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NEWS BITS FROM LITHUANIA

VILNIUS - The European Court of Human Rights is threatening to impose sanctions on Lithuania for violating human rights by the passage of the KGB Act, which came into force in 1999. The Act stipulates .that former KGB collaborators may not work as public officials or civil servants for 10 years. It also ordered Lithuania to pay compensation to four former KGB collaborators who appealed to the European Court of Human Rights in 2000-2001 on the basis of discrimination. Two were banned from employment in public institutions and two from employment in private companies. Excerpted from the Baltic Times

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Litvinenko case may have Baltic twist

Jan 24, 2007

By Arturas Racas

VILNIUS - Lithuania's name was dropped once again in relation to the murder of former Russian special services officer Alexander Litvinenko, who died in London on Nov. 23, 2006 from polonium poisoning. The Baltic state was first mentioned in December, when three Lithuanian citizens were reportedly contaminated with the same radioactive isotope - polonium-210 - used to kill Litvinenko.

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Norwegian hunter shoots endangered bison

Jan 31, 2007

By Arturas Racas

VILNIUS - It's not every day one spots a bison - the biggest land mammal in Europe - in Lithuanian forests, as there are only some 45 of them strolling around. Yet on Jan. 28, a Norwegian hunter shot one under the impression that it was another animal. The shot not only killed the animal, which is a close relative of bison indigenous to North America, but also emptied the hunter's wallet. ==BALTIC TIMES

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Meeting & Potluck

Saturday, February 10, 2007

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center /

GARDENS ROOM

5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

HOST & HOSTESS
JACK & MARY MURRAY

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE COMMERATIONS

Historically, generations after generations of Lithuanians lived under the rule of Russians or Germans, but they kept the alive flame of Lithuanian culture, language and love of liberty, even as others sought to suppress and extinguish it. With the defeat of Russia in World War, and the hard won victory of the Americans and the Allies on the Western front, nationalism was reborn in Europe. On Feb. 16, 1918, the Lithuanian declaration of independence was signed by a group of leading Lithuanian intellectuals This independence was to be short-lived. The shifting fortunes of the Soviets made possible the "Singing Revolution" of Lithuania and sister Baltic States. The chain of hand-holding Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians marked a desire for independence. On March 11, 1990, Lithuania declared her independence, but more was to come--of civilians against tanks at the Television Tower massacre on January 13, 1991. . The House of Lithuania will commemorate these independence days at the February and March meetings, and the Lithuanian-American Community on March 4th at the Oceanside Senior Center.

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2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED

Jack Murray, HoL Membership Chairman, will be collecting the dues and updating membership records at the February meeting. Dues for the Year 2007 are still $10, and payable as of January 1St

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