

by Alex Kuzma



Bobriwka on the rebound

This fall, PBS is broadcasting a stunning series by filmmaker Ken Burns titled "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." Mr. Burns reminds us that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to men like John Muir, George Grinnell and Teddy Roosevelt, who understood the intrinsic beauty of wilderness, not just as a source of timber, coal and economic plunder, but as a source of spiritual renewal. These were men inspired by a radical notion, as noted in the series' promotional releases: "that for the first time, land could be set aside not for kings, or noblemen or the very rich, but for everybody and for all time."

On a more modest scale, the Ukrainian American community owes a similar debt of gratitude to our early pioneers and fraternal organizations that bought land in the Catskills and the Alleghenies to give future generations access to the kind of natural treasures our ancestors enjoyed in Ukraine.

For Ukrainian Americans in Connecticut, October is the time of year when we feel this gratitude and longing for wilderness more intensely than any other time of year.

In southern New England, forests and farmlands turn spectacular colors that would make works by Jackson Pollack and van Gogh seem drab by comparison.

For decades, Ukrainian parishes in Hartford and New Haven and smaller towns like Colchester and Willimantic would make their annual fall pilgrimage to Bobriwka, a rustic site in North Colebrook that was purchased by a handful of investors in the 1950s. At the peak of fall foliage, the landowners generously opened the site to their Ukrainian American "landsmen" for a potluck "pechennia baraboli," (potato bake) using the occasion to savor the beauty of the countryside and catch up with old friends. Festivities often included a friendly soccer scrimmage or a volleyball tournament. But mostly we would take in the breathtaking colors, the crisp autumn breeze and the pungent blend of fragrances: wet leaves, woodsmoke, apple cider, and fermenting hay.

Our connection to the Earth may not be as deeply rooted as it was for our ancestors, who tilled the steppes or hiked the Carpathian highlands. It's not as strong as our grandparents', who worked the tobacco fields and apple orchards of the Connecticut River Valley. But with the first snap of colder air in September, the swamp oaks and sugar maples begin their transformation and something primal inside us begins to stir.

Following Sunday morning liturgy, we would drive over Avon Mountain; our friends from New Britain and New Haven would converge on the northwest corner of the state, following Taras Shevchenko Highway or the scenic Housatonic River drive named after General Sam Jaskilka – the local Ukrainian American hero who led the Marine landing at Inchon.

In the 1960s, Bobriwka became for us what Walden Pond had been for Henry David Thoreau – an idyllic refuge from urban blight – a learning center where we developed our innate love of nature, and a sense of how fragile and awe-inspiring God's Creation could be. This was the first place our children could marvel at something as simple as a salamander inching across a muddy trail or an abandoned

meadowlark's nest. We explored roiling mountain streams and huge boulders left over from the Ice Age and woodland graveyards with faded tombstones dating back to the American Revolution.

In October, the intensity of these experiences was magnified by the sheer splendor of the surrounding hills. I remember one frigid morning during an overnight campout, awaking in an upland meadow covered with a crusted hoarfrost. There was a chorus of barred owls calling from different corners of the grounds as an enormous red sun rose slowly over the horizon, illuminating hundreds of acres of brilliantly colored oaks and maples. It was a scene as epic and evocative as any Mahler Symphony.

We were under no illusions that our beloved backwater could compare with the majesty of Yellowstone or Bryce Canyon. The entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts could fit into Alaska's Denali National Park. But this was our own precious slice of wilderness, what one of my friends dubbed "our private Idaho."

In its heyday, Bobriwka hosted a long succession of memorable Plast summer camps led by legendary scoutmasters like Slavko Luchkan, Myron Krasij, Jakiw Szegryn, Arunia and Theophil Staruch. These were superb "vykhovnyky" (counselors/educators) who instilled in us a love of our cultural legacy, a sense of belonging and a sense of place.

There have been no summer camps at Bobriwka for many years now. The walls of the old dining hall are still covered with the wooden emblems and totems of unforgettable summers past. The creaky screen door that ushered in hundreds of noisy children is mostly silent now.

But after years of decline, Bobriwka is making a comeback. Thanks to the vision and hard work of brothers Walter and Andriy Kebalo, and their nephew Stephan Maksymiuk, the grounds are becoming an attraction for a new generation of Ukrainian Americans. The Kebalos have begun restoring the lodges for year-round occupancy. They've organized July 4 celebrations, an Ivan-Kupalo festival, fall hayrides and a February skating event.

To their credit, the Kebalos have revitalized the site with an ecumenical outlook that welcomes visitors regardless of which immigration their grandparents were part of, or which youth group – Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization or the Ukrainian American Youth Association – inspired their love of the great outdoors. They have forged a good working relationship with the town of Colebrook and provided opportunities for non-Ukrainian visitors to enjoy the site as long as they engage in low-impact activities that preserve the area's unique character and environmentally sensitive habitats.

Thanks to 40 years of effective wildlife management and endangered species protection, Bobriwka is wilder and more ecologically diverse today than when we were children, with healthy populations of black bear, wild turkey, bobcats and fishers.

At a time when open spaces are vanishing at an alarming rate, especially in the Northeast, we have reason to be thankful to the Kebalos and other "Bobriwchany" who have been so generous in sharing their land with our community and for their efforts to preserve this precious corner of our universe.

From a Canadian Angle

by Oksana Bashuk Hepburn



Call Communist atrocities what they are

According to recent news reports, some board members of the National Capital Commission prefer political correctness to the clear identification of a harsh historic truth: mass murder by communist regimes. [The NCC is the government agency responsible for Canada's national capital area.] This extremely misguided politeness condones heinous crimes against humanity. Silence in the face of the violations of human rights, let alone astronomical ones, undermines our Canadian values: the right to life and freedom of expression, to name but two.

The story? Called upon to approve a proposed monument to some 100 million victims obliterated by communist governments, some board members were squeamish about the use of "communist" as the culprit ideology of the most bloodthirsty governments in the history of civilization.

The NCC has a decision to make: it can allow the memorial to use "communist" as the perpetrator of crimes against humanity – greater than those of Nazi Germany. Or, it can omit the link of communism with brutality and, thus, grant absolution for its crimes and bestow the respectability it craves.

The global community, Canada included, did not extend such perverse "courtesy" to the Nazis. It must not accord it to communist regimes.

Stating the identity of the culprits serves as a reminder of "man's inhumanity to man" and of the promise that such evil must never be repeated. Avoiding the truth encourages despots of any stripe to violate the life and liberties of their people.

If some NCC board members have their way and the monument's raison d'être – to commemorate victims of communist atrocities – is dropped, Canada will find itself in the company of dictatorial regimes which punish those who dare to stand up against human rights violations. Moreover, Canada will be lending support to the former KGB officer – now Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin – who, rather than apologize and distance his government from his country's murderous past and move towards a state committed to the well-being of its citizens, is proposing oppressive legislation. Designed to whitewash political crimes, it calls for harsh measures against those exposing Russia's unsavory history. If it becomes law, and it probably will, government opposition in Russia will be severely hobbled. It will be open season on critics of Russia's communist past.

Whitewashing history has been a long-standing communist preoccupation: eliminate opposition, then eliminate evidence by enforcing silence. We already know what happened to journalist Anna Politkovskaya for exposing Russia's atrocities in Chechnya. She got an execution-style bullet to the back of her head. At least 16 other

journalists have been killed in Russia since 2000.

And there's more whitewashing: The September issue of GQ features an article dealing with the 10th anniversary of the Moscow apartment bombings that killed hundreds. Official Russia blamed the Chechens, but independent investigators found there may have been government involvement. Over the years they have turned silent, even dead.

But the story is not running in the Russian edition or on GQ's website; apparently it's not running in any foreign editions at all. Are the values of a liberal press taking a back seat to Mr. Putin's sensitivities?

Mr. Putin will be pleased with the NCC should it decide to be sensitive to communism rather than its victims and disallow the mention of the ideology by name. In so doing the NCC will have Canadians forget the Famine-Genocide Moscow perpetrated in Ukraine; the Khmer Rouge killing fields; the Hungarian and Czech revolutions; the Siberian concentration camps. And in so doing, it would allow communist regimes to continue abuses from Tiananmen Square to Cuba to Chechnya.

NCC board members need reminding that the free world's silence about the 10 million starved in Ukraine in 1933 by the Communists allowed another dictator to follow suit and gas some six million not 10 years later. Uncensured and unpunished evil perpetrates evil, and justice dies.

Canada must not be party to such perversions at the NCC or elsewhere. Whitewashing serves no one but the evil-doers.

Regardless of their heinous history, nations need to go forward. This requires confronting past sins. Germany and South Africa have done so. Now it's time for communist states or their successors, in particular the Kremlin with its bloody Soviet past, to do likewise. Canadian human rights values – life, freedom of speech, good government – stand above misguided sensitivity toward evil. Identifying the perpetrator on a monument dedicated to the victims of communism in the capital of a global human rights leader like Canada is the right thing to do.

Author's postscript: After receiving strong media opposition to its original position, the NCC approved the dedication on the monument: "To the 100 million victims of totalitarian communist regimes."

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Kyiv Mohyla Law School competes at International Law Competition

by Yulia Zubrytska and Marta Farion

About the Kyiv Mohyla School of Law

The National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NUKMA) School of Law was established in 1996. Notwithstanding the law school's brief history, it is ranked as one of the 10 best law schools in Ukraine.

The law school's innovative curriculum combines traditional Ukrainian legal training with the models of European and American schools. This approach ensures that students are endowed with an understanding of Ukrainian law and the Ukrainian legal system, that graduates are well prepared to pursue a master of laws degree in either Europe or the United States, and that they will assume the mantle of a new generation of jurists who will effectively influence the development of nation-building based on the rule of law.

The ranking and success of the law school are the result of a high number of distinguished national and international jurists on its faculty, the high rate of success of its graduates who are employed by top law firms, companies and the government sector, and the ongoing support of its alumni. For example, in 2005 the president of Ukraine appointed Kyiv Mohyla School of Law graduate Dmytro Kotlyar as vice-minister of justice.

Faculty publications and continuous high recognition of students in national and international competitions have now become the

Yulia Zubrytska is a student at Kyiv Mohyla School of Law. Marta Farion is president of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America

norm. Every year the Kyiv Mohyla Law School Team takes part in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, and every year the school's team qualifies to represent Ukraine at the finals in Washington.

Dr. Andriy Meleshevych, dean of the Kyiv Mohyla School of Law, is professor of law and political science. He graduated with a law degree from the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv in 1984, and in 1998 he received a Ph.D. in political science at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University in New York state. After several years of studying and teaching in the United States, Dr. Meleshevych mastered fluency in the English language and became well-acquainted with teaching and practice methods in western universities. He chose to return to Ukraine and contribute his knowledge and expertise to nation-building.

Impressions of a student

For the team of Nadia Dobrianska, Yulia Zubrytska, Bohdan Malniev, Roman Riabenko, Olena Shynkarenko and Prof. Barry Kfia, the week they won the right to represent their law school, their university and their country in the final rounds of the Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington will remain in their memories forever.

This is the world's largest moot court competition with participants from over 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. Teams prepare at the national level and then are chosen to represent each country in Washington in the finals.

The city covered with azaleas and geometrically planned streets, avenues and



The Kyiv Mohyla Law School Team with ambassador William Miller and members of the Ukrainian community in Washington.

parks seemed to be out of the teams' reach despite the fact it was selected to participate. Like their colleagues in previous years, the students had to find funding for the trip to Washington. But they had a greater challenge – they were faced with the global economic crisis.

We are grateful to those who helped us make this trip a reality: The Embassy of the United States in Ukraine, the firms White & Case LLP, BT Invest, Baker & McKenzie, CMS Cameron McKenna, the organizations U.S.-Ukraine Business Council and the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America, and also Kyiv Mohyla Academy. These organizations came to the team's rescue at the last minute.

The team competed with the best law students in the world. The debating rounds, the

dedication of the judges, the education and training in public law the students received, the acquaintances they made with fellow students from the entire world and the pride everyone felt wearing national costumes at the final reception all contributed to the extraordinary experience that team members would share with their countrymen in Ukraine.

The team from Colombia won first place this year. The Ukrainian team won several preliminary rounds and finished in 31st place among teams from 80 countries. Team members are proud of one of their own, Olena Shynkarenko, who was awarded 70th place among 700 participants in the category of verbal communication. Considering that

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Yushchenko...

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or tainting Mr. Yushchenko's blood with any foreign substances. Instead their six-minute discussion was limited to finding poison experts or toxicologists to analyze samples of Mr. Yushchenko's blood. The two discussed getting copies of medical findings from doctors in Vienna that could be shared with specialists in the U.S.

Mr. Zvarych confirmed to *Ukrayinska Pravda* that such discussions with Dr. Lopatynsky, who is married to his younger brother, Ihor Zwarycz, did take place.

With the presidential election campaign under way, the Party of Regions of Ukraine (PRU) launched an attack campaign against President Yushchenko and his wife on September 18, alleging that they lied about him being poisoned by his political opponents during the 2004 presidential campaign.

On that day, the pro-Russian *Segodnya* (Today) daily newspaper owned by Rinat Akhmetov published a story in which Larysa Cherednychenko, chair of the crime investigation oversight department at the Procurator General's Office (PGO), said she submitted a report to the top prosecutor, Oleksander Medvedko.

In it she claimed that members of Mr. Yushchenko's entourage, under Mrs. Yushchenko's direction, interfered with the investigation in an attempt to conceal the poisoning's "artificiality."

The report cites testimony from David Zhvania, godfather to the Yushchenkos' youngest son, Taras, who stated that the president's entourage took Mr. Yushchenko's blood samples from medical institutions to conceal the absence of dioxin.

Austrian doctors recommended that blood samples be taken in September and October 2004, "yet they weren't examined in Ukraine or any European country," the report said, citing the claims of Mr. Zhvania, a member of the parliamentary investigation committee.

"They were secretly delivered to the U.S., where they were enhanced with dioxin, and further on with the support of American intelligence services, transferred to Austria," Ms. Cherednychenko's report said. "It was these blood samples that the management of the Austrian clinic Rudolfinerhaus sent to expert institu-



Telekritika website

Ukrayinska Pravda investigative reporter Serhii Leschenko exposed the lies of the parliamentary committee led by Party of Regions National Deputy Volodymyr Sivkovych that is investigating the 2004 poisoning of President Viktor Yushchenko.

tions to research, which revealed the presence of dioxin."

Mr. Sivkovych's parliamentary committee invited Ms. Cherednychenko to participate in its investigation to serve as an external source for journalists to attribute the claims to, Mr. Leschenko reported.

After signing and submitting her report on August 26, Ms. Cherednychenko was dismissed from her post at the PGO the next day. Supervisors cited staffing cuts, and offered her two lower positions, which she declined. She filed a lawsuit in court to appeal her dismissal.

The Procurator General's Office issued a statement on September 25 that announced it had investigated many versions of the poisoning, including possible food poisoning, careless dioxin poisoning, and adverse effects from cosmetics usage, stem cells and other substances. Its investigation concluded that Mr. Yushchenko was intentionally poisoned with a toxic dioxin substance with the goal of killing him.

"The 'artificial evidence of poisoning' version involving American intelligence service agents enriching Yushchenko's blood with dioxin, as detailed in Cherednychenko's report, is refuted by the

Kuropas helped establish and was the first president of the Ukrainian Republican Federation of America as well as the Republican State Nationalities Council of Illinois.

Dr. Kuropas served as a public member of the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine. He developed the first curriculum guide on the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 for teachers, organized the first one-hour graduate credit course for teachers using the guide, and presented his guide to teachers' seminars in Detroit, Denver and Newark, N.J.

global community will not tolerate such actions, which clearly demonstrate that the country has not shed its past."

The UWC also called on citizens "of every democratic country to join the Ukrainian community in this protest." And urged people to contact the Russian Embassy in each country to let them know that human rights abuses in 2008 would not be tolerated and that the world is paying attention.

Source: "Holodomor remembered in Russian capital despite government interference," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, October 19, 2008.

conclusions of legal-medical analyses, the history of Yushchenko's illness and the results of systematic laboratory examination of his biological samples between January 2005 and June 2008," the procurator general said in the statement.

Mr. Sivkovych's investigative committee obtained the "Marta and Roman" recordings from former Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Deputy Chair Volodymyr Satsiuk, who hosted Mr. Yushchenko for the evening dinner where he was allegedly poisoned, Mr. Leschenko reported.

Mr. Satsiuk is currently living in Moscow and is among those named by President Yushchenko as suspects.

Party of Regions officials and operatives have been casting doubt on President's Yushchenko's poisoning claims ever since Mr. Zhvania rocked the political establishment in June 2008 when he publicly alleged that his "kum" (god-child's parent) suffered accidental food poisoning.

In an interview with the *Ukrayina Moloda* daily newspaper that was published September 18, the same day as the *Segodnya* article about Ms. Cherednychenko's report, Mrs. Yushchenko said she considers it horrible and sinful to doubt her husband's poisoning.

"Today, when I've become thick-skinned in a lot of matters, it seems to me that our opponents know very well how hurtful and difficult this issue is for our family, and they often abuse this," she said.

These opponents want to deflect attention away from those who are responsible for the poisoning, Mrs. Yushchenko said. Starting in the spring of 2004, the Yushchenko family constantly received threats, was followed and had their telephone calls bugged, she noted.

"In September, October and November of 2004, I turned to everyone I knew in Europe and the U.S. for help in determining the reasons for the illness," Mrs. Yushchenko said. "I had to do this secretly, I was forced to hide facts, and I feared everyone and everything. I remember this time as a frightening dream."

Even after the poisoning, the first lady said she was fearful that someone could come into the hospital and "finish the matter," she said. "When we were on the maidan, people approached me daily and said there were plans to kill or discredit members of our family, particularly our children."

She asked her husband's doctors to widely disseminate his blood samples, and they turned to the U.S., Germany and England. Finally a Dutch lab confirmed the poison, and Mrs. Yushchenko first heard the news on CNN.

"I felt joy that we finally had an answer, horror from the name of the poison and anger that the laboratory publicly announced the test results before informing the doctors and family," she said.

Eventually scores of medical tests, conducted in labs throughout the world, confirmed the fact of poisoning, she said, and experts from the U.S. and Japan advised them on how to treat the illness.

"Thank God the tests show that the amount of poison in Viktor's body is constantly declining and remains rather low today," Mrs. Yushchenko said. "I know that before the current elections, they've begun to point the finger at me in the poisoning affair, as if I falsified the test results and developed this plan in order to win the election. That's the depth of moral decline that our opponents and their paid journalists can stoop to, to win the elections. But I don't think these elections can be won with lies alone."

Nevertheless, a significant portion of

the Ukrainian public remains skeptical of President Yushchenko's claims that he was poisoned by his political enemies. After five years, the procurator general has yet to file criminal charges against those responsible for the poisoning.

About 41 percent of Ukrainians believe that President Yushchenko was not intentionally poisoned, according to a poll conducted of 2,020 respondents by the Sofia Center for Social Research between June 21 and 29, 2008.

About 36 percent of Ukrainians believe Mr. Yushchenko was poisoned by his political opponents, according to the same poll. The Sofia Center has ties to the PRU, according to numerous Ukrainian media reports.

Suspicious were buttressed by Mr. Zhvania, who alleged that Mr. Yushchenko had suffered common food poisoning, which was immediately confirmed by doctors, and took advantage of the accident to cast himself as the victim in the presidential elections and boost his popular support.

"Among the campaign directors, I was against it because I said we'd become hostages to the situation if we claim poisoning," Mr. Zhvania told the BBC in June 2008. "I said this will essentially hurt us because we will scare the population above all, which will behave inappropriately. They didn't listen to me. Then I pleaded with Viktor Yushchenko that he not corroborate until the moment ... because no one spoke about poisoning then, but after [Campaign Director Oleksander] Zinchenko's statement everyone ran and tried to cover their backsides."

Not only was Mr. Zhvania a close family friend who traveled with the Yushchenkos on vacations, he also was a key financier of Mr. Yushchenko's 2004 presidential campaign.

President Yushchenko stated in a September 7 interview with *Der Spiegel* that his poisoners have lived in Moscow for four years and he's asked the Kremlin three times to allow Ukrainian investigators to question them.

In the meantime, more than 1,000 witnesses have complied and testified in the investigation, including himself, the president said, but numerous national deputies declined to offer testimony, including Viktor Yanukovich.

Besides former SBU Chair Satsiuk, the other suspects are the cook and a server who brought the food, "all of whom are in Moscow," Mr. Yushchenko told the German publication.

The first three years following the poisoning were exceptionally difficult for the Yushchenko family, the first lady said. The president spent 12 to 15 hours at work every day, followed by several hours of medical treatment at home.

"Sometimes he changed his shirt 24 times in a single day because bloody wounds opened up on his skin often," she said in the September 18 interview. "Doctors were shocked he could work with such terrible pain. And I didn't allow for my children, older and younger, to know how bad everything was."

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian system finds ways to avoid offering clear conclusions in the poisoning, Mrs. Yushchenko said, "but God sees and judges everything. One day these people will answer before God and society."

"I consider my husband a hero," she said. "He could have surrendered but bore this pain and attacks because he believed sacredly in his responsibility to Ukraine and its citizens. I am very proud of him. That terrible time I remember as a period when God held us in his arms."

UNA leader...

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the National Project on Ethnic America and the National Center for Urban/Ethnic affairs, two public outreach efforts funded by the Ford Foundation. Working with the American Jewish Committee, he initiated and served as co-chair of a Ukrainian-Jewish forum seeking to improve relations between the two ethnic communities.

Active in the Republican Party, Dr.

Turning the pages...

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brance, we will fail to guarantee that a similar tragedy is not repeated in the future."

The UWC statement underscored: "The international Ukrainian community is appalled by Russia's continuing disregard for basic human rights, among them freedom of speech and expression. Ukrainians in Russia, as in every other country of the world have every right to maintain their national identity with respect for history, culture and traditions. In 2008, the fact that such rights are so easily dismissed is unacceptable. Russia must understand that the

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to help leaders integrate Ukraine into the EU. Critics stress that Ukraine, like all EU member-states, will forfeit its national sovereignty upon membership.

Most recently, Irish voters on October 4 approved the Lisbon Treaty, which essentially creates an EU superstate, giving it the same authority as nation-states and reducing European countries to mere provinces, reported Peter Hitchens, a conservative journalist at the Daily Mail of London.

"Increasingly, the provinces of Europe, which until today were countries, will need its permission to exist at all," Mr. Hitchens wrote. "That passport you hold is not British, but European. You are a European citizen."

The first EU president will likely be chosen within weeks by its 27 leaders, not by European voters. It's likely to be former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, numerous media reported.

Addressing YES on July 12, 2008, Mr. Blair said the key political battles of the 21st century will be fought by those who support globalization against those opposed.

"Globalization is something driven by

the people," Mr. Blair said. "It's people who are making the choices that are opening up the world in this way, and therefore it won't be resisted in the end. There may be a major battle around resisting it, there will be periods of ebbs and flows, but in the end, it is inevitable that it continues."

Many YES attendees, both past and present, have expressed support for ending national sovereignty in favor of supranational structures.

They include former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, who attended YES in 2006; Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) President Richard Haass, who attended YES in 2008; and billionaire currency speculator George Soros, who participated in this year's conference via live satellite feed.

Mr. Soros published a policy paper in 1993, "Toward a New World Order: The Future of NATO," in which he called for NATO to enforce international law and advance global democratic principles until the United Nations is capable of handling the role.

Skeptics believe that what Mr. Soros is really advocating is NATO's role as a global policeman until the United Nations is empowered with the task of global governance.

Ukrainian news reports didn't mention



Yalta European Strategy website

Dr. Anders Aslund, a consistent YES attendee who is currently advising Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, told Ukrayinska Pravda she is dealing "excellently" with the current financial crisis.

what Mr. Soros discussed at this year's YES or comments made via satellite by former Federal Reserve Bank Chair Alan Greenspan, a member of the CFR and close associate of David Rockefeller, with whom he helped found the Trilateral Commission



Yalta European Strategy website

Yalta European Strategy Board Chairman Stephen Byers called upon the conference's 2008 attendees to view the new world order as an opportunity, not a threat.

in 1973 as a CFR counterpart.

Discussion of Tymoshenko policies

Ukrainian media did report on the live satellite appearance of IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who criticized Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko for increasing Ukraine's debt in dealing with the financial crisis.

"Increasing the debt, you will end up in an even worse condition, and receiving money won't resolve all the questions," he said scoldingly. "There's a lot that can and needs to be [done] in Ukraine. The issue isn't money, which we can offer. The issue is that the large part of efforts is supposed to be made within the country itself. Ukraine has to understand what is its plan of action. We play the role of the doctor, not a policeman."

That criticism of the Tymoshenko government was not shared by Dr. Anders Aslund, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and one of the most consistent attendees of YES.

The Peterson Institute is financed by the billionaire banker Peter Peterson, a close associate of the Rockefeller family, believed to be the wealthiest in the U.S., which donated the land for the United Nations headquarters. The 94-year-old David Rockefeller has publicly called for forming a new world order based on more integrated global political and economic structures.

Dr. Aslund, who is one of Ms. Tymoshenko's current economic advisors, told the Ukrayinska Pravda website following the YES conference that the prime minister is "dealing excellently with the economic crisis. It's obvious she's an excellent crisis manager."

He credited her with properly handling the \$10.6 billion in IMF loans Ukraine has received so far and maintaining a "not bad" budget deficit that measured 6 percent of GDP, an average rate for European nations.

Troubled Ukrainian economy

His evaluation contradicts the view of the majority of independent economic observers, who believe the Ukrainian economy remains among the worst in Europe, partly because of Ms. Tymoshenko's poor fiscal policies and populist spending, and the enormous foreign debt she accumulated.

This additional debt will cost each Ukrainian \$700, estimated Serhii Tihipko, a former chair of the National Bank of Ukraine and a presidential candidate. In September alone, Ukraine's foreign debt grew by \$2 billion to \$35 billion.

Every Ukrainian owes foreign creditors \$500 – a sum that could reach \$750 given

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the current trends – estimated Yaroslav Misiats, chair of the Small and Middle Business Party of Ukraine. Ukraine's debt tripled during Ms. Tymoshenko's prime ministership, he said.

Meanwhile, Naftohaz Ukrayiny, the state-owned natural gas distribution monopoly, defaulted on a \$500 million Eurobond loan to international investors on September 30 with more possible payments failures to follow, both domestically and internationally.

While globalists such as Dr. Aslund support the IMF loan programs, Ukrainian economic critics argue they reward the nation's incompetent bankers and politicians who caused Ukraine's financial crisis, keeping the nation's corrupt oligarchy firmly in place.

Economist Dr. Oleh Soskin alleged a significant portion of the \$4.5 billion first tranche of the \$10.6 billion in IMF loans is alleged to have been distributed among the Ukrainian oligarchy.

The current financial crisis is not the first time Dr. Aslund has defended Ukraine's oligarchs. The Orange government led by President Yushchenko and Ms. Tymoshenko was correct in allowing Ukraine's oligarchs to keep the assets they acquired at unreasonable prices during the presidency of Leonid Kuchma, Dr. Aslund told The Weekly in an October 2005 interview.

"The robber barons were hardly better than the oligarchs," he said. "Not a single one of them had their property expropriated and that's why the U.S. is wealthy. Otherwise, you can go back to the Soviet view, which is expropriating property from those you don't like. Wealth or justice – that's the choice."

Among those oligarchs who became billionaires through very suspicious means

was Victor Pinchuk, the founder of the YES conference who has established solid relations with the Rothschild international banking family dynasty, widely believed to be Europe's wealthiest.

Former Rothschild executive Jean-Paul Saltiel is a YES board member who is currently assisting Ukraine's free-trade negotiations with Europe, and Rothschild Europe supervisory board chair Klaus Mangold attended YES in 2008.

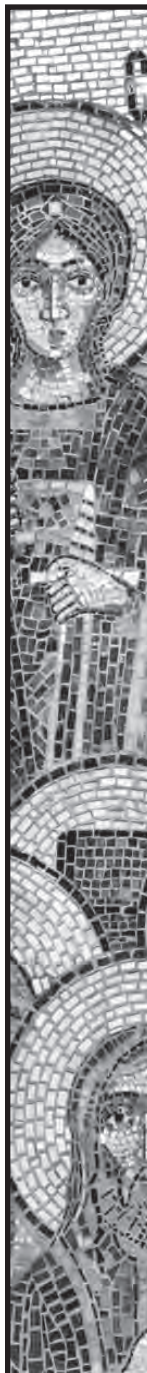
Although YES has grown increasingly secretive during the last several years, establishment reporters are still invited, indicating some level of openness compared to other gatherings of the global elite, such as the annual Bilderberg conference that forbids media from attending.

Many Bilderberg attendees have also participated in YES: Mr. Greenspan, Mr. Strauss-Kahn, Mr. Soros, Mr. Haas, former British Prime Minister Blair, former U.S. President Bill Clinton and former World Bank President James Wolfensohn.

Among this year's YES conference moderators was Ms. Freeland, a Canadian national of Ukrainian descent and U.S. managing editor for the Financial Times, which has promoted global integration for decades.

The newspaper's chief foreign affairs correspondent, Gideon Rachman, advocated nation-states exchanging sovereignty for a EU superstate in a December 2008 opinion piece called, "And Now for a World Government."

"A 'world government' would involve much more than cooperation between nations," Mr. Rachman wrote. "It would be an entity with state-like characteristics, backed by a body of laws. The European Union has already set up a continental government for 27 countries, which could be a model. The EU has a supreme court, a currency, thousands of pages of law, a large civil service and the ability to deploy military force."



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A view of the grand parade down Parma's State Road.



Members of the New Ukrainian Wave organization during the parade.

Thousands celebrate...

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with Wasyl Liscynsky, UUOO president, as chair and Christine Palaschenko as co-chair. The event consisted of four segments; a religious ceremony, a parade, dedication ceremony and unveiling, and a festival.

The religious ceremony was organized by the Rev. John Nakonachny of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, the parade subcommittee was headed by Lida Parc and Irene Kulyk, the dedication ceremony subcommittee was headed by Roman Fedkiw, and the festival was organized by the Apostleship of Prayer, headed by Chris Hlabse and Irene Bycko and the Men's Club of St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. The public relations subcommittee was headed by Maria Kvit-Flynn, who worked with Jack Marschall, Parma's director of communications.

To beautify the streets, Erik Tollerup, the city's Director of community development, arranged for beautiful murals with Ukrainian motifs to be painted on the sides of buildings of Ukrainian businesses. Parma also provided an outdoor stage where the opening ceremony was held and donated a plot of land for the future development of a Ukrainian park in the Ukrainian Village.

The religious ceremony

Saturday, September 19, was a glorious day – the weather was perfect, with not a cloud in the sky.

The Rev. Nakonachny of St. Vladimir's Cathedral organized and led a prayer service at the cathedral to start off the day. The choir performed under the direction of Markian Komichak. Clergy from all five area parishes, both Catholic and Orthodox, participated in the service; pastors from the Ukrainian Baptist and Pentecostal churches also participated, as did the neighboring Roman Catholic clergy and the Methodist pastor. Bishop John Bura, newly appointed to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat, presided. Twenty-one members of the clergy were present.

The VIPs of the day were also in attendance, and at the end of the service the Rev. Nakonachny presented Mayor Dean DePiero of Parma a certificate from the metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, expressing the Ukrainian community's gratitude.

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Among the dignitaries taking part in the parade is U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich (foreground, left) with Parma City Council President Chuck Germana.



A view of the Ukrainian Festival inside the Astrodome of St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral.



The crowd on the grounds of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral.



Parma Mayor Dean DePiero and his wife, Kathleen, (in the first pew) in St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral; Federal Judge Bohdan Futey is seen behind them (in the second pew).

Thousands...

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The parade

After the church service, the marchers – many wearing Ukrainian embroidered shirts or entire costumes – started lining up in front of St. Vladimir's Cathedral. Parade marshals were designated to line up the organizations and businesses. The color guard led the parade, followed by the clergy, and then the mayor and other dignitaries.

The United Ukrainian Organization of Ohio, the umbrella organization for all organizations in Ohio, led all the organizations. The cultural groups Kashtan, Zorya and the Dnipro chorus were first, since they would be performing at the dedication. Children from both Ukrainian schools wore Ukrainian shirts and waved Ukrainian and American flags. All six churches and their parishioners marched with their banners. Among other organizations represented were the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, the Ukrainian American Youth Association, veterans groups and the newly formed New Ukrainian Wave organization.

The Parma Senior High School band played, and the Parma fire engines roared. Ukrainian businesses also marched, with representatives carrying their company logos.

The parade was a sight to behold – full of color and energy. It was estimated that approximately 1,000 people marched.

The dedication

The parade arrived at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, the site of the dedication ceremony, where an outdoor stage had been erected on the grass in front of the cathedral. Two hundred seats were allowed for clergy, dignitaries and the elderly. Some 2,000 people attended the dedication ceremony.

Mr. Marschall, the director of communi-

cations for Parma, presided as the master of ceremonies. Both national anthems were sung by the legendary Ukrainian chorus Dnipro. Cultural performances were given by the Kashtan Ukrainian dance ensemble and the Zorya female vocal ensemble.

VIP remarks and proclamations were given by Mayor DePiero, Mr. Liscynsky, U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, State Sen. Dale Miller, Honorary Consul of Ukraine Andrew Futey, and George Brown from the office of U.S. Sen. George Voinovich.

The Ukrainian Village plaques were unveiled by Chuck Germana, Parma City Council president. The ceremony ended with closing prayers and the singing of "God Bless America."

The festival

After the dedication ceremonies, the general public was invited to partake in a festival in the Astrodome building and on the grounds of St. Josaphat's Cathedral. TV Channel 3's Dick Russ was the master of ceremonies.

The festival featured cultural performances on the hour by groups representing all churches and denominations. Ukrainian artists demonstrated and sold their work. Some of the artwork included pysanky, woodcuts, ceramics, jewelry and paintings. A kids' corner was also arranged.

Traditional Ukrainian dinners were sold together with desert and Ukrainian beer. Outside, "shashlyky" (shishkebabs) were being grilled to perfection.

Two days prior to the event the festival was promoted on Cleveland's "Kenny Crumpton Show," where the host struggled to make a "pyrih" and a "pysanka." The festival was covered by all four local news channels, as well as two major Cleveland papers.

It was estimated that about 4,000 people attended the festival, which originally was scheduled to end at 8 p.m. but continued until 1 a.m. with a dance.



The Ukrainian Village dedication is promoted on the "Kenny Crumpton Show" on TV Channel 8: from left are Andrew Futey, Maria Kvit-Flynn, Kenny Crumpton and the Rev. Michael Kulick.



Some of the members of the event committee (front row, from left): Natalia Simms, Diana Prodan, Christine Palashchenko, Irene Bycko, Anya Lendel, Chris Hlabse, Wasyl Liscynsky, (second row) the Rev. Nakonachny, Maria Kvit-Flynn, Lida Parc, Roman Fedkiw, Bill Kacmarek, Roman Kwit and the Rev. Michael Hontaruk. (Not pictured: Andrew Futey, Maria Ivankiv, Irene Kulick, Eugene Palka, the Rev. Michael Kulick, the Rev. Volodymyr Petriv, the Rev. Bohdan Zhoba, Pastor Victor Pilipchuk, Danylo Kulchytsky and Lev Kulchytsky)

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jurisdiction they belong to" and thanked the UOC-MP primate for his efforts to unite the Orthodox believers of Ukraine. The delegation said the purpose of their visit to Ukraine is to promote unity, but stressed that the Ecumenical Patriarchate will not act in this matter unilaterally, but only in cooperation with the UOC-MP. (Ukrinform)

PM on Patriarchate's representation

KYIV – Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko hailed the idea of establishing a permanent representation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. She voiced her support at a meeting with the delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate visiting Ukraine, the Cabinet's press service reported on October 6. Ms. Tymoshenko underlined that the consolidation of Orthodoxy would be an epochal event for Ukraine. "I want this with my whole heart. This would let Ukraine become stronger. The Ukrainian people are highly spiritual and religious, and Orthodox unity is of great importance for us," she said. (Ukrinform)

Verkhovna Rada begins working

KYIV – The Ukrainian Parliament on October 6 finally started working after a month-long blockade by the opposition Party of Regions of Ukraine, which was demanding a higher minimum wage and pensions. The Verkhovna Rada passed a bill on raising social standards in its first reading. This was an alternative bill submitted by National Deputy Oleh Zarubinskyi of the Volodymyr Lytvyn Bloc. Under the proposed bill, the minimum wage would be 869 hrv per month and the living wage would be 825 hrv beginning on January 1, 2010. The minimum wage would gradually increase by December 1, 2010, to 922 hrv and the living wage would increase to 875 hrv during the same period. Presently, the minimum wage is 669 hrv and the minimum living wage is 626 hrv. The bill was backed by only three representatives of the pro-government Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) faction. YTB National Deputy Oleh Liashko called the bill "a crime against people, against the state" as it cannot be fulfilled because of lack of money. Meanwhile, Party of Regions leader Viktor Yanukovych said that the voting for the bill on raising social standards is a "victory of millions of our supporters." He also underlined that this is "only the first step toward victory over poverty in Ukraine" and promised that the party would keep striving for the minimum wage and pensions level to reach 1,500 hrv and 1,300 hrv, respectively. (Ukrinform)

Turchynov warns of financial collapse

KYIV – First Vice Prime Minister Oleksander Turchynov said on October 6 that he believes adoption of the law on raising social standards will destroy the country's financial system. He said at a briefing in the Parliament, "This is not just populism, this is a calculated effort intended to fully destabilize Ukraine's financial system." Mr. Turchynov explained that the document provides no sources for raising the minimum living and the minimum wages, so this spending will have to be met by an emission of hryvni. (Ukrinform)

Government will not raise gas price

KYIV – The government will not increase the price of natural gas for the population, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko said during her visit to the Ivano-Frankivsk region, as reported on October 5 by the liaison department of

the Cabinet of Ministers Secretariat. "Do not believe that there will be a rise in the gas price for people. I promised to you that before the end of the year the gas price for people would not grow by a single kopek," the prime minister said, addressing local residents. Ms. Tymoshenko emphasized that, despite the financial crisis, the government is paying wages, pensions and social benefits on time. She also said the government would continue paying compensation for depreciated deposits in the accounts of the former Soviet savings bank. (Ukrinform)

Tarasyuk on U.S. policy change

KYIV – Former Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk expressed hope that the new U.S. policy that cancels previous agreements with Poland and the Czech Republic on basing missiles and a radar system in their countries will not be made at the expense of Poles, Czechs and Ukrainians. Mr. Tarasyuk, the chairman of Ukraine's parliamentary Committee on European Integration, spoke with RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service following news reports about the decision but before President Barack Obama's pledge on September 17 that the aim was a "smarter, stronger, swifter" defense of the United States and its European allies. Mr. Tarasyuk added that he expects Washington to strongly support the further expansion of NATO. Kyiv has lobbied hard for an invitation to join the trans-Atlantic alliance. Mr. Tarasyuk urged the U.S. to provide NATO allies with detailed explanations for its decision on the defense shield so that it does not look like the White House is surrendering its positions to Russia. (RFE/RL)

CPU initiates nomination of Symonenko

KYIV – The Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU) will take part in an election bloc with other left-wing parties, including the Social-Democratic Party of Ukraine (United), the Justice Party and the Union of Leftist Forces, it was decided during the second stage of the 43rd congress of the CPU. Communist leader Petro Symonenko said this union "radically changes the agenda of the elections." Asked by the press whether the Socialist Party led by Oleksander Moroz and the Progressive Socialist Party led by Natalia Vitrenko would join them, the CPU leader said "the door is always open to them," but the question is "whether they want to enter this door." It was also reported on October 5 that the Communist Party has initiated the nomination of Mr. Symonenko as the presidential candidate from the leftist bloc, and recommended that the October 20 inter-party congress of the bloc support his candidacy. (Ukrinform)

Soviet-era housing may be replaced

KYIV – Ukraine may build a series of low-rise standard apartment buildings at a price of \$400 to \$500 (U.S.) per square meter, it was reported on October 2. This affordable housing should be available no later than in 2011 and satisfy the population's demand for real estate, said the board of directors of the Ukrainian Construction Association (UCA). "There is a great demand for housing," said UCA head Lev Partskhaladze, explaining that the matter concerns standard housing of the "Stalinka" and "Khrushchevka" type. "We would like there to be apartments from 25 to 100 meters. The term of exploitation will be like that of the 'Khrushchevky' – up to 50 years. And the cost should be fixed in the hryvnia without fail, so that it does not depend on the currency rate," Mr. Partskhaladze said. (Ukrinform)

Plans scrapped...

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from human rights and Jewish groups on this issue. I applaud their swift action to overturn the City Council's insensitive decision and respect the memory of the victims at Babyn Yar," said Sen. Cardin. "I further commend Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko for his pledge Tuesday [September 29] to protect as a sacred spot the site of the Nazi massacre."

Rep. Hastings added: "Jewish groups, and human rights groups more generally,

within and outside of Ukraine were right to decry the earlier ill-advised decision to build a hotel so near the site of these unspeakable atrocities. Upon learning of this plan, the Helsinki Commission immediately expressed its concerns to the Ukrainian authorities. Such hallowed ground as the memorial is no place for hotels and commercial development. I welcome President Yushchenko's commitment Tuesday that the Ukrainian leadership 'will not allow any defilement of the memory' of those killed and 'will ensure the proper protection of their place of perpetual rest.'"



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A Memorial mass and reception will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 5:00 pm at Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary on De Longpre in Los Angeles. This will be a celebration of Danylo's life and we ask that if you have any photos and/or stories of Danylo, please come and share them. Memorial masses will also be said at St. George's in NYC and St. Andrew's in Hamptonburg, NY.

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Montreal's Ukainian community holds annual Independence Day banquet

MONTREAL – The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), Montreal branch, held its annual Ukrainian Independence Day banquet marking the 18th anniversary of Ukraine's independence at the Ukrainian Youth Center, organized by UCC's Cultural Committee on Monday, August 24, this year's banquet was attended by 150 people.

The evening's celebration was formally opened by Marika Putko, president of UCC Montreal. A special greeting was received from President Viktor Yushchenko via the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada and Ambassador Ihor Ostash. The main guest of honor was Borys Wrzesnewskij, liberal member of Parliament for Etobicoke center.

In his banquet address, Mr. Wrzesnewskij reaffirmed his and his party's unwavering commitment to assist Ukraine in its continuing efforts to develop into a truly democratic society despite

the destructive legacy of Soviet rule. He outlined some of the difficult challenges ahead. He received a standing ovation at the end of his speech.

Also present was Louise Beaudoin, deputy from Rosemont area, Quebec, representing the Parti Québécois. In her speech she made a surprising and very welcome announcement that she will do everything possible so that the government of Quebec recognizes the 1932-1933 Famine as genocide. She stressed that she has full confidence this will be passed unanimously by all Quebec parties this fall.

Bernard Bigras, deputy from the Rosemont-La Petite Patrie area, also stated that the Quebec government will recognize the Holodomor as genocide.

Others present were Beatrice Pepper, representing Prime Minister Steven Harper, who read a special greeting on behalf of the Prime Minister and the

Government of Canada; Svetlana Litvin, political attaché in the Cabinet for the minister of immigration and Cultural Communities of Quebec; the Rev. Andriy Onuferko from Ottawa, representing the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Eastern Canada; and the Rev. Evhen Rudych of Montreal, representing the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Orest Humenny was the master of ceremonies for the evening, which also included entertainment. The organizing

committee included Ms. Putko, chairperson; Bohdanna Klecor-Hawyluk, Zorianna Hrycenko-Luhova, Pavlo Showhaniuk, Boris Mospan, Evhen Osidacz and Vasyl Grosko.

The celebration of Ukraine's independence continued at the organizing of the 10th annual Montreal Ukrainian Festival held September 12-13 in Rosemount and chaired by Christine Kozak. The UCC had an information table for the thousands of visitors attending.



During Montreal's Ukrainian Independence Day banquet (from left) are: Vasyl Grosko; master of ceremony Orest Humennyj; UCC President Marika Putko, Member of Parliament Boris Wrzesnewskij; Louise Baudoin of the Parti Québécois; UCC Cultural Chairperson Bodanna Hawryluk; and Prof. Roman Serbyn.

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For more information, please contact the UCCA National Office either by email at ucca@ucca.org or by phone at 212-228-6840.

Ukrainian American Educational Center of Boston launches a busy season

by Peter T. Woloschuk

DEDHAM, Mass. – The Ukrainian American Educational Center of Boston, Inc. (UAEC) launched its 2009-2010 season with a pig roast, picnic and Ukrainian sing-along which drew more than 70 people to its two-and-a-half-acre property in Dedham, Mass., on Sunday, September 13.

During the course of the upcoming year, the UAEC will sponsor a monthly Friday evening get-together at its facilities, which will be open to the entire greater Boston community; a dance on November 21 in the neighboring town of Stoughton, which has seen an influx of some 200 new Ukrainian families in the past decade; as well as a traditional Malanka, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2010.

In the late spring, after several years of effort, the Internal Revenue Service announced that it had designated the UAEC as a 501(c) (3) public charity with federal tax-exempt status. The designation was celebrated by the center with an early summer picnic attended by more than 100 people.

In commenting on the new status, UAEC spokesman Vsevolod Petriv said: "With the official federal designation as a

public charity with tax-exempt status we have reached an important milestone. Now our real work can begin. The UAEC is focused on identifying and serving the greater Boston community's needs, sponsoring events and educational endeavors, and providing a venue for many of these activities."

"To foster this work, he continued, "we have already created a number of new committees and subcommittees, and we are beginning to move forward to expand our support network and build on the foundations that have been put in place over the past two years."

The UAEC was cofounded in 2008 by the Ukrainian American Heritage Foundation (UAHF) and the Boston branches of the Ukrainian American Youth Association, Ukrainian American Veterans, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, Ukrainian National Women's League of America and Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization.

Its mission is to establish and maintain facilities for the preservation and promulgation of Ukrainian culture, history, religion, language and heritage by promot-



Vsevolod Petriv

Boston area Ukrainians enjoy the picnic at the Ukrainian American Educational Center.

ing, supporting and conducting educational, religious and social service programs that serve the Ukrainian American community of the greater Boston area.

For further information on the UAEC and its events see its website, www.ukrainiancenter.org, or e-mail the center at uke@ukrainiancenter.org.

Narodna Volya ends publication

SCRANTON, Pa. – The monthly newspaper Narodna Volya, published by the Ukrainian Fraternal Association, has ceased publication. Once a weekly, in recent years the newspaper became a monthly.

Narodna Volya's demise comes as its publisher, the Ukrainian Fraternal Association (founded in 1910 as the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association) completes a merger with the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America (founded in 1912). The announcement of the merger was published in June in both the UFA newspaper and in America, the newspaper of the Philadelphia-based Providence Association.

In Narodna Volya's last issue, dated August 31, it was noted that the UFA, which was based in Scranton, Pa., had held 26 conventions and was the owner of the Verkhovyna resort in Glen Spey, N.Y., for over 50 years. During that time Verkhovyna hosted 25 Ukrainian festivals.

An article by Jaroslaw Gawur, UFA president, noted that the UFA "is finalizing a merger" with the Providence Association. The article also noted: "Since the Ukrainian Fraternal Association and Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America are both incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, belong to the same jurisdiction and are supervised by the same department, the Pennsylvania State Insurance Supervision Department, which recommended the merger, we believe the process of unification will be expedited."

A notice in the August 31 issue of the bilingual (Ukrainian-English) Narodna Volya noted that its subscribers would begin receiving issues of America, a bilingual weekly, beginning in October.



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Party of Regions...

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the official start of the election campaign on October 20 (TVI, September 27).

Actually, that law is openly violated by many candidates, including Mr. Yanukovich. Ms. Tymoshenko's team argued that her media campaign was not political but "social," meaning that they "foster [the government's] communication with the community" and that Ukrainian television had broadcast them for free (Ukrayinska Pravda, July 8). Ms. Tymoshenko said that the "She Works" billboards were paid for by the Fatherland Party, and therefore they were also "social" (UNIAN, August 5).

This prompted suspicions that the Ms. Tymoshenko team had used taxpayers' money. National Deputy Andriy Paruby, a Yushchenko ally, officially requested that the Procurator General's Office investigate the sources of financing of the Tymoshenko advertisements. He suggested that public money might have been used (Ukrainski Novyny, September 15).

Meanwhile, the PRU has not escaped accusations of violating freedom of speech. Savik Shuster, the anchorman of the "Shuster Live" political show on Ukrainian television, complained of pressure from the PRU over his September 25 broadcast, which featured Ms. Tymoshenko. Mr. Shuster apparently did not want to invite

PRU deputies, who acted as Ms. Tymoshenko's main opponents in the show. He wanted Mr. Yanukovich to be her opponent in a broadcast debate, but he failed to appear; in place of their tongue-tied leader, the PRU reportedly imposed several PRU deputies as guests on the show and wanted the air time to be shared equally between them and Ms. Tymoshenko (Interfax-Ukraine, September 28; Segodnya, September 29).

Mr. Yanukovich's opponents might argue that the very fact that Mr. Shuster, who sympathizes with Ms. Tymoshenko, anchors a political show on a TV channel that belongs to the oligarch Rinat Akhmetov (a supporter of Mr. Yanukovich) shows that freedom of speech still exists in Ukraine. However, this is an achievement that the country owes to Mr. Yanukovich's opponents in the 2004 election.

It remains to be seen whether the court-imposed ban on advertisements hostile to Ms. Tymoshenko is only an episode in the election campaign or a harbinger of what is to come if the international community does not pay more attention to the Ukrainian election and journalists do not display solidarity as they did in 2004.

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Can President...

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session hall organized by the opposition Party of Regions of Ukraine (PRU) (Eurasia Daily Monitor, September 16).

Mr. Popov's statement prompted an angry reaction from Ms. Tymoshenko's key ally, First Deputy Prime Minister Oleksander Turchynov. He accused Mr. Yushchenko of trying to disrupt the election by both blocking the budget in Parliament (Mr. Turchynov apparently suspects that Mr. Yushchenko backs Parliament's blockade by the PRU) and appealing against the new law. "This is his last chance to cling to power," commented Mr. Turchynov. He warned that if the court rejected the new law, all the election schedules and deadlines would be disrupted (Channel 5, September 17).

Ms. Tymoshenko echoed Mr. Turchynov's views the following day, warning about two possible scenarios to postpone the election, which she claimed were being prepared by the Yushchenko team. According to the first scenario, the court would dump the new election law, consequently preventing an election. The second scenario involved "the economy being brought to collapse" by weakening the national currency and a state of emergency being declared. Ms. Tymoshenko recalled that no election may be held during a state of emergency (Dnipropetrovsk Regional TV, September 18).

The Central Election Commission (CEC), the Constitutional Court and President Yushchenko's team flatly dismissed the allegations by Mr. Turchynov and Ms. Tymoshenko. CEC Deputy Head Andriy Mahera said that Parliament's failure to pass next year's budget would not affect the election process, since there are enough funds provided for the election in the 2009 budget to start the process (Interfax-Ukraine, September 18).

Andriy Stryzhak, the chairman of the Constitutional Court, said that, even if the

court pronounced the entire election law as unconstitutional, the election would be held according to the existing law. Ms. Stavnichuk, for her part, dismissed the possibility of imposing a state of emergency. She noted that the president would constitutionally require parliamentary approval, and that the Parliament is dominated by the supporters of Ms. Tymoshenko and Viktor Yanukovich who would not agree to postpone the election (Kommersant-Ukraine, September 21).

Presidential Secretariat Chair Vira Ulianchenko recalled that Mr. Yushchenko had not appealed against the entire law, but only several of its provisions, meaning that no court verdict could possibly disrupt the election (ICTV, September 20).

The PRU, whose leader Mr. Yanukovich is likely to be Ms. Tymoshenko's main rival in the election, reacted calmly. Verkhovna Rada Vice-Chairman Oleksander Lavrynovych, who is a PRU senior member, suggested that Mr. Yushchenko's appeal would not affect the election. He agreed with Ms. Ulianchenko that Mr. Yushchenko appealed only against several provisions in the election law, so the court could not pronounce the entire law as unconstitutional (www.liga.net, September 21).

Mr. Popov again suggested that Parliament should urgently amend the law, in order to meet Mr. Yushchenko's demands. In this case, he said, Mr. Yushchenko would recall his appeal from the court (Segodnya, September 21). Mr. Yanukovich's unofficial spokeswoman Hanna Herman said that Mr. Yushchenko was not in a position to set conditions as his political influence is waning. "The presidential election will take place in any case," she predicted (Channel 5, September 21).

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EU report on ...


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European side in this sense, because I don't think Georgia has ever denied that the government took an action to protect its citizens," Ms. Samadashvili said. "Madame Tagliavini and her commission might consider that this was not the right moment to take this step."


Ms. Tagliavini's report admits that it may

fall short of "absolute veracity" since there could be other information that wasn't available to the team of investigators.

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Saturday, November 7

FOX CHASE MANOR, Pa.: The Philadelphia Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University, the St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics U.S.A. and the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation invite you to attend the event "UCU Today and Tomorrow." Enjoy a convivial and informative experience as speakers from the Ukrainian Catholic University – Senior Vice-Rector Dr. Taras Dobko, a rising figure in Ukrainian academia, and Andriy Kurochka, an UCU alumnus who will also share his accomplished singing talent with the audience – update and thank the community for its continued support of UCU and the university's efforts to educate and form young Ukrainians. The event takes place at the Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Road at 1-3 p.m. For details contact Nell at

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Sunday, November 8

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Sunday, November 15

TRENTON, N.J.: St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church is holding a dance at 6-11 p.m. featuring live music by Halychany. Admission is \$10. Food and drinks will be sold; parking is free. The church hall is located at 1195 Deutz Ave. For information call 609-695-3771.

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Kyiv Mohyla Law...

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the competition is in English and many countries are English-speaking, this was a significant achievement.

While in Washington the law school team met with several Ukrainian Americans who helped them. The group was honored to meet with former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Green Miller, an extraordinary and erudite friend of Ukraine, who encouraged the students in their studies of law.

Appeal from Kyiv Mohyla Foundation

Every year a team of the best law students from Kyiv Mohyla Academy participates in the prestigious Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Every year the team is chosen to participate

in the final rounds at the international level in Washington. And every year the team is forced to secure funding from donors to pay for transportation, hotels and per diems before finals in Washington instead of concentrating on the preparation for the debate.

The Kyiv Mohyla Foundation has established a permanent Law School Endowment Fund to help fund future Kyiv Mohyla Moot Court teams. The foundation is appealing to members of the community, companies, organizations and particularly to law firms and attorneys to support the Kyiv Mohyla School of Law Moot Court team. Checks can be mailed to Kyiv Mohyla Foundation, P.O. Box 47009, Chicago, IL 60646-0009. Please note "Law School Competition" on the check. For information readers may call 773-685-1828; send e-mail to e-mail@kmfoundation.com; or log on to www.kmfoundation.com or www.ukma.kiev.ua.

Demjanjuk trial...

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harm. The incident is being investigated but he is now bedridden, heavily medicated for pain and unable to walk. The Germans tortured him as a Ukrainian POW and his continued suffering is a violation of his human rights. They are not seeking justice, only a show trial as there is not a scintilla of evidence that he ever harmed even one person during the war."

Mr. Demjanjuk has been in custody in Germany since May, after he lost a lengthy court battle in the United States seeking to stop his deportation. In July he lost another battle when Germany's highest court refused to take up his legal challenge to the deportation, which he said violated his basic rights.

Mr. Demjanjuk's attorney Ulrich Busch filed two unsuccessful motions in August calling for the case to be closed. He argued that the 89-year-old client is not fit to stand

trial and that the evidence against him is questionable.

According to the Associated Press, German prosecutors say they have documents proving Mr. Demjanjuk's wartime activity, including an identification card that purportedly shows he was a guard at Sobibor between March and September 1943, and many witness testimonies.

ABC News reported on September 15 that the Munich Higher Regional Court had examined documents that include information about Mr. Demjanjuk's transfer from the Trawniki camp to Sobibor. ABC said a historian from the U.S. Office of Special Investigations (OSI) delivered the documents, which were kept in a safe at the Justice Department.

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October 15-18 Venice, FL	62nd Ukrainian American Veterans National Convention, UAV Post 40, Best Western Hotel, 941-536-1490 or 941-480-9898	October 18 Hartford, CT	Annual dinner-concert, featuring Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble and Zolotyj Promin Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Ukrainian National Home of Hartford, 860-296-5702
October 16 Washington	Conference, "Countering Democratic Regression in a Newly Divided Europe and Eurasia," Johns Hopkins University, 202-663-5796	October 18 Alexandria, VA	Concert, featuring violinist Zino Bogachek and Friends, The Washington Group Cultural Fund, 301-299-2615 or 703-838-4994
October 17 New Britain, CT	Harvest Festival, featuring accordionist Mike Platosz, St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 860-229-3833	October 18 New York	Lecture by Yuri Shevchuk, "The Soviet Cinematographer and Holodomor," Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences, 212-222-1866
October 17 Whippany, NJ	USCAK Chess Tournament, Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, http://uscak.blogspot.com	October 18 Winnipeg	Film screening, "Okradena Zemlya" by Yuriy Luhovy, Manitoba Museum, 204-586-3445
October 17 Palatine, IL	Dance, featuring Klopit, Ukrainian American Youth Association - Palatine Branch, 773-414-5949	October 18 Silver Spring, MD	Ukrainian Food Festival, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 301-384-9192 or 301-593-5316
October 17 Whippany, NJ	20th anniversary of Rukh, "Quiet Revolution of Ukraine," with Volodymyr Yavorivskyj and Taras Hunczak, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-585-7175		

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78 youths enjoy Ukrainian American Youth Association's Sports Camp

by Andrew Leskiw

ELLENVILLE, N.Y. – While many children spent parts of their summer vacations at the beach or hanging around the house, 78 children of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA) spent two fun weeks at Sports Camp.

On August 2-15, young "Sumivtsi" from the East Coast and Canada enjoyed playing various sports at the UAYA resort in Ellenville, N.Y. This year's camp theme revolved around the Triple Crown, with each cabin having acted as horse trainers that took care of their horses. Each cabin gave its horse a creative and interesting name, similar to the names seen when watching any horse race. The camp also commemorated the 350th anniversary of the Battle of Konotop, which occurred on June 29, 1659.

Throughout the two weeks, the campers trained and scrimmaged every morning, afternoon and night in a variety of sports. The swimming program, led by Mark Bobriwnyk (Hartford, Conn.), had campers working on different strokes and practicing dives. New coach Bohdan Szafran (Hartford) helped prepare the softball campers by working on their fielding, batting, catching and throwing skills. The tennis players, who were coached by Adrian Bobriwnyk (Hartford), practiced their serves, backhands and forehands as well as other techniques, while Peter Kolinsky (Hartford) taught the volleyball campers the basics of serving, setting, bumping and making smart decisions during matches.

Terry Reid (Boston) led the track and field program, where she taught the campers the keys to success in shot-put, sprints, high jump and long-distance running, which will help those campers at the annual Zlet competition held on Memorial Day weekend. Coaches Andrew Kudryk (Passaic, N.J.) and Mykola Kucyna (Whippany, N.J.) spent another year at camp teaching our potential soccer greats about passing, shooting and making wiser decisions in game situations. Two Sports Camp legends, Mike Hlushko (Yonkers, N.Y.) and Bohdan Kucyna (Whippany), also returned as guest coaches to help teach the fundamentals of soccer.

This year also saw the introduction of two new sports. Professional trainer Larysa Didio (New York) held several aerobics and fitness sessions, varying from intense workouts to yoga and Theodore Bodnar (New York) introduced the sport of weight training, teaching campers about various muscles and the

proper techniques to enhance those muscles.

Even though this was a Sports Camp, the campers had the opportunity to participate in other activities that are a part of any other UAYA camp. Every day the camp had a singing session with teacher Halyna Cechowska (Toronto), where the campers learned various traditional Ukrainian songs related to the Kozaks and horses – the two camp themes.

On Thursday, August 6, the camp celebrated the 60th anniversary of the UAYA. On that day, 60 years ago, the UAYA was created in both Philadelphia and Newark, N.J., and the camp celebrated this anniversary by holding a banquet. The main hall at the resort was nicely decorated for the banquet, which contained food prepared by the kitchen staff, a keynote speech by UAYA president Andriy Bihun and the singing of "Mnohaya Lita." The night ended with a "zabava" (dance) for the campers and guests, which fittingly concluded this great celebration.

The following day, Sports Camp participated in the Olympiad sponsored by the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK). The campers competed against Chornomorska Sitch's Sports Camp, which was held nearby at Soyuzivka, and competed in track races, tennis, swimming, volleyball and soccer. The campers performed very well at the Olympiad and had a great time incorporating everything they'd learned.

UAYA campers had an opportunity to meet with Nicholas Zakotiria (stage name Nick Zak), a professional bodybuilder who recently won first place at the 2009 National Physique Committee (NPC) Junior Nationals. The campers had the opportunity to ask Mr. Zakotiria, who is a UAYA member from Yonkers, questions about his weight-training methods and schedules, as well as random questions about his life. Afterwards, Mr. Zakotiria signed autographs for all the campers.

Sports Camp was once again a success due to the hard work of many people, primarily, those who ran the camp: Commandant Theodore Bodnar, Head Counselor Mark Bobriwnyk, Director of Education Andrew Leskiw, Secretary Julie Doboszczak, and Medical Officers – Patrick Loudenslager and Crystyna Kobyleckyj. The coaches who did a remarkable job helping the campers better their game. Lastly, special mention is due also to all of the counselors who acted as the parents and older siblings of the campers during the two weeks of Sports Camp.



A camper practices his high jump as part of the track and field program.



Campers participate in aerobics and fitness, offered for the first time Sports Camp.



The UAYA youths shake hands with Chornomorska Sitch after defeating them in soccer.



Volleyball was once again a popular sport at Sports Camp.



Professional bodybuilder Nicholas Zakotiria signs autographs.

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FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

A young accordionist's choice: like father, like son

CLIFTON, N.J. – Sometimes, children do indeed follow in their parents' footsteps. Petro Chudolij, son of well-known accordionist Alex Chudolij, has made a conscious decision to do just that.

Although he had been exposed to music – and to the accordion in particular since birth – Petro became impassioned about playing the accordion himself only after attending the Coupe Mondiale International Accordion Festival two years ago. As an attendee, he was exposed to a variety of gifted young players who inspired him and sparked the desire to become an accordionist “just like my father.”

Formal accordion lessons during the past two years have been fruitful for Petro. He entered the Roland U.S. V-Accordion Festival 2009 and was chosen as one of only five U.S. National Junior Division finalists at the Los Angeles competition.



Young accordionist Petro Chudolij

Close to home, in November 2008 he was one of a dozen accordionists of all ages who participated in the inaugural “Accordionfest” held at the Social Club of the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New

Jersey in Whippany.

Petro is 14 years old, a parishioner of the Ukrainian Orthodox Holy Ascension Cathedral and a freshman at Clifton Public High School. He is an active member of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (Passaic branch) and has been a member of the Ukrainian National Association (Branch 182) since 1995.

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Mishanyna

Dear Mishanyna fans: It's October, so it's time not only to search for hidden words in the Mishanyna grid, but also to search out the trees that bring us all beautiful fall foliage at this time of year. Remember, search for the capitalized words on the list below.

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Friday, October 16

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Institute of America is pleased to present a major solo exhibition by artist Ilona Sochynsky titled "Fragments. Fetishes. Capriccios" from October 8 through November 1, with an artist's opening reception on Friday, October 16, at 6-8 p.m. The exhibit features over 25 oil paintings on canvas in varying levels of abstraction. Exhibit hours are: Tuesday-Sunday, noon-6 p.m. For additional information call 212-288-8660.

Saturday, October 17

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a lecture by Ihor Poshyvaylo, ethnologist and candidate of historical sciences, on the subject "The Museum Sphere of Ukraine: Present State and the Perspectives." The lecturer is associate director of the National Center of Folk Culture – Museum of Ivan Honchar, a recipient of several awards for his scholarly work, and a 2009-2010 Fulbright Fellow. The lecture will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn.: A Ukrainian Harvest Festival will take place at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter St. (behind Newbrite Plaza). The event is in celebration of the church's 100th anniversary. Featured will be a giant tag sale, Christmas items, a large collection of costume jewelry, Ukrainian breads, a raffle, cake and dessert table, as well as a Ukrainian Kitchen with Ukrainian foods plus hotdogs and hamburgers. Again available will be the church's famous nut rolls. Parking is available behind the church. For further information call 860-229-3833 or 860-677-2138.

Sunday, October 18

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Institute of America will present "Rukh: A Quiet Revolution in Ukraine." This program, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Rukh, will feature guest speaker Volodymyr Yavorivskyi, chairman of the 1989 inaugural conference of Rukh. Hosted by Prof. Taras Hunczak, with video fragments of the 1989 conference, the program will begin at 4 p.m., at the Ukrainian Institute of America, 2 E. 79th St. (corner of Fifth Ave.). Admission: \$15; \$12 for UIA members and seniors; \$9 for students. For information call 212-288-8660.

ALEXANDRIA, Va.: The Washington Group Sunday Music Series will present Zino Bogachek, violinist with the Washington National Opera, joined by musicians from the WNO Orchestra for an afternoon of classical chamber music featuring romantic and contemporary composers, including pieces for violin, cello, viola and piano. The Lyceum is located at 201 S. Washington St. The concert begins at 3 p.m.; seating is unreserved; suggested donation is \$20, free for students. For information call 301-229-2615.

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in New York will host a lecture by Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, an instructor of Ukrainian language and the founder and director of the Ukrainian Film Club at Columbia University. The lecture, "The Soviet Cinematographer and Holodomor" will be held in the academy's building, 206 W. 100th St., at 3 p.m. All are invited. For more information contact the academy, 212-222-1866.

Wednesday, October 21

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University will hold a viewing and discussion of the new and controversial Russian historical drama "Taras Bulba" (2009). Kyiv-born Vladimir Bortko made the film inspired by the famous story by Nikolai Gogol (Mykola Hohol) about love, betrayal and revenge. Released in Ukraine last April and widely distributed there, this film provoked a small storm among the Ukrainian public due to its unapologetic neo-colonialist politics and ideology. Still it is worth seeing as a document of post-Soviet Russian revan-

chism made fascinating by the enthusiastic participation of Ukrainian talent in the project, including the actors Bohdan Stupka, Ada Rohovtseva, Les Serdiuk, the artist Serhiy Yakutovych, to name but a few. Russian reviewer Roman Volobuev noted, "Bortko, known for his pedantic treatment of literary texts, in this case, chopped Gogol up into a salad and made use of only those its pieces that will insult the greatest number of inhabitants of sovereign Ukraine." Insult or not, the film reveals quite a lot about present-day Russia and Ukraine. Prof. Frank Sysyn, University of Toronto, and Prof. Catherine Nepomnyashchy and Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, Columbia University, will discuss the film after the screening. The screening is at 7:30 p.m. in 702 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University. The film is in its original Russian-language version with English subtitles. The event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 24

BLOOMINGDALE, Ill.: St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Kyiv Patriarchate invites the Ukrainian community to take part in a memorial service commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Poltava, the 350th anniversary of the Battle of Konotop and the 370th anniversary of the birth of Hetman Ivan Mazepa. The program begins with the 4:30 p.m. arrival and greeting of Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus'-Ukraine Filaret, followed by Litiya at the Famine-Genocide memorial cross, prayers at the graves of UPA members and a panakhyda offered by Patriarch Filaret. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a concert featuring the Canadian Bandurist Capella from Toronto in the Ivan Truchly Auditorium. Tickets for the concert: \$10 for children, \$25 for adults. St. Andrew UOC-KP is located at 300 E. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. For tickets contact Vlad Smilansky, 630-628-8133.

Sunday, October 25

BLOOMINGDALE, Ill.: St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Kyiv Patriarchate invites the Ukrainian community to take part in the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy. The greeting of His Holiness Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus'-Ukraine Filaret and Hierarchs will take place at 9:30 a.m.; the 10 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be followed by the blessing of the altar, iconography and mosaic of all Ukrainian saints at the entrance to the church. The services will be followed by a banquet in honor of Patriarch Filaret at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Ill. Banquet tickets: \$40 for children; \$90 for adults. For ticket information contact Vlad Smilansky, 630-628-8133.

STORRS, Conn.: The public is invited to a free screening of the 2005 Ukrainian documentary, "Technology of Genocide," with special guest Prof. Yuri Shevchuk of Columbia University, at 3-5 p.m., Class of 1947 Room, Homer Babbidge Library, University of Connecticut. The film is a special feature of an exhibit running from October 19 through December 18 titled "Holodomor: Famine and Fiction," which focuses on the factors that affected reporting of the Famine: the political climate and priorities of the day, censorship and deception by Moscow, and the ideological persuasions and personal ambitions of the reporters. For further information log on to <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits/holodomor2/index.html>, e-mail lybabij@cox.net, or call 860-646-2227.

Sunday, November 1

NEW YORK: The New York Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University and the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation invite you to an informational presentation, "UCU Today and Tomorrow." Enjoy a complimentary luncheon as speakers from the Ukrainian Catholic University – Senior Vice-Rector Dr. Taras Dobko, a rising figure in Ukrainian academia, and Andriy Kurochka, an UCU alumnus who will also share his accomplished singing talent with the audience – update and thank the community for its ongoing support of UCU. Event will also include a video presentation and photo exhibit. The event takes place at the Ukrainian

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