

SILENCED CRIES

A Benefit Concert for Humanity
All-Armenian Student Association

Sunday, April 15, 2007
7:30pm - 11:00pm
Bovard Auditorium, University of Southern California
3551 Trousdale Parkway
Los Angeles, CA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tentative Calendar— Please check our website for event details and updates: www.csunasa.org

Third General Meeting
Monday, April 16—3:30 PM
Flintridge Room, USU

Genocide Vigil
Thursday, April 26
Matador Bookstore Lawn

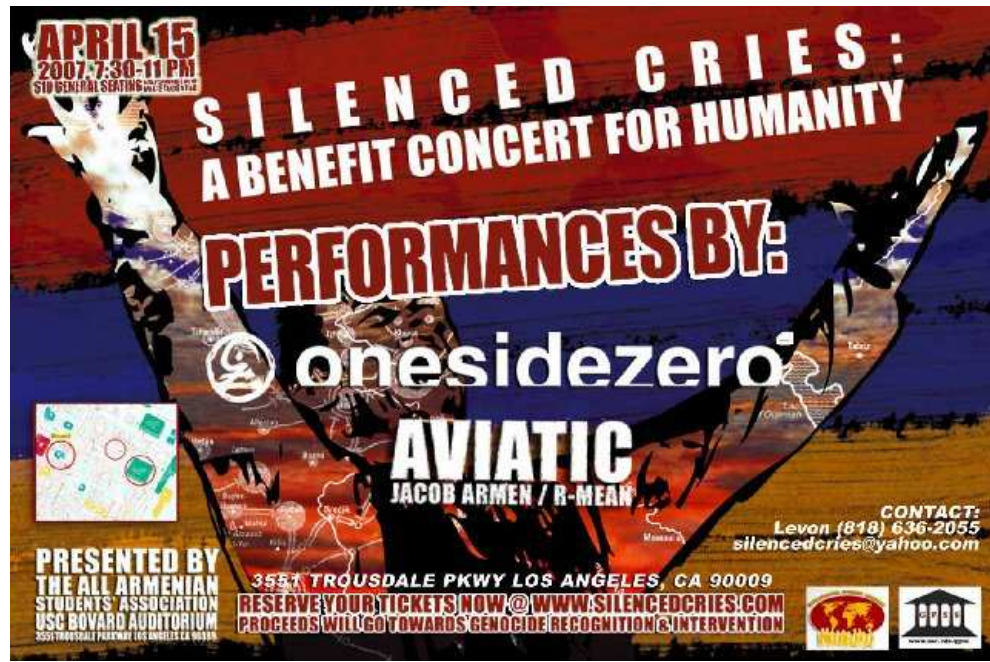
Last General Meeting
Monday, May 14—3:30 PM
Flintridge Room, USU

All-ASA Genocide Recognition Committee
Silence Cries: A Benefit Concert for Humanity
Sunday, April 15

All-ASA Athletic Games
Tournament at Santa Barbara
Friday-Sunday, May 25-27
To sign up for CSUN's basketball team email us at emails@csunasa.org



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CSUN ASA HAROUT PAMBOUKJIAN BANQUET

By Lusine Harutyunyan

On March 30th, 2007 the CSUN Armenian Student Association hosted the Har-out Pamboukjian Banquet! The Ojakh banquet hall was full of young Armenians dancing non-stop traditional Armenian dances and Shurj Par. The atmosphere was wonderful and everybody was having lot of fun and truly enjoyed the night. "It



was a great party, the first one in a long time that was not too crowded and the people were all cool, it was great," said USC Alumni Hovanes Margarian. Har-out Pamboukjian gave a great performance and DJ Raz played a great section of songs keeping everyone on the dance floor from beginning till the



end. CSULA, UCSB, and some UCI ASA members were also present at the banquet. It was great to see the ASAs come together and spend a night full of fun and like Armenians say "utel, khmel ev Kef anel". Videos and photos from the banquet are available on our Myspace page at www.myspace.com/csunasa and soon will be up on our website: www.csunasa.org.

Thank you to everyone for being part of this great event.

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CSUN ASA AEO & AGA MIXER

By Seda Harutyunyan

CSUN ASA, AEO, and AGA had a gathering at Castaic Lake on March 25, 2007, to have a fun and exiting picnic together. All members of the ASA had a chance to meet members of AEO and AGA, as well as spend time with the other ASA members outside of school. It was a fun and eventful get-together, where the AEO and ASA guys made a very delicious BBQ, and the ASA girls made the salads, while others were running around playing many different kinds of sports. We all enjoyed our time there. For me it was a great experience, which gave me a chance to meet and learn more about the CSUN Armenian students. We are all looking forward to the next time we will be able to gather together once again and have a great time.



LEARN THE ARMENIAN ALPHABET IN A SNAP!

Armenian Letter	Eastern Armenian	Western Armenian
Ա ա	A (as in Far)	Ayp (as in Far)
Բ բ	B (as in Boy)	Pen (as in Penguin)
Գ գ	G (as in Golf)	Kim (as in Kite)
Դ դ	D (as in Doubt)	Ta (as in Tom)
Ե ե	Ye (E) (as in Yet or Every)	Yech (as in Yet or Every)

English Word	Commonly Used Word	Armenian	Հայերեն
Handicapped	Invalid	Hashvandam	Հաշվանդամ
Process	Protses	@ndatsq	Ընդացք
Rug/Carpet	Khali	Gorg	Գորգ
Eggplant	Badrjan	Smbuk	Սմբուկ
Cousin	Qazin	Zarmik (guy) Zarmuhi (girl)	Հարմիկ (Տղա) Հարմուհի (Աղջիկ)

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WHY WE SHOULD BOYCOTT TURKISH PRODUCT

Nairi Zograbyan

Geographically speaking, Armenia is a nation that is at a disadvantage for trade. Armenia does not have a shoreline where trade docks can be built, and on the interior it does not have any direct trade routes. Turkey is the largest prospective neighboring country to Armenia that can boost the Armenian economy, but it has closed its borders to Armenians. To add fuel to the fire, they have a unidirectional trade embargo on Armenia. What this means is that Turkish companies can export their products to Armenia and take advantage of the buying power of Armenia, but they will not accept any products from Armenia. An example of this is "BEKO" which is a Turkish consumer electronics company that actually has a store in Yerevan Armenia. This unfair trade practice is a major reason why Armenia's economy is not

COUNTRY MOURNS PRIME MINISTER'S DEATH

March 28, 2007

YEREVAN (Excerpted from RFE/RL)—Hundreds flocked to the home of Armenia's deceased Prime Minister Antranik Margarian on Tuesday in order to pay their last respects. Markarian died suddenly on Sunday at the age of 55. His body lay in state during a private ceremony for relatives, friends

TURKEY CARRIES OUT THREATS TO WASHINGTON?

March 28, 2007

Turkey refused to allow the U.S. aircraft to exercise night training flights over its territory from the Incirlik air base. "Turkey rates the request of the U.S. command as not corresponding to

doing as well as it should. The only realistic way Armenia can export its goods is by air; its borders are locked and it does not have access to the seas. It does not take an economist to understand that shipping products by air costs considerably more than shipping by roads or by sea. Armenian products therefore are not economical for people to export, therefore Armenian grocery stores here in Los Angeles have only a handful of Armenian products, and the majority of our culture foods are exports of Turkey. In order to put pressure on the Turkish government to open up its borders to Armenia,

and colleagues.

Visitors included Defense Minister Serge Sarkisian, other senior government officials and members of Margarian's Republican Party, as well as heads of other political parties. President Robert Kocharian was expected to visit later in the day. The public will bid farewell to the Armenia premier on Wednesday when his body will be taken to Yerevan's Opera House before being buried in the national Pantheon. Kocharian has declared Wednesday a day of national mourn-

the agreements signed with the United States," reports CNN-Turk with a reference to its own sources. Besides, such requests go beyond the agreement on joint defense.

Incirlik was formed in 1954 nearby the city of Adana after conclusion of an agreement on joint defense between Ankara and Washington. According to the agreement signed in 1980, the

we should try our best to avoid buying Turkish goods. A boycott of Turkish products should be practiced both in Armenia and all around the world



where Armenians or Armenian sympathizers live. Turkish exports are usually canned goods found in mom & pop grocery stores and clothes found upscale stores such as Banana Republic and Express. The best way to avoid these products is by checking the

unique barcode on food products that begin with the numbers 869, and checking for "Made in Turkey" on the labels of clothes. More information on which stores in the Southern California region carry Turkish products and how to spot them can be found on the forum at www.BoycottTurkey.com.

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ing. Meanwhile, messages of sympathy continued to pour in from foreign leaders, including Pope Benedict XVI and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. Also sending their condolences were Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul, whose country has no diplomatic relations with Armenia. The Armenian government said Turkey's ambassador to neighboring Georgia is among foreign dignitaries who will arrive in Yerevan for Margarian's funeral.

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primary unit stationed here is the 39th Air Base Wing.

It was earlier reported that in case the U.S. Congress passes the resolution calling for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide, Turkey may impose limitation on the U.S. use of the air base.

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ARMENIAN CHURCH HEADS REFUSE INVITATION TO CHURCH INAUGURATION IN TURKEY

March 28, 2007

(Combined Sources)—The Armenian Apostolic Church said on Tuesday that it will boycott the high-profile inauguration of an ancient Armenian church in Turkey.

The 10th century Church of Holy Cross, located on the Akhtamar island on Lake Van, will again open its doors on Thursday after a \$1.5 million restoration commissioned by the government in Ankara. The opening ceremony is due to be attended by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other top Turkish officials as well as hundreds of guests.

In a statement, the Echmiadzin-based Mother See of the Armenian Apostolic Church said its supreme leader, Catholicos Garegin II, has also been invited to the event. It said Garegin will boycott it because the Turkish authorities have refused to return the church to the Armenian Patriarchate in Istanbul and plan to turn it into a museum instead. "This action taken by Turkey's authorities against

JIRAIR SEFILYAN AND VARDAN MALKHASYAN ARE CHARGED WITH CALLING FOR OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT

March 26, 2007

At about 10:30 or 11:00 at night on December 9, 2006,

ten masked officers of the National Security Service burst into Beijing Restaurant on Tumanyan Street where Jirair Sefilyan and his Lebanese-



the virtuous Christian feelings of the Armenian people can not be regarded as a positive step towards a rapprochement between the Armenian and Turkish peoples," read the statement. "Especially in the context of the present universal pursuit of a dialogue of religions and cultures and partnership among peoples."

On the same day, the Catholicosate of Cilicia issue the following statement: "We would like to convey to our faithful that because Turkey refuses to recognize the historical fact of the Armenian Genocide, the Catholicosate of the House of Cilicia rejects the invitation to send representation to the March 29 ceremony marking the opening of the Holy Cross Church on Akhtamar Island.

Armenia has sent a delegation to that ceremony, headed by Deputy Youth and Cultural Minister Gagik Gyurjian. Others in the delegation are mostly academics, including the head of Eastern Studies at Armenia's Academy of Sciences, Rouben Safrastian, the head of the Architects Union, Megerdich Minassian, the head of the Antiquities Studies at Armenia's Academy of Sciences, Pavel Avedissian, among other scholars.

The Istanbul-based spiritual leader of

Jirair Sefilyan, a citizen of Lebanon who is the commander of the special detachment of Shushi, reserve lieutenant colonel, bearer of the order of Military Cross of the First Degree, coordinator of the civil initiative groups Defense of the Liberated Territories and Union of Armenian Volunteers, and chair-

man of the Board of Trustees of the Araks-Kur Foundation for the Resettlement and Development of Javakh and Vardan Malkhasyan, a member of the board of the Fatherland and

Turkey's 60,000-strong Armenian community, Patriarch Mesrop II, will be among those present at ceremonies. Mesrop II had earlier asked the authorities in Ankara to allow the Turkish-Armenian community to mount a cross on top of the Akhtamar church and hold religious ceremonies there. The request was rejected by the Erdogan government, which makes no secret of its intention to use the church's renovation for halting growing international recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanian downplayed the event's political significance a few days later, saying that it is no substitute for reopening the Turkish-Armenian border and establishing diplomatic relations between the two neighboring states.

Built in 921 A.D. by Armenian King Gagik Artsruni, the Akhtamar church is one of the few remaining monuments of medieval Armenian architecture in what is now eastern Turkey. The Turkish government initiated the church's renovation in 2005 after being urged by the European Union to consider placing it on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

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Honor party and head of party's Ashtarak office, have been held in jail at Yerevan's Kentron Correctional Institution, known as the KGB basement ever since.

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