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Chernovetskyi wins re-election in Kyiv in early mayoral vote

by **Illya M. Labunka**
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KYIV – In a lower than anticipated turnout, approximately 53.39 percent of Kyiv's eligible voters cast their ballots on May 25 in the capital's pre-term mayoral and City Council elections. According to the Kyiv City Territorial Election Commission, of the 70 individuals officially registered on the yard-long list of mayoral candidates, the incumbent, Leonid Chernovetskyi, managed to hold on to his highly contested position by winning 37.72 percent of the votes.

First Vice Prime Minister Oleksander Turchynov of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc garnered 19.13 percent and Vitalii Klitschko of the eponymous bloc received 17.97 percent.

They were followed by Viktor Pylypshyn of the Volodymyr Lytvyn Bloc (6.71 percent), Mykola Katerynchuk of the eponymous bloc and member of the European Party of Ukraine (4.44 percent), Oleksander Omelchenko of the eponymous bloc (2.53 percent), Vasyl Horbal of the Party of the Regions (2.33 percent) and Oleh Tiahnybok of the all-Ukrainian Union Svoboda (1.37 percent).

Meanwhile, of the 37 political factions hoping to obtain representation on the Kyiv City Council, six blocs and one party managed to secure seats by winning the necessary minimum of 3 percent of the votes.

As a result, the Leonid Chernovetskyi Bloc won 30.45 percent of the vote, the Tymoshenko Bloc received 22.79 percent and the Vitalii Klitschko Bloc garnered 10.61 percent, followed by the Volodymyr Lytvyn Bloc (8.17 percent), the Civic Activists of Kyiv Bloc headed by Oleksander Pabat (5.95 percent), the Party of the Regions (3.95 percent) and the Mykola Katerynchuk Bloc (3.47 percent).

The Our Ukraine –People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) bloc did not qualify for membership on the Kyiv City Council as it received only 2.01 percent of the votes.

When the pre-term mayoral and City Council elections campaign had just gotten under way, the Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU) had predicted that total expenses for the campaign would be approximately \$100 million (U.S.). However, in what has turned out to be the costliest political election campaign and the most controversial the city of Kyiv has ever witnessed, that sum had doubled by election day. Thus, over \$212 million was spent in a hard-fought electoral battle aimed at gaining control of Ukraine's capital.

The campaigns of the Chernovetskyi Bloc, the Tymoshenko Bloc, the Lytvyn Bloc and the Katerynchuk Bloc recorded the five most expensive campaigns, as each faction attempted to outdo its opponents with huge finances. The campaign budget of the major political forces ranged from \$25 million to \$40 million.

For example, candidates spent close to \$10 million on street advertising, as the average cost of one political billboard, depending on size, ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Nine thousand billboards of various sizes were utilized by Messrs. Chernovetskyi and Katerynchuk alone. The political campaign billboards featuring Mr. Klitschko added up to approximately 4,000.

According to law, each candidate was allowed to spend no more than \$100,000 on advertising, campaign fliers and salaries for campaign staff. However, due to the fact that a candidate was closely affiliated with his or her particular

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Yushchenko visits Ottawa on state visit to Canada



Maria Sochan Tymoc

President Viktor Yushchenko addresses the Holodomor memorial ceremonies in Ottawa.

OTTAWA – President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine, beginning a three-day official state visit to Canada, on May 26 appeared before a joint session of Parliament, met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and was hosted by Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

He began his state visit in Ottawa at Rideau Hall, the residence of the governor-general, who represents the crown in Canada and carries out the duties of head of state. After being welcomed to Canada by Governor General Jean, Mr. Yushchenko proceeded to plant a tree on the grounds of Rideau Hall in commemoration of his visit to Canada.

President Yushchenko noted "the special partnership established between our friendly countries," adding that Ukraine and Canada are united by common goals and val-

ues, particularly democracy, human rights and freedoms, and the supremacy of law.

"Ukraine remembers and will always remember that it was Canada that was one of the first Western countries to recognize the independence of our state in 1991," he stated.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Paul Grod was present at the official greeting ceremonies to welcome President Yushchenko on behalf of the 1.2 million Canadians of Ukrainian descent.

Later Ukraine's president had a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Harper, at which the two leaders discussed a range of bilateral and international issues, including the further development of political and commercial ties between

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'Walk Against Genocide' escorts Holodomor torch in New York

by **Matthew Dubas**

NEW YORK – Over 150 people gathered at Castle Clinton in Battery Park on Tuesday, May 27, to participate in the "Walk Against Genocide" as the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame continued its journey around the world, enlightening people about the Ukrainian genocide of 1932-1933, which claimed the lives of millions of men, women and children.

The ceremonies, organized by the New York branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), began with a ferry ride from Battery Park to Liberty Island, where the torch was officially blessed by the Revs. George Bazylevsky of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Ivan Tykhovych of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Dr. Oleh Shamshur, ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, commented on the location of the blessing, noting the Statue of Liberty holds a torch in her hand as a symbol of freedom and democracy, so too the Holodomor torch is a symbol of Ukrainian resolve and the hope of

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Matthew Dubas

National Park Service Ranger Eugene Kuziw holds the International Holodomor Remembrance Torch with Ivanka Zajac, president of the New York branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, at Liberty Island National Park.

ANALYSIS

Euro-Asian Oil Transportation Corridor proposed at energy summit in Kyiv

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The presidents of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania agreed on May 22 and 23 in Kyiv on steps to create a Euro-Asian Oil Transportation Corridor (EAOTC). The planned corridor is a centerpiece to the concept of an Energy Transit Space, which was also launched at the Kyiv summit of Caspian, Black Sea and Baltic countries.

The EAOTC, in turn, is an enlarged version of the project to extend the Odesa-Brody oil pipeline from Ukraine into Poland, in order to carry Caspian oil as originally intended into European Union territory.

Completed by Ukraine in 2001 up to Brody near the Polish border, that pipeline remained empty for three years because Russia blocked the access of oil from Kazakhstan to Odesa. Assurances by the Bush administration to the Ukrainian government in 2003 that American producer companies would supply oil volumes from Kazakhstan to Odesa were not borne out.

In 2004 the Ukrainian government agreed to the use of the pipeline "in reverse," Brody-Odesa, by Russian oil companies. This change defeated the project's purpose to diversify pipeline-delivered oil supplies to the EU and reduce overdependence on Russia. By the same token, that change also halted the planned extension of the pipeline from Brody to the Polish refinery at Plock and potentially to the refinery and port of Gdansk.

Nevertheless, the Ukrainian and Polish oil transport companies, UkrTransNafta and PERN, in 2004 created the Sarmatia company for completing that project. It marked time owing to Russian obstruction of access to Caspian oil and the consequent lack of investors for the project. However, Azerbaijan's State Oil Co., Georgia's Oil and Gas Co., and Lithuania's Klaipedos Nafta (owner of the eponymous maritime terminal) joined the Sarmatia consortium at the energy summit in Vilnius in October 2007. In April of this year Granherne, a subsidiary of KBR (formerly Kellogg Brown & Root), launched a feasibility study for extending Odesa-Brody as EAOTC and presented its concept at the Kyiv summit just held.

The project assumes that new oil export routes need to be developed in order to handle the increasing Caspian production, meet the rising European demand and compensate for the expected decline in oil supplies from the North Sea. The Odesa-Brody pipeline, currently with a capacity of 9 million tons annually, can be expanded to a transport corridor with a potential capacity of 45 million tons per year, to be gradually enlarged in correlation with the growth of Caspian oil production and Central and Eastern European demand.

Restoring the existing pipeline's south-north "forward" use, as opposed to the current "reverse" use, is one of the first requirements for the project. The Russian company TNK-BP is the main reverse-user. Under the existing agreement, the reverse-use mode can be terminated with three months' advance notice.

Pending extension of the pipeline from Ukraine into Poland, the Odesa-Brody pipeline can temporarily be used for delivering Caspian oil into the old Druzhba pipeline, from the Brody junction via Slovakia to the Czech Republic,

where the Kralupy and Litvinov refineries are interested in using Caspian oil. UkrTransNafta signed a framework agreement to that end with the Czech Mero transport company at the Kyiv summit. Such an arrangement however, is subject to agreement by Slovakia's Transpetrol for using the Slovak stretch of the Druzhba pipeline.

The energy summit of Caspian, Black Sea and Baltic countries also launched the concept of an Energy Transit Space.

The Sarmatia consortium intends to act as a one-stop window in seeking host government agreements, intergovernmental agreements, and contracts with oil suppliers for the project. It also proposes to establish an oil quality bank, which is a mechanism to compensate suppliers of high-grade oil in the event that this is mixed with lower-grade oil in the pipeline and marketed as a blend. An oil quality bank would be of particular interest to Azerbaijan as a supplier of high-grade oil.

The consortium's countries also reckon with lucrative refining operations along the proposed pipeline route and EAOTC. For its part, Azerbaijan is interested in a partnership to build a refinery in Ukraine, as well as a chain of fuel supply stations in that country. Kyiv is keen on this prospect, so as to reduce Russia's heavy dominance in oil refining and product marketing in Ukraine.

Countries along the pipeline route and elsewhere in Europe anticipate sharp growth in demand for jet fuel and diesel fuel, along with a sharp decline in demand for heavy fuel oil in post-Soviet countries.

At the Kyiv summit, Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev characterized the Kulevi terminal, owned by Azerbaijan's State Oil Co. on the Georgian Black Sea Coast, as a "crucial link" in the EAOTC project. Together with the Azerbaijan International Operating Co. (AIOC), Supsa terminal and Kazakhstan's KazMunaiGaz Batumi terminal, all on the Georgian coast, ample capacity is available for shipping oil to Odesa by tankers. This route would bypass Russia's Black Sea port of Novorossiysk, where Russia seeks to maximize its intake of oil by pipeline from Kazakhstan. Inevitably, EAOTC will have to compete with Russia for access to Kazakh oil.

Under decisions taken at the Kyiv summit, a joint working group is to submit detailed economic and technical proposals by July on aspects of the EAOTC project.

Sources: "Euro-Asian Oil Transportation Corridor," Kyiv summit, May 22-23; UNIAN, PAP, www.azer.taj, www.day.az, May 22-24.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Jewish Community honors Sheptytsky

KYIV – The Jewish Community of Ukraine has called Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church a righteous gentile, Ukraine's Chief Rabbi Moshe Reuven Asman said at a press conference. Metropolitan Sheptytsky did a lot to save people, including Jews, during World War II, the rabbi said. Risking his life during the German occupation of Lviv, he sheltered in his house several hundred Jews, called on believers to save the Jews and wrote numerous appeals to the German command, demanding a halt to attacks on the Jewish population of Halychyna. The Jewish Community of Ukraine staged the "Tree of Life" action outside Kyiv's central synagogue on May 20 in memory of Sheptytsky, planting a tree as a token of gratitude and respect to him for saving hundreds of Jews. Yet, Rabbi Asman said, the state of Israel refuses to call Sheptytsky a righteous gentile, even though the question was repeatedly raised by the Yad Vashem task team. This may be due to the fact that at the beginning of the war Sheptytsky backed the German invasion, Rabbi Asman said, adding that he changed his opinion when he realized the Germans came to Ukraine as occupiers instead of liberators. (Ukrinform)

Hryvnia to dollar value rises

KYIV – Ukraine moved on May 21 to strengthen the hryvnia by revising its peg to the U.S. dollar. It was the first time since August 2005 that the National Bank of Ukraine changed the official exchange rate for the hryvnia versus the dollar. Under the new rate, \$1 equals 4.85 hrv; previously a dollar was worth 5.05 hrv. (Wall Street Journal)

Entry ban on Ukraine's politicians

MOSCOW – The Russian Foreign Affairs Ministry on May 22 announced the introduction of a ban on the entry of Ukrainian politicians into the country. The decision was motivated by Ukraine's ban on entry by Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov. "In connection with the Ukrainian authorities deciding to ban Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov from entering Ukrainian territory,

the Russian side is obliged to take a decision on adequate measures against those Ukrainian politicians who with their actions and statements are doing harm to Russia," said the statement released by the ministry. The Security Service of Ukraine had barred Mr. Luzhkov from entering Ukraine due to his statements made during celebrations of the 225th anniversary of the Russian Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol. Mr. Luzhkov said that in 1948, Sevastopol became a city of state subordination, whereas "in 1954, the city was not included in the number of those regions and territories that [Soviet leader Nikita] Khrushchev transferred to Ukraine." Moreover, the Moscow mayor promised to raise the issue of reviewing a treaty of friendship and cooperation between Ukraine and Russia. On May 15 Russia banned Ukrainian National Deputy Vladyslav Kaskiv from entering Russia, where he was participate in a TV program in Moscow. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine, Canada to cooperate on power

KYIV – The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Canadian company Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. have signed a memorandum of mutual understanding and cooperation in the nuclear power industry, which provides for introduction in Ukraine of Canada's new reactor technologies, particularly, implementation of a joint project for the creation of a CANDU-type atomic reactor. Ukraine is planning to build and launch before the year 2030 over 20 new-type reactors, including CANDU, Academician Ivan Nikliudov said. This diversification of reactors will correspond to other countries' practices in the field of safe generation of nuclear energy. Touching on the CANDU reactor advantages, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. representative Bob Speranzini noted that they might use raw uranium, which would enhance Ukraine's energy independence. This technology will also make it possible to use heavy water in Ukraine. Similar equipment is already functioning in Argentina and Romania. (Ukrinform)

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NEWS ANALYSIS: U.S. company banished from Ukrainian oil and gas field

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The Ukrainian government has revoked the license to develop Black Sea oil and gas fields that was issued to Vanco Prykerchenska, a subsidiary of the U.S. company Vanco Energy.

Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko said that the agreements concluded with Vanco in 2007 were not transparent, and she accused President Viktor Yushchenko of lobbying for Vanco's interests. Mr. Yushchenko flatly denied the accusation and called on Ms. Tymoshenko to review her decision on Vanco.

Meanwhile, Vanco has threatened to sue the Ukrainian government.

Vanco Energy, which is based in Houston, used to extract hydrocarbons in the United States and the North Sea. In the mid-1990s it moved to West Africa. In 2005 Vanco won a tender against such strong rivals as Shell and Exxon Mobil to prospect for oil and gas in the Black Sea's Prykerchenska area, where the deposits are estimated to contain hydrocarbons worth some \$200 billion. A product-sharing agreement (PSA) was signed with the Ukrainian government in October 2007. The government of then Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich issued a license to Vanco Prykerchenska, rather than Vanco Energy, which won the 2005 tender.

The government used this circumstance as a formal reason to revoke the license. Environment Minister Heorhii Filipchuk told Zerkalo Nedeli that the tender conditions did not allow Vanco to pass its right to develop the deposits to Vanco Prykerchenska, which did not exist in 2005 when Vanco won the tender.

Prime Minister Tymoshenko told a press conference in Kyiv on May 12 that the ownership structure of Vanco Prykerchenska was not transparent. It was registered in the British Virgin

Islands and legally belonged to four young Ukrainian students, according to Ms. Tymoshenko. She also said that Vanco Prykerchenska was in talks to sell its rights to develop the Black Sea field, and that Russia's Gazprom could be the buyer. This, according to Ms. Tymoshenko, is a threat to Ukraine's energy security.

Ms. Tymoshenko is also unhappy about the conditions of the PSA with Vanco, according to which Ukraine is entitled to 35 percent of the hydrocarbons extracted in the Black Sea at the first stage of the project. Ms. Tymoshenko demands 65 percent. If Vanco did not agree, the best fields in the Black Sea should be taken from it and passed to the Naftohaz Ukrainy national oil and gas company, she said.

Ms. Tymoshenko also accused Mr. Yushchenko of lobbying in Vanco's favor. "Everything that happened was on the president's orders and against Ukrainian national interests," she said. "A corrupt scheme was launched with Viktor Yushchenko's permission," she added. Mr. Yushchenko flatly denied this, saying that the legal assessment of commercial deals was the prerogative of the law enforcement agencies, rather than of the prime minister.

On May 14 President Yushchenko called on the Cabinet to review its decision on Vanco. Mr. Yushchenko's aide Andrii Honcharuk said that Prime Minister Tymoshenko should launch talks with Vanco in order to restore international trust in Ukraine's investment climate.

Vanco Energy Senior Vice-President Jeffrey Mitchell said that an international arbitration procedure would be launched against the Ukrainian government at the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, if no agreement with Ms. Tymoshenko was reached within 60 days.

Speaking in Kyiv on May 15, he revealed that Vanco Energy had three partners in Vanco Prykerchenska: the Donetsk Fuel and Energy Co. (DTEK); Shadowlight Investments Ltd, linked to Russian businessman Yevgeny Novitsky; and Integrum Technologies (Austria), whose owners he did not name. Mr. Mitchell said that JNR Eastern Investment, which represented the interests of the Rothschild family and was initially Vanco's partner in the Prykerchenska project, had withdrawn from it before the PSA was concluded.

Many Ukrainian observers have suggested that it was the participation of DTEK in Vanco Prykerchenska that prompted Ms. Tymoshenko to revoke the license. DTEK CEO Maksym Tymchenko said that DTEK was invited to join the project in 2006. DTEK is linked to the System Capital Management company of billionaire Rinat Akhmetov, who is one of the leaders of the opposition Party of the Regions.

Mr. Akhmetov opposed the Orange Revolution, which brought Mr. Yushchenko and Ms. Tymoshenko to

power in 2005. Ms. Tymoshenko has accused him of involvement in several non-transparent privatization deals before and after 2005. Mr. Akhmetov denied the accusations, and implied that Ms. Tymoshenko was biased against him.

Prime Minister Tymoshenko complained that the Yushchenko team put pressure on her at a meeting of the National Security and Defense Council on May 16, demanding that she return the license to Vanco Prykerchenska. She said she would not obey the council.

Commentator Volodymyr Fesenko of the Kyiv-based Penta think-tank opined in a conversation with Kommersant Ukraine that Ms. Tymoshenko would not restore Vanco's license because this was an issue between her and Mr. Yushchenko.

Sources: *Ukrainska Pravda*, ITAR-TASS, May 12; *Channel 5*, May 14; *Zerkalo Nedeli*, May 17; *Kommersant Ukraine*, May 16, 19.

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Statement by U.S. ambassador

Following is the text of a statement by the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, William B. Taylor, concerning the Vanco case. It was released on May 21 by the Embassy of the United States in Kyiv.

I am very disappointed that the Cabinet of Ministers today took unilateral action to revoke the Production Sharing Agreement the government of Ukraine negotiated with the U.S. company Vanco. For the government of Ukraine to attract investors, particular-

ly in those sectors vital to its energy security, it needs to make clear that it respects the sanctity of contracts and the rule of law.

We continue to believe a direct discussion between the two parties could remove misunderstandings that lie at the heart of this controversy. This has not happened to date, despite a clear promise to do so. We urge the government to reconsider its decision and return to a policy of dialogue, so this project, important to Ukraine's energy security, can get back on track.

Countries share responsibility to protect children from trafficking and exploitation, says OSCE official

Organization for Security
and Cooperation in Europe

VIENNA – The need to provide local authorities with the tools and resources to strengthen child protection services, and for countries of origin and destination to share this responsibility, is the focus of a two-day conference that opened in Vienna on May 26.

The eighth conference of the Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons centering on "Child Trafficking: Responses and Challenges at Local Level," brings together representatives of local and national authorities, as well as international and non-governmental organizations. They will discuss how to prevent child trafficking, and identify and protect victims.

"Passive acceptance and silence about human trafficking cannot be tolerated as several elements of human rights violations are embedded in the phenomenon," said Astrid Thors, Finland's minister of migration and European affairs, in the opening address.

Combating trafficking, which affects all 56 participating states of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, is one of the priorities of the 2008 Finnish OSCE Chairmanship.

"The solution to the alarming problem of child trafficking is national and local ownership – local authorities need bud-

geted resources to be able to respond to the growing number of children exploited sexually, for organized begging and for committing petty crimes," said Eva Biaudet, the OSCE special representative and coordinator for combating trafficking in human beings.

During the meeting, representatives of local authorities and NGOs are to discuss the challenges posed by children being exploited in the streets, subjected to criminal acts or forced to commit crimes.

"In all situations, we have to act in the best interests of the child," said Ms. Biaudet. "We need to speak the language of these vulnerable children, understand their priorities and offer them alternatives corresponding with their needs."

Grete Laska, deputy mayor and executive city councilor for youth for the city of Vienna, described her city's way of handling the problem. "In order to guarantee the best possible care and help for the children in their countries of origin, the city of Vienna places great emphasis on know-how transfer," she said. "Social workers from Vienna hold training courses for the staff in countries of origin, and we support the construction of crisis centers."

Ms. Biaudet added: "It is the moral responsibility and legal obligation of every OSCE participating state to actively seek to identify and protect every vulnerable and exploited child, without discrimination and regardless of their immigration status."

Ani Lorak second at Eurovision

KYIV – Ani Lorak, a pop singer from Ukraine, came in second at the 2008 Eurovision Song Contest. She also won the Press Award of the Eurovision Song Contest. Dima Bilan of Russia was the top winner at Eurovision, earning 272 points, while Ani Lorak earned 230 points.

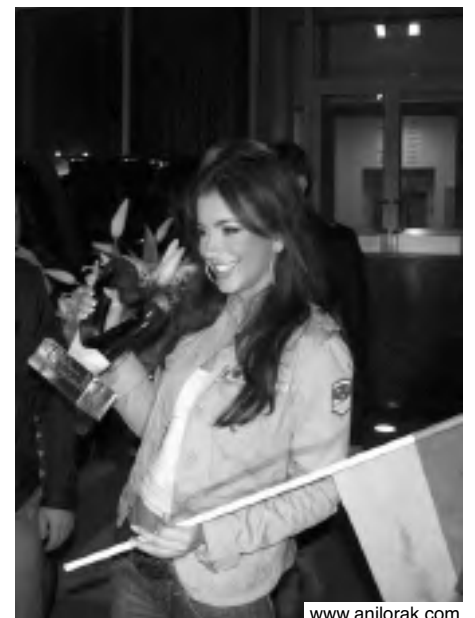
Charlotte Perrelli of Sweden and Ani Lorak were considered to be the favorites at this year's song contest, according to the results of a BBC poll of fans from 43 countries.

On the BBC's request, 43 viewers, one from each Eurovision member country, watched clips of all the songs presented this year and chose their top 10 favorites. Ms. Perrelli, with her song "Hero," was the leader in the poll. She was followed by Ani Lorak, with the song "Shady Lady" written by Philipp Kirkorov.

Ani Lorak performed her song on May 22 in the second semifinal together with participants from 19 countries (the first part of the semifinal took place in Belgrade on May 20). She earned a place in the final, which took place on May 24.

Ani Lorak was born Karolina Kuiek in Kitsman, Chernivtsi Oblast of Ukraine, in 1978. Her stage name is her given name spelled backwards.

President Viktor Yushchenko congratulated Ukraine's representative at Eurovision, writing in a message to Ani Lorak, "Please accept warm congratulations and sincere gratitude for Ukraine's deserved presentation at the Eurovision



Ani Lorak holds the Ukrainian flag and the Press Award of the Eurovision Song Contest as she arrives at Kyiv's Boryspil International Airport from Belgrade.

Song Contest 2008 in Belgrade."

He added, "Your sweet voice, unique charm and masterly performance fascinated the viewers from many European countries. Let your talent continue giving pleasure to the admirers of modern music and help strengthen the international image of our motherland."

Sources: *Ukrinform*, www.anilorak.com, *Wikipedia*.

Governor's panel on immigration schedules third public hearing

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The New Jersey Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policies will hold its third public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, at 6-10 p.m. at New Jersey City University, Margaret Williams Theater, 2039 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07305.

The panel's directive is to prepare recommendations on how to integrate and serve the immigrant communities of New Jersey. While it is not empowered to deal with federal issues, it is concerned with providing protection under the law to all immigrants, finding ways of providing health care and education opportunities and protection of workers in the state.

The 27-member panel was established on August 6, 2007, by executive order of Gov. Jon Corzine. It has already held two open hearings, soliciting testimony and input from the community at large.

The first hearing was on December 10, 2007, in New Brunswick, and the second was in Bridgeton on March 11. More than 200 people attended the first hearing and 50 provided testimony. In addition, more than 20 others submitted written testimony.

Sean C. McMullen of the Bridgeton News reported the following about the second hearing: "Immigrants from as far away as Camden explained their plights to the panel, pleading for policy changes they feel will improve their quality of life. Some testified about the hardships illegal immigrants face as a result of their inability to obtain driver's licenses, to access health care and to go onto college after graduating high school. Others complained that federal law-enforcement raids targeting illegal immigrants are tearing families apart."

Mr. McMullen quoted Yesica Guzman as saying: "We are here to demand immediately to stop the raids. We are also asking to stop the abuse and invasion of churches and homes. ... Since the raids began we have lost the peace in which we live."

The Bridgeton News reported that the immigrants at the hearing were joined by immigrant-rights activists and attorneys, as well as area residents who pleaded for greater acceptance of immigrants. As well, there were speakers who argued that illegal immigration must be stopped.

Mr. McMullen quoted Charlie Lukens, a member of

Liberty & Prosperity, who called Gov. Corzine "a facilitator of the invasion" of the United States by illegal immigrants. Mr. Lukens cited an estimate that New Jersey is home to more than 900,000 illegal immigrants.

The Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policies has convened four committees to study the problems and contributions of the state's immigrant communities; these committees are presently working on recommendations.

Camilla Huk, a Ukrainian American on the panel, has been working with the Ukrainian and Polish communities in ensuring that the voices of these communities are heard and the needs of its immigrants are addressed.

"Children of immigrants, who were born here or came here, irrespective of their parents' present status, should have the right to complete their education in the same way that all children in the state may. If they have successfully completed their high school studies, they should be allowed to pursue college degrees, with in-state tuition payments. Now these children are really innocent because they were minors when their parents came to the United States, are often not allowed to go to college at all because they are considered 'undocumented' or if they do enroll in classes, they must pay out-of-state tuition fees, which are much higher than those for in-state residents," Ms. Huk stated.

"In the state of New Jersey, many of our citizens rely on the help and support of caregivers, who devote their full attention to their patients. Many of these caregivers perform duties that would otherwise be too expensive for American citizens to afford. Their work allows families to survive in these dire financial times. Yet, these caregivers often have no protection under the law, as to compensation, health care, and are often denied workmen's compensation in case of injury on the job," she related.

"In some communities, a disproportionate statistically significant number of undocumented Eastern Europeans are often directed to deportation centers even if they are simply found in the presence of anyone who may have committed a simple traffic offense," Ms. Huk noted. "This must change. Everyone should have due process under the law."

The panel is requesting witness testimony of immi-

grants for its third public hearing. Testimony should be sent to Clarisa Rodriguez by calling 609-826-5081 or e-mailing immigrantpolicypanel@advocate.state.nj.us. Witnesses must register to speak at the hearing. Those needing language interpreter services or an assisted-listening device should call or e-mail no later than June 4. The time limit for each speaker is three minutes.

Ms. Huk advised that there will be Ukrainian translators at the panel hearing, but witnesses are asked to submit their testimony prior to the hearing. If they bring it to the hearing itself, they will need to bring 38 copies, which will then be distributed to the panel members.

Individuals will also have an opportunity to register to give testimony before and during the first 15 minutes of the public hearing and may submit written testimony to the panel at any time.

Written testimonies can be e-mailed to the above address or sent via fax to 609-984-4747, or mail to Department of the Public Advocate, Attn. Clarisa Romero-Cruz, P.O. Box 851, Trenton, NJ 08625-0851.

"It is important that Ukrainians go on record and be included in the report," Ms. Huk stressed. "This is our future, for it affects the future of our immigrants."

New Jersey collects immigrants' stories

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The New Jersey Governor's Ethnic Advisory Council has initiated a project called "Coming to America: Personal Stories of Immigration to New Jersey."

Camilla Huk, who serves on the council (as well as Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policies), explained that the Ethnic Advisory Council wants to collect immigrants' personal stories in order to include them in future educational projects, including Holocaust studies and ethnic histories.

According to a project outline, the goal of "Coming to America" is to highlight the diversity of the state of New Jersey through the lens of personal experience.

Its objectives are to:

- capture the advantages and experience available through the Governor's Ethnic Advisory Council to reach into New Jersey's diverse communities and share and celebrate the vantage point of diverse groups and people;

- produce a written document that can remain as a testimonial to the spirit, drive and integrity of New Jersey's richly diverse population;

- share these stories publicly as a contemporaneous record of immigration in New Jersey; and

- share information with the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Immigration as an informative personal view of the immigrant experience.

The end result will be a booklet, potentially illustrated with photos, that will be published by the state of New Jersey.

Those interested in submitting their personal stories are advised to: submit recollections or stories in a short paragraph or a one-page document; include their name, age, city, how long they have lived in New Jersey. They should answer questions such as: Why did you come to New Jersey? What is your first memory of being in New Jersey? What experiences are most meaningful to you? What advice would you give to other immigrants coming to this state? Plus, they should add their own personal comments on their experiences.

The stories can be forwarded to Ms. Huk via e-mail to Roman3847@yahoo.com or mailed to her address: 138 Vreeland Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070.

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THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

UNA Auditing Committee reports on Ukrainian National Foundation

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – UNA Auditing Committee Chairman Slavko Tysiak announced the results of a recently completed audit of donor funds contributed to the Ukrainian National Foundation (UNF), whose proceeds are spent on a variety of activities and institutions.

The UNF distributed approximately \$350,000 in donor funds during the calendar year ending December 31, 2007. The audit – conducted by Mr. Tysiak and fellow Auditing Committee members Vasyl Luchkiw and Wasyl Szeremeta – identified five recommendations for UNF board members and management to improve accounting and documentation practices.

The audit found that donor funds are properly accounted for, that management oversight is appropriate, and that controls are adequate but formal agreements should be adopted between the parties involved in the collection, investment, distribution and accounting of donor funds. The purpose of such an agreement is to assure the UNF, and thus the UNA, that all donor funds are handled properly

and disbursed in accordance with established expectations.

The UNF is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes. Donor funds are collected and deposited with the UNF in special accounts, later to be distributed consistent with donor intentions for either restricted or unrestricted purposes. The UNF is governed by a board of directors that is separate from the Ukrainian National Association's Executive Committee, but certain individuals occupy similar positions in both the UNA and the UNF.

Mr. Tysiak said an important priority of the Auditing Committee is to help the UNA Executive Committee manage the UNA's core insurance operations effectively and to provide accountability and transparency for funds spent to support member benefits and community outreach initiatives that foster the Ukrainian spirit. The audit's results and recommendations, he explained, are resources for the UNA's Executive Committee and for



UNA Auditing Committee members (from left): Vasyl Luchkiw, Wasyl Szeremeta and Slavko Tysiak.

the UNF's board of directors in effectively managing their business affairs and in meeting the expectations of UNA's membership, regulators and the donors whose contributions support numerous benefi-

ary community activities.

Mr. Tysiak noted that the UNF board of directors generally agreed with the audit's findings and has already begun to implement recommended improvements.

Young UNA'ers



Ruslan Oleksa (left) and Oresta Anna Holubec, twin children of Lew W. Holubec and Halyna Kuzyszyn-Holubec of Norwalk, Conn., are new members of UNA Branch 358. They were enrolled by their grandparents Dr. Zenon and Myroslawa Holubec. Dr. Holubec is first vice-president of the UNA.



Julian Zenon Holubec, son of Orest and Talya Holubec of Cincinnati, Ohio, are new members of UNA Branch 358. He was enrolled by his grandparents Dr. Zenon and Myroslawa Holubec. Dr. Holubec is first vice-president of the UNA.



Katya Alexandra Nirschl, daughter of Drs. David and Alexandra (Holubec) Nirschl of Yardley, Pa., is a new member of UNA Branch 358. She was enrolled by her grandparents Dr. Zenon and Myroslawa Holubec. Dr. Holubec is first vice-president of the UNA.



Nicholas Stefan Jakubowycz, son of Drs. Alexander and Marta Jakubowycz of Broadview Heights, Ohio, is a new member of UNA Branch 358. He was enrolled by his grandparents Dr. Zenon and Myroslawa Holubec, and sponsored by his grandparents Dr. Alexander and Daria Jakubowycz. Dr. Holubec is first vice-president of the UNA.

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THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Politics, Ukrainian-style

"Meet the new boss, same as the old boss." Those may be the lyrics to a song by The Who about a mythical revolution whose leader becomes just like the one from the previous regime, but in Kyiv, those words apply literally. The new mayor is the old mayor, Leonid Chernovetskyi.

In the byzantine world of Ukrainian politics, Mr. Chernovetskyi, who had been accused of corruption, was, in effect, ousted from office when the Verkhovna Rada voted to hold pre-term elections of Kyiv's mayor and City Council. The move was largely a power play by Yulia Tymoshenko, whose bloc enjoys considerable popularity in the Ukrainian capital. The mayor then ran for re-election; he was one of 70 candidates for that office. And he won by winning 37.72 percent of the votes.

One of the reasons for Mr. Chernovetskyi's victory is that, when you have a yard-long list of candidates on the ballot, the vote is splintered. In addition, voter turnout was only 53.39 percent – a lower than expected number that most analysts attributed to voter fatigue and/or disenchantment. There are also allegations that Mr. Chernovetskyi managed to buy votes and used "administrative resources" and various "political technologies" to secure his victory. Plus, the democratic forces could not, or would not, join forces to field one strong candidate. Instead, they had two strong candidates who came in second and third. Oleksander Turchynov (Tymoshenko Bloc) and Vitalii Klitschko (Klitschko Bloc) got 19.13 and 17.97 percent, respectively, of the vote, followed by numerous lesser candidates – several of whom also came from democratic political groupings. The situation was similar on the City Council end of the elections.

So, will anything change in Kyiv? Not likely. The Kyiv Post quite rightly asked: "What did the elections accomplish?" Its answer: "Hopefully, lawmakers will think twice before calling snap elections again." (The newspaper added, "if suspicions of corruption resurface, let's go to the courts instead of the polls.")

As Ihor Zhdanov, an independent political analyst told the Ukrainian Service of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, pro-Orange forces could have won the vote had they put differences aside and fielded a single candidate. "The results of these elections simply confirmed Mr. Chernovetskyi's mayoralty. ... had the democratic camp had a single candidate, if people had been able to overcome their ambitions, then they would have had a victory and the mayor of Kyiv would be a representative of the democratic forces." The analyst added: "This is the No. 1 conclusion of these elections: that politicians need to curb their ambitions, learn to agree and understand their responsibility to the voters."

Another question is, to cite the title of The Who song quoted at the top of this editorial, have the people of Ukraine finally decided they "Won't Get Fooled Again"?

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Turning the pages back...

Five years ago, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America's (UCCA) Washington bureau, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), responded to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) recommendation to reduce funds to the Ukrainian services of Voice of America (VOA) and Radio

Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL).

The announcement by BBG Chairman Kenneth Tomlinson in February 2003 stated "the budget [reduction] means an end to most Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty broadcasting to the democracies of Eastern Europe where free speech is practiced and where the process of joining the NATO alliance is under way."

The Ukrainian service of VOA would be reduced from two hours of daily programming to just one, as well there would be a reduction of operational costs associated with the RFE/RL Ukrainian service. However, areas of increased broadcasting, would be redirected to areas of the Middle East and Southeast Asia to combat international terrorism.

A letter, dated March 12, 2003, and penned by the UCCA to Mr. Tomlinson, stated, "The importance of Voice of America's and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's role as a provider of objective information to the public is even greater in the context of next year's presidential elections in Ukraine."

"Thus, at this critical juncture in U.S.-Ukraine relations, a reduction of the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Ukraine services is ill-advised and signifies a lack of interest in sustained democratic development in Ukraine," the letter continued.

Michael Sawkiw Jr., president of the UCCA, provided testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary of the Appropriations Committee on April 11, 2003, regarding the issue. "Reducing funding to the Ukrainian service of the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty would reduce airtime and affect coverage of important issues in Ukraine," he said. "In combination with the current conditions in the Ukrainian media, such changes would deplete the influx of objective and diverse information to the Ukrainian public."

The Washington-based Central and East European Coalition (CEEC), of which the UCCA is a member, disputed the BBG's assumption that all the countries of Central and Eastern Europe were on their way to becoming NATO members, whereby many aspirant countries to NATO rely on American support for increased citizen awareness of NATO goals and responsibilities.

In a letter to Sen. Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the CEEC stated: "While the Ukrainian American community understands that U.S. homeland security and strategic interest in the Middle East as well as Southeast Asia have acquired new significance and importance, the Ukrainian National Information Service believes that reductions in strategically important factors for democratic development in Ukraine may result in negative repercussions and not only slow the progress of Ukraine's reforms, but compromise the achievements of previously implemented programs."

Source: "Re: U.S. broadcasts to Ukraine," by Serhiy Zhykharev, Ukrainian National Information Service, The Ukrainian Weekly, June 1, 2003.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Say good night to Putin – the bad guy

by Roman Kupchinsky

"You don't have the guts to be what you wanna be. You need people like me so you can ... say, 'That the bad guy.' So...what that make you? Good? You're not good. You just know how to hide – how to lie. Me, I don't have that problem. Me, I always tell the truth. Even when I lie. So say good night to the bad guy!"

– from the film "Scarface"

Does the world need people like Vladimir Putin?

Some do, many don't. The tough talking, often abrasive Russian fuehrer who has captured the imagination of his countrymen, is not an easy personality to deal with.

With popularity ratings that make Western leaders blush with envy, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin has managed to inspire some, alienate others and confound the rest.

Human rights groups point to his nasty habit of setting stormtroopers on the political opposition, media monitors deplore the disappearance of a free press in Russia, and Western oil companies cringe when Mr. Putin's environmental hound dogs begin baying.

Mr. Putin emerged from obscurity out of the vast, inhospitable depths of Russia. He practiced judo and spent a number of years spying on the West from a small town in Germany – not Bonn, John LeCarre's original "small town," but dreary Dresden.

Silently he moved into the Kremlin and, as one Russian magazine noted at the time, he became not only the President, but "The Resident of All of Russia" – "resident" meaning the station chief, the head of the espionage network in a country.

Today he is a cult hero. Mr. Putin is the Russian bad guy, Stenka Razin and "Scarface" rolled into one, who delights in telling the hapless West in no uncertain terms to shove it. Moreover, he does this bluntly, more harshly than any Soviet leader dared to during the Cold War. The shoe-thumping Nikita Khrushchev and his successors made terrible mistakes because of their dogmatic belief in history, and the same fate might well await Mr. Putin and his successors.

Thousands of young Russian people, many of whom might be naïve, but who certainly are patriotic, adore the Putin image and have joined Red Guard-like organizations to praise their tough guy leader. Some refer to them as the "Putin-Jugend."

All that is lacking is a little Red Book filled with Mr. Putin's sayings for them to wave during their rallies.

Go ahead, read a few quotes from the Great Chekist (spy) Vladimir Vladimirovich, have a chuckle.

"We'll follow terrorists everywhere. Should we catch them in a toilet, we'll waste them even there in the s---house."

"You must obey the law, always, not only when they grab you by your special place."

"He raped 10 women. I never expected it from him. He surprised all of us. We envy him."

"If you want to become an Islamic radical and have yourself circumcised, I invite you to come to Moscow. I would recommend that he who does the surgery does it so you'll have nothing growing

back afterward."

"Do you understand, George (Bush), that Ukraine is not even a state!" (At NATO summit in Bucharest in April).

"There is no such thing as a former KGB man."

"They [the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe] should teach their wives to make cabbage soup."

The grimy Russian street identifies with this no-nonsense KGB macho attitude. Mr. Putin's "envy" of former Israeli President Moshe Katsav's sexual prowess, demonstrated by his alleged rape of 10 women, is always good for a laugh among comrades sharing a few bottles of cheap vodka in a dark Moscow underpass.

Sexism is no more prevalent in Russia than in the West – but indifference to cruelty and suffering is. A popular Russian joke illustrates this traditional attitude: "What is sexual foreplay in Russia? The answer – a punch in the face."

Countless generations of Russians have led "lives of quiet desperation" as Henry Thoreau once wrote, and it is no wonder, therefore, that the recent photo of a vigorous President Putin, crossing a Siberian river bare-chested, without an ounce of spare fat on his tummy, and with the look of a warrior's determination on his face is an inspiration for the wretched Ivan Ivanoviches, the John Does, of Russia. "Vot Vam muzhik! Blya..." ("That's a man for you! Blya expletive.")

The Russians have finally been sent an Orthodox savior, a crusader, who will protect Russia from Western imperialism by shutting down the British Council so as to keep the British "shpionny" (spies) far from the "rodina" – the homeland. The logic is ironclad.

Long live the bad guy!

Only Mr. Putin has managed to evoke optimism among Russia's habitually despondent; his message that their country is changing for the better is both a solace and a shell game. Nobody in his or her right mind could imagine Boris Yeltsin or Leonid Brezhnev pulling off such a stunt.

It would not be surprising if the fabled photo of the bare-chested Putin soon becomes the best selling cult poster in Russia surpassing other well-known bad guys – Che Guevara in his beret or Darth Vader.

The legend of the bad guy fighting the system, revered in Western pop culture, lost its appeal in Russia soon after Stenka Razin was quartered alive in Red Square in 1671. Almost 250 years later the era of the proletariat criminal elite began and lasted until the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, "the locomotive of history," ran out of steam in 1991. Soon afterwards Vladimir Putin appeared on the scene.

Mr. Putin, Russia's foremost illusionist, boldly challenged the corrupt system, which, he claimed, the West had encouraged his predecessor Boris Yeltsin to set up. In its place Mr. Putin constructed his own highly corrupt system, called it "transparent" in order to placate Western sensitivities and brutally silenced anyone who suspected that he was lying.

Mr. Putin began his career as the "bad guy" by challenging the established oligarchs like Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the owner of Yukos Oil Co., who saw through his "transparent" schemes.

Poor stubborn Khodorkovsky was unwilling to repent and see the errors of his ways and was sentenced to cruel and

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CROSSCURRENTS

by Andrew Sorokowski

Faces and Places

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Kyiv (and Washington) vs. Moscow

In a recent essay titled "The Anti-Orthodox Spirit of 'Conscious Nationalism,'" Dr. Dmytro Tabachnyk, who served Viktor Yanukovich as vice prime minister for humanitarian affairs, accuses the Tymoshenko government of seeking to establish a totalitarian nationalist regime (www.ua-pravda.com, April 27). Fundamental to his argument are two principles: that ideological nationalism is inconsistent with Christianity (true), and that Orthodoxy is inseparable from Russian-Ukrainian unity (false). Dr. Tabachnyk compares Ukraine's pro-NATO policy with Nazi aggression:

"It is typical that the 'Orange' 'Euro-Atlantic integrators' are repeating the policy of Rosenberg, Koch and Himmler with a maniacal precision even in the details. Their tasks are practically identical: for our Atlanticians it is necessary at any price to drag the country into NATO, where Ukrainians will play the role of cannon fodder for the builders of the next empire after the Reich, with pretensions to global rule, while the Ukrainian land will become a staging area against Orthodox Russia."

This kind of rhetoric has a long and undistinguished history. Comparing our political adversaries to the Nazis is a cheap trick – the common currency of far-left and far-right Russian legislators (sometimes it's hard to tell the difference) and delusional linguists from MIT. Dr. Tabachnyk applies a stock phrase from the Soviet political lexicon, "platsdarm" (staging area) to Ukraine. In the Soviet-era Dictionary of the Ukrainian Language (Volume 6, 1975), its secondary definition as "a territory or country that a state uses to prepare an attack upon another state" is accompanied by a literary example from Oles Honchar, where a speaker declares that "the imperialists... would like to transform Ukraine into a staging area for a struggle against Soviet Russia."

Russian fear of foreign armies using Ukraine as a staging area has been nourished by a series of historical experiences, including invasions by the Poles in 1604-1605, the Swedes in 1708-1709 and the Germans in 1941 – in all cases with Ukrainian support. Furthermore, the flat, permeable border between Russia and Ukraine is as much a liability for the former as for the latter. Dr. Tabachnyk evidently believes the U.S. is using NATO to build a new empire, starting with the Middle East. Ukrainians will soon be fighting America's wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran. At the same time, synchronizing Ukraine's defense structure with NATO's will facilitate an assault on Russia.

This ominous theme has even been sounded in the U.S. Late last year, articles appeared in our press criticizing the Bush administration for threatening Russia, in part through its support of the Orange Revolution in Ukraine. It later emerged that in 2007 Daniel J. Edelman Inc. had been paid \$35,000 a month by Davis Manafort International LLC to promote Ukraine's Party of the Regions. Chris Deri, an Edelman employee who worked on this contract, said its work was "almost entirely focused on U.S. media" (*The Wall Street Journal*, May 14, p. A7).

While it is ludicrous that a U.S. preoccupied with Iraq, Iran and North Korea should embark on an invasion of Russia, Dr. Tabachnyk may be thinking metaphoricallly. His concerns with "Orthodox Russia" and with Ukrainian nationalism's "anti-

Orthodox spirit" reflect an attitude common among representatives of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church, which remains dominant in Ukraine through the subsidiary Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC-MP). In fact, that Church is strongest in Ukraine's South and East – precisely the power base of the Party of the Regions. While only about half the population there even believes in God, many combine Orthodox Christianity with pro-Communist, pro-Russian, anti-American and anti-NATO sympathies. The Moscow Patriarchate, in turn, has supported the Party of the Regions. Thus, in the 2004 elections, Patriarch Aleksii II met with candidate Yanukovich, who was openly supported by a number of UOC-MP bishops and clergy. UOC-MP faithful have repeatedly demonstrated against Ukraine's accession to NATO.

Is this simply a matter of the Moscow Patriarchate fomenting anti-NATO activity in Ukraine at the Kremlin's behest? Quite possibly. But there seems to be a genuine spiritual and cultural concern as well. Russian Orthodox hierarchs have decried the secularization of Europe and have even called for cooperation with Roman Catholics in the re-evangelization of that continent. As analyst Paul Goble has pointed out, the accession to the European Union of traditionally Orthodox Bulgaria and Romania may signal a growing Orthodox role in Europe, challenging the hegemony of a Western liberalism that has kept Christian Churches out of social and political life. Here the Moscow Patriarchate sees itself as the natural leader of a renewed European Orthodoxy.

But is America responsible for the secularization of Europe? Even if one could blame Western decadence on the American media, corporations and popular culture, one could hardly indict Yulia Tymoshenko's "Orange Euro-Atlantic integrators" as accomplices in an assault on Orthodox Christianity. If anything, the Orange Revolution represented Christian ethics and morality in the face of a corrupt regime steeped in atheist communism.

And is the Russian Church the natural leader for Orthodox Europe? Its subservience to the state, from Peter I through Stalin to Vladimir Putin, hardly makes it a role model. Certain hierarchs' collaboration with the state security services has discredited the Russian church – unfairly, to be sure – in the eyes of many believers and weakened its role in society. Parallels between the pronouncements of the Kremlin and the Patriarchate cast suspicion on the latter's spiritual integrity and independence.

If one were to choose a leader for European Orthodoxy, one would want a sizeable Church with a venerable tradition, historical experience in engaging with the Catholic and Protestant West, and a demonstrated ability to respond to the challenge of modernity. There is an obvious candidate. Unfortunately, it remains split into four competing factions – none of them both autocephalous and universally recognized.

But in the final analysis, why should a Ukrainian politician be so concerned with threats, real or imagined, to a foreign country – particularly one whose leaders persist in questioning the sovereignty, legitimacy and territorial integrity of his own?

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Where will it end?

As I watched President George W. Bush lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Memorial Day, I was deeply moved. Our nation has many symbols and monuments to sacrifice and patriotism that remind us of the greatness of our people. Will they endure? Does heroism still exist? Do symbols matter?

The short answer is: Yes. New York firefighters and police during 9/11 were heroes. So is our military serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. They remain symbols of American greatness.

Unfortunately, we have long forgotten 9/11 and our fighting men and women are portrayed by the leftist media as "victims" of a failed presidency. "Bush lied, people died."

At the same time, we have a presidential candidate, a member of our privileged elite, who won't wear an American flag pin in his lapel. It's only a symbol, his supporters tell me. Wearing a lapel flag actually degrades the United States. It screams "triumphalism," the idea that our nation is somehow exceptional.

Other patriotic symbols are fading as well. Many schoolchildren are no longer required to know or to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. As one New York City District 3 school board member put it, "Requiring students to blindly repeat the pledge is no different than the Taliban requiring children to memorize the Koran and repeat it by rote without knowing why or what they are saying." Question: How can the children ever know the meaning of the pledge if they don't read or recite it?

When was the last time you heard children sing patriotic songs such as "America the Beautiful," and "My Country 'Tis of Thee"? "God Bless America" is rarely heard since the death of Kate Smith. Few children (and fewer adults) can sing our national anthem.

It is no secret that American schools are dumbing down our kids. Even liberals now admit that we are a history-challenged nation. "The importance of chronology has been downplayed at all levels of the educational system for the past 50 years," writes secularist Susan Jacoby in her book "The Age of American Unreason," (2008), "and that is largely the work of those who fail to understand that students can hardly be expected to comprehend why things happened – the frequently stated mantra of progressive educators – if they don't know what happened and when."

Americans are also ignorant of our system of government. "Only four in 10 adults – but just two in 10 teenagers – know that there are 100 U.S. senators," writes Ms. Jacoby. "The vast majority of both adults and teens have no idea when or by whom the Constitution was written. Among teenagers, nearly 98 percent cannot name the chief justice of the United States."

Nor do American children have heroes to look up to. McGuffey Readers were once standard texts in American elementary schools. Stories about individual heroism, sacrifice and loyalty were read every day by millions of children. Today school kids read stories by Beverly Cleary, a highly successful author who believes that children want to read stories about themselves, not heroes. The goal is entertainment, not moral example.

High school and college American his-

tory texts emphasize negatives such as slavery, atrocities against Native Americans, Japanese American internment camps, McCarthyism, etc. Howard Zinn's "The People's History of the United States" is the standard text. The Rosenberg executions are described as an example of "what lay at the end of the line for those the government decided are traitors." Mao's China is depicted as "a people's government, independent of outside control." Jonas Salk, Alexander Graham Bell, the Wright Brothers and numerous great Americans aren't even mentioned.

Multiculturalism is the norm in our schools. All cultures are equal. No culture is superior. Down with American exceptionalism. Children learn about the "cultures" of America's victims – Hispanics, blacks, women. Forget "e pluribus unum." The emphasis is on what divides us, not what unites us. Studying victims allows us to preserve our self-esteem, a major goal of progressive American education. Pampered and lied to, many people remain adolescents into their 20s and 30s. In her book "The Death of the Grown-Up: How America's Arrested Development Is Bringing Down Western Civilization," (2007) Diana West notes that it is the "passive status of the vulnerable victim, not the aggressive acts of the valorous hero, that allows the non-adult, non-warrior to stand tall... In short, the adolescent culture celebrates the victim because the hero is too tall." Looking down and feeling empathy is easier than looking up and feeling proud.

While America's revisionist historians are writing about "America the Bad," Russia's revisionist historians are writing about "Russia the Great." Exceptionalism is the norm, writes Edward Lucas in "The New Cold War: Putin's Russia and the Threat to the West." He notes: "Sanitizing Soviet history is one leg of the Kremlin's emerging ideology." The old Soviet anthem has been resurrected. New textbooks laud Russian contributions to world culture. Stalin is back. He had to be tough in order to modernize Russia, we are told. His methods were "controversial," but he accomplished much. "The new party line is: If Stalin made mistakes, so what? Lots of people make mistakes." Guilt will not be foisted upon us by the outside world, Putin has declared. Russia was not responsible for famine in Ukraine. Today, Russian schools are educating a whole new generation of children proud of their Slavic Russian messianic heritage. President Vladimir Putin, a Russian imperialist, is a hero.

American schools, especially universities, are fostering an American identity predicated on guilt. Western civilization and "whiteness" are international problems. American pride is being chipped away. Flag lapel pins? Unimportant. The Pledge of Allegiance? Talibanism. "God Bless America? No, no, no," shouts an influential Black preacher. President Bush, a democrat committed to liberal internationalism, is a pariah.

Strange times we live in. Where will it end?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama

Dear Editor:

Six months ago the Democratic nomination was nearly in Hillary Clinton's pocket.

Then she blew each and every advantage: being a president's spouse, many years honing a strategy to be the first woman president, all the right connections with lots of moneyed supporters. Her inability to pull together a superior campaign organization demonstrated questionable judgment, and her funds became so depleted that she borrowed from her own bank account.

Her supporters are united not by loyalty but by fear. They aren't looking for change so much as stability and more money in their pocket. These folks are willing to accept a dynastic mode of four more years of Bill and Hillary to make 12, even 16, Clinton years in the White House.

Feminists are willing to close their eyes to the fact that the private, now public, nature of Bill and Hillary's relationship has been brutally exposed and that Hillary has endured years of humiliation in order to compete for the highest position of power in the country.

Mary Mycio's comparison of the Orange Revolution in Ukraine to the Obama campaign in the United States is like comparing "horokh z kapustoyu" (peas with cabbage). Barack Obama is an eloquent politician who does not rattle off dried up clichés to rouse the rabble. He is a thinker whose speech on the race question in the United States brought many a distinguished conservative politician, like former

Secretary of State George Shultz, to attention. Sen. Obama is that extraordinary statesman, a natural aristocrat, who will not resort to pandering.

What a refreshing change. A vote for Sen. Obama is not making a compromise. Voting for the contender who is willing to make every compromise to win is a terrible rationalization which, in effect, says: "Let's not soar too high so as not to risk falling with a loud thud."

Pragmatic convictions are for the birds. I'd rather take the risk.

Irena Kowal
Concord, Mass.

Holodomor Flame in Washington State

Dear Editor:

Tamara Olexy's otherwise fine article on the Holodomor Remembrance Flame in the state of Washington (May 11) contained a significant omission. There was no indication that the Holodomor remembrance at the University of Washington had been jointly sponsored by the Ukrainian Studies Endowment Fund and by the Ukrainian American Club of Washington.

In fact, it was because of the Endowment Fund's participation that the site was secured. This gap in reporting is odd because both printed programs and public announcements mentioned the fund and the club as hosting the event together.

For information about what we are trying to achieve at the University of Washington, we invite readers to visit

our website, <http://depts.washington.edu/slavweb/ukrainian/>.

Eugene E. Lemcio, Ph.D.
Seattle

The letter-writer is co-chair of the Ukrainian Studies Endowment Fund at the University of Washington.

Kuropas account was an honest one

Dear Editor:

I read with mild amusement a silly example of misguided political correctness in a letter to the editor (April 27) criticizing Myron Kuropas for his honest account of an encounter with gypsies on a street car in Lisbon.

On May 8 of this year, as we exited our cruise ship for an independent tour of Lisbon, we were warned not to carry unnecessary documents, credit cards and cash, and to watch for gypsies on city trams. We followed this advice and witnessed the action of gypsies on street car No. 15E within five minutes after boarding it. There was a bit of commotion in the tightly packed tram and, with lightning speed, a group of French tourists were relieved of their wallets, passports and other valuables.

An observant Portuguese explained to a confused French tourist that they had just been robbed by gypsies. When asked why he did not intervene to prevent the robbery he relayed that he did not want a knife inserted into his stomach. My advice: when in Lisbon, watch your wallet.

And, by the way, we did not see any gypsies running around Lisbon with Dr. Kuropas' wallet.

Ihor Lysyj
Austin, Texas

Re: Kuropas letter about his column

Dear Editor:

In the recent defense (letters to the editor, May 11) of his March 30 column, Myron Kuropas makes it sound as if he

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was being very careful to single out the one gypsy who stole his wallet in Portugal, and not to cast aspersions on all Roma.

To the contrary, it seemed to me as if Dr. Kuropas sought out negative stereotypes about the entire group to spice up his column, with comments such as "Gypsies were on the tram. You can guess the rest." and "Ukrainians work where gypsies won't." It left a very bad taste in my mouth.

Larysa Kurylas
Kensington, Md.

2008 Chornobyl Charity Bazaar

Dear Editor:

On April 24, the 18th annual Chornobyl Charity Bazaar took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

This longtime tradition, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations, was attended by many of the member-nations of the United Nations and the U.N. community. Since its inception 18 years ago, the charity bazaar has not only raised tens of thousands of dollars to purchase medical equipment for children's hospitals in Ukraine, but also reminded the world of the travesty of the terrible nuclear accident at Chornobyl, bringing awareness of its horrible long-term consequences affecting the Ukrainian people, which will continue for the next 1,000 years.

The 2008 Chornobyl Charity Bazaar would not have been possible without the generosity of many, as well as the dedication of volunteers who have worked tirelessly for nearly two decades. We would like to thank all of those involved but, in particular, we offer a special acknowledgment to: Daria Genza, Nadia Sawchuk, the Drobenko family (ARKA-Ukrainian Arts), Julian Bachynsky and Andriy Ilnytsky (East Village Meat Market), Yaroslav Kurowycky (Kurowycky Meat Market), all of the Ukrainian credit unions of New York City and Yonkers, N.Y., and Newark and Clifton, N.J., who generously supported the cause, never refusing our requests for help and members of Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 75 (Maplewood, N.J.) – Ksenia Rakowsky, Olha Lukiw and Anna Koziupa. We also extend a very special recognition to Kvitka Semanyshyn and Dr. Larysa Melnyk Drezda for their long-term commitment and participation in the bazaar.

Our most sincere and humble thanks to all.

Yuriy Sergeev
Marta M. Kokolskyj
United Nations

Dr. Sergeev is ambassador and permanent representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, and Ms. Kokolskyj is advisor to the Permanent Mission of Ukraine and director of the Chornobyl Bazaar.



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'Walk Against Genocide'...

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Ukraine becoming a strong democracy.

This Holodomor torch, Dr. Shamshur said, will serve to spread the knowledge of the genocide perpetrated against the Ukrainian nation.

Yuriy Sergeyev, ambassador of Ukraine to the United Nations, said Ukraine and the torch to this point have come a long way. "The Statute of Liberty is recognized as a symbol of freedom around the world and Ukraine's Holodomor should be an example that we are charged to ensure that the world never forgets," he said.

Upon the return from Liberty Island, a commemorative program was held at Castle Clinton. Mykola Kyrychenko, consul general of Ukraine in New York, passed the torch to Romanka Zajac, a representative of the Ukrainian community in New York. Ten children bearing symbolic candles, each representing 1 million victims of the Ukrainian genocide, approached the torch to light their candles.

Askold Lozynskyj, president of the Ukrainian World Congress, recalled the account of British journalist Thomas Walker who in 1933 spoke with a 9-year-old girl from Chernihiv who ran away from her village to escape the Famine. Mr. Lozynskyj called for a moment of silence for the millions of victims of the Holodomor, noting that among them were 3 million children.

Mr. Sergeyev, who thanked the delegation of Georgian people who came to show solidarity with the Ukrainian cause, said, "By carrying the Torch of Remembrance, we ask the people of the world not to bypass this part of history, but to learn from this today and change their tomorrow."

"We must stand up for all those lives that were and are impacted by these



Lev Khmelkovsky

Consul General of Ukraine in New York Mykola Kyrychenko, Ira Lahun and Romanka Zajac light symbolic candles in Battery Park.

events," added the ambassador.

Liza Szonyi of the UCCA New York branch read the testimony of Daria Shulha Kira, a Holodomor survivor, who was unable to attend.

A proclamation by Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York, declared May 27, 2008, as Ukrainian Genocide Commemoration Day.

Excerpts from a congressional record statement by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) of the 14th District, read by Ivanka Zajac, president of the New York branch of the UCCA, urged members of the U.S. Congress to salute the victims of the Holodomor, which was orchestrated by the Communist regime under Joseph Stalin.

A statement by Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) commended the united Ukrainian organizations and the Ukrainian community of New York for organizing and participating in the commemorative event.

The program concluded with a symbolic procession from Battery Park to City Hall Park.



A young participant of the ceremonies stands next to (from left) Askold Lozynskyj, president of the Ukrainian World Congress; Yuriy Sergeyev, ambassador of Ukraine to the United Nations; Oleh Shamshur, ambassador of Ukraine to the United States; Mykola Kyrychenko, consul general of Ukraine in New York; and activists of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America.



Children hold candles in memory of Holodomor victims as members of Ukraine's diplomatic corps and Ukrainian community leaders look on.



The "Walk Against Genocide" commences from Battery Park.



Ukrainian community leaders congregate at New York City Hall for the concluding ceremonies of the procession.

“Holodomor: Genocide by Famine” exhibition details horrors of 1932-1933

NEW YORK – The details of a little-known genocide that resulted in the deaths of as many as 10 million people are presented in an exhibition that opened on May 27 at The Ukrainian Museum.

The exhibition, “Holodomor: Genocide by Famine,” is one of a series of events taking place around the world to commemorate the 75th anniversary of what James Mace, the director of the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine (1988), referred to as “the crime of the century that nobody’s ever heard of.”

The opening of the exhibition at The Ukrainian Museum was the culmination of several commemorative Holodomor events in New York City on May 27, beginning with the arrival of the International Holodomor Torch at Manhattan’s Battery Park (from Liberty Island) followed by a “Walk Against Genocide” from Battery Park to City Hall Park.

The Holodomor (literally, murder by starvation), took place in 1932-1933, less than 20 years after Ukraine was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union. Determined to force all Ukrainian farmers onto collective farms, to crush the burgeoning national revival, and to forestall any calls for Ukraine’s independence, the brutal Communist regime of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin embarked on a campaign to starve the Ukrainian people into submission.

The Soviet government confiscated all the grain produced by Ukrainian farmers, withheld other foodstuffs, executed anyone trying to obtain food, closed the borders and punished those who attempted to flee. As a result, in the land called “The Breadbasket of Europe,” millions of men, women and children were starved to death.

Stalin boasted privately that as many as 10 million people – 25 percent of Ukraine’s population – had perished during the Holodomor. At least 3 million of the victims were children.

The Soviet regime denied the existence of the Holodomor for decades, denouncing any reports as “anti-Soviet propaganda.” It was not until the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the subsequent re-establishment of an independent Ukraine that the contents of many sealed government archives were uncovered, exposing a wealth of gruesome information.

Much of that information is included in “Holodomor: Genocide by Famine,” which consists of 100 panels of photographs, documents, government reports, eyewitness accounts and other archival material detailing virtually every aspect of the tragedy.

“Holodomor: Genocide by Famine” was produced by the League of Ukrainian Canadians (LUC), with the assistance of the Museum of Soviet Occupation of the Kyiv Memorial Society in Ukraine and with the cooperation of The Ukrainian Museum.



Ukrainian Central Government Video-Photo-Audio Archives

1930: Peasant families, labeled as “kulaks,” are evicted from their home in the Donetsk region.

The exhibition also drew on the archival material of numerous other institutions and organizations throughout the world to trace the events leading up to this tragedy, to document the extent of the Famine and its effects on the Ukrainian nation, and to explore how the atrocity of such magnitude could have escaped the attention of much of the world. The exhibition also explores to what extent the world was actually aware of this genocide at the time.

The League of Ukrainian Canadians (LUC) and the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women (LUCW) sponsored the production of the exhibition in Canada. LUC and LUCW are non-profit organizations dedicated to the continued development of a thriving Ukrainian community in Canada, to raising awareness of the history of the Ukrainian people, and to promoting the tenets of democracy and respect for human rights. Over the years, the organizations have actively supported a number of human rights projects, including the International Commission of Inquiry into the 1932-1933 Famine in Ukraine (1990).

“Holodomor: Genocide by Famine” will be on view through November 30.



Ukrainian Central Government Video-Photo-Audio Archives

1929: Peasants hand in their grain to the collective farm, Nymyryv, Vinnytsia region.



The Ukrainian Museum Archives

1930: A collective farm’s shipment of grain. The banner on the truck reads: “Instead of kulak bread – socialist bread.”



The Ukrainian Museum Archives

1933: As the Famine intensified in the countryside, peasants swarmed railroad stations, trying to get to cities in search of food

Talk and reception launch Serhii Plokhii's latest book

by Peter T. Woloschuk

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – A talk and reception marked the launch of Mykhailo S. Hrushevskyy Professor of Ukrainian History Serhii Plokhii's latest book "Ukraine and Russia: Representations of the Past," which was published by the University of Toronto Press at the beginning of April. The event was held on Friday, April 18, at Harvard University's Center for Government and International Studies and was co-sponsored by Harvard's Early Slavists Seminar and the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI).

"Ukraine and Russia: Representations of the Past," is a collection of 16 essays divided into four sections which gives an overview of the way Ukrainian-Russian historiography was developed, interpret-

ed and used from the 17th century to the present. In the various essays Harvard's Prof. Plokhii discusses many questions fundamental to the formation of modern Russian and Ukrainian historical identity. He investigates the critical role of history in the development of modern national identities and offers historical and cultural insight into the current state of relations between the two nations.

Prof. Plokhii also shows how history has been constructed, used and misused in order to justify the existence of imperial and modern national projects, and how those projects have influenced the interpretation of history in Russia and Ukraine. Finally, the book looks at the conflicts and negotiations inherent in opposing historiographic traditions, and examines ways of overcoming the limitations imposed by those traditions.

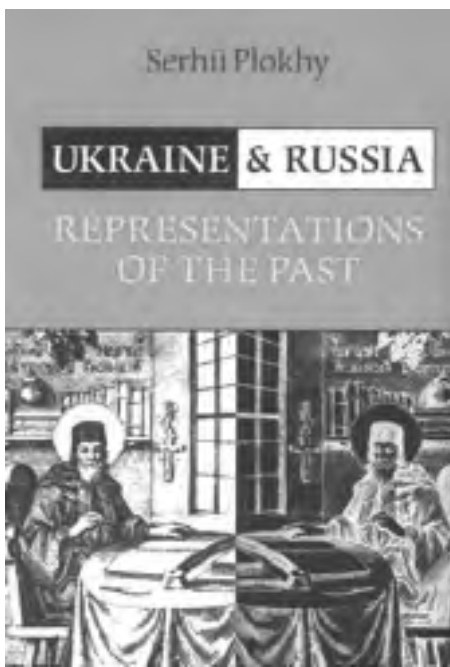
A key issue examined in the book is the question of where Russian history ends and Ukrainian history begins – a question that many historians feel has not yet been satisfactorily answered. Generations of historians have referred to Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, as the starting point of the Muscovite dynasty, the Russian state and, ultimately, of the Russian nation.

However, the history of Kyiv and of the Scythians of the Northern Black Sea region have also been claimed by Ukrainian historians, and are regarded as integral parts of the history of Ukraine. If these are actually the beginnings of Ukrainian history, when does Russian history start?

During his talk, Prof. Plokhii pointed out that eight of the 16 essays were being published for the first time and that all 16 of them had been written over the past 15



Prof. Serhii Plokhii (left) and Michael Flier.



years. He added that the collection was particularly useful because it brought together his major ideas dealing with Ukrainian historiography and enabled a serious student of the topic to follow the development of his thought.

Oleksander Potebnja Professor of Ukrainian Philology Michael Flier and George F. Baker III Professor of Russian Studies Terry Martin then each took eight of the essays and commented on them.

In his discussion Prof. Flier said, "The appearance of Prof. Plokhii's latest book is important because it gives easy access to a number of specific yet related works and it provides a context for them."

Prof. Martin pointed out that "Prof. Plokhii has written extensively about the historian's responsibility in using and interpreting a national historical myth and has himself been scrupulous in doing so, but, ironically enough, one of the

major results of his efforts has been to aid in the development of a new myth to supplement Hrushevskyy's work on Ukrainian history."

In commenting on Prof. Plokhii's book Prof. Hiroaki Kuromiya of the department of history at Indiana University said, "The work elucidates the entangled historical nexus of the two largest Slavic nations. Students of Ukrainian history will have to read this book, and it will also appeal to those studying Russian history who have hitherto known the history of these two nations through an exclusively Russian lens."

Prof. Nadieszda Kizenko of the department of history of the State University of New York at Albany added, "This is a collection of thoughtful essays that reflect upon and analyze key moments in Ukrainian history and historiography."

Penn State awards recognize excellence in Ukrainian studies

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – The Ukrainian Studies Program in the department of Germanic and Slavic languages and literatures at the Pennsylvania State University has announced the recipients of two awards for excellence in Ukrainian Studies for the 2007/2008 academic year.

Justin Stasiw, a student in the theater department, received the William and Anna Naydan Prize for outstanding achievement in Ukrainian studies for his work in the fall 2007 semester "Ukrainian Culture and Civilization" course.

The award, whose purpose is to encourage travel to Ukraine by outstanding undergraduate students, is in the amount of \$1,200. The award was established in memory of Prof. Michael Naydan's parents by Michael, Roxolana and Liliana Naydan in the amount of \$20,000. Additional significant contributions have been made to the award fund by Anna Naydan's sister, Stephanie Yaremko, along with contributions by

other family friends.

The Ukrainian Studies Program also announced that Olena Melnychenko of the department of computer science received the Woskob Family Award for outstanding performance in the Ukrainian culture class for the spring 2008 semester. The \$1,200 award is funded from the Endowment in Ukrainian Studies at Penn State, which was established through the generosity of the Alex and Helen Woskob family.

Both award-winning students were taught by Olha Tytarenko, a graduate student from Lviv, who is completing her master's degree in comparative literature at Penn State and who will continue her Ph.D. studies in Slavic literature at the University of Toronto in the fall.

Ms. Tytarenko said she was particularly impressed by the dedication of both students in the Ukrainian culture class as well as by the outstanding websites they created as part of their term projects.

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International Holodomor Remembrance Flame arrives in Chicago

by Katya Mischenko-Mycyk

CHICAGO – Over 700 Ukrainian Americans gathered on Saturday, May 10, at Chicago's Wrigley Square in Millennium Park to greet the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame as it arrived from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Millennium Park is located directly across the street from the Chicago Cultural Center and is situated on one of Chicago's busiest and most famous streets – Michigan Avenue. The wide open space, towering Grecian columns and large reflecting pool of Wrigley Square served as a fitting location to hold such a somber public event.

The torch relay at Millennium Park was coordinated by the Chicago Committee to Commemorate the Ukrainian Genocide-Holodomor 1932-1933. The co-chairs of the event were Lida Tkaczuk, Marika Klymchak and

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and School, the Ukrainian Cultural Center and the Chicago Avenue Branch of the Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union.

On the morning of the torch relay Wrigley Square was awash with children and adults in Ukrainian embroidery and waving Ukrainian flags, including one stretching over 50 feet in length. Students held banners and signs with facts about the Ukrainian Genocide throughout the Square and along Michigan Avenue so that pedestrians and vehicular traffic could see. Some of the banners read: "Holodomor – Genocide by Forced Starvation," "Ukrainian Genocide – 75 Years of Silence Is Enough!" and "Holodomor – Ukrainian Genocide: 10 Million Murdered."

The Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation – USA, with the assistance of Laryssa Matusiak, took the opportunity to distribute over 500 educational brochures about the Holodomor to pedestrians walking along Millennium Park. Many passers-by stopped to observe the torch relay and to learn more about the Famine-Genocide.

At 11 a.m. Ms. Tkaczuk, mistress of ceremonies, officially began the torch relay. The program began with a presentation of colors by Ukrainian American Veterans and the singing of the Ukrainian and American national anthems by the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church Choir under the direction of Taras Rudenko.

Bishop Richard Seminak of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy led the crowd in prayer following the singing of the national anthems.

Nestor Popowych, chairman of the Chicago Committee to Commemorate the Ukrainian Genocide-Holodomor of 1932-1933, then read an official greeting from Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. Mayor Daley noted: "Commemorating the victims of a dark chapter of history, today's event offers profound lessons and empowers people to combat prejudice, hatred and indifference in the world. Chicago shares a close Sister City relationship with Kyiv, highlighted by a strong history of cultural exchange, and this occasion offers everyone an opportunity to strengthen our bonds of friendship and understanding."

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America – Illinois Division President Paul Bandriwsky read greetings and a proclamation from Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who proclaimed May 10 Ukrainian Genocide Remembrance Day in Illinois in observance of the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian genocide of 1932-1933.



Holodomor survivors Luba Maleshyk and George Kolomayets hold the torch during the panakhyda (memorial service).

Natalia Jarowyj.

Nine buses were chartered by Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union to help bring Ukrainian School students, parents, clergy and seniors to Millennium Park. Buses transported participants from the Ukrainian American Youth Association's (UAYA) Ukrainian School in Palatine, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Ukrainian School in Bloomingdale, St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and School, St. Nicholas



One of the many Ukrainian genocide banners held by students in Millennium Park and along Michigan Avenue.



Katya Mischenko-Mycyk

Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation - USA President Nicholas Mischenko lights a memorial candle from the flame of the Torch held by Ukrainian genocide survivor Kateryna Pietrzyk.

Illinois State Rep. John Fritchey greeted the crowd. Rep. Fritchey, along with Illinois State Rep. Paul Froehlich and Illinois State Sen. Jacqueline Collins, co-sponsored a genocide education bill, which was passed into law two years ago. State law now requires that Illinois public schools not only teach about the Nazi Holocaust, but also the Armenian, Ukrainian, Cambodian, Bosnian, Rwandan and Sudanese genocides as part of their genocide curriculum.

Rep. Fritchey stated, "The purpose of the law that we passed is to make sure that every day is Ukrainian Genocide Remembrance Day and that our students throughout the city of Chicago, throughout the state of Illinois, and throughout this country will never forget what happened." He is committed to expanding awareness and government recognition of the Holodomor as genocide not only in Illinois, but nationwide.

Following Rep. Fritchey's speech, John Jaresko, president of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Bloomingdale, delivered the keynote address. The great-grandson of Holodomor victims, he spoke about how Joseph Stalin used food as a political weapon to systematically murder over 10 million innocent Ukrainian men, women and children.

Nicholas Kotcherha of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation – USA then lit the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame Torch. He gave the torch to Ms. Klymchak and Ms. Jarowyj, who carried it into Wrigley Square

before handing it off to Consul General Vasyl Korzachenko.

Mr. Korzachenko accepted the eternal flame of the International Holodomor Remembrance Torch and declared: "It is our hope to keep the flame alive to help ensure that the story of the Holodomor is passed on from culture to culture, from generation to generation, from the survivors to our youth." He further stated, "Let the memory of the 10 million victims of the Ukrainian Genocide help us, along with the cooperation of the conscientious people of the world, to prevent the repeat of such a horrible tragedy from ever occurring again in history."

The consul general then gave the torch to Holodomor survivor Kateryna Pietrzyk. Mrs. Pietrzyk was 9 years old when the genocide struck her village in the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast of Ukraine. She lost two uncles and her grandmother and has vivid memories of the horrors that surrounded 1932-1933.

Mrs. Pietrzyk said she remembers her belly being bloated from the hunger. She survived by eating grass and dandelion weeds, as there was nothing left in her village to eat. Her father was taken away to Siberia, and her family struggled to survive as many died around them. She remembers the corpses lying out on the street because villagers were too weak to dig graves to bury them.

While Mrs. Pietrzyk held the torch, Nicholas Mischenko, president of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation

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International Holodomor...

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– USA initiated the spreading of the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame. He raised a candle and declared: “I am lighting this flame to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian genocide perpetrated by Joseph Stalin and his Communist regime.”

Mr. Mischenko along with Consul General Korzachenko and Mrs. Pietrzyk began to spread the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame to the hundreds of candles which participants in Wrigley Square held during the relay.

The torch relay co-chair, Ms. Klymchak, host of the “Ukrainian Wave” radio program on 1240 AM, lit a candle and proclaimed: “I, as a member of the media, pass this flame on to all media/press in the world, petitioning them never to be blind or deaf to any engineered famine or human torture. Be alert, let the world know the truth.”

Representatives of Ukrainian American youth groups declared: “We representatives of Ukrainian Youth Organizations, SUM Ukrainian American Youth Association, ODUM Association of American Youth of Ukrainian Descent and Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, accept this flame today with humility and pride. With it we will honor the victims of this horrific tragedy. We will always remember. We light this flame for the children who comprised one-third of the genocide victims and in memory of those children left orphaned and homeless.”

Then, students from St. Volodymyr Ukrainian School, St. Andrew Ukrainian School, UAYA Palatine Ukrainian School and St. Nicholas School lit their candles as Bohdana Bahrij, an eighth grader at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cathedral School read a declaration: “In honor of Mother’s Day I light this candle. Let this flame reach the hearts of all mothers, specifically those who starved to death in 1932-1933 during the genocide, those who suffered and are survivors and those mothers who survived, but not their children. I pass on this eternal flame to all those mothers.”

Ms. Jarowyj, torch relay co-chair and member of the Orange Wave, lit her candle and declared: “May this Remembrance Flame always serve as a reminder of the souls that we have lost. They have paid the final toll, but we will share their story, we will keep the flame alive in our hearts and pass it on to our brothers and sisters in Detroit [the torch relay’s next destination].”

The Rev. Salkovski of Nativity of Benevolent Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Palos Park declared: “We as clergy light this flame and pray that the truth be known this was a forced, fabricated famine. Let food never be used as a weapon against humanity.” The Rev. Salkovski concluded the torch relay by leading the crowd in singing “Vichnaya Pamiat” (Eternal Memory) in honor of the over 10 million victims.

The next day the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame Torch visited the Chicagoland Ukrainian genocide monument, located on the grounds of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church. It was built by funds raised with the Chicagoland Ukrainian American community as a permanent memorial to the Holodomor’s 10 million victims. The monument depicts a starving Ukrainian mother sitting beneath a granite cross with her emaciated child curled up across her lap.

Following the Sunday liturgy, the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame was lit inside St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church and was carried out to the monument by Consul Gen. Korzachenko and Ms. Tkaczuk.

A memorial wreath, carried by Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation – USA President Mischenko and St. Andrew’s parishioner Olha Diachenko, followed behind the torch and monument.

After a short panakhyda (memorial service) sung by the St. Andrew Choir and Father Bohdan Kalyniuk, Consul General Korzachenko gave a moving speech about the impact of the Ukrainian Genocide on subsequent generations of Ukrainians.

The torch was handed over to Ukrainian genocide survivors Luba



Katya Mischenko-Mycyk

Ukrainian genocide survivor Kateryna Pietrzyk, Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation-USA President Nicholas Mischenko, Illinois State Rep. John Fritchey and National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy President Serhii Kvit.



Close-up of Chicagoland’s Ukrainian Genocide Monument.

Maleshyk and George Kolomayets, who carried it to the base of the monument where a separate torch was set into the ground waiting to be lit from the remembrance flame.

Photos from these Chicago events can be found at <http://www.Ukrainiangenocide.com/Chicago.html>, along with further information about the 75th anniversary commemorations of the Holodomor for the Chicagoland area.



Natalia Jarowyj, Consul General Vasyl Korzachenko and Maria Klimchak escort the torch into Wrigley Square.



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Chicago Committee to Commemorate the Ukrainian Genocide-Holodomor 1932-1933 member Lida Tkaczuk, Consul General Vasyl Korzachenko and Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation - USA President Nicholas Mischenko.

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Energy forum held in Kyiv

KYIV – The International Energy Forum being held within the framework of the Energy Safety Summit started work in Kyiv on May 22. Participants in the forum from 30 countries joined in a discussion on the main trends and prospects for cooperation in the energy sphere, in particular, raising the level of energy safety. According to the Fuel and Energy Ministry's information, over 700 specialists are participating in the forum, whose aim is to develop cooperation among companies of consumer countries, transit countries and suppliers of energy in order to increase energy safety in the Eurasian space. The presidents of seven countries – Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland – are participating in the work of the energy summit. The agenda of the meeting includes global energy security, creation of the Baltic-Black Sea-Caspian energy transit community, and further measures on implementing a project of the Eurasian oil transport corridor using the Odesa-Brody oil pipeline. (Ukrinform)

Four coal miners killed

DONETSK – Four miners have died in an accident on May 23 at the Krasnolymanska coal mine in the town of Rodynske, Donetsk region. Another four have been injured and the fate of seven others remains unknown. The Donetsk regional office of the State Committee for Mining Supervision said that gas had exploded in the mine's second western long face. (Ukrinform)

"Black Vulture" coins introduced

KYIV – The National Bank of Ukraine, continuing the series "Flora and Fauna of Ukraine," has put into circulation the commemorative "Black Vulture" coins valued at 2 and 10 hrv. This rare bird builds its nest only in the South Crimea and is listed in the European Red Book of endangered species. (Ukrinform)

Donetsk and Ukrainian schools

KYIV – Deputies of the Donetsk City Council, who on May 20 analyzed implementation of a complex program for the development of education in the regional center, came to the conclusion that there is no sense in increasing the number of secondary and nursery schools with Ukrainian language instruction. Referring to "the needs of the Donetsk city population for obtaining education in their mother tongue," the City Council deputies spoke out against the current practice, when plans for education in the state language came from the Education Ministry and its regional department. Then on May 23, City Council deputies changed their minds, approving a decision that provides for schools with Ukrainian and Russian languages of instruction, as well as languages of other national minorities as requested by parents. The change was the result of a local procurator's ruling that the previous decision was not in conformity with the Constitution and laws of Ukraine. Of 169 schools in Donetsk, only 34 have Ukrainian as the language of instruction. (Ukrinform, UNIAN)

Sikorsky monument unveiled in Kyiv

KYIV – The world's first monument to prominent aircraft engineer and helicopter designer Igor Sikorsky (1889-1972) was unveiled on May 15 on the territory of the National Technical University Kyiv Polytechnic Institute (NTU-KPI). "Ihor Ivanovych Sikorsky was a brilliant aircraft and helicopter designer, philosopher and

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party, the total election fund of a particular political faction actually turned out to equal \$200,000, as half the amount was allocated toward the needs of the candidate and the other half was funneled to the party itself.

"Even though the law forbids using a party's money on advertising its candidate and vice-versa, it is almost impossible to trace such things," said Oleksander Chernenko, a member of the CVU.

The Verkhovna Rada had called for pre-term mayoral and City Council elections in Kyiv after Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko accused Mayor Chernovetskyi of selling off highly profitable land and withholding revenue from the state budget.

In July 2007 Kyiv's City Council approved a construction project on a 28-hectare land plot in the Dniprovskiy district of Kyiv for a 15-year lease to Vulkan-Pravex, whose founders happen to include companies controlled by Mr. Chernovetskyi.

Similarly, the City Council transferred a plot of land in a prestigious district for residential construction to the company Hosp-Torh, which is controlled by Denys Komarnytskyi, the head of the Chernovetskyi Bloc in the Kyiv City Council.

Mr. Chernovetskyi, a multi-millionaire former lawyer and banker, has denied any wrongdoing.

The Kyiv City Council is made up of 120 seats, and if Mr. Chernovetskyi joins forces with the Lytvyn Bloc and the Civic Activists of Kyiv Bloc, considered to be his closest allies, the three political forces might solidify a 62-seat majority in the municipal legislature.

The re-election of Mayor Chernovetskyi is being labeled as Prime Minister Tymoshenko's first major political defeat, as her closest ally, First Vice Prime Minister

Turchynov, came in second in the mayoral campaign. As part of her grand crusade to eradicate corruption, Ms. Tymoshenko had campaigned aggressively on behalf of Mr. Turchynov in the mayoral race.

An initial blow to Ms. Tymoshenko's political crusade vis-à-vis the mayoral campaign came when she attempted to amend the electoral law by hoping to secure a second round of elections, thus automatically guaranteeing a run-off vote between Messrs. Chernovetskyi and Turchynov, as the incumbent did not receive over 50 percent of the ballots.

However, President Viktor Yushchenko, for unexplained reasons, torpedoed the notion of a second round of elections. Political analysts agree that Ms. Tymoshenko had been eyeing the mayoral post for her eponymous bloc as a crucial stumping ground for next year's presidential electoral campaign. The prime minister has not yet offered any official statement regarding the latest electoral results.

The latest election results are also considered a major setback for OU-PSD. Internal Affairs Minister Yurii Lutsenko and his People's Self-Defense faction have been increasingly leaning towards supporting the Tymoshenko Bloc.

Nevertheless, some experts agree that the aftermath of the latest elections will not bring any immediate earth-shattering results for the capital city itself.

According to Volodymyr Fesenko, director of the Penta Center for Political Research, the thing to keep in mind is how these elections will affect the overall national political scene. "Members of the Chernovetskyi Bloc have a strong possibility of emerging as new political players on the national level," said Mr. Fesenko.

"Furthermore, these elections will serve as the steppingstone onto the national scene of the Katerynchuk Bloc or his European Party of Ukraine," added the political analyst.

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Historic Holodomor bill fast-tracked in Canadian Parliament

OTTAWA – Member of Parliament James Bezan (Selkirk-Interlake, Manitoba), rose in the House of Commons on May 26 and with the support of all parties successfully moved that his Private Member's Bill C-459 be passed at all stages.

The bill establishes a Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day and recognizes the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 as an act of genocide. In one move, the bill was deemed to have been read a second time, considered in committee, reported, concurred in, read a third time and passed. Bill C-459 is now in the Senate for final consideration before it will become law.

In a show of solidarity, Liberal MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj (Etobicoke Center, Ontario) supported the move and ensured that the bill would be passed at all stages.

During his final speech, Mr. Bezan stated, "I want to thank the member for Etobicoke Center for his hard work on behalf of all Ukrainians and for making sure that we get this done today."

Mr. Bezan also expressed his appreciation for the all-party support that he received from the Liberals, New Democratic Party and Bloc Quebecois.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko was then in Canada and had asked for Canada's support in recognizing the Holodomor as genocide. Mr. Bezan met

the president and personally discussed the bill with him on May 26 during the president's visit to Ottawa.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of recognizing the Holodomor now as genocide even though the West sat silent while this took place," concluded Mr. Bezan. "This is an important time for Ukraine, for this Parliament and for Canada."

The bill was introduced last year as Ukrainian Canadians and the international community marked the 75th anniversary of one of the most heinous crimes in modern history – the state-sponsored Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 perpetrated by the Communist regime under Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin against the Ukrainian people. For decades the truth about this horrific crime was suppressed and denied by Soviet authorities.

"The omission of this forced famine and genocide from our history books is very troubling to me and I hope that this bill will bring to light the atrocities that were committed against the Ukrainian people. Canada has a long-standing history of condemning all war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocides, and this bill will once and for all acknowledge the forced famine and genocide against the Ukrainian people," said Mr. Bezan, speaking in the House of Commons on April 29.



Conservative Member of Parliament James Bezan (second from right) meets in April with representatives of Canadian Friends of Ukraine, Stefan Horlatsch, Margareta Shpir and Lisa Shymko, to discuss the adoption of legislation recognizing the Holodomor as an act of genocide.

Yushchenko visits...

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the two nations along with Ukraine's future in NATO and Canada's firm support for Ukraine's bid for a Membership Action Plan plus cooperation in the U.N.-mandated mission in Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Harper added that Ukraine can expect Canada's full support as it continues its post-Communist evolution into a free and democratic nation.

The two leaders signed a joint statement confirming their commitment to active development of special partnership relations between Ukraine and Canada, encompassing the political, humanitarian and business spheres.

Having been granted a rare honor, President Yushchenko addressed a joint session of the Canadian Parliament.

While welcoming Mr. Yushchenko to Parliament, Prime Minister Harper expressed support for a private member's bill which recognizes the 1932-1933 Famine in Ukraine as an act of genocide. "In Canada we aren't afraid of history or of truth," Prime Minister Harper told Parliament.

Prime Minister Harper stated categorically that Canada will continue to support Ukraine's efforts for Euro-Atlantic integration and that the sovereignty of the Ukrainian state is indisputable.

During his well-received speech, President Yushchenko told both Houses of Parliament of the deep affection and respect that Ukrainians have for Canada, not only because of the support that the country has given to Ukraine in the past, but because of the 1.2 million strong Ukrainian Canadian community, which acts as a bond between the two nations.

The president encouraged Canadians to become more active economically in Ukraine, especially in the strategic and growing energy sector.

President Yushchenko then participated in the International Holodomor Remembrance Flame ceremony on Parliament Hill. This was the culmination of a monthlong relay in Canada that brought the Holodomor Torch to cities throughout the country with the goal of

raising awareness of the Famine-Genocide.

Present at the event was Holodomor survivor Stepan Horlatsch, who has been the carrier of the torch throughout its Canadian sojourn. The torch will visit over 30 countries before ending its journey in Kyiv in November.

Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity Jason Kennedy spoke at the event. He announced that the government of Canada had made a decision that afternoon to recognize the Holodomor as a genocide against the Ukrainian people and that the private member's bill now before the House of Commons, which recognizes the Holodomor as a genocide, will be passed in the immediate future.

Also on May 26, President Yushchenko presented the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise to Liberal MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj during a special ceremony on Parliament Hill. Mr. Wrzesnewskyj was surrounded by his colleagues, including Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Paul Martin.

The president's first day in Canada ended with an official state dinner hosted by Governor General Jean. "I am convinced that we will find new forms of mutually beneficial cooperation, and strengthen and deepen our partnership," Mr. Yushchenko told the gathering.

Commenting on the day's activities, UCC President Paul Grod noted that the scope of the president's visit and the warmth with which he was received at every stop are an indication of the depth of the relationship between the two countries. "We need to act on that strength so that Canada's relationship with Ukraine evolves into one characterized by strong economic, social, cultural and security ties. Ukraine and Canada have much to offer each other," he commented.

"After much hard work on the part of the community to educate Canadians about the true nature of the Holodomor in Ukraine 1932-1933, it was gratifying to hear Secretary of State Kenney announce that Canada will move to recognize the Holodomor as genocide. That is a fitting conclusion to an historic day," concluded Mr. Grod.

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The president of Ukraine, accompanied by First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko, acknowledges the public's applause.



President Viktor Yushchenko greets Mar'yan Chabursky, whom he noticed when the lad enthusiastically sang along with the crowd on Parliament Hill.

Ukraine and the government of Canada in ensuring that the state visit of Viktor Yushchenko is a success.

The president's itinerary during this three-day visit to Canada also included a visit to Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 27, and the next day to Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Yushchenko has given interviews to leading national news media, including the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and The Globe and Mail.

Sources: Ukrainian Canadian Committee, Ukrinform.

Colleagues and friends gather in Philadelphia to recognize Dr. Zenia Chernyk

by Iryna Ivankovych-Bloshchynska

PHILADELPHIA – They say, “When you take, you fill your hand; when you give, you fill your heart.” As a little girl, daughter of a political prisoner living with his family in exile in Poland, Zenia Chernyk remembered her parents’ words about their neighbors who did not have sufficient means to feed their child, and thus, “one should always share with others.” Years later, helping others became her motto.

Dr. Chernyk’s heart overflows with gifts of care, love, patriotism, humanism, self-sacrifice, dedication, selflessness, tireless work, unbridled energy, openness and motherly kindness. This is why this petite lady has been surrounded by thousands of thankful patients, friends and colleagues, many of whom gathered on May 4 at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, Pa., to express their profound gratitude and respect for a person who, along with her late husband, Dr. Alexander Chernyk, has dedicated her entire life to serving others.

The event, organized by the Ukrainian Federation of America and its president, Vera M. Andryczyk, was supported by private benefactors and financial institutions such as The Heritage Foundation, First Security Saving Bank and Ukrainian Self-Reliance Credit Union in Philadelphia, the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, and many volunteers.

Opening the reception, Mrs. Andryczyk welcomed the guests, the Rev. Yaroslav Kurpel, pastor of Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church in Philadelphia, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, representatives of political and social institutions, friends and colleagues.

Members of the Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble presented Dr. Chernyk with a bouquet of roses. Dr. Albert Kipa, master of ceremonies, emphasized the main goal of the event: to honor the exceptional work and outstanding professional achievements of “a wonderful person, humble, open, generous and kind,” and to pay tribute for her many years of dedicated service to Ukraine, the Ukrainian people and to the community.

A short video by Tanya Husar, based on the letters of Dr. Chernyk’s patients and their families, touched the hearts of those present. Sharing their personal experience of working with Mrs. Chernyk, every speaker underlined the exceptional dedication of this toiler in the field of serving others. According to Cynthia Horajecy, secretary at Dr. Chernyk’s medical practice, she finds time to help people both in her office and in the community.

Her efforts are recognized also in Ukraine, as Olexandr Aleksandrovych, minister counselor of the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, brought greetings from First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko of Ukraine, with whom Dr. Chernyk has been working in the foundation Ukraine-3000, and from Ukraine’s ambassador to the U.S.A., Dr. Oleh Shamshur.

Dr. Chernyk is actively involved in numerous American Ukrainian projects, which, according to Nadia McConnell, president of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, requires much travel between Philadelphia and Washington. Dr. Chernyk expended much effort to ensure the repeal of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, a response to the discriminatory emigration policies of the former



Minister-Counselor Oleksandr Aleksandrovych presents Dr. Zenia Chernyk with greetings and certificates from First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko and Ambassador Oleh Shamshur.

Soviet Union and other Communist states that had denied normal trade relations with Ukraine. She is a member of the Coalition for a Secure and Democratic Ukraine, which is co-chaired by two former U.S. ambassadors to Ukraine, William Green Miller and Steven Pifer.

The Ukrainian diaspora is quite familiar with Dr. Chernyk, and speakers at this event included Iryna Kurowycky, president of the Ukrainian National Women’s League of America, and Dr. Yaroslav Zalipsky, chairman of the Philadelphia Branch of the Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh).

Dr. Chernyk is well-known in political and international circles. On April 30 Rep. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.) inserted remarks “honoring Dr. Zenia Chernyk for her tireless efforts and service to Ukraine and the Philadelphia area Ukrainian American community” into the Congressional Record.

She works with members of the U.S. Congress as well as various organizations. This was attested to by former Rep. Charles Dougherty (R-Pa.), an advisor to the UFA; Ihor Gawdiak, president of the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council; Morgan Williams, president of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council; Cheryl Portwood, who represented Dr. James Portwood, Business Programs Director of the UFA; and Dr. Harold B. Jaffe, chairman of the American Jewish

Committee. Dr. Chernyk’s cooperation with Jewish organizations has significantly improved relations between Ukrainians and Jews.

As a remembrance of the evening, Dr. Chernyk received an album of salutations and well-wishes from Mykola Kyrychenko, Ukraine’s consul general of New York; Orest Chebeniak, the chairman of the Humanitarian Initiatives charity fund in Ukraine; and community organizations and private individuals who expressed their regards and best wishes. Everyone had a chance to greet Dr. Chernyk personally and wish her the best.

When questioned about the secret of her success in numerous projects, Dr. Chernyk smiled and emphasized the importance of organization. She added that success and internal satisfaction generate the aspirations for new accomplishments and achievements.

Dr. Chernyk is currently involved with Dana Yudyna in the “Our Family” project, which aims to assist persons in Ukraine suffering from multiple sclerosis, as well as their families. This complex program, which received the blessing of Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, aims to provide multifaceted (economic, medical and social) support to patients afflicted by this disease, and also to include Ukraine into the world organization for combating MS.



Representatives of the Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Nila and Julia Knihnicky, welcome Dr. Zenia Chernyk with a bouquet of roses.

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COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Florida center holds annual meeting

NORTH PORT, Fla. – St. Andrew's Ukrainian Religious and Cultural Center (Oseredok) held its annual meeting on March 26 and elected a new slate of officers headed by Dr. Wolodymyr Korol, president.

Also elected were: Mykola Andrushko, vice-president; Roman Swystun, secretary; Victor Caply and Maria Boyduy, treasurers; Prof. Vira Bodnaruk, cultural activities chair; Hanna Cherin, librarian; Daria Tomashoski, membership chair; Lusya Harasymiv, Maria Nikityn and Anastasia Fatenko, social services; Alex Vlasenko, chapel liaison; Maria Chorna, head of kitchen; Petro Lobur, Ivan Popiwchak, Halyna Korol, Julian Helbig and Oresta Swystun, members-at-large; Mykola Nenadkewych, Dr. Bohdan Bodnaruk and Klara Szpiczka, auditing committee members.

Various events planned for the current year will take place at the Oseredok, located at 4100 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port, Fla., telephone, 941-426-9745.

Divine liturgy is celebrated in the chapel

located next to the Oseredok at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Following the service there is an opportunity to visit with friends and family at the Oseredok, where coffee and pastries are served.

During the week the Oseredok is open for members and friends on Mondays and Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. to take advantage of its well-stocked library, play cards or chess, or just meet friends for conversation. On Fridays at 4:30-6 p.m. Ukrainian dinners are available (borsch, varenyky, holubtsi) for a very reasonable price. This is especially convenient for residents of the "Ukrainian Village," which is next to the Oseredok.

Activities at the Oseredok are in full swing from September through May. Various organizations hold their monthly meetings here: Branch 56 of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, the Ukrainian-American Club, Ukrainian American Veterans and the Community Committee. Throughout the year commem-



Members of the board of the Ukrainian Religious and Cultural Center: (first row, from left) Maria Boyduy, Vira Bodnaruk, Maria Chorna, Maria Nikityn, Daria Tomashoski, (second row) Anastasia Fatenko, Halyna Korol, Victor Caply, Wolodymyr Korol, Julian Helbig, Lusya Harasymiv and Bohdan Bodnaruk.

orations of national and religious holidays are held here, as are literary evenings, bazaars, dances and lectures.

During the summer, when many people go north, the pace at the Oseredok slows down.

Membership in the Oseredok is open to

all persons of Ukrainian descent (or those married to Ukrainians) who live in the vicinity. The initiation fee is \$100; there is an annual fee of \$20 for each member. For information readers may contact Prof. Bodnaruk, cultural activities chair at drdan-vira@yahoo.com.

Literary evening honors Vasyl Stus

NORTH PORT, Fla. – The Ukrainian Language Society organized a literary evening to honor the great Ukrainian poet, critic, journalist, Helsinki Group and PEN Club member Vasyl Stus on the 70th anniversary of his birth. The event took place here at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Religious and Cultural Center (Oseredok) on April 12.

Stus (1938-1985), a prolific poet and writer, was one of the most active proponents of Ukrainian human and national rights. His political convictions and his works were banned by the Soviet regime. Stus spent 13 years in detention and died in a forced labor camp for political prisoners, Perm Camp 36 in the Russian SFSR. In 1985 he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in literature by an international committee of scholars, writers and poets, but died before the nomination materialized.

Prof. Vira Bodnaruk, president of the Ukrainian Language Society, related the highlights of Stus' life, his literary achievements and his undefeated spirit in the face of impossible circumstances and psycho-

logical punishment. He never gave in to the physical pressure hurled at him.

The stage was decorated with a portrait of Stus, the dates of his birth and death, the words of one of his poems, "My People, I Will Return To You Yet," and a replica of the post that marked his original grave with the number "9" with an embroidered rushnyk around it. This artistic setting was created by Bohdana Bilovshchuk and Ivanna Martynec.

It was also very emotional to hear the voice of Stus – recorded on a CD and received from Ostroh University – reading his poem "Osliple lystia vidchuvalo Yar."

The choir of Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 56 under the direction of Lubov Ingram, performed two songs, "Lebedi Materynstva" and "Kyieve Mii."

A montage based on the creative works of Stus was written and presented by Olena Ruzaykyna together with Taras Roman. Readers of Stus poems were Halyna Korol, Olenka Kryvenok, Irena Zyznomyska, Bohdan Lechman and



During the literary evening (from left) are: Olena Ruzaykyna, Bohdan Lechman, Taras Roman, Halyna Korol, Olenka Kryvenok, Irena Zyznomyska and Ruslana Borysenko.

Ruslana Borysenko.

A baritone solo of "Rushnychok" was performed by Mr. Lechman. Members of the Mria quartet – Olya Pasternak, Maria Kovalska, Nadia Lobur and Zoya Fylypovych – performed three songs under the musical direction of Iraida Cherniak.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests had a chance to share their impressions while enjoying refreshments provided by members of the Ukrainian Language Society. They also had a chance to buy a book about Vasyl Stus which was published in Ukraine last year.

Fashion show focuses on Ukrainian embroidery

by Natalie Sluzar

NORTH PORT, Fla. – At a recent dinner and fashion show at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in North Port, I watched the models twirling down the makeshift runway and was mesmerized by the outfits they wore. I was even more amazed to learn that the gorgeous designs on these dresses, skirts and blouses were created by simply cutting holes or pulling threads out of the fabric.

What we were seeing that Saturday evening, March 29, was an elegant form of Ukrainian embroidery called "merezhka," an ancient form of embroidery dating back possibly to the first century. The Poltava region is most famous for the "merezhka" embroideries, especially the unique stitching technique called "layerings." This style of embroidery is based on cutting and pulling out threads from the fabric (often referred to as drawn-thread work). Using various styles of stitches, such as cross-stitch, hemstitch, buttonhole, satin, eyelet, chain and others, the opening is then enclosed by the threads (as in darning) to

secure it and define its border.

The queen of the Poltava-style "merezhka" designs is North Port's own Irene Kassaraba Radzykewycz, who has devoted the last 25 years to this form of art, not only safeguarding the traditional forms of this style, but also creating exciting, contemporary designs suitable for modern-day wear. Ms. Radzykewycz designed and created over 80 outfits for women, some for children, as well as over 60 dolls representing the national dress of all regions of Ukraine.

Traditionally, "merezhyvo" was done with white threads on white homespun fabric using geometric forms and patterns representing plants and animals. Ms. Radzykewycz broke out of these confines, instead using bright fabrics in her creations like reds, greens, yellows, or bold colors like black and navy, and embroidering them with silk threads of gold, beige, black, or soft pastels like blues, greens, pinks, and gray tones. The patterns became bolder, multi-dimensional, combining many forms, geometric with triangle and crosses, nature motifs depicting flowers and leaves, even



Models at the "Merezhyvo Designed for the Modern Dress" fashion show.

honeybees, adding multiple layers and several borders. The "merezhyvo" was no longer just on the sleeves, but on the shoulders, front, side, back. The outfits were one piece, two pieces or complete ensembles with a dress and coat or jacket. Each was truly a work of art.

The evening's program, "Merezhyvo Designed for the Modern Dress," was organized by Halyna Kovalyshyn. Mistresses of ceremonies were Lidia Bilous and Neonila Lechman.

In addition to the fashion show, enter-

tainment was provided by a quartet consisting of Christyna Sheldon, Oksana Lew, Anya Rajnarowycz and Lieda Boyko. Orest Lazor performed an original composition for the piano. Poetry was recited by Natalka Honcharuk. All this added to the elegant ambience of the evening.

Special thanks went to models Irena Zyznomyska, Tanya Budny, Olena Skiba, Natalka Honcharuk, Tanya Thompson, Oksana Lasor and Oksana Gresko, as well as children models Mateyka Kowalyszyn, Xenia Kowalyszyn and Adam Henderson.

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Ukrainian soprano to perform at Carnegie Hall in June

NEW YORK – Soprano Nataliya Tymchenko, a leading soloist of the Mariinsky Theater who is a native of the Kharkiv region of Ukraine, will be a featured performer at an International Concerts program at Carnegie Hall's Isaac Stern Auditorium on June 12. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The program will also feature her husband, tenor Vladimir Galouzine, who sang the title role in the recent Metropolitan Opera production of "The Gambler," and mezzo Elena Obraztsova, a frequent partner of Placido Domingo at the Met. The music of Glinka, Puccini, Verdi, Bizet and Leoncavallo included in the program.

Although this will be her debut performance at Carnegie Hall, Ms. Tymchenko made her New York debut earlier this year in a concert at the Bulgarian Consulate.

Ms. Tymchenko has performed the title role in "Madame Butterfly" and has sung leading roles in "Eugene Onegin," "La Forza del Destino," "Snow Maiden,"

"I Pagliacci," and "Tsar Sultan." She has been awarded prizes in the Placido Domingo Competition, International Lysenko Competition, International Rimsky-Korsakov Competition and several other vocal contests.

She studied at the Kyiv Conservatory of Music and at the Sofia Music Academy in Bulgaria before joining the Mariinsky Theater in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2007.

Ms. Tymchenko, who recently performed with Mr. Galouzine in Macedonia in the Puccini opera "Turandot" – they sang the roles of the young slave girl Liu and the unknown prince Calaf – is scheduled to sing at the New Jersey State Opera House on September 14. A citizen of Ukraine, she makes her home in France and Russia.

International Concerts, a not-for-profit organization, serves diverse cultural interests and provides career-enhancing opportunities for young artists. Russia is the focus of the Carnegie Hall performance on June 12.

Say good night...

(Continued from page 6)

unusual punishment. The nation jubilantly cheered. It was a glorious victory. It satisfied their appetite for revenge. Besides, they whispered to one another, "most of these damn blood-sucking oligarchs like Khodorkovsky are Jews anyway, so who gives a rat's burp. He got what he deserved."

As the Putin cult grew, the West became confused and resorted to various theories to explain what was taking place in Russia. Scholars, journalists and intelligence analysts in the West spent countless man-hours indulging in old-fashioned Kremlinology trying to identify who is a "silovik" (a current or past member of the police or KGB), who is a liberal and who is neither in Mr. Putin's entourage.

This frenzied search was reminiscent of the days when the CIA squandered a good part of its budget trying to identify the mysterious "hawks" and "doves" in the Kremlin, while ignoring overwhelming "open source" information which predicted that the downfall of the USSR would be precipitated not by bird species, but by the disaffected non-Russian nations of the Soviet empire.

Perhaps the hunt for siloviki and liberals is a mirage created by the bad guy in order to confuse his enemies and send them on a wild goose chase? What if there is no silovik faction in the Kremlin? What if the "evil" Igor Sechin is merely an obedient servant who has been told to play a role in a disinformation campaign?

Maybe there is a dog fight over assets taking place in the Kremlin, but the Kremlin's code of "omerta," a basic trait of the bad guy, is the firewall between us and them.

Mr. Putin, after all, is the master silovik. He brought on board the men he worked with and trusted. It is difficult to imagine that they would jeopardize their careers and a salary by creating scenarios that the bad guy did not approve of. If they were foolish enough to do so, the punishment would be terribly cruel and highly unusual.

The game became even murkier after the bad guy put out the word that Western "friends of Russia" should make

their "independent" views known. "Russia fears becoming isolated," former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder told an astonished audience at Columbia University.

Others on the Kremlin's consultancy and PR payroll were ordered (and paid) to justify their keep and began forcibly insisting that there was nothing to worry about. Russia had a grand plan they claimed, one which would keep the West supplied with reliable oil and gas deliveries for decades to come.

Gazprom, the state gas monopoly, they insisted, was being badly maligned by recidivist Western Cold Warriors and Russophobes. Gazprom was as pure and transparent as mother's milk they insisted. And, even if they erred in their ways now and then, so what? Enron did the same. Why does the West maintain a double standard? (They forgot to mention that the Enron gang was behind bars while the Gazprom gang was busy raking in the bucks.)

As to Mr. Putin: the choir sang in unison – the man is a forward-looking Russian democrat. OK, so he is justifiably nostalgic for the USSR – this can be explained by his background – but the man nonetheless is committed to the rule of law.

Skeptics in the West, as well as the handful still at large in Russia, did not buy the snake oil.

"There is no master plan; in fact, there is no plan at all," they yelled at briefings and conferences in Washington. "They [Putin's men] are all 'Vremenshchiki,' men taking advantage of the moment to enrich themselves. These men have no compassion, no long-term plans to better Russia's future generations; all they care about is their own well-being."

Are these critics' Russophobes or realists?

The "bad guy" has left the Kremlin and turned over power to Dmitry Medvedev, his hand-picked "good guy" successor. The "Mutt and Jeff" show, the "Good Cop / Bad Cop" act has made its debut.

When asked at his last press conference what he planned to do after leaving office, President Putin replied that he wanted to get a good night's sleep. So, amigos, let's say good night to the bad guy.

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Doubles will start 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Entry: **Advance registration is required for singles.** Entry fee is \$20 per individual or a doubles team. Send registration form including the fee to:

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OUT AND ABOUT

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Chicago | Art exhibit, "Formes Vivantes: Alexander Archipenko as Graphic Artist," Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, 773-227-5522 | 240-381-0993 |
| Through November 30
New York | Exhibit, "Holodomor: Genocide by Famine," The Ukrainian Museum, 212-228-0110 | June 6
Chicago
Sister Cities International Festival, featuring the Hromovytsia Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Daley Plaza, 312-744-2172 |
| June 5
Stanford, CA | Lecture by Pavlo Kutuyev, "Weimar on Dnipro: Ukrainian Politics in the Post-Constitutional Reform Period," Stanford University, 650-723-3562 | June 8
Arlington, VA
Film screening, "Orange Revolution" by Steve York, Shirlington Library, cwsony@yahoo.com |
| June 5
Edmonton | Lecture by Roman Chmelyk, "The Museum of Ethnology, Ukrainian Academy of Science," University of Alberta, 780-492-6746 | June 8
Horsham, PA
Youth Day, Ukrainian American Youth Association, Ukrainian American Sports Center Tryzub, 215-379-3676 |
| June 5
Edmonton | Lecture by Stepan Pavljuk, "Traditional Transport Technology of Western Ukraine," University of Alberta, 780-492-6742 | June 8
New York
Concert featuring Vopli Vidopliasova, Alizier Intermedia, Webster Hall, www.alizier.com or 519-854-4790 or 212-777-1116 |
| June 5-30
New York | Art exhibit, featuring works by Dianna Shmerykowsky, Bar 82, dshmarykowsky@yahoo.com | June 13-15
Yonkers, NY
Ukrainian Festival, St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, www.brama.com/yonkersukrainianfest |
| June 6
Philadelphia | Photography exhibit "Point of View: Celebrating Women Through the Eyes of Tony Rubel," Ukrainian League of Philadelphia, 215-684-3548 | June 14
Vancouver, BC
Concert featuring Vopli Vidopliasova, Troika Entertainment, Richard's on Richards Nightclub, 604-709-0057 |
| June 6
Toronto | Concert featuring Vopli Vidopliasova, Alizier Intermedia, Kool Haus, www.alizier.com or 519-854-4790 | June 14
New York
Vechornytsi Village Dance Party, Center for Traditional Music and Dance, Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 646-453-9909 |
| June 6
Washington | Monthly social, The Washington Group, National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, | |

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The May 11, 2008, issue of The Ukrainian Weekly erroneously contained an advertisement listing events that took place in the summer of 2007 at Oselia CYM in Ellenville, NY. We apologize for the misunderstanding.


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| June 7 – Wedding | July 20 - 25 – Heritage Camp session 2 |
| June 8 - 13 – Seniors' Week | July 20 - 26 – Sitch Sports Camp session 1 |
| June 14 – Wedding | July 20 - August 2 – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp session 1; recital Saturday, August 2 |
| June 15 – Father's Day luncheon and cultural program | July 27 – August 2 – Sitch Sports Camp session 2 |
| June 21 – Wedding | July 27 - 31 – Adoptive Ukrainian Children and Parents Heritage Camp session co-sponsored by Ukrainian Embassy |
| June 22 - 29 – Tabir Ptashat session 1 | August 3 – 16 – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp session 2 |
| June 23 - 27 – Exploration Day Camp session 1 | August 9 – Miss Soyuzivka Weekend |
| June 22 - July 3 – Tennis Camp | August 9 – Club Suzy-Q Week – 25th Anniversary |
| June 28 - 29 – USCAK tennis tournament | August 16 – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp session 2 recital |
| June 29 - July 12 – Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Workshop | August 17 - 23 – Joseph's School of Dance (Ballroom Dance Camp) |
| June 29 - July 6 – Tabir Ptashat session 2 | August 25 – September 1 – Labor Day Week |
| June 30 - July 4 – Exploration Day Camp session 2 | |
| July 10 - 13 – Soyuzivka Cultural Festival Weekend | |
| July 13 -18 – Heritage Camp session 1 | |



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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 5

WASHINGTON: The Washington Group Cultural Fund presents a book reading and reception with Alexander Motyl, professor at Rutgers University, political scientist, author of six scholarly books and two novels, at the Embassy of Ukraine, 3350 M St. NW, at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by June 3 required to rsvp@ukremb.com or 202-349-2920; seating is limited. For information call 703-241-1817. Donations are welcome.

Scientific Society in Canada, Western Branch, and the Peter and Doris Kule Center for Canadian and Ukrainian Folklore are hosting a talk by Prof. Stepan Pavljuk, director, Institute of Ethnology, Lviv, on "Traditional Transport Technology of Western Ukraine." The talk, to be presented in Ukrainian, will take place at 8-9:30 p.m. at the Plast Hall, 10150 79th St. For information call the Kule Center, 780-492-6746, or log on to www.ukrfolk.ca.

Friday and Sunday, June 6 and 8

EDMONTON, Alberta: The Shevchenko Scientific Society in Canada, Western Branch, and the Peter and Doris Kule Center for Canadian and Ukrainian Folklore are hosting a talk by Dr. Roman Chmelyk, vice-director, Institute of Ethnology, Lviv, on "The Museum of Ethnology, Ukrainian Academy of Science." The talk, to be presented in English and Ukrainian, will take place at 1-2:30 p.m. at the Humanities Center, Lecture Room 17, University of Alberta, 112th Street and Saskatchewan Drive. For information call the Kule Center, 780-492-6746, or log on to www.ukrfolk.ca.

PHILADELPHIA: The Ukrainian League of Philadelphia (ULOph) will honor the late Tony Rubel, a member of the league, with an exhibit of his photographs titled "Women Through the Eyes of Tony Rubel." The opening of the photo exhibit will be on Friday in the upper hall of the Ukrainian League. The exhibit will be on view at 7-9 p.m. Afterwards, in the ULOph's downstairs club, Liubko Konrad, will entertain all with songs and ballads in Ukrainian and English. On Sunday the exhibit will be open to the general public at 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The ULOph is located at the corner of 800 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19130; for information log on to www.ukiebar.com.

EDMONTON, Alberta: The Shevchenko

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This workshop covers the basics of playing bandura and bandura history. Participants are introduced to ensemble playing and singing, music lectures, elementary music theory (as needed). This workshop is designed for children ages 9 - 11.
 This one-week program is held August 10 - 17.

VOCAL PROGRAMS

Ukrainian Sacred Music Workshop
This workshop provides an opportunity to sing sacred works by Ukrainian master composers and provides practical pointers for church singers, cantors, and conductors alike relative to common areas of church singing. Listening lectures will open up many hidden aspects of sacred music traditions. This course is designed for older teenagers (ages 15 and older) and adults of all ages.
 This 4-day program is held August 14 - 17.

Ukrainian Vocal Music Workshop
This intensive and enjoyable workshop focuses on the singing and performance of Ukrainian folk music. Participants will take part in a various ensembles, private lessons, and be instructed by teachers with extensive backgrounds in Ukrainian vocal music. This course is designed for older teenagers (ages 15 and older) and adults of all ages.
 This one-week program is held August 17 - 24.

Kobzarska Sich is held at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp in Emertown, Pennsylvania.
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