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Kyiv-based Molode Radio a hit with Ukrainian diaspora listeners

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – Molode Radio has become a hit among Americans and Canadians craving Ukrainian pop music.

What initially began as a project to broadcast Ukrainian-only pop music on Kyiv's radio airwaves has found far greater success in broadcasting over the Internet, attracting the Ukrainian diaspora, which now accounts for half its regular listeners.

"The ability to create Internet radio is simply unlimited," said Stanislav Shumlianskyi, the founder and general director of Molode Radio (<http://www.molode.com.ua>), which is based at the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy.

Given its rising popularity, Molode Radio announced February 15 it will begin offering its listeners more civic programming on topics such as politics and the Internet in Ukraine.

Molode Radio attracts 300 daily listeners directly, Mr. Shumliansky said, but that figure doesn't take into account the hundreds of other listeners who manage to tune in through retransmissions on other websites.

It's the only music broadcaster in Ukraine that plays exclusively Ukrainian pop and rock music, featuring classic bands from the early 1990s like Mertvyi Piven, as well as emerging rockers such as Druha Rika and Lama.

However, the broadcaster's overall goal is to gradually transition from a pop music outlet to become an interactive public broadcaster for listeners living both in Ukraine and abroad.

"We want to be a radio community, not radio that simply does something for someone," Mr. Shumlianskyi said.

Molode Radio will rely on feedback from its listeners to make programming decisions through online surveys, forums and chats.

An international network of correspondents has even emerged, whereby Ukrainians as far away as Boston and San Sebastian, Spain, have posted podcasts of events in their towns, such as the Basque festival.

Its most prominent show is "Day's Chronicle," a daily news broadcast produced by Kyiv Mohyla journalism students.

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Ukraine releases stamp featuring Adelaide's St. Michael Orthodox Church

ADELAIDE, Australia – The Ukrainian postal administration "Ukrposhta" February 9 released a commemorative postage stamp honoring the Archangel St. Michael Autocephalic Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate, located in Adelaide, Australia. The postage stamp, valued at 3.35 hryvnia depicts a contemporary view of the church from a photograph taken by well-known Adelaide philatelist and Ukraine expert, George Fedyk.

The stamp was also issued with an attached label that depicts the church's stained glass window of its patron, the Archangel Michael, created by Adelaide artist Cedar Prest.

This postage stamp is the second in the series "Ukrainian Churches Abroad" that is being released by Ukrposhta. The first stamp of this series was issued on December 9, 2005, and highlighted St.

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The commemorative stamp released by Ukraine Post that features St. Michael Autocephalic Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate, which is located in Adelaide, Australia.

Tymoshenko headed for U.S.

by Taras Kuzio
Eurasia Daily Monitor

WASHINGTON – Yulia Tymoshenko, leader of the eponymous bloc and head of the Ukrainian opposition, arrives in the United States on Sunday, February 25, for a six-day visit that will take her to New York and Washington. It is her first visit to the U.S. as a politician.

Her visit follows that of Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich on December 4-6, 2006, and President Viktor Yushchenko in April 2005.

Ms. Tymoshenko's visit has been organized in a manner different from that of Mr. Yanukovich, which was highly choreographed by his Washington public relations firm in such a way that he refrained from open discussions and refused to meet the Ukrainian diaspora.

Ms. Tymoshenko, on the other hand, will have an opportunity to meet with Ukrainian Americans in both New York City and Washington.

In New York, Tymoshenko will speak at the Council on Foreign Relations and at Columbia University, and will meet with J.P. Morgan investment bankers.

In Washington, Ms. Tymoshenko is set to speak at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the National Press Club. She plans to hold high-level meetings with officials of the U.S. government and Congress, and she will receive an award at the annual Ronald Reagan Banquet held during the Conservative Political Action Conference.



Oleksander Kosaryev/UNIAN

Opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko in the Verkhovna Rada on January 11.

Press interviews are currently being contemplated with several major media outlets, among them The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Financial Times, Time and Newsweek.

The Tymoshenko Bloc came in second during the 2006 elections with 22.2 percent,

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Tymoshenko bloc deputies stage blockade in Rada over utility hikes

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – As opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko prepared for her three-day visit to the U.S., her parliamentary faction wrecked havoc in the Verkhovna Rada this week in order to cast itself as the force fighting against unpopular surges in utility bills, which drew nationwide protests this winter.

In cutting electricity to the Parliament and blocking access to the electrical control unit, Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc national deputies claimed they were fighting to introduce legislation to restrict utility bill hikes, which First Vice Chairman Adam Martyniuk wouldn't allow at the February 21 session.

Given that the coalition government was not going to support the bill – as Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich assured the public he would ease utility burdens without the measure – Tymoshenko Bloc deputies nevertheless engaged in its drastic acts before televi-

sion cameras to win public support.

"Tymoshenko is going for the jugular," said Ivan Lozowy, president of the Kyiv-based Institute of Statehood and Democracy, financed by Ukrainian business donations. "This is good public relations underscoring the Tymoshenko Bloc's main message: that the Party of the Regions is trying to gouge utilities consumers."

Throughout the winter, protests erupted in Ukraine's largest cities, particularly in Kyiv and Kharkiv, drawing tens of thousands Ukrainians irate over steep increases in utility bills. In many cities and oblasts, opposition politicians simply told the public not to pay the new utility rates.

For example, former Kyiv Mayor Oleksander Omelchenko and Tymoshenko Bloc city deputies told the capital's residents not to pay the new utility rates, which the Kyiv City Council increased by 240 percent in one swoop.

Kharkiv Oblast Administration Chair Arsenii Avakov told disgruntled Kharkiv

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ANALYSIS

Tolerance of diversity reduces need for Russian language law in Ukraine

by **Taras Kuzio**

Eurasia Daily Monitor

Although Ukraine's Party of the Regions introduced a new draft language law in the Verkhovna Rada last fall, interest in the bill will decline following the unexpected death of key party ideologue Yevhen Kushnariov last month. Elevating Russian to an official or second state language requires a change to the 1996 Constitution of Ukraine, and the ruling Anti-Crisis Coalition is short by 60 votes.

The Party of the Regions and Communists are alone in their support for elevating the status of the Russian language. A large proportion of the centrist camp that backed the regime of Leonid Kuchma continues to support the 1989 law and 1996 Constitution that make Ukrainian the sole state language but provides for official tolerance of local language diversity.

National Security and Defense Council Secretary Vitalii Haiduk, head of the Industrial Union of the Donbas – a rival to Rynat Akhmetov's Systems Capital Management, which backs the Party of the Regions – is opposed to making Russian a second state language. "We should proceed very cautiously, without going to extremes. We should not sensationalize the situation either," he warned.

The language issue has had little saliency, except during the 1994 and 2004 presidential election campaigns.

The Razumkov Center warned on the eve of the 2004 elections that the language issue in of itself would be unlikely to lead to "serious social conflict," but it added, "politicization of this question could lead to negative consequences." Party of the Regions leader Viktor Yanukovich and his Russian political advisors politicized the issue in the 2004 elections.

In a 2001 Razumkov Center survey only 7 percent of respondents believed that the Russian language was a critical issue, placing it 24th out of 30 issues. In January 2002, only 1.6 percent said that the inclusion of language in a party's program would influence whether or not they would vote for it.

A 2006 survey found similar results. Of the 10 most acute problems facing Ukraine, the Russian language was mentioned by only 8 percent, a figure due primarily to the 25 percent interest level in Crimea and the Donbas. North and east of these two regions only between 2.5 percent and 4 percent saw it as an issue. Two-thirds of the 8 percent who consider the Russian language an issue reside in the Donbas and Crimea – two areas that are bastions of support for the Party of the Regions and the Communists and, ironically, where Russian is not in any way challenged, let alone threatened.

The Razumkov Center and other think-tanks found that Ukrainian and

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Vladimir Putin's Russia: a Potemkin democracy, a Potemkin free market, and a Potemkin arms race

by **Pavel Felgenhauer**

Eurasia Daily Monitor

Using language rarely heard since the Cold War, Russian President Vladimir Putin blasted the United States, the European Union, NATO, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the West in general during a major policy speech at a security conference in Munich on February 10.

After Mr. Putin's outburst, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov and U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who were both in Munich, tried to downplay the confrontational nature of Mr. Putin's speech, asserting that this is not yet a "Cold War."

But members of a U.S. Congressional delegation at the Munich conference deemed Mr. Putin's address to be aggressive and provocative, while articles appeared in Moscow asserting that a "new Cold War" has indeed started (*Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, *Vedomosti*, February 12).

It is not easy to explain the rationale behind Mr. Putin's anti-Western broadside in Munich. If he had only attacked Washington's current policies, his view might gain some understanding from European and U.S. politicians who are themselves at odds with the Bush administration. But Mr. Putin attacked indiscriminately, causing collateral damage in all quarters, blasting the EU on Kosovo and NATO on expansion, the OSCE for its election monitoring and NGOs for promoting democracy.

A pro-Kremlin website (*strana.ru*, February 12) lamented that Mr. Putin's

address was rejected by virtually everyone – from U.S. Republicans to German Greens. It was reported that there were even hecklers in the audience shouting, "You'll answer for the murdered journalists!" during Mr. Putin's speech (*Rossiiskaya Gazeta*, February 12).

It was ill-advised of the Russian president to try to press on Western politicians the idea that any NGO that receives grants from any state budget becomes by implication a political tool of that state's government, dismissing them as "so-called NGOs that are formally independent, but are financed and in fact controlled" (*kremlin.ru*, February 10). In Russia, the Kremlin indeed fully controls the so-called NGOs it finances, but Western politicians know from experience that in their world this linkage is not always true.

A genuine new Cold War does not seem possible despite Mr. Putin's rhetoric. First, he is short on resources. Today's Russia is half the size of the old USSR in terms of population and industrial potential. The problem is not only material, but also ideological. Soviet rulers believed their system of governance was superior. When the belief failed, the system collapsed.

Mr. Putin and his Kremlin cohorts do not have any separate ideology and are building in Russia something they believe is a modern Western state. In Munich Mr. Putin, who sees himself as a pro-Western reformer, a reborn Peter the Great, not so much challenged the West, as expressed his anguish at not only not being accepted, but instead being per-

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NEWSBRIEFS

Consultative referendum on Constitution?

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko said in an interview with the UNIAN news service on February 20 that he is in favor of holding a consultative referendum on amendments and changes to the Constitution of Ukraine. Mr. Yushchenko noted that the first stage of his initiative envisions the creation of a constitutional commission that could prepare constitutional amendments. "I think that every day society realizes more and more clearly that if we fail to organize this [constitutional] process today, six months or a year later the circumstances for this will become much worse. Then far more resolute and radical methods would be needed to organize this process," Mr. Yushchenko said. Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich commented later the same day that the president's willingness to amend the Constitution could lead to a "harsh confrontation" in the country, *Interfax-Ukraine* reported. (RFE/RL Newsline)

President for minimum wage hike

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko on February 19 submitted a draft bill to the Verkhovna Rada that proposes to increase the minimum monthly wage to 420 hrv (\$83 U.S.) as of May and to 430 hrv (\$85) as of August from the current 400 hrv, *Ukrainian media* reported. The legislature came to a standstill at its morning sitting on February 20, after opposition deputies demanded that Mr. Yushchenko's bill and another one, which imposes limits on utility-tariff hikes, be considered as urgent. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich said on February 19 that the Cabinet will consider increases in wages and pensions only after taking into account the economic results of the first quarter of 2007. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Cabinet accuses opposition of cynicism

KYIV – Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers charged in a statement on February 20 that the opposition wants to destabilize the situation in the country, *Interfax-Ukraine* reported. The statement came in response to the unsuccessful efforts by the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine parliamentary caucuses earlier the same day

to pass bills on increasing the monthly minimum wage and on limiting utility-tariff hikes. "Today the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine once again demonstrated the unbounded cynicism of their policy," the statement reads. "In August 2005 Tymoshenko personally decided to break the extremely favorable five-year agreement on Russian gas supplies to Ukraine at the price of \$48 per 1,000 cubic meters. The doubling of the price for imported gas that followed has irreversibly brought about increased prices for foodstuffs and consumer goods as well as a hike in tariffs for electricity and other utilities." (RFE/RL Newsline)

OU supports bill on opposition

KYIV – The council chair of the Our Ukraine party, Viktor Baloha, said Our Ukraine will support the bill on the opposition. He said this will add fuel to the agreement on a common opposition between the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) and Our Ukraine. On January 12 the Verkhovna Rada passed a bill "On the Opposition" on the initiative of the YTB. Meanwhile the YTB had to support the parliamentary majority in overriding the president's veto of the bill "On the Cabinet of Ministers." (Ukrinform)

Kravchuk for amending Constitution

KYIV – Ex-President Leonid Kravchuk believes the Constitution of Ukraine needs to be amended, as the amendments agreed to in 2004 led to double-rule in the country. Speaking with *Ukrinform* on February 20, Mr. Kravchuk said commissioning the Constitutional Court to solve key problems is not a way out. The Constitutional Court will have to consider 68 cases. He commented, "Have you ever seen the authorities ruling by means of court? ... We are kind of a funny country – we have elected the president by means of the Supreme Court, who rules the country by means of the Constitutional Court." According to Mr. Kravchuk, on February 19 at a meeting with President Viktor Yushchenko, he voiced his opinion that the present realities have to be recognized and that the

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NEWS ANALYSIS: Ukrainian president, prime minister sue each other

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As Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich continue to dispute each other's powers, interpreting the constitutional amendments of 2004-2006 each in his own favor, both hope for support from the judiciary.

On February 5 Mr. Yushchenko referred the new law on the Cabinet of Ministers, which cuts his authority, to the Constitutional Court. Later on, Mr. Yushchenko instructed his Secretariat to find out from the Constitutional Court whether he can dismiss the Cabinet assembled by Mr. Yanukovich. The Cabinet almost simultaneously filed several lawsuits against Mr. Yushchenko – obviously tit for tat.

On February 15, Mr. Yushchenko's legal advisor Ihor Pukshyn announced at a briefing in Kyiv that the Presidential Secretariat was going to ask the Constitutional Court to clarify whether the president can dismiss the Cabinet. Mr. Pukshyn explained that there is an article in the Constitution of Ukraine that stipulates that the Cabinet is accountable to both Parliament and the president. This, according to Mr. Pukshyn, should mean that the president, not only

Parliament, can dismiss the Cabinet.

The president had this right before 2006, when the constitutional amendments of December 2004 came into force. The amended Constitution, however, leaves to the president only the right to ask Parliament to vote no confidence in the Cabinet, First Deputy Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers Olena Lukash explained, expanding on Mr. Pukshyn's statement. The final word is up to Parliament, which is currently dominated by Mr. Yanukovich supporters. This means that President Yushchenko would have no chance of getting rid of Prime Minister Yanukovich if he sought Parliament's help.

Mr. Yanukovich flatly dismissed Mr. Pukshyn's announcement, speaking to journalists on February 16. "If lawsuits against certain presidential decrees were a reason for the president's indignation, I think this is all emotional," said Mr. Yanukovich. He meant the lawsuits that the Cabinet decided at its meeting on February 15 to file against Mr. Yushchenko, citing "the president's illegal orders regarding several regional administration heads," according to Mr. Pukshyn.

One of those lawsuits regards the chairman of the Kharkiv Oblast

Administration, Arsen Avakov. The Cabinet filed it at a district court in Kyiv, complaining of Mr. Yushchenko's "illegal inaction" regarding the dismissal of Mr. Avakov. On June 3, 2006, the Kharkiv oblast Council voted no confidence in Mr. Avakov, whom Mr. Yushchenko had appointed immediately after the Orange Revolution. Mr. Avakov is, however, still the chairman.

Although the constitutional reform has put an end to the president's control over the Cabinet, the Constitution preserved the president's right to appoint oblast administration chairs, known as governors. In Kharkiv, Mr. Yanukovich's allies have controlled both the mayoral office and the oblast council since the local elections of March 2006, but Mr. Yushchenko decided to keep the loyal Mr. Avakov. As he did not react to the no-confidence motion in Mr. Avakov, Mr. Yanukovich last October officially petitioned Mr. Yushchenko to dismiss Mr. Avakov, but Mr. Yushchenko ignored the petition.

The Cabinet believes that President Yushchenko violated the law by not firing Mr. Avakov, but the Presidential Secretariat says that no legal violation occurred. Mr. Pukshyn said that a separate service would be set up at the Secretariat in order to represent Mr. Yushchenko in court. Currently, the Ministry of Justice formally represents the president, but when the Cabinet, to which the ministry is subordinated, is the plaintiff and the president is the defendant, a conflict of interest arises. Mr. Yushchenko's team is apparently preparing for serious legal warfare with the Cabinet – a timely precaution, given that Mr. Lukash has been quoted as saying that the Cabinet is going to dispute in courts about 10 percent of the decrees Mr. Yushchenko has issued.

This exchange of blows may be used as an element of pressure or a bargaining chip by both sides, but it is unlikely to result in the dismissal of the Cabinet. The

UNIAN news agency has quoted the head of the Kyiv-based Center for the Study of Political Values think-tank, Oles Doniy, who described the presidential secretariat's intention to turn to the Constitutional Court over the possibility of dismissing the Cabinet as "legal illiteracy."

Mr. Doniy also pointed to the danger of de-legitimizing the Constitutional Court in the eyes of the general public, as the court's integrity may be publicly questioned by either of the two sides, depending on the verdict. "If the Presidential Secretariat prepares this request ... it means that it for some reason hopes for a positive result," Mr. Doniy said. "Consequently suspicions arise regarding financial or administrative influence on CC judges."

Constitutional Court Chief Justice Ivan Dombrovsky, who was appointed last year, senses pressure. Speaking at his first press conference on February 15, Mr. Dombrovsky did not rule out his resignation if top officials and the mass media put excessive pressure on the court. He said that he would not trade his moral integrity "even for a million dollars" and that nobody has ever offered bribes to him. Mr. Dombrovsky also denied media reports alleging that the Constitutional Court would soon declare the Mr. Yanukovich's Cabinet illegal.

President Yushchenko, meeting with newly appointed judges on February 19, warned them against taking sides in political fights. "Some judges have chosen political submission as their way of life," he said.

Sources: *Interfax-Ukraine, Ukrayinska Pravda, February 15, 16, 19; UNIAN, Ukrayinski Novyny, February 16*

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117,000 Ukrainians victims of human trafficking since 1991

RFE/RL

PRAGUE – A new report says more people from Ukraine have been trafficked abroad for forced labor and prostitution than from any other former Communist country, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service reported.

In a report released on February 19, the International Organization for Migration said approximately 117,000

Ukrainians have been forced into exploitative situations abroad since the 1991 break-up of the Soviet Union.

Ukrainian officials say low salaries and unemployment increase the vulnerability of the country's citizens to human trafficking and forced labor.

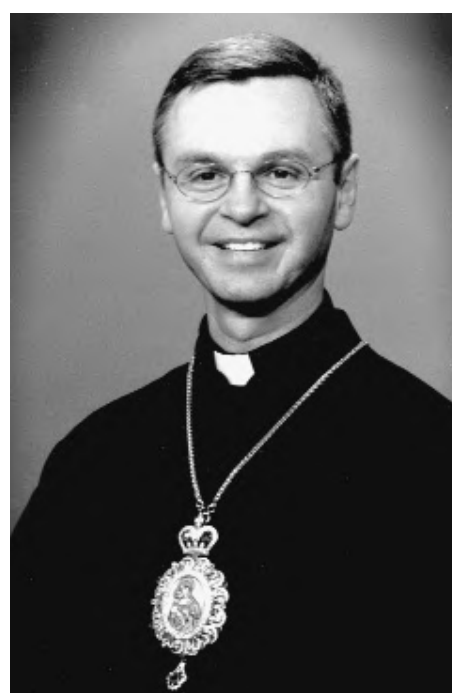
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Bishop David Motiuk named to head Edmonton Eparchy

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — Archbishop Luigi Ventura, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, announced on January 25 that Pope Benedict XVI had appointed Auxiliary Bishop David Motiuk of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg, as head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. The archeparchy announced that Bishop Motiuk would succeed Metropolitan-Archbishop Lawrence Huculak, 56, who was appointed to head the Archeparchy of Winnipeg in January 2006.

Bishop Motiuk, 45, a native of Vegreville, Alberta, was ordained to the priesthood in 1988. He has a degree in canon law from St. Paul University in Ottawa and a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. Additionally, he served as rector of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa from 1996 to 2001 and in 2002 was ordained as auxiliary bishop of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg by Cardinal Lubomyr Husar.

On the occasion of his appointment Bishop Motiuk said, "I am grateful to the Holy Father and the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church for the confidence instilled in me in appointing me as the fifth bishop of the Eparchy of Edmonton, and I look forward to serving the Ukrainian



Bishop David Motiuk

Catholic faithful in Alberta."

The installation of Bishop Motiuk as eparch of Edmonton is scheduled to take place on March 24 at St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church in Edmonton, with Metropolitan Huculak with Archbishop Luigi Ventura officiating.

Ukraine's most popular names in 2006: Sophia and Vadym

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – In the United States, it's Emma and Aiden (that spelling is now preferred over Aidan) that were the most popular names in 2006, while in Ukraine it was Sophia and Vadym.

According to *Ukrayinski Novyny* news service, Ukraine's Ministry of Justice reported on January 29 on the most popular names bestowed on newborns in 2006.

Other popular girls' names were: Daryna, Daria, Khrystyna, Hanna, Maria, Viktoria, Kateryna, Anastasia, Yelyzaveta and Valeria.

For boys, the most frequently chosen names were: Roman, Hlib, Vladyslav, Maksym, Danylo, Denys and Andrii.

Among the names that were popular in specific regions of Ukraine were: Bohdan, Nazar, Arsen, Taras and Zoriana.

The Justice Ministry's press service reported that parents did not seem to be naming their children in honor of politicians. Thus, there were precious few Viktors, although Yulia did continue to be as popular as it has been for many years.

As well, the ministry noted that traditional names – like Halyna, Nina, Liudmyla, Larysa, Valentyna, Hryhorii,

Leonid, Stepan, Anatolii, Serhii and Petro – are becoming less and less frequent. Generally such traditional names are used when a child is named in honor of a relative.

Such names as Andzhela (Angela) and Zhanna, which were all the rage in the 1980s, have practically disappeared. However, unusual and rare names seem to be gaining in use.

Justice Minister Oleksander Lavrynovych opined that popular books and television shows seem to be influencing parents' choices. Historical and biblical names also are widespread, he added.

Among the more unusual names registered during 2006 were: Iudi, Kennedi, Era, Dobrynia, Ratybor, Darwin, Karmelita, Platon, Spartak, Apolinaria, Atillo, Esmeralda, Kniaz and Anhel.

The most unusual, the Justice Ministry said, were Pryntsesa, Cheresnia, Zolushka, Atlantyda, Kosmos, Madagaskar, Taimer, Server and Lymon.

Of Ukraine's most popular names, only one – Sophia – can be found among the top 10 names in the U.S. Sophia ranks seventh. Close behind is Andrew, the English version of Andrii; it ranks 11th in the U.S.

Spring semester lecture series is inaugurated in Philadelphia

by Nicholas Rudnytzky

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

PHILADELPHIA – The St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics and the Philadelphia Study Center of the Shevchenko Scientific Society on Sunday, February 11, inaugurated their spring semester lecture series devoted to the Ukrainian Church.

Inasmuch as the series takes place on the 100th anniversary of the consecration and appointment of the Rev. Soter Ortynsky as bishop of all Greek-Catholics in the United States, the opening festivities included a solemn liturgy celebrated by Msgr. James Melnyk, pastor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Melrose Park, Pa. For this reason also, the first two lectures of the series were devoted exclusively to the life and works of Bishop Ortynsky (1866-1916).

Speaking in English, Msgr. Melnyk detailed at length the achievements of Bishop Ortynsky during his brief tenure as hierarch whose jurisdiction was initially rather limited. Until 1913, Bishop Ortynsky was under the authority of the Roman Catholic hierarchy; he became full exarch, responsible directly to the Roman pontiff, only two years before his death.

Among his achievements the speaker listed the founding of an orphanage in Philadelphia, the introduction of the Basilian order of nuns to the United States, the establishment of several church organs, including the newspaper *America* and the founding of the Providence



Organizers of the Philadelphia lecture series devoted to the Ukrainian Church (from left): Osip Roshka, Dr. Leonid Rudnytzky, Dr. Jaroslav Zalipsky, Msgr. James Melnyk, Dr. Natalia Pazuniak and Dr. Alexander Luzhnycky.

Association of Ukrainian Catholics.

Msgr. Melnyk also analyzed the various conflicts that involved Bishop Ortynsky during his tenure and the role played by the Russian Orthodox Church in the life of the Ukrainian faithful at the turn of the 19th century.

He concluded his presentation with the reading of one of the sermons delivered by Bishop Ortynsky that included numerous quotations in Church Slavonic, and thus offered the audience insights not only into the thoughts of the bishop, but also an approximation of the manner and

style of his delivery.

In his brief talk, Dr. Alexander Luzhnycky provided a panoramic overview of Ukrainian life in the United States prior to Bishop Ortynsky's arrival to this country. He enumerated and discussed briefly ten Ukrainian émigré political parties and ideological groups that were active at that time and with whom the bishop had to deal on an almost daily basis.

Dr. Luzhnycky also offered interesting glimpses into the personality of the hierarch, a trenchant analysis of his *modus operandi* and suggested a number of rea-

sons for the difficulties he experienced during his tenure. Among others, Dr. Luzhnycky's presentation showed the gradual secularization process of Ukrainian life in the United States and the ensuing separation of religious and civic activities in the Ukrainian community.

Other lecturers in the series are Osip Roshka who will speak on the topic, "Metropolitan Andrey and the Process of Church Unity during World War II," and Mykola Ryabchuk, the well-known Ukrainian political scientist and literary scholar, who will analyze the Church policies of the current Ukrainian governments.

Also scheduled are lectures by the Protobresbyter Frank Estocin on the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church of the United States, and Father John Kaszczak on the relations between Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Bishop Ortynsky. Scheduled as a conclusion of the spring semester is Dr. Askold Lozynskyj's examination of the current status of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States.

The lecture series is the latest product of a long collaboration between the St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics and the Philadelphia Study Center of the Shevchenko Scientific Society, currently headed by Drs. Leonid Rudnytzky and Jaroslav Zalipsky, respectively. Initiated in the late 1970s, this cooperation has been a vital factor in the cultural and scholarly life of Ukrainians living in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Montreal branch of Ukrainian Canadian Congress expands its activity

MONTREAL – The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Montreal-Quebec Chapter will be hosting an executive meeting of the national UCC board of directors on March 10-11 in Montreal. For the first time, the meeting will be held in Montreal.

National UCC President Orsysia Sushko's aim is to give all UCC national directors a better awareness of the Montreal Ukrainian community – one that lives uniquely in Canada within a primarily French-speaking environment. As a result, most members of the community are trilingual. The president of UCC Montreal is Prof. Yarema Kelebay.

The UCC Montreal-Quebec Chapter comprises 38 different organizations,

including church groups, and was founded in 1941.

Among its various annual events this term, UCC Montreal organized two major projects. The first was a three-day visit to Montreal from the United Kingdom by Nigel Linsan Colley, the great nephew of Welsh journalist Gareth Jones, who was the first Western journalist to expose the 1932-1933 Famine-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine. After his visit to the Soviet Union, "in 1933 Jones had conveyed to a friend that the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs Maxim Litvinov had accused Jones of espionage and that he had been placed on the black list of the OGPU. Soviet secret police," said Mr. Colley. Shortly afterwards he was murdered in 1935. Former Prime



Nigel Linsan Colley (center) signs the Book of Honor at Montreal City Hall; with him (from left) are Famine-Genocide survivors Mykhailo Lazarenko and Natalka Rud, Mayor Gerald Tremblay and Marcel Tremblay.

Minister of England David Lloyd George, and close friend of Jones, later stated that "Mr. Gareth Jones was a man who knew too much."

Mr. Colley spoke about Gareth Jones at The McGill Faculty Club to the university audience and general public; later, he spoke in Rosemount to the general Ukrainian public. A historic signing of the Book of Honor at the Montreal City Hall by Mr. Colley took place in memory of Jones and the Famine. Present were Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay; Marcel Tremblay, who is in charge of liaison with Montreal cultural communities; two Famine survivors and members of the UCC executive.

Mr. Colley's visit to Canada was coordinated by UCC Montreal with Toronto and Ottawa, where he also spoke, using a Power Point presentation. For Mr. Colley's first one-week visit to Canada, all expenses were shared by the three cities.

UCC Montreal is also involved with the issue of Canada's first internment operations, working closely with James Slobodian of Rouyn-Noranda on the Spirit Lake internment project and its committee in Northern Quebec.

Over 60 families from Montreal's St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church and others from the surrounding area were needlessly taken to the Spirit Lake internment camp between 1915 and 1920.

UCC President Kelebay and executive member Zorianna Hrychenko-Luhova were invited to be members of the Spirit Lake Internment Committee, thereby facilitating for Amos, Quebec, direct contact and cooperation with Montreal Ukrainians.

The next project organized by UCC Montreal is the annual Taras Shevchenko concert, to be held on Sunday, March 11, at Dim Molodi in Rosemount, which the UCC national directors will attend.

To The Weekly Contributors:

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THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

UNA organizes farewell party for Olha Kuzmowycz of Svoboda

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The Ukrainian National Association on February 16 hosted a farewell luncheon for journalist and columnist Olha Kuzmowycz, who had served on the staff of its Ukrainian-language newspaper, Svoboda, for 25 years.



Roma Hadzewycz
Olha Kuzmowycz with UNA President Stefan Kaczaraj.

UNA President Stefan Kaczaraj presented Mrs. Kuzmowycz with a plaque recognizing her years of devoted service to Svoboda, along with other gifts. A bouquet of flowers was presented on behalf of the UNA and its two newspapers by Roma Hadzewycz, editor-in-chief of The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda.

As employees of the UNA and its publications looked on, Svoboda Editor Lev Khmelkovsky read a humorous tribute to the veteran journalist, as well as her latest column for Svoboda (which is published in the issue dated February 23.)

In turn, Mrs. Kuzmowycz addressed the group, expressing her pride at having worked at Svoboda with its illustrious editors and her determination to continue writing her signature column (“Prot Tse I Te” – This and That).

All present sang a hearty and heartfelt “Mnohaya Lita” for Mrs. Kuzmowycz and then posed for a group photo before enjoying lunch.

A stand erected in the room displayed photos of Mrs. Kuzmowycz at work as a journalist and as a community activist with such organizations as Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and the Shevchenko Scientific Society.

Mrs. Kuzmowycz was accompanied to the reception by her daughter, Christine Sawicki.

UNA Branch 175 in Detroit gathers for its annual meeting



WARREN, Mich. – Ukrainian National Association Branch 175 of Detroit held its branch meeting on January 28. Attendees of the meeting are featured in the photo above. Seated (from left) are: Alexandra Lawrin, secretary/treasurer; Alexander Serafyn, Ph.D., president; Lesia Florchuk, vice-president; and Roman Lazarczuk, recording secretary for the meeting.



Lev Khmelkovsky
UNA, Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly staff with Olha Kuzmowycz.

Meeting Notice: UNA Branch 360

Branch 360 of the Ukrainian National Association - Ridna Shkola Society - in Buffalo, NY, will hold its annual meeting and election of officers for 2007 on

Sunday, March 18, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

at the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall.
All members of UNA Branch 360 are required to attend.
Guests and interested prospects are welcome.

Visit the websites of the UNA's publications:

www.ukrweekly.com
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THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Sponsors an Awards and Scholarship Program to UNA student members attending college in academic year 2007-2008

The UNA Scholarship program for UNA student members offers 2 programs:
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Save the Voice and Liberty

A month ago (January 21) in this space, we sounded the alarm about cuts at the Voice of America that reduced Ukrainian-language radio broadcasts to Ukraine from 90 minutes per day to an hour. That was the result of a decision to abruptly halt broadcasts of the popular "Breakfast Show" and to, instead, focus more on VOA's TV programming aimed at Ukraine.

Our reaction to this muting of the Voice of America was highly negative. "Who benefits?" we asked. Certainly not Ukraine, whose citizens have come to know and appreciate this trusted radio voice that presented reliable information.

This month we learned that the cuts at VOA will continue and that there will be reductions in Ukrainian programming offered by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty – if the budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (which actually begins on October 1, 2007) is adopted by Congress as presented by the Bush administration. (VOA Director Dan Austin even told staffers that Ukrainian radio broadcasts would be eliminated.)

The budget actually proposes an increase of 3.8 percent for 2008 for the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which supervises all U.S. government-supported non-military international broadcasting, including VOA and RFE/RL. However, according to the BBG, significantly more funds are to be diverted to paying for broadcasts reaching "critical audiences around the world" – North Korea, the Middle East, Somalia and Cuba. In addition, more funds will be channeled to support programming to "critical Muslim audiences" – an initiative that is viewed as part of the administration's over-all security strategy. ("Critical" appears to be the key word in the BBG's releases...)

RFE/RL Acting President Jeffrey Trimble was quoted as saying: "The budget request for RFE/RL is sufficient to support our continuing mission to promote freedom and democracy to peoples in Eastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central and Southwestern Asia."

But is that really the case?

In its February 16 editorial titled "Silence of America," The Washington Post argues that now is not the time to cut VOA broadcasts – not with a resurgent Russia led by the more and more aggressive Vladimir Putin; not with Ukraine "struggling to Westernize in the shadow of Mr. Putin's increasingly lawless regime."

To which we add: not with Ukraine in the midst of a constitutional crisis, with the Anti-Crisis Coalition flexing its muscles and sidelining all its opponents, with Ukraine's future literally in the balance. Really. How could the United States be foolish enough to ignore Ukraine at this critical time in its development? Is Ukraine, once hailed as a strategic partner of the United States, no longer a "critical" country? Has the Bush administration opted to allow Ukraine to be reabsorbed into the Russian sphere of influence?

Former Peace Corps volunteer Ken Bossong of Maryland underscored in a letter to the editor of The Washington Post: "For Ukraine, where VOA broadcasts are playing an important role in helping democracy to slowly take root, cutting the agency's budget might see a few dollars in the short term, but the longer-term adverse political cost would be vastly greater."

Surely it is plain for all to see that Ukraine is not yet a finished product. To abandon it now, to backtrack on the successful U.S. mission to promote Ukraine's democratization and Euro-Atlantic integration, can only mean one thing. Years from now, the world will be asking: Who lost Ukraine?

We urge members of Congress to stop the folly and say "no" to the proposed cutbacks at VOA and RFE/RL that will harm such critical countries as Ukraine. Continue the mission; save the Voice and Liberty.

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Turning the pages back...

Thirty-five years ago, The Ukrainian Weekly reported on the release of Archbishop Vasyl Velychkovsky of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Archbishop Velychkovsky, who was sentenced by Soviet authorities to three years' imprisonment in the Donbas region of Ukraine, was released on January 26, 1972, and allowed to leave the Soviet Union, according to the Catholic News Service.

Upon his release, the 68-year-old Archbishop Velychkovsky, who was successor to Cardinal Josyf Slipyj, was allowed to emigrate to live with his sister in Zagreb, Croatia, on his way to Rome and then to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

At that time, the Ukrainian Catholic Church was outlawed in the USSR since 1946 when the Church was liquidated and forcibly joined to the Russian Orthodox Church. After the hierarch's release and departure, it was unclear who would replace him as head of the Lviv Archeparchy.

A native of Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, Archbishop Velychkovsky was ordained a Redemptorist priest in 1925 and served as a missionary in Belarus until the end of World War II. In 1945 he returned to western Ukraine, where he was subsequently arrested by Soviet authorities and was sentenced to death for failing to convert to Russian Orthodoxy. His sentence was commuted to 10 years' hard labor in the Vorkuta gulag.

After his release in 1955 and while under KGB surveillance, Archbishop Velychkovsky was named bishop of Lutsk in 1959 by the Vatican and in 1963 he was secretly consecrated and elevated to the rank of archbishop by Cardinal Josyf Slipyj in a Moscow hotel room. He was arrested again in 1968 and was serving a three-year sentence when he was released through what was termed "an intervention of the Vatican."

Source: "Soviets Free Velychkovsky," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, February 26, 1972.

IN THE PRESS

Cuts to U.S. broadcasting, Vladimir Putin's "naglost"

"Silence of America," editorial, The Washington Post, February 16:

"For decades, the Voice of America and its sister broadcasting organizations offered a remarkably balanced alternative to state-controlled media all over the world, buoying dissident movements and undermining anti-American dictatorships for a relatively small investment. Soviet citizens even learned how to reconfigure their radios to break through the jamming signals their government used to interrupt VOA and British Broadcasting Corp. programming.

"Now, with Russian President Vladimir Putin bullying his neighbors, manipulating the Russian media and throwing increasingly audacious anti-American tantrums, one would think U.S. policy-makers would have the sense at least to maintain relatively modest VOA operations in and around the Russian Federation. Yet President Bush's recently released 2008 budget proposal does just the opposite, cutting VOA programming for a range of post-Soviet states to finance programming expansion in other areas of the world. ...

"Mr. Bush's budget also proposes reductions in Ukrainian-language VOA programming to serve a country struggling to Westernize in the shadow of Mr. Putin's increasingly lawless regime. Mr. Bush should be eager to encourage democratic forces in Ukraine, as well as in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, not further limit their sources of information about the United States. The price of such programs is so low that federal financial constraints are hardly an excuse to kill them; a relatively tiny increase in the VOA's budget would make a world of difference."

"The Putin Doctrine," commentary by Charles Krauthammer, The Washington Post, February 16:

"Vladimir Putin – Russia's president, although the more accurate title would be godfather – made headlines last week with a speech in Munich that set a new standard in anti-Americanism. ...

"There is something amusing about criticism of the use of force by the man who turned Chechnya into a smoldering ruin; about the invocation of international law by the man who will not allow Scotland Yard to interrogate the polonium-soaked thugs it suspects of murdering Alexander Litvinenko, yet another Putin opponent who met an untimely and unprosecuted death; about the bullying of other countries decried by a man who cuts off energy supplies to Ukraine, Georgia and Belarus in brazen acts of political and economic extortion.

"... we know how Putin, who has called the demise of the Soviet Union the greatest political catastrophe of the 20th century, yearns for those superpower days. ...

"... Nonetheless, Putin's aggressiveness does not signal a return to the Cold War. He is too clever to be burdened by the absurdity of socialist economics or Marxist politics. He is blissfully free of ideology, political philosophy and economic theory. There is no existential dispute with the United States.

"He is a more modest man: a mere mafia don, seizing the economic resources and political power of a country for himself and his (mostly KGB) cronies. And promoting his vision of the Russian national interest – assertive and

expansionist – by engaging in diplomacy that challenges the dominant power in order to boost his own. ... He does not want to bury us; he only wants to diminish us. It is 19th-century power politics at its most crude and elemental. ..."

"Mr. Putin's Vision," editorial, The Washington Post, February 13:

"[In his address in Munich] ... Mr. Putin claimed the United States had 'overstepped its national borders in every way ... in the economic, political and cultural policies it imposes on other nations.' This from a leader who has imposed an economic boycott on Georgia and Moldova and who interrupted energy supplies during winter to Ukraine and Belarus; who supports separatist regions in Georgia and Moldova with money and troops; and who overtly intervened in the 2004 Ukrainian presidential election in an attempt to impose a favored candidate through fraud.

"... the Russian president also had a larger purpose: to proclaim the return of his country as a power that would 'balance' the United States. Mr. Putin, who has described the collapse of the Soviet Union as a 'catastrophe,' spoke nostalgically about the Cold War: 'We are indebted to the balance of power between these two superpowers,' he said. 'This was certainly a fragile peace and a frightening one. But ... it was reliable enough. Today it seems that the peace is not so reliable.' With its soaring oil revenue and its hold over European energy supplies, its modernizing nuclear forces, and its willingness to provide weapons and nuclear technology to such states as Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia, Russia would regain a status such that the United States would be 'afraid to make an extra step without consulting.' That, anyway, is Vladimir Putin's clearly stated ambition."

"Russian for Chutzpah," commentary by Bret Stephens, The Wall Street Journal, February 13:

"The nearest equivalent the Russian language has for the word chutzpah is naglost. In you, Vladimir Putin, the Russian nation has found the embodiment of naglost. ...

"Naglost: Your speech in Munich contained a curious broadside against the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which you denounced for 'imposing a regime that determines how these states should live and develop.'

"That may not have been the most eye-catching of your comments, but it was the most revealing. Among its other benign functions, the OSCE bureaucracy monitors elections among its 56 members.

"That never raised an eyebrow until the OSCE raised a red flag over the Ukrainian election of November 2004, which had been rigged in favor of your preferred candidate, Viktor Yanukovich.

"The OSCE's verdict was crucial to having the results overturned and a new election called. You've never forgiven it.

"Since then, the OSCE's election-monitoring office has come under a relentless barrage of criticism from your foreign ministry and from other former Soviet republics with questionable democratic credentials, all with the view to putting the monitors under your political control. ..."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ukraine's future still a bright one

Dear Editor:

The Ukrainian Weekly on February 11 printed "News Analysis: Ukraine a separate but equal buffer zone?" by Roman Kupchinsky, who rightfully sees Ukraine outside the European Union as a fait accompli, which therefore separates Ukrainians from "the Europeans." The author states, however, that "over 70 percent of Ukrainians do, in fact, consider themselves Europeans." Is this a depressing picture? Not quite.

It is certainly true that the political and intellectual elite and Ukraine's leadership failed to meet the challenges of change during the Orange Revolution, but let us not forget that it rallied millions of Ukraine's citizens, awakened their national consciousness, and showed the world that Ukraine is a mature Western-type society that championed the rule of law and avoided violence.

The Orange Revolution has changed Ukraine by stimulating the rapid evolution of civil society and creating an independent media. Bureaucrats and oligarchs realize it is an established fact and have taken notice.

As to the "concept of an independent Ukraine" vis-à-vis West, on the positive side, there is a new generation of politicians and political science experts in the United States and elsewhere focusing on Ukraine, who did their homework, especially under tutelage of the brilliant political analyst Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski. Their knowledge and opinions about Ukraine are far removed from the opinions of those fossilized Cold War Western

leaders and academics of yesteryear.

American "manic-depressive policy" toward Ukraine, the loss of political vision in Washington and Brussels, and the failure to keep the commitment to a Europe that is whole, free and at peace was criticized by Bruce P. Jackson, president of the Project on Transitional Democracies and the U.S. Committee on NATO, in The Washington Post on October 10, 2006.

Europe was, and is, far more interested in Russian gas than in helping and stabilizing the fragile democracy in Ukraine and facilitating its entrance into the EU. Europe forgets that Ukraine is one of the world's largest exporters of such an important commodity as wheat, whose price is climbing steadily because of problems with wheat suppliers like India or Australia. Ukraine's advantage lies in its proximity to Western countries and the ease of delivery from Ukraine by rail or ship to the Near East or Africa.

Although the EU is comfortable at present because of economic stability, the fate and fortune of unions, blocs or coalitions is all temporary. We all are witnessing the challenging rise of China and India, which are becoming political and economic rivals to the EU, the U.S. and Russia.

Life and the future of nations are unpredictable, and the world and nations are in constant transition.

Ukrainians have their language, religion, writings, art, songs and family. Those elements and values that they have tenaciously maintained through dark and perilous centuries are a guarantee of strength and their good future.

Myroslaw Burbelo, M.D.
Westerly, R.I.

Ukrainian World Congress statement on its 40th anniversary

On November 12-19, 1967, representatives of Ukrainian communities from North and South America, Western Europe and Australia came together in New York City to form a central umbrella coordinating structure, which they named the World Congress of Free Ukrainians.

To emphasize what brought these people together, the first World Congress of Free Ukrainians was accompanied by a manifestation of unity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine – a Freedom Rally at Madison Square Garden.

Over the next quarter century the WCFU was a beacon of hope for freedom. Since then it has sought to develop and democratize that freedom in a now independent Ukraine and in every other part of the world where Ukrainians reside.

To this day the WCFU, now called the Ukrainian World Congress, has remained a united voice for the Ukrainian community outside Ukraine. The strength and viability of this community has been the hallmark of the WCFU/UWC. The reason for our success has been a love for our people and our native land, as well as the foresight of our fathers, which provided the mechanism to enable us to come together on important issues.

Today some 20 million Ukrainians reside outside of Ukraine. The demise of the Iron Curtain, and the independence and democracy of our native country have added new meaning to that 40-year-old effort. The Ukrainian diaspora in 2007 is not only a vibrant but also a burgeoning community. Our membership and cooperation network covers Ukrainian communities in over 40 countries. Technology

enables daily communication with each.

Over the years the WCFU/UWC has formed numerous standing councils and commissions to carry out its multi-faceted and varied purposes: the World Social Service Council, Commission on Human and Civil Rights, World Educational Coordinating Council, World Scholarly Council, World Cooperative Council, World Sports Council, Council on Cultural Affairs, Conference of Ukrainian Youth Organizations, United Nations' Council, World Council on Human Trafficking, Council on Aid to Ukrainian Citizens Abroad and the Mass Media Council. The recognition of these structures should provide an overview of the UWC's activity over the last four decades.

As we mark our 40th anniversary, we bow our heads in deep respect for the visionaries who on that November day in 1967 in New York City resolved to give Ukrainian unity a chance. The names of our founding fathers are too numerous to mention and because we may fail to mention some we will refrain from naming any. Nevertheless, all of us who recall or may have read or simply heard about that seminal event in 1967 should take a moment to reflect and remember those who were involved in that noble effort.

To those who came before us: Thank you for your strength, your vision and for a job well done.

Toronto-New York, February 8
For the Ukrainian World Congress:
Askold S. Lozynskyj, president
Victor Pedenko, general secretary

NEWS ANALYSIS: Origins of Putin's "revolutionary development" a mystery

by Roman Kupchinsky

RFE/RL

Russian President Vladimir Putin stirred up a hornet's nest when he publicly announced earlier this month that the Ukrainian government had approached Russia with the idea of unifying the countries' respective gas-pipeline networks.

Mr. Putin hailed the overture, coupled with Ukrainian interest in drilling for natural gas on Russian territory, as a "revolutionary development" that was in the "interest of both countries."

Circling the wagons

Ukrainian officials and lawmakers responded quickly to President Putin's comments, made on February 1 to reporters assembled for the annual Munich Conference on Security Policy.

Within days, legislation had been passed forbidding the sale or transfer of ownership of Ukraine's trunk gas pipeline to another country. An investigation was also launched to determine just who may have been responsible for making such proposals.

Vitalii Haiduk, chairman of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, soon provided some insight.

Mr. Haiduk told a February 16 press conference that, after a meeting of the Yushchenko-Putin Commission in December, it was in fact an unidentified aide of Mr. Putin's who had delivered a memorandum containing such proposals. "Given its content," Mr. Haiduk said, "such a memorandum was deemed unacceptable and could not be signed."

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich was caught off guard by the Ukrainian Parliament's reaction to Mr. Putin's comments.

Mr. Haiduk's claims were supported the next day by the deputy head of Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's administration, Oleksander Chalyi. On February 17 Mr. Chalyi revealed that President Putin had proposed the idea of an asset swap – Ukraine's pipeline in exchange for Russia granting Ukraine the right to drill for gas on Russian soil – during a January 10 phone conversation with President Yushchenko.

However, Mr. Chalyi said, the Ukrainian president had rejected the idea. "No proposals to exchange assets" ever came from Mr. Yushchenko, Mr. Chalyi insisted.

Public suspicion then turned to Prime Minister Yanukovich and Fuel and Energy Minister Yurii Boiko.

Looking for answers

Mr. Yanukovich at first appeared to be caught off guard by the Verkhovna Rada's harsh reaction to Mr. Putin's comments – even within the ranks of his own Party of the Regions. In the immediate aftermath, Mr. Yanukovich made a number of contradictory statements on the issue while trying to blame the scandal on members of the Yushchenko administration.

Did the gas proposals originate in Russia or Ukraine? But Messrs. Haiduk's and Chalyi's testimonies that Russia's proposals had been rebuffed by the Yushchenko administration served to embarrass the Yanukovich government,

which turned to Mr. Boiko to arrange a campaign to save face.

As Mr. Haiduk made his revelations, Mr. Boiko met with Gazprom CEO Aleksei Miller to discuss "the development of strategic cooperation between Russia and Ukraine in the oil and gas sector."

No details were provided of what the two men spoke about.

Did the gas proposals cited by Vladimir Putin originate in Russia or Ukraine? Testimonies that Russia's proposals had been rebuffed by the Yushchenko administration served to embarrass the Yanukovich government.

However, Interfax reported that the day before the meeting Mr. Boiko had said Ukraine should be given access to Russian gas reserves since UkrHazEnergo – a partly Russian joint venture between the Swiss-registered gas trader RosUkrEnergo and Ukraine's Naftohaz Ukrayiny – was already working in the Ukrainian market.

The flaw in Mr. Boiko's logic, though, is that UkrHazEnergo can hardly be considered a Russian company. Only one-quarter of the firm belongs to Gazprom – the rest belongs to Ukraine's Naftohaz and two private Ukrainian businessmen.

Theories abound

Interfax on February 15 also cited Mr. Boiko as saying he knew of an agreement Mr. Yanukovich had with the "leadership of the Russian Federation" under which Ukraine would be allowed to produce gas in Russia.

This revelation led to question about with whom in the "Russian leadership" the Ukrainian prime minister had reached such an agreement. If it was Mr. Putin, could this be the origin of the Russian president's announcement in Munich?

One theory is that Mr. Yanukovich agreed to Mr. Putin's proposals under the condition that UkrHazEnergo – whose role in Ukraine's energy sector is being debated – be kept intact.

Mr. Putin, as the theory goes, may have gone ahead and made the agreement public in the belief that it was a done deal.

If so, the strong resistance his words received in Ukraine must have been an embarrassment to the Russian leader – both because he was caught jumping the gun on his dealings with Ukraine and because of the realization that he may not be as influential in dealings with Ukraine as he expected when Mr. Yanukovich became prime minister.

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Budget strengthens RFE/RL programming to Iran, while reducing broadcasts to Ukraine, Kazakhstan

RFE/RL

WASHINGTON – The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) budget request for fiscal year 2008 renews additional funding for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) broadcasts to Iran to expand news and information programming for Radio Farda, a joint service operated by RFE/RL and the Voice of America, and the Radio Farda website.

The budget request also calls for RFE/RL to cease broadcasts to Romania and Macedonia. Broadcasts to Ukraine, Kazakhstan and parts of the former Yugoslavia will be reduced under the budget requested for the BBG, the independent federal agency that supervises all U.S. government-supported, non-military international broadcasting, including RFE/RL.

A proposed fiscal year 2007 reduction in broadcasting to Russia also is included in the budget request for 2008. The budget request also calls for RFE/RL to cease

broadcasts to Romania and Macedonia.

These reductions still require action by the U.S. Congress.

"The budget request for RFE/RL is sufficient to support our continuing mission to promote freedom and democracy to peoples in Eastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central and Southwestern Asia," said RFE/RL Acting President Jeffrey Trimble.

"We are eager to continue to enrich our programming for Iran and, while RFE/RL programming to Romania and Macedonia remain popular in those countries, the elimination of these broadcasts and other proposed reductions are necessary to allow the BBG to achieve its stated priority of strengthening targeted programming to provide essential access to news and information to critical audiences," Mr. Trimble said.

RFE/RL currently broadcasts to 20 countries in 28 languages, 18 of which address primarily Muslim audiences.

Tymoshenko...

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a threefold increase on its 2002 results.

Ms. Tymoshenko's Fatherland (Batkivshyna) Party has the second largest regional network of party branches in Ukraine.

Most national democratic parties, which aligned with business centrists to create Our Ukraine in 2002, deserted Our Ukraine in the 2006 elections. Our Ukraine received 10 percent fewer votes in 2006 under Mr. Yushchenko's presidency than four years earlier under Leonid Kuchma. Political parties, such as Reforms and Order, have moved from Our Ukraine to the Tymoshenko Bloc. Rukh, led by ousted Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk, is reportedly holding negotiations to follow suit.

Two factors explain why a large proportion of Orange voters defected to the Tymoshenko Bloc.

First, there was shock over her dismissal as prime minister in September 2005 only two weeks after President Yushchenko had described the Tymoshenko government as the "best in Europe."

Second, there is recognition of the bloc's consistent opposition to any deals with the Party of the Regions. Ms. Tymoshenko stated unequivocally that, "We believe that establishing a coalition with the mafia is treason to Ukraine." This opposition reflects the Tymoshenko Bloc's longstanding position during the four years of anti-Kuchma protests that preceded the Orange Revolution when the bloc refused to negotiate with the Kuchma regime and called for his impeachment.

Mr. Yushchenko and Our Ukraine never supported impeachment proceedings and defended Mr. Kuchma from allegations arising as a result of the Mykola Melnychenko tapes on which President Kuchma is overheard ordering the kidnapping of journalist Heorhii Gongadze. Procurator General Mykhailo Potebenko, who presided over the Gongadze cover up, was awarded a state medal on February 16 for his "contribution to the building of a law-based state." Former Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski has confided that Mr. Kuchma was indeed given immunity at the December 2004 roundtable negotiations.

Mr. Yushchenko and Our Ukraine have always held multi-vector positions. In 2002-2003 and in 2005-2006, they wavered between negotiating deals with the authorities and Party of the Regions or working with Ms. Tymoshenko. After the 2006 elections, Our Ukraine's Political Council Chairman Roman Besmertnyi negotiated an Orange coalition while Our Ukraine leader and Prime Minister Yurii Yekhanurov negotiated a grand coalition with the Party of the Regions. Both coalitions were ultimately sidelined by the Anti-Crisis Coalition.

Mr. Yushchenko's preference for roundtables could be seen in the Orange Revolution and in August 2006. The Tymoshenko bloc opposed both roundtables and was the only parliamentary force that refused to sign the Universal of National Unity.

Tymoshenko Bloc Deputy Hryhorii Nemyria explained that they "saw no reason to sign a document where Our Ukraine's participation is window dressing for the Party of the Regions to run the government or be present at the birth of a Molotov cocktail coalition that could explode in the hands of the people trying to build it." The Tymoshenko Bloc and the Pora party condemned the signing of the universal as a "betrayal" of the Orange Revolution.

A February poll by the Razumkov Center gave Ms. Tymoshenko 18.9 percent support among the Ukrainian public, with

Mr. Yanukovich at 23.7 percent. President Yushchenko's support has plummeted to 11 percent. The Tymoshenko Bloc and the Party of the Regions control 70 percent of deputies in Parliament and both forces are likely to gain more seats in the event of elections held ahead of 2011.

Based on polling trends in the last two years, Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Yanukovich are likely to be the front-runner candidates in the 2009 presiden-

Yulia Tymoshenko's U.S. visit is set to change American perceptions of Ukraine's politics and reinforce her image as a central player in defending the democratic gains of the Orange Revolution.

tial elections. Ms. Tymoshenko admitted: "from childhood I knew that I would be leader of this country. And I am not even joking here."

In February, Our Ukraine and the Tymoshenko bloc signed an agreement establishing a united opposition of 204 deputies. Our Ukraine leader Viacheslav Kyrylenko said it would "counter the revenge of anti-democratic forces." Mr. Yushchenko, has understood that the Tymoshenko bloc is the key to preventing the Yanukovich government from infringing on the democratic gains of the Orange Revolution. As The New York Times magazine (January 1, 2006) noted, "Tymoshenko is a compelling mixture of ruthless calculation, iron will and sincere passion."

Four issues lie ahead.

- First, the opposition alliance is opposed by the business wing of Our Ukraine which harbors what has been described as "Yuliaphobia."

- Second, the Tymoshenko bloc needs a more clearly defined ideological profile. Currently, "The charisma of Tymoshenko the leader will act as the bloc's ideology and its program." The Tymoshenko bloc unites the liberal-center-left ground and the Fatherland Party has a social democratic profile, giving it the ability to absorb disillusioned Socialist voters.

- Third, in the 2006 elections the Tymoshenko Bloc reached second place in six of eastern and southern Ukraine's 10 regions – a result that can be built upon in challenging the Party of the Regions outside its strongholds of Donetsk and Crimea.

- Fourth, Ms. Tymoshenko will have to find a balance between being head of the opposition and the Orange front-runner presidential candidate or 2009.

Ms. Tymoshenko's visit to the United States follows her two successful visits to Western Europe in 2005 as prime minister and in 2006 as opposition leader. Her U.S. visit is set to change American perceptions of Ukraine's politics and reinforce her image as a central player in defending the democratic gains of the Orange Revolution.

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Resident of Staryi Yarychiv is, unofficially, the world's oldest person

by **Larysa Marchuk**

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

STARYI YARYCHIV, Ukraine – His tips for a long life include orderliness, moderation and cleanliness, as well as a diet filled with vegetables and dairy products but not much meat.

And don't rush to get married, by the way.

"Thank God I hadn't married, because I would not have lived this long," said Hryhorii Nestor, unofficially the world's oldest person and resident of the village of Staryi Yarychiv in the Lviv Oblast.

On March 15 Mr. Nestor will celebrate the 116th year of his simple, honest life spent in the villages of Halychyna.

At the home of his grandniece and caretaker Oksana Savchuk, Mr. Nestor was peeling potatoes and broke into song in a quiet voice when seeing a guest enter.

Mr. Nestor loved to perform at the Prosvita club in his youth, Ms. Savchuk explained, so he remembers quite a number of songs, carols and poems, which he sings in Polish, German, Russian, Ukrainian and even English.

Those are the American songs he remembers from 1921 after his sister returned to Ukraine from the United

States, where she worked in tobacco factories and learned local folk songs.

Mr. Nestor's wide repertoire of songs is a result of the several foreign empires he has seen rule over Halychyna during the 19th and 20th centuries – namely the Austrian, Polish and Soviet.

He was never drafted by any of their armies because he was too short – standing barely 5 feet tall.

Mr. Nestor grew up in the village of Monastyr, now Polish territory.

His detailed memory unravels those far-off days, when he traded two eggs for a kilogram of rice, and sold 25 willow-woven baskets to buy a clean, white shirt for Easter.

Every week, Mr. Nestor went to church where he served as a deacon and learned psalms, which he still remembers.

He enjoyed flirting at old-fashioned evening parties called "vechornytsi," where young girls wore embroidered blouses and sang songs while the boys looked on admiringly.

He even remembers the names of the girls he sang with.

"So why didn't you marry any of them?" I asked Mr. Nestor.

"Because one was pretty, the second was fairer, and the third even more pret-

ty," he responded in laughter. "All the girls wanted to boss me around. The mother hasn't yet been born who would raise a daughter to be my wife."

When the Soviets invaded in 1939, they resettled Mr. Nestor and his cousin to the small village of Partseliatsiya in the Kamianka-Buzka district.

Ordered to join the collective farm (kolhosp), Mr. Nestor categorically refused after all his livestock was seized, opting to work instead at an asphalt factory. The labor was physically taxing and eventually Mr. Nestor found work on a farm as a shepherd.

"Can we trust an enemy of the kolhosp system, Hryhorii Nestor, to graze the kolhosp cattle?" was the question posed at the collective farm's meetings.

Trusted with the cattle, Mr. Nestor maintained his health during the Famine of 1946-1947 thanks to the fresh milk provided by the generous milkmaids he worked with.

He also relied on Bible verses and Gospel parables, which remain a part of his prayerful morning ritual.

"Just as the sun rises, the old man wakes and assiduously washes himself, as he loves cleanliness," Ms. Savchuk said. "Then he bends on his knee to pray. He prays for a long time, and sometimes sings psalms."

Mr. Nestor never asks for his meals, humbly accepting what Ms. Savchuk places on his plate without any caprice. He particularly likes warm potatoes with fresh cheese, vegetable soup with black pepper, porridge, pelmeni and poppy pampushky.

He hasn't any teeth, and he chews his meals slowly.

"When I offer him a glass of red wine, he'll drink it, but he never asks for anything himself," Ms. Savchuk said. "He only wants to be given some kind of work – whether it's washing potatoes from the garden, peeling them, or husking corns and beans."

Always calm, Mr. Nestor spends his days singing songs and reminiscing about the good old days. When guests visit, the old man likes to joke, paying special attention to ladies.

When Mr. Nestor walks into his yard, he cares for his cats, asking Ms. Savchuk whether they've been fed.

He doesn't watch television because everything moves so quickly on the screen, which he said irritates him.

Mr. Nestor doesn't complain about his health. Though his eyesight is poor, he still reads the newspaper headlines and browses through the photographs.

When his lungs were inflamed eight years ago, he declined to visit the hospital, Ms. Savchuk said. The local nurse treated him with antibiotics, after which he recovered and hasn't been ill since.

He also tries to avoid pills. He pours cold water over his head when it hurts and prays, which he said makes him feel better.

He particularly likes to sit with his cat Murchyk and bask in the sun's warmth, which he believes heals and gives him strength.

Mr. Nestor's amazing longevity has yet to be recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records, which lists Japanese Yone Minagawa who turned 114 on January 4, as the world's oldest living person.

Mr. Nestor will break his own world record when he turns 116 in March – a fact verified by Ihor Pidchybii, Ukraine's representative to Guinness World Records, who reviewed Mr. Nestor's personal records.

It's not the first time that Guinness has ignored a Ukrainian world record holder.

The world authority has yet to acknowledge Ukrainian Leonid Stadnyk who is 8 feet, 4 inches tall, as the world's tallest living person.

Guinness lists the world's tallest person as Chinese Xi Shun, who is 7-foot-8.

U.S. broadcasting budget proposes reductions to Ukrainian programs of VOA and RFE/RL

WASHINGTON – The proposed fiscal year 2008 budget for U.S. international broadcasting calls for an overall increase of 3.8 percent from the anticipated fiscal year 2007 level that strengthens targeted programming to provide essential access to news and information to critical audiences, according to a news release from the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

At the same time, the proposed budget envisions reductions in Ukrainian programs aired by both Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

The budget proposal, which was reported by the BBG on February 5, is also aimed at increasing overall audience reach around the world by utilizing the latest technology and strengthening transmission capability.

Of the BBG's \$668.2 million request, \$142.4 million is allocated for programming to the Near East, South, Central Asia and Eurasia, \$116 million for Arabic language programming, \$67.2 million for East Asia, \$45 million for Latin America and \$13.6 million for Africa.

The proposal includes enhancements the agency believes are pivotal to promoting freedom and democracy and enhancing understanding in key regions. They include North Korea, the Middle East and Cuba, as well as Somalia, Djibouti and the greater Horn of Africa.

The budget also fully funds initiatives begun in FY 2006 to critical Muslim audiences. These include the expansion of VOA television to Iran to a 12-hour stream, VOA Pashto radio programming to the Afghanistan/Pakistan border region, television programs to Afghanistan and Pakistan and Alhurra Europe, the 24/7 service to Arabic speakers in Europe.

To fund these initiatives and mandatory cost increases, the request proposes elimination of VOA and Radio Free Asia (RFA) broadcasts in Cantonese as well as VOA Uzbek.

There will also be reductions to:

Ukrainian broadcasts by both VOA and Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty (RFE/RL); Tibetan broadcasts by VOA and RFA; VOA Portuguese to Africa; and broadcasts in Romanian, South Slavic and Kazakh by RFE/RL.

Other savings will come from reductions in support services.

The FY 2008 request also includes several enhancements and reductions requested in FY 2007, including funds for increasing Alhurra's live news capacity to 24 hours a day; expansion of VOA Spanish language programming to Venezuela; additional transmission capabilities for RFE/RL Russian and RFA Korean broadcasts and increased funding for employee training and award programs.


Proposed reductions for FY 2007 included in the FY 2008 request include eliminating VOA broadcasts in Croatian, Greek, Georgian and Thai, as well as RFE/RL broadcasts in Macedonian.

The request includes eliminating VOA radio broadcasts but continuing television programming in the following languages: Serbian, Albanian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Hindi and Russian.

The proposal also calls for discontinuing 14 hours a day of VOA NewsNow English broadcasts while maintaining VOA's English to Africa and Special English services and continuing to strengthen VOA English on the Internet.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors is an independent federal agency which supervises all U.S. government-supported, non-military international broadcasting, including the Voice of America (VOA); Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL); the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa); Radio Free Asia (RFA); and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (Radio and TV Marti).

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Bohachevsky-Chomiak speaks on higher education in Ukraine

by Yaro Bihun

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

WASHINGTON — As with most every aspect of life in post-Soviet Ukraine, reforming its higher education has been a slow and difficult process. Old standards and habits to which people have become accustomed are not easily changed.

Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak, historian and former director of the Fulbright Program in Ukraine, spoke about the situation in which Ukrainian academia finds itself and the efforts to improve it in a February 12 lecture at the Kennan Institute's Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington. The title of her presentation: "Institutionalizing Change: Faculty Organization in Ukraine."

Over the past six years, Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak headed the Kyiv office of the U.S.-funded Fulbright academic exchange program, which provides visiting teaching and research grants to Ukrainian and American scholars. In that capacity, she observed at close range the many ways in which academics of the two countries differed, including how they approached academic research, interacted with colleagues, sought reform and reacted to it.

She said that, as the borders were opened after independence, so were, for the most part, Ukraine's archives, and new ideas began to inundate the country along with information about previously hidden historical events.

"But the academic culture that surrounded the scholars did not foster innovation," she said. "It punished risk, promoted caution and conformity, and often actually encouraged intellectual sloppi-

ness and petty corruption. Its paternalistic culture provided monetary support for orthodox scholarly effort."

A major impediment to reform, according to Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak, is the absence of "a truly open debate forum."

"There are many pulpits," she said. "What Ukraine lacks is a forum where actual debate could take place," where the "public intellectual," free from the old Soviet stigma of being a party hack, could help the public "to differentiate between the ideas and the ideology, between working for a democratic system and enforcing one's own democracy."

The new period of freedom saw the creation of new institutions of higher learning, the most interesting among them, according to Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak, being the three Mohyla-linked establishments in Kyiv, Mykolayiv and Ostroh. As the "most odious" she named the International Academy of Personnel Administration, headed by a Russian citizen, widely known for the anti-Semitism it espouses thanks to the country's liberal freedom of speech laws.

By coincidence, present in the audience during her presentation were two visitors from the Petro Mohyla Mykolayiv State University, its president, Dr. Leonid Klymenko, and Prof. Oleksander Pronkevych, who also happened to be a former Fulbright scholar. They and Dr. Viacheslav Shebanin, president of the Mykolayiv State Agricultural University, were in the United States for meetings at academic institutions in Washington and Boston.

Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak said that in Ukraine's higher education system the universities are the workhorses, while the



Yaro Bihun

Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomiak discusses problems of higher education in Ukraine at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington.

ning stallions — "and, for the most part, they are stallions, not mares," she interjected — are in the Academy of Sciences, which is government-financed but functions independently.

Another area that needs more work is cooperation between institutions, she said. It is being fostered by some non-governmental organizations and the small sister cities program launched by the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation. She also noted two programs fostering cooperation among universities initiated by the Renaissance Foundation in Ukraine, which is funded by philanthropist George Soros. The only lasting cooperation that developed, however, was between Lviv and Donetsk, she added.

Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak said that American Fulbright faculty teaching in Ukraine complain that they are frustrated, not so much by the academic bureaucracy and lack of planning, as by the feeling of helplessness and lack of action to improve the situation on the part of Ukrainian faculty members. The Ukrainians were willing to complain in private, she said, but "coming out in the open was a different matter."

That situation was helped somewhat by the bonding and interaction between Ukrainian and American faculty members, she added. By showing them that "our system has flaws, but it also has people who talk about them and risk their reputations to do something about them," the Ukrainians came to realize that they could possibly do something about improving their system as well.

The Ukrainian Fulbright Alumni Association helped the process further by getting the Ukrainian faculty members involved in reviewing applications, conducting routine office activities and discussing such issues as scholarly debate, interdisciplinary approaches, and editorial and peer reviews.

Seeing this process in action, Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak said, "I had a sense of reliving my own graduate years — coffee discussions at the Columbia or Harvard Russian institutes, or the more tense faculty debates on college requirements, establishment of new departments and alternate grading systems," she said. "It was as if the '60s were catching up with Ukraine."

Sexism remains a problem in Ukrainian academia. Its resolution, however, is left up to the government and not addressed at the academic level, she said, but hinted that this may change in the future.

"The Academy of Sciences continues to be mainly a male preserve, but scholars who return from the United States are actively chipping at the faux marble," she said.

Shortly after leaving her Fulbright position in Kyiv, the office of President Viktor Yushchenko announced in mid-December that Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak was being awarded the Order of Princess Olha (third degree) for significant achievements in education. Earlier, she had also been honored with the highest award presented by the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, the Petro Mohyla Medal.

Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak received her Ph.D. degree in history from Columbia University in 1986. Since then, she has taught history at universities in New Jersey and New York, at Harvard, Kyiv University and Kyiv Mohyla Academy, and before her Kyiv Fulbright assignment, at the George Washington University in the nation's capital.

She is the author of a number of books and articles, the most frequently cited being "Feminists Despite Themselves" (Edmonton: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, 1988).



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PinchukArtCentre develops Ukraine's exhibition at Venice Biennale

by Yana Sedova

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

KYIV – Under the lead of industrial and media tycoon Victor Pinchuk, Ukraine will display its most prolific pavilion ever at the 52nd Biennale di Venezia this summer, the world's most prestigious contemporary art exhibition.

Although this year marks Ukraine's fourth exhibit at the Biennale, it will be the first time its organization and the lion's share of its financing will be handled by a private organization, the PinchukArtCentre, the museum for modern art founded by Mr. Pinchuk in Kyiv.

"Poem on the Internal Sea" is the name of the Ukrainian exposition, which will be an original creation for the Biennale intended to reveal the essence and diversity of the Ukrainian people.

"It will be this year's best exhibit," said Peter Doroshenko, an American of Ukrainian descent who will serve as the exposition's commissar. "We want to demonstrate who are the Ukrainians."

The exhibit is not without its controversies. Of the seven artists selected to show the world who are the Ukrainians, only two live in Ukraine. And, rather than holding a national contest as tradition, the Pinchuk team handpicked the artists.

To display the exhibit throughout the Biennale's duration between June 7 and November 21, organizers selected the luxurious, three-story Palazzo Papadopoli, which was built in the 16th century by Giovanni Giacomo de Grigi on Venice's main Canal Grande.

PinchukArtCentre Director Dmytro Lohvyn declined to state the projected expense for the Ukrainian exhibit at a February 16 press conference, but revealed it will be between five and seven times more than the \$200,000 allocated by the Ukrainian government.

Vice Prime Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Dmytro Tabachnyk asked Mr. Pinchuk to take the leading role in representing Ukraine at the Biennale. Mr. Lohvyn said, in coordination with the state Institute for Contemporary Art Issues.

Mr. Tabachnyk cited Mr. Pinchuk's valuable experience from the 2005 Biennale, though at that event the billionaire displayed a private exhibit that stood separately from the government's submission.

"Now we will represent the entire country, and that's why everything will be



Zenon Zawada

Ukraine's government trusted business tycoon Victor Pinchuk with developing Ukraine's pavilion at the 52nd Biennale di Venezia, the world's most prestigious contemporary art competition in Venice, Italy.

three times better in quality," Mr. Lohvyn said. "For us, it's an honor on the one hand, but an immense organizational and financial workload on the other hand. If it only involved PinchukArtCentre, we would have completed it in four weeks."

Nevertheless, the decision to cede control of the entire exhibit to the Pinchuk team caused dissatisfaction within Ukraine's arts community.

For the first time, a national competition to select works for the Biennale wasn't held, as the Pinchuk team handpicked seven artists to represent Ukraine – five of whom live abroad.

Among them are four Ukrainian-born artists (photographers Serhii Bratkov and Borys Mykhailov; Oleksander Hnylytskyi and Lesia Zayets), famous German photographer Juergen Teller, and high-profile British artists Mark Titchner and Sam Taylor-Wood.

Mr. Bratkov and Mr. Mykhailov live in Moscow.

PinchukArtCentre will pay for all expenses necessary for the foreigners to live in Ukraine, prepare their artwork and advertise it, Mr. Lohvyn said.

"The international make-up of the exhib-

it's artists will offer an opportunity to look at Ukraine from within, through the works of Ukrainian artists, and from the outside, through the work of foreign artists," said Mr. Doroshenko, president of PinchukArtCentre.

Additionally, including the names of well-known European artists will draw a larger audience to the Ukrainian pavilion, organizers said.

In defending the decision to allow PinchukArtCentre to control the exhibit and select foreigners, Minister of Culture and Tourism Yurii Bohutskyi said his ministry hadn't formed a jury and procedure to select the winning artwork by a December deadline.

It was only on January 19 that Ukrainian artists learned of the canceled competition.

"This is a violation of all norms: those democratic, open and transparent," said Mykola Zhuravel, a Ukrainian artist who was a hopeful contender for the Biennale exhibit.

The choice of PinchukArtCentre to represent Ukraine was very strange, he said, considering Ukraine has a good number of museums that have longer experience in working with contemporary artists.

"It turns out that the artwork doesn't matter," Mr. Zhuravel said. "You have to

pay. And he who pays gets to go."

Galleries Association of Ukraine President Viktor Khamatov said he doesn't doubt the Ministry of Culture and Tourism's competency to select the exposition's organizers. Government officials simply decided to ignore other projects, he said.

"There is an element of disrespect towards artists, but that is a common situation in Ukraine," Mr. Khamatov said sadly, adding that a competition had in fact taken place, albeit unofficially.

Artists presented their works in Ukraine's cities during the final months of last year. He said vast sums of money aren't necessary to adequately represent Ukraine in the Biennale.

"To represent Ukraine in Venice is an absolutely simple thing," Mr. Khamatov said. "It's enough to bring the Ukrainian emblem or anthem, which would resonate amidst St. Mark's Square. That will already be a Ukrainian work."

He said he will attend the Biennale and represent those Ukrainian artists who participated in the disregarded national competition.

He didn't mention whether that would be in the form of a separate exhibit, but vowed that "All the best modern artists of Ukraine will be represented in Venice."



Yana Sedova

Leading the development of Ukraine's pavilion at the 52nd Biennale di Venezia are exposition curator Viktor Sydorenko, exposition commissar Peter Doroshenko, PinchukArtCentre director Dmytro Lohvyn and PinchukArtCentre curator Oleksander Solovyov.

Kyiv-based Molode Radio...

(Continued from page 1)

"When we analyzed the programs at the end of every week, believe me, there were a lot of subjects not picked up by other media, whether they were simply ignored or for other reasons," said Yevhen Fedchenko, director of the Kyiv Mohyla Journalism School. "What can be more public than giving a voice to those who couldn't be heard due to political or commercial considerations?"

Political scientist Pavlo Bulhak of the Stratehema Center for Practical Politics hosts a live weekly show at 7:30 p.m. Kyiv time on Wednesdays called, "Political Reform: What's Happening?"

The first half of the 30-minute show consists of a strictly objective analysis of the current political situation in Ukraine, he said. Political reform is not limited to legislative practices or changes to the constitution, Mr. Bulhak said.

Political reforms should be viewed a lot deeper, he continued, and society should demand from politicians a deeper understanding of political reform than simply dividing power among themselves.

Mr. Bulhak will conduct live interviews with Kyiv political insiders and

activists during the show's second half, during which listeners from any location around the world will be able to call and pose a question through Skype technology, either by voice or chat messaging.

In fact, Molode Radio is Ukraine's first radio broadcaster performing live shows using Skype, a technology that transfers voice data over the Internet free of charge to anywhere in the world.

"For much of traditional radio and television, editorial collectives select the participants beforehand and try to coordinate the questions to participants in such a way that they answer according to their editorial policy or commercial policies," Mr. Bulhak said.

"Skype allows for even absolutely uncomfortable questions to be posed to the guests and to listeners, orienting the discussion in a more original direction that more interests our listeners," he explained.

Internet use is spreading rapidly in Ukraine. In the last year alone, 2 million Ukrainians began using the Internet for the first time – a 150 percent surge from 2005, according to InternetUA, Ukraine's leading Internet magazine.

More than 120,000 Ukrainians have registered for blog-related services.

To analyze and share information on Ukraine's blogging boom, Dmytro Hubenko will host a weekly show on Molode Radio called "Blogger Week."

When he started blogging four years ago, Mr. Hubenko said there were close

to 100 live Ukrainian journals. Currently, more than 50,000 such web logs, or blogs, thrive in Ukraine.

Most Ukrainians engage in personal diary blogging, said Makson Puhovskiy, the assistant editor of InternetUA. However, journalistic blogs that offer analysis, reporting or critiques are quickly increasing and even beginning to affect Ukrainian society.

One example is blogger Serhii Laskavyi, who posted a detailed account of how he was rejected for a job with a Russian information technology firm because he wanted to speak Ukrainian in their affiliate office in Ukraine. His blog account (<http://laskavyi.blog.net.ua>) was quickly recognized by Ukraine's mainstream media, which reported the story.

"It's become understood that every person can become a journalist," Mr. Puhovskiy said. "Every person can inform the world of something. It's now understood that you have to be more careful of what you say and pay attention to what average people talk about."

Molode Radio was launched with an \$18,000 grant from the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine in 2005, and is surviving on a second grant from its Mass Media Fund worth \$9,000.



Zenon Zawada

Political scientist Pavlo Bulhak hosts a political talk show on Wednesdays on Molode Radio.

Works by Bohdan Borzemsky in the spotlight at Yonkers exhibit

YONKERS, N.Y. – Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 30 in Yonkers, N.Y., organizes a biannual art exhibit and bazaar. Most recently the branch invited Bohdan Borzemsky, an artist who understands and depicts the Hutsuls of Ukraine's Carpathian Mountain region in so many of his extraordinary watercolors and tempera – and especially in his woodcuts.

Mr. Borzemsky was born in Kolomyia, Ukraine, and his Hutsul self-identity manifests itself in all his creations. Over the years, his character and style have remained in each piece he creates, while evolving along with his environment, experiences, personality and artistic imagination.

Recently, Mr. Borzemsky began working in a technique he calls papercuts, substituting heavy paper for wood.

The artist's talent has evolved for over five decades and his achievements have been recognized throughout the United States and abroad.

He first studied art at the Lviv National Institute of Art in Ukraine. Later he studied oil painting, drawing and graphic design at The Cooper Union Art School in New York, where he received the prestigious Graduation Prize in 1951. Mr. Borzemsky has won two Cooper Union Alumni Association Awards for the highest achievement in graphic art. He has also been recognized by the Library of Congress. Mr. Borzemsky's works are found in many private collections throughout the world.

Mr. Borzemsky's source of inspiration

is his lifelong fascination with his beloved Hutsulschyna and its inhabitants – mountaineers unique in all aspects of their hard down-to-earth life. Their folk art left a decisive influence on his creativity. The Hutsuls continue to be depicted in his work in varying degrees – from young and innocent girls and boys, to the mature and wise elderly, as well as scenes from traditional Christmas and Easter customs.

Mr. Borzemsky's current passion for still life was witnessed at the Yonkers exhibit in his works that depicted such subjects as mushrooms, grapevines, watermelons, pears and a bushel of apples. Also on view were his classic and majestic compositions, such as, "Madonna with Child" and his well-known St. George. His repertoire is completed with various flora and fauna pieces, from the soft and delicate pansy to the vibrant and fiery red "kalyna," and from the perched wise owl to exquisitely feathered exotic birds.

Mr. Borzemsky conceives art as "a divine gift to humanity for fostering spiritual balance, clarity and brotherhood."

Notable art critics and scholars have expressed high regard for Mr. Borzemsky's talent and compositions. The late art critic Sviatoslav Hordynsky, noted his "ingenious work in the areas of painting and graphics ... entitling him a place above many other artists within his field." Art scholar Ivan Kejvan wrote, "Mr. Borzemsky speaks to his audience with artistic language, utilizing the Hutsul



Bohdan Borzemsky with (from left) Iryna Hoshovska, OIia Rudyk and Nadia Liteplo of Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 30.

culture, self-expression and individuality." Volodymyr Baran spoke of the "mystical charm and beauty of Hutsulschyna filling the heart and soul of every spectator and stirring up images of an enchanted, although distant homeland." The late Ivan Kedryn called Mr. Borzemsky "one

of the finest and extremely talented artists of our generation, with a wide range of interests and extraordinary imagination."

The Yonkers community was excited and very impressed by Mr. Borzemsky's art exhibit, thus making this a most successful event for UNWLA Branch 30.

Ukraine releases...

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Barbara Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vienna, Austria.

A number of Ukrainian churches throughout Australia were considered by the artistic design committee of Marka Ukrainy, the printing and publishing division of Ukrposhta. St. Michael Orthodox Church was chosen to represent the unique classical Ukrainian Baroque architectural style found in Ukraine.

The design of the church was modeled on the Baroque-style St. Andrew's Cathedral in Kyiv (built 1747-1753). The Adelaide church is single-domed with four lesser cupolas, built in the form of a cross, with a large and open central cupola typically allowing light and space into the church. Above the entrance to the church is the stained glass window of its patron, the Archangel Michael.

The original design of the church was provided by Father Peter Hrushetskyi. The church's architect was Joseph Strilchuk, the structural engineer was Jaroslav Dowbnia, and the building contractor was Peter Bruveris. The church's iconostasis was originally built by Tymofij Pradun in 1954.

Construction was completed in 1974 and the church was consecrated by Archbishop Andrei, Metropolitan of

Winnipeg and All Canada on October 12, 1975, for the "Glory of Ukraine, the Ukrainian people and the independent Ukrainian Orthodox faith."

The director of Marka Ukrainy, Valentyna Khudolyi, worked in close concert with Mr. Fedyk, who was able to provide photographs, original architectural drawings and other information required by the stamp designer, Maria Heiko. The stamp design shows a contemporary view of the church, which is located on one of Adelaide's busiest transport corridors and is seen by thousands of motorists each day. The stained glass window, evident from outside the church, is best viewed from inside as sunlight captures the brilliant colors used in the composition.

The 150,000 copies of the postage stamp were printed by offset method and issued in sheetlets of 12 stamps and 12 labels. Stamp size is 30 mm x 33 mm. A first day of issue ceremony was conducted at the central Kyiv Post Office with a specially prepared first day envelope and first day of issue commemorative postmark.

A brief history of the stamp and the church, written by Parish Council Chairman Volodymyr Tkachuk and Secretary Lidia Sukacz, will appear in the 2007 Year Book of Ukrainian Postage Stamps. The book will be available through Marka Ukrainy by early 2008.

Father Edward Evanko to perform one-man play "Damien" in Ottawa

OTTAWA – Father Edward Evanko, a Ukrainian Catholic priest from Manitoba, who until recently was a Broadway actor and singer, will again be staging the one-man play "Damien" in Ottawa.

The performance takes place Tuesday, on March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacré Coeur Church (Laurier and Cumberland) on the University of Ottawa campus. The play tells the story of Damien de Veuster, a 19th century Belgian priest, who gave his life serving lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai.

Despite its simple setting, the play makes a powerful impression as the audience is brought into Damien's "soul" to hear his struggles with the intransigence of secular and church authorities. Particularly moving is the scene where Damien learns that he himself has contracted leprosy.

The play is sponsored by the Eastern Catholic Student Chaplaincy of Ottawa, a ministry of the Eparchy of Toronto. Admission is free, though good-will offerings are appreciated.

Last year was the first time that the Chaplaincy organized the event. It drew a capacity crowd of more than 200 people and immediately generated talk of making it an annual event.

This year, Father Evanko has agreed to speak after the play to draw out some of the play's implications. Also, having performed the play in Rome and scores of other venues throughout North America, Father Evanko will share how it has impacted his own life as a newly ordained priest.

The event is intended to serve as a kind of "mini-retreat" in preparation for Easter. Father Peter Galadza, priest of the Ottawa Chaplaincy, remarked, "Damien accepted the implications of the Crucifixion. He chose to follow our Lord by giving his own life in unconditional love. I can't think of a better theme to



Father Edward Evanko

reflect on in preparation for Holy Week and Easter."

Father Galadza has also invited several other priests to be available to hear confessions immediately after the play. "I'm sure that after being moved by what they see and hear, people will want to approach the sacrament."

Before his ordination to the priesthood in 2005, Father Evanko had appeared in over 200 musicals in Canada, the United States and Japan. In the 1960s he hosted his own national television series in Canada, "The Ed Evanko Show."

His performance of "Damien" has been so successful that he has been invited to perform it in Australia in 2008 as part of the World Youth Day festivities.

For more information on the performance, readers may contact Father Galadza, 613-236-1393, ext. 2419, or pgaladza@ustpaul.ca.



The first day cover of the new commemorative stamp featuring St. Michael Autocephalic Orthodox Church of Adelaide, Australia.

Engineers' Society holds second annual Malanka at Soyuzivka

by Anna Chelak

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – One of the most thrilling seasons in the Ukrainian community is the winter months of the year. Between New Year's extravaganzas and debutante balls, there never seems to be a free weekend on any Ukrainian's calendar.

This year, the beautiful mountain resort Soyuzivka on January 26-28 hosted the second Malanka weekend organized by the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America.

After an absence of many years, this tradition has been reborn at the estate of

"It was the best Malanka we've ever hosted here at Soyuzivka," exclaimed "Ando" Andrij Oprysko, veteran Soyuzivka host. "With the turnout this year, I have no doubt that Malankas at Soyuzivka are here to stay," he added.

Fata Morgana provided the music for the night, playing six hours of lively polkas, exotic tangos and exhilarating rock ballads. The marathon kolomyika lasted nearly 45 minutes and was absolutely non-stop. The dancers' jumps and spins seemed to defy the laws of physics.

The UESA is an association that engi-



Fata Morgana guitarist Ihor Shablovsky.



Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America members (from left): Wasyl Kinach, Ivan Durbak, John Shmerykowsky, Father George Bazylewsky and Marco Shmerykowsky.

the Ukrainian National Association in full with all the music, dancing and enjoyment as before. This Malanka was organized by the New York City chapter of the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America (UESA), headed by Marco Shmerykowsky, P.E., Tymish Hankewycz, Wasyl Kinach, P.E., Ivan Durbak and Adrian Berezowsky.

Kicking off the three-day weekend on Friday was a pub night of music, food and drink sponsored by the Brooklyn Ukrainian Group (BUG). Featured musical artists included BUG members Matthew Dubas and Jeremy Carter. The highlight of the night definitely was the impromptu "Kolomyika" – a perfect end to an amazing evening.

Saturday night began with a relaxing cocktail hour in the beautifully decorated main house lobby. Following the delectable hors d'oeuvres was an elegant "zabava" (dance) in the glistening Veselka Hall. The men looked handsome in their tuxedos, while the women looked dazzling in their evening gowns.

This year's Malanka showed a marked increase in attendance over last year's inaugural event as guests traveled from throughout the Northeast in hopes of having as much fun as was rumored to have been had last year.

The opening prayer was delivered by Father George Bazylewsky, UESA NYC chapter member and past president.

Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of the evening was the vast age range, from young, energetic kolomyika dancers to seasoned zabava veterans. A discounted "student special price" was offered for those wanting to attend the zabava, Mr. Shmerykowsky noted, in hopes of attracting more young people to the event.

neers, scientists, architects, students and businesspeople can join. The mission is to help advance members' professions, foster interest in technical and economic issues in Ukraine, and provide a social and professional network of mutual support. To learn more about the UESA, readers may visit the website at www.uesa.com.

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Dancers enjoy the "Kolomyika."



Malanka-goers take to the dance floor for a favorite line dance.

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Tolerance of diversity...

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Russian speakers each number about 40 percent, the other 20 percent use both languages. The latter could be the crucial swing vote in Kyiv and central Ukraine. The language issue, therefore, has never generated more than a third in favor of elevating Russian to a second state language.

One reason the language issue is not a priority for most Ukrainians is that tolerance of language diversity is different from the election rhetoric of politicians intent on capitalizing on the language issue. The Russian language dominates in Ukraine's print and Internet media, while television has a greater degree of Ukrainian-language content.

The top three Internet sites in Ukraine are Ukrayinska Pravda, Obozrevatel and Korrespondent, all receiving between 43,000 and 48,000 hits per day. Of these, only the first appears in both Ukrainian and Russian, while the latter two are solely in Russian. Language choice does not appear to be linked to political allegiance, as the first two are sympathetic to the Orange camp, while the latter is published by an American who publishes the Kyiv Post.

Korrespondent magazine, the print version of the website, is a Ukrainian attempt to emulate Western newsweeklies, such as Time, and is aimed at "New Ukrainians." A new Russian-language glossy news magazine, Fokus, is edited by a well-known former journalist from the Ukrainian-language 1+1 channel and a 2006 parliamentary candidate of the Reforms and Order Pora bloc.

It is no coincidence that these two magazines are in Russian, and that all of Ukraine's glossy journals are aimed at New Ukrainians. These include an entire range of Western women's and lifestyle magazines reprinted in Russian. Indeed, the only women's magazine in Ukrainian is the flimsy Soviet-era relic Zhinka (Woman).

Use of the Russian language is dominant in the 18 to 49 age group, while Ukrainian is stronger among the 50 to 59 population group. Yet, New Ukrainians and young people, whose source of print information is in Russian, backed the

Orange Revolution. Young people do not support elevating Russian to a second state language, perhaps because they tend to back Orange parties, such as Our Ukraine, Yulia Tymoshenko and the Socialists, whose voters support Ukrainian as the sole state language.

All of Ukraine's leading print newspapers are in Russian (Fakty, linked to Viktor Pinchuk; Segodnya, Party of the Regions; Kievski Viedomosti, 2000, Social Democratic Party-United and were staunch supporters of the Kuchma regime. The Orange camp also has invested as much in Russian publications as in Ukrainian ones, such as Kyivskiy Telegraf (Andriy Derkach, Socialists).

Our Ukraine has a greater number of Russian- than Ukrainian-language publications: Pravda Ukrainy (Petro Poroshenko, Our Ukraine), Izvestiya v Ukraine and www.glavred.info (Oleksander Tretiakov, Our Ukraine), Delovaya Stolitsa and Vlast Deneg. Two newspapers sympathetic to the Tymoshenko bloc are also in Russian: Gazeta Po-Kievski and Vecherni Vesti and a third, Svoboda, is published in both languages.

Ukrainian-language newspapers with large circulations are made available only thanks to the state, such as Parliament's Holos Ukrainy. Ukrainian-language publications linked to Our Ukraine include only Ukrayina Moloda and Bez Tsenzury, which have small circulations compared to the Russian-language media. The Socialists still have close ties to the large circulation Silski Visti.

The language ambivalence reflected in these attitudes to media language mirrors the support for the legal status quo on languages and tolerance of diversity. That's why the Verkhovna Rada is unlikely to pass the latest draft language law.

Sources: Razumkov Center National Security and Defense 2003 Yearbook; Ukrayinska Pravda, December 6, 2006; December 2006 poll by the Ukrainian Sociological Service for the Ukrainian Democratic Circle, January 4; Zerkalo Nedeli, October 28-November 3, 2006.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Kobzar's Children" anthology provides broad overview of immigrant experience

"Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Stories," edited by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch. Markham, Ontario: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 199 pp., \$14.95 (paperback).

by Alexandra Pawlowsky

Intending "to tell a century of untold stories" chronicling "the lives and struggles of Ukrainian immigrants during the past century" is a formidable task for any collection. All the more so for an anthology containing only 12 short stories and eight poems.

The editor, Ontario-based Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, has a master's degree in library science. She has published seven books for children and teenagers. Most, like "Silver Threads" and "Hope's War," are on Ukrainian themes.

"Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Stories" is an anthology that consists of works of historical fiction, memoirs and poems, all written in English by 12 Ukrainian Canadian writers at various stages in their careers. Ms. Skrypuch includes two of her own short stories.

Alexandra Pawlowsky, Ph.D., is an instructor and administrator at the University of Manitoba whose research interests are in the field of Ukrainian Canadiana.

Her immigrant experience encompasses both the "new" country and the "old." The settings are not limited to Canada; some are in Ukraine.

The century begins on a Canadian prairie homestead in 1905 and ends with Ukraine's Orange Revolution of 2004. Also included are such subjects as Winnipeg's General Strike, Canada's internment of Ukrainians as "enemy aliens" during the first world war, Ukraine's Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933, Nazi concentration camp atrocities and snapshots of existence in post-war displaced persons camps.

Dramatically resonant are Stefan Petelycky's memoir "Auschwitz: Many Circles of Hell," whose title speaks for itself, and Ms. Skrypuch's story "The Rings," about a boy's valiantly triumphant struggle to survive the famine-genocide.

On the lighter side, stories such as Sonia Dunn's humorous "Changing Graves" and Cornelia Bilinsky's poignant "Candy's Revenge" are an engaging read.

The anthology's major problem is the



uneven calibre of the writing. Some works are cluttered with unnecessary details, others with inaccuracies, redundancies and errors in translation and transliteration.

In her preface, Ms. Skrypuch states that as a teenager (in the late 1960s and early 1970s) she was unable to find books on topics taken from Ukrainian history written in English.

But a substantial body of works on this topic written in English before the mid-1960s readily comes to mind. A good example is Vera Lysenko's "Yellow Boots" (1954), a classic novel of the Ukrainian Canadian immigrant experience.

It is also difficult to classify the book's target audience. The preface targets it broadly at teenage readers. It is doubtful, however, that the explicitly adult subject matter of some of the works, such as Winnipegger Brenda Hasiuk's "It's Me, Tatia," is intended for younger teenagers.

The anthology's inherent graces balance out its shortcomings. First among these is that it succeeds in providing a broad overview of a century of the Ukrainian immigrant experience as it set out to do.

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As you may have read in the UNA's publications, last year's Seniors' Week had over 75 participants, seven interesting speakers and entertainment in the evenings. Fun was had by all. This year once again we have an interesting program scheduled.

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Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard moving to new site

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – After more than 33 years at its present location at 1583 Massachusetts Ave., the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute will cease all operations at the site at the end of the day on Wednesday, February 21, and will resume them on Tuesday, February 27, at its new location of 34 Kirkland St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

The Massachusetts Avenue site was originally selected by the institute's co-founder and first director, Prof. Omeljan Pritsak, and was agreed to by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, which owned the building. However, the building sat on land owned by the Harvard Law School and the Law School never relinquished its claim to the site.

The move comes as the result of the Law School's plan to build a new multi-story student center and underground parking garage on several parcels of land that it owns along Massachusetts Avenue, including the plot that HURI sits on, and is also part of a general Faculty of Arts and Sciences plan to bring centers and institutes in international studies under its aegis closer together within a cluster of centrally located buildings called the Center for Government and International

Studies (CGIS).

With this move, HURI will be closer to Harvard Yard and its constituencies in the Slavic, history and government departments. As a constituent member of CGIS, HURI will have access to all of the state-of-the-art lecture halls, meeting rooms and reception facilities within the complex of buildings.

HURI's new home is a historical landmark with its original portion dating back to the 18th century. The building has undergone extensive renovation in advance of the institute's relocation. Its most notable external feature is its tetrastyle Doric portico.

The building will house HURI on three floors and the first floor will be dedicated to the institute's new library, with a reading room suitable for the weekly seminar in Ukrainian Studies.

HURI's current Victorian-era building, along with an adjacent building, are being moved down Massachusetts Avenue towards Arlington, about a mile further away from Harvard Square, and will be turned into living quarters for some of Harvard's law students.

The institute's phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain unchanged.



The new home of the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute.

Tymoshenko Bloc...

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residents not to pay their utility bills, infuriating Kharkiv Mayor Mykhailo Dobkin and Prime Minister Yanukovich.

In addressing the utility bill hikes at the weekly Cabinet of Ministers meeting on February 14, Mr. Yanukovich placed full blame on oblast and city administrators, and then took a swipe at his political opponents for "consciously provoking people toward conflict."

He called on his Cabinet of Ministers to help him resolve the utility payment crisis.

"I am sure that spring will win for real, not how someone imagines it for herself," Mr. Yanukovich said, referring to Ms. Tymoshenko's new slogan, "Spring Will Win" – her veiled reference to her hope that pre-term parliamentary elections will be held this spring.

The prime minister said he was glad to see Ukrainians taking advantage of government subsidies to help them pay the utility bills.

While 643,000 households received such subsidies last year, Mr. Yanukovich boasted that 1.5 million households qualified this year. "That's two and a half

times more," Mr. Yanukovich told his Cabinet. "The average subsidy for a household increased by 2.5 times."

The same day, the Procurator General's Office issued a statement declaring that the utility price hikes were unjustified.

Soon enough, after sensing the coalition government's admitted vulnerability, the Tymoshenko Bloc hatched its political assault, announcing on February 19 it would stage a blockade of Parliament if its legislation to lower utility bill prices wasn't considered.

The next day, coalition deputies surrounded the Parliament rostrum an hour before the session started and began its own blockade, thereby preventing and subverting the Tymoshenko Bloc blockade.

On February 21 the Tymoshenko Bloc launched a blackout of the Parliament, in which its national deputies camped out all night to ensure the electricity wouldn't be turned back on.

At the weekly Cabinet of Ministers meeting the same day, Mr. Yanukovich said the government would do everything to ensure that tariffs were just. However, coalition government officials said they would not consider the Tymoshenko Bloc proposal to restrict utility bill hikes to the same approximate rate as annual wage increases.



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NOTES ON PEOPLE

From grad school to teaching for flutist

by Halia Kyzyszyn-Holubec

BALTIMORE – Katria Natalia Kuzmowycz, who received a master's degree in flute performance in June 2006 from the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, is teaching general music in two elementary schools (grades K-6) in the Prince George's County public school system in Bowie, Md.

The Rhode Island native's graduate recital, titled "Slavic Gems of the Flute Repertoire," was held in May 2006 at the Ohio State University's Weigel Auditorium. It featured works by Dohnanyi, Prokofiev, Catoire and Schulhoff. She was accompanied by pianist Chad R. Bowles, with whom she has performed on several occasions, and who is a student of Russian pianist Alexander Shtarkman at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and legendary American pianist Earl Wild.

Ms. Kuzmowycz is no stranger to the stage and has been honored at various flute competitions throughout the United States. In addition to teaching, Ms. Kuzmowycz looks forward to performing and some day maintaining a private flute studio.

She picked up her flute for the first time in the fifth grade and has been playing and performing ever since. On performing before an audience, Ms. Kuzmowycz says she loves the confidence it gives her.

"I love the connection that I have with the audience," she notes. "I find that on stage, I take on another personality or become a different character, which allows me to open up and communicate better."

Her Slavic repertoire master's recital was a result of her intrigue in Slavic music. The Flute Sonata by Prokofiev, with which she chose to end her recital, is a monument of the flute repertoire, says Ms. Kuzmowycz. As one of the most popular works for flute and piano, it is frequently performed around the world. Technically demanding for both the pianist and flutist, she continues, it requires a strong collaboration and was the longest work in her program – lasting approximately 25 minutes.

In addition to teaching, Ms. Kuzmowycz is currently compiling a database of Slavic/Eastern European flute



Katria Kuzmowycz

repertoires in various instrumentations.

Before receiving her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of New Hampshire in Durham in May 2004, Ms. Kuzmowycz was a student teacher at Remington Middle School and Franklin High School, both in Massachusetts. These experiences allowed her to conduct various student ensembles, teach general music classes and work closely with staff to develop lessons and rehearsals. Prior to that Ms. Kuzmowycz was a flute instructor – both in private and group settings – as well as at the North Hampton Elementary School in New Hampshire.

While studying for her master's at Ohio State University, she taught young children (ages 1-3) basic music skills and also served as a graduate teaching assistant at the Bright Horizons Riverside Children's Center in Columbus.

"Children are so receptive to learning," says Ms. Kuzmowycz of her years of teaching music. "It is very easy to draw children into what you're teaching and help them become excited about music."

Ms. Kuzmowycz is a fan of many classical composers, but she thoroughly enjoys Romantic-era music. Some of her favorite composers include Rachmaninoff and Ralph Vaughn Williams. Ms. Kuzmowycz is a member of the National Flute Association and the Music Educator's National Conference. She also is an active member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and belongs to the "Lisovi Mavky" Plast sorority.

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New administrator on HURI staff

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – The Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) has named Tamara Hutnik Nary as its new programs administrator. Ms. Nary is a veteran HURI staffer, having worked at the institute since 1996, first as its liaison to the Ukrainian Studies Fund and then as HURI's coordinator for special events and visiting scholars.

As programs administrator, Ms. Nary will be responsible for the administration of the institute's scholarly programs, including conferences, memorial lectures, seminars and symposia. She will also administer the visiting scholar and student programs.

In the summer, Ms. Nary will act as the administrator for the Harvard Ukrainian Summer Institute (HUSI), of which she herself is an alumna.

In this capacity, she will work with the HUSI director to ensure students' transition into the program and will attend to all the day-to-day matters associated with it.

Ms. Nary is a native of Parma, Ohio. She attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and earned a master's



Tamara Hutnik Nary

degree in history from the University of Connecticut at Storrs. She taught high school for nine years prior to her work at HURI.

Ms. Nary lives with her husband and three children in Waban, Mass.

Military service for microbiologist

by Myron B. Kuropas

CHICAGO – Lt. Col. Roman G. Golash is currently mobilized in the active American military. During the mobilization he was appointed as the reserve microbiology consultant responsible for mentoring young officers in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.

He is currently attached to the 2nd Brigade, 85th Training Support Division at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin. As the leader of a team of officers and enlisted personnel, he is responsible for the validation and training of all mobilized medical units. In the military he has a specialty designation of microbiologist and medical laboratory officer.

Prior to his assignment to Fort McCoy, Lt. Col. Golash spent seven months at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, assisting in the training of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard. He helped train 4,200 soldiers who are currently in Iraq protecting convoys.

Last Fall Lt. Col. Golash ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, dedicating his run to his father, Stefan Golash, a former soldier of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), and to all the military currently fighting in the global war on terror.



Lt. Col. Roman G. Golash

Prior to his mobilization, Lt. Col. Golash was the acting branch chief of medical operations at 1st Brigade, 85th Division, involved in the planning and monitoring of medical exercises. Upon de-mobilization, he plans to return to the Illinois Department of Public Health as the head microbiologist of the bacteriology and bioterrorism laboratory and become active again as the commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 35 named in honor of 1st Lt. Ivan Shandor in Palatine, Ill.

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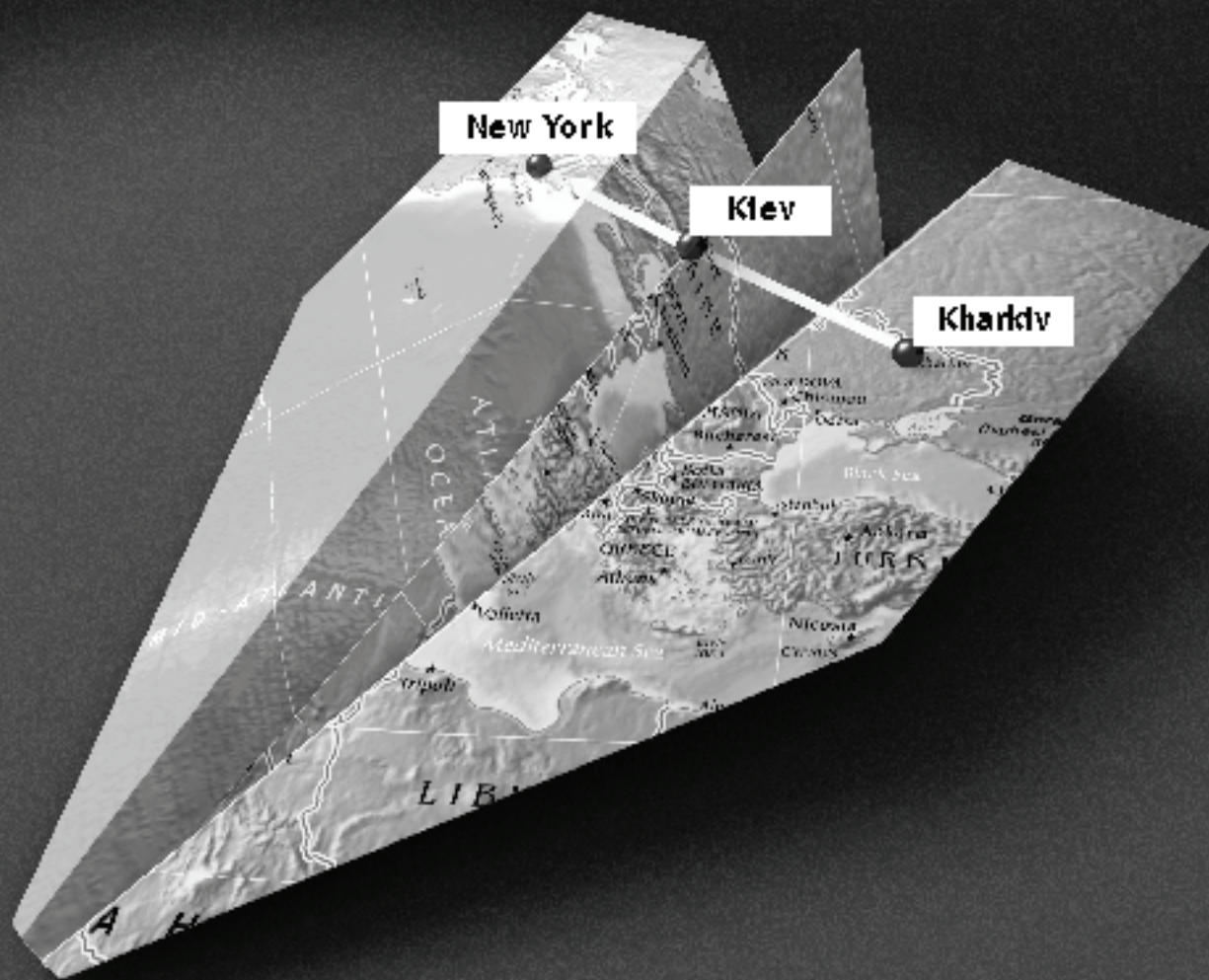
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ceived by Western public opinion as an Asian dictator who is building a Potemkin democracy with a Potemkin market economy.

Three days before Mr. Putin's bellicose speech, Russian Defense Minister Ivanov unveiled a 5 trillion ruble (\$189 billion U.S.) military rearmament program. According to Mr. Ivanov, 45 percent of Russia's weapons will be replaced with new ones by 2015. The acquisitions will include a completely revamped early-warning radar network, new intercontinental missiles, a fleet of supersonic TU-160 strategic bombers and 31 new warships, including a new class of Borey strategic nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers (www.mil.ru, February 7). Mr. Ivanov's spending plan sounds like a replay of the Cold War arms race.

Mr. Ivanov boasted that 17 new ICBMs would be procured in 2007. But last month the chief of the Strategic Rocket Force, Gen. Nikolai Solovtsev, spelled out that indeed only five truly new SS-27s (Topol-M) ICBMs will be acquired, while the other 12 are older Soviet-type naval submarine liquid-fuel ballistic missiles SS-N-23 (Sineva) that will be placed on the Soviet-built Delta-4 nuclear submarine Tula to replace the same type of missiles that have been scrapped because of old age. The SS-N-23 in fact has a range less than intercontinental missiles (strana.ru, January 5).

Gen. Solovtsev told journalists that there are today 542 operational ground-based ICBMs in Russia, but 70 percent of them are too old and overdue to be scrapped. By 2015 some 62 new SS-27 ICBMs will be procured, but at the same time some 400 old ICBMs will be

removed. Today Russia has 78 strategic TU-160 and TU-95 bombers, while by 2015 Mr. Ivanov hopes to have 50 in operation. The first new sub of the new Borey class (Yuri Dolgoruky) is indeed close to completion, but its new Bulava missiles have regularly failed during tests making the new sub a worthless asset.

During the Cold War, the USSR built five aircraft carriers in the Mykolaiv shipyard in Ukraine. None of the carriers were ever truly operational: Three have been scrapped, one is being remodeled for India, and the last, the Admiral Kuznetsov, is a crippled vessel that spends most of its time being repaired. There are today no concrete plans to resume aircraft production.

Mr. Ivanov expressed doubt that the Russian defense industry will be able to produce the modern weapons Russia's military needs. Substantial funds have been earmarked for rearmament in Russia and more is planned to come, but the money will be spent in total secrecy that heightens the opportunities for misappropriation. Mr. Ivanov refused to say how many tanks Russia has today, how many new ones they will build, how much they will cost, or what the price of any item that is planned to be procured (fednews.ru, February 7).

In essence, the Russian defense minister's rearmament plan only pretends to be a replica of a Cold War build-up, while in fact it is a modest attempt to keep even a fraction of Russia's present Soviet-made strategic defense holdings operational until 2015. Whether President Putin's salvo is also a charade remains unknown.

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path of consolidation and compromise must be followed. The former president also suggested that a consolidated commission, comprising representatives of the authorities and public organizations, be created. The commission should work on amendments to the Constitution and submit them to the Verkhovna Rada for consideration. Mr. Kravchuk also commented that he sees no legal grounds to dissolve the Rada and that the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc's bids to hold a pre-term election look illegal. (Ukrinform)

Hrach: Crimea may seek independence

SYMFEROPOL – If Ukraine is forced into NATO, Crimea is likely to put its independence to a vote, said Leonid Hrach, a representative of the Communist Party of Ukraine, in a televised address on the ICTV channel. Mr. Hrach also said he doubts the efficacy of the National Security and Defense Council's strategy on the national security of Ukraine, which was endorsed by the president. (Ukrinform)

YTB and OU negotiate agreement

KYIV – The Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine are presently engaged in negotiations on signing an agreement to create the opposition, Yulia Tymoshenko said on February 19. The agreement would pave the way toward union of representatives of the opposition in Ukraine, she said. The YTB leader said she discussed the issue with President Viktor Yushchenko and said he expressed his support. Answering questions by journalists on the character of the union, Ms. Tymoshenko said it would be a union of political blocs. She also said there will be a joint sitting of the political councils

of the Our Ukraine and the YTB to consider the union. A representative of Our Ukraine, Viacheslav Kyrylenko, confirmed Ms. Tymoshenko's statements on negotiations between the YTB and Our Ukraine. He noted that the document had already been reviewed at a sitting of the Our Ukraine Political Council. Ms. Tymoshenko also noted that the YTB will support the candidates for the posts of foreign affairs minister and chief of the Security Service of Ukraine nominated by the president. (Ukrinform)

Schools closed due to flu epidemic

KYIV – The operations of 2,406 schools in Ukraine were suspended due to a flu epidemic, the Education and Science Ministry's press service told Ukrinform on February 16. The flu is prevalent in the Dnipropetrovsk, Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk and Luhansk regions, as well as Odesa. Some 1.1 million Ukrainian pupils are currently on holiday. (Ukrinform)

Population continues to shrink

KYIV – The State Statistics Committee reported on February 14 that Ukraine's population continued to decrease throughout 2006, falling by 22,000 in December to reach 46.646 million at the beginning of January, Interfax-Ukraine reported. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Cabinet takes president to court

KYIV – Justice Minister Oleksander Lavrynovych said in a television interview on February 15 that in early March the Constitutional Court will examine a Cabinet petition regarding what he sees as President Viktor Yushchenko's failure to perform his constitutional duties, the Ukrayinska Pravda website reported. Mr. Lavrynovych explained that Mr. Yushchenko failed to dismiss an unspecified number of heads of district adminis-

trations in whom local councilors passed no-confidence motions by a two-thirds majority. Under the Constitution of Ukraine, a no-confidence vote supported by two-thirds of local lawmakers is sufficient to oblige the president to dismiss the head of a district or oblast administration. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Birth rate increases in Ukraine

KYIV – Ukraine is seeing an increase in the birth rate, according to data released by the Justice Ministry. A total of 462,732 new births was registered in 2006, which is 8 percent more than in 2005, the Justice Ministry's press service reported. (Ukrinform)

Ukrainian politicians blacklisted?

KYIV – Volodymyr Kornilov, director of the Ukrainian branch of the Institute of CIS Countries, told journalists in Kyiv on February 14 that he believes Moscow has a blacklist of Ukrainian politicians who cannot enter the Russian Federation, Interfax-Ukraine reported. Mr. Kornilov was commenting on an incident the previous week in which National Deputy Petro Poroshenko, former secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, was declared persona non grata and barred from entering the Russian Federation at an airport in St. Petersburg. Russian Foreign Ministry officials said the move was a retaliatory measure against Ukraine's entry ban on a number of Russian politicians and political analysts in the past year or so. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Sharapova supports Chornobyl relief

KYIV – Russian professional tennis player Maria Sharapova has donated \$100,000 (U.S.) to a program on diminishing the consequences of the Chornobyl accident, it was reported on February 15. The ceremony at which she announced

the donation took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York. The funds are allocated for the construction of sports facilities, modernization of computer classes and provision of equipment for hospitals in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, Ms. Sharapova told a press conference. Ms. Sharapova is one of the celebrities who serve as good will ambassadors for the United Nations Development Program. (Ukrinform)

Afghan war veterans remembered

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko together with representatives of the Parliament and the Cabinet of Ministers participated in a flower-laying ceremony at the memorial complex to Ukrainian soldiers who perished in Afghanistan. The ceremony was attended by Verkhovna Rada Vice-Chairman Adam Martyniuk, Vice Prime Minister Dmytro Tabachnyk, Defense Minister Anatolii Hrytsenko, acting Foreign Affairs Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko, Chief of the Presidential Secretariat Viktor Baloha and National Security and Defense Council Secretary Vitalii Haiduk. The participants observed one-minute of silence, which was followed by the Ukrainian national anthem. Six rifle volleys were fired. The ceremony was followed by a requiem liturgy at the Church of Christ's Ascension. Also in honor of Ukrainian soldiers who fought in Afghanistan, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych laid flowers at a monument in Donetsk to those killed in action in that war. February 15 marks Commemoration Day, when Ukraine remembers the participants in military actions in other countries. In the Afghan war alone, 160,000 Ukrainians took part; 12,000 of them were wounded and became invalids, and 3,360 were killed. February 15 marked 18 years since the withdrawal of Ukrainian troops from Afghanistan. (Ukrinform)



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OUT AND ABOUT

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| March 2
Toronto | Film screening and lecture by Yuri Shevchuk, "Language Wars in Ukrainian Cinema: The Triumphs and Defeats of Film Dubbing," University of Toronto, 416-946-8113 | March 10
New York | 27th annual Taras Shevchenko scholarly conference, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130 |
| March 2
Whippany, NJ | Film screening, "Your Eyes Are Like the Sea: Letters Ignited by Passion," Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-585-7175 | March 10
Baltimore, MD | Wladimir Klitschko fight broadcast, Dnipro Sports Club, 410-967-0501 |
| March 3
New York | Film screenings, featuring works by director Bohdana Smyrnova, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130 | March 10-11
Lehigh, PA | Pysanka Workshop, co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Heritage Center at Manor College, Ukrainian Homestead, 215-235-3709 or 610-377-4621 |
| March 3
San Francisco | Concert, "My Love - My Song," featuring Ivanna Taratula, St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church hall, 707-480-2781 | March 11
Yonkers, NY | Art exhibit and Easter bazaar, Ukrainian National Women's League of America, St. Michael Church, 914-762-6514 |
| March 3
New York | Lecture with Andriy Legkyj, "Trends in Contemporary Instrumental Chamber Music in Ukraine: Names and Works," Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130 | March 11
Jenkintown, PA | Taras Shevchenko program, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 215-663-1166 |
| March 3
Baltimore, MD | March Madness, Dnipro Sports Club, 410-529-5375 or 410-967-0501 | March 12
Toronto | Lecture with Alexander Kratochvil, "Post-modern Ukrainian Prose: a Comparative Review," University of Toronto, 416-946-8113 |
| March 3
Whippany, NJ | Discussion by Mykola Ryabchuk, "Climbing Up or Just Muddling Through? - Democratic Transitions in Today's Ukraine," Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-292-9800, x3071 | March 12
Washington | Lecture with Karina Korostelina, "Social Identity and Conflict in the Autonomous Republics of Russia and Ukraine," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 202-691-4140 |
| March 3-4
Montvale, NJ | Pysanka workshop with Patty Wiszuk-De Angelo, Montvale Free Public Library, 201-391-5090 or montvalelibraryadultdept@hotmail.com | March 12
Cambridge, MA | Lecture with Konstantin Akinsha, "West European Art in the Khanenko Museum: The Fate of a Dispersed Ukrainian Collection," Harvard University, 617-495-4053 |
| March 4
New York | Museum tour with Dr. Jaroslaw Leshko, "Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine, 1910-1930," The Ukrainian Museum, 212-228-0110 | March 15-May 6
Oshawa, ON | Art exhibit, "Vera Jacyk: Chysto, Chysto, Chysto," Robert McLaughlin Gallery, 905-576-3000 |
| March 5
Cambridge, MA | Lecture with Olena Rusina, "Marching Forward into the Past: The Search for Historical Roots in Yushchenko's Ukraine," Harvard University, 617-495-4053 | March 16
Toronto | Ukrainian modern art workshop, "Modernity, Identity, Tradition," University of Toronto, 416-946-8113 |
| March 8
Berkeley, CA | Concert, "Musical Fortunes," part of the Jewish Musical Festival, with the Kitka women's vocal ensemble, Berkeley Repertory Theater, www.jewishmusicfestival.org | <i>Entries in "Out and About" are listed free of charge. Please send e-mail to staff@ukrweekly.com. Items will be published at the discretion of the editors and as space allows; photos will be considered. Please note: items will be printed a maximum of two times each.</i> | |
| March 9
Whippany, NJ | Varenyky dinner, sponsored by the Whippany branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (SUM), Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-479-8715 | | |
| March 9
Point Reyes Station, CA | Concert, "Musical Fortunes," part of the Jewish Musical Festival, with the Kitka women's vocal ensemble, Dance Palace, www.dancepalace.org | | |
| March 9-11
Philadelphia | Ukrainian Film Festival, featuring short films and documentaries, Ukrainian League of Philadelphia, 215-684-2180 | | |
| March 9-June 3
North Baltimore, MD | Art exhibit featuring Nestor Topchy, Johns Hopkins University, 410-516-0341 | | |
| March 10
Sacramento, CA | Taras Shevchenko program, Cordova Community Center Hall, 916-482-4706 | | |



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March 9-11 2007

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- March 9-11, 2007**
Ukrainian Language Immersion
Weekends offered at SUNY
New Paltz
- March 23-25, 2007**
Plast Sorority "Chornomorski
Khvyli" Rada
- April 8, 2007**
Traditional Blessed Ukrainian Easter
Day Brunch, doors open at
11:30 a.m.
- April 13-15, 2007**
Ukrainian Language Immersion
Weekends offered at SUNY
New Paltz
- April 20-22, 2007**
BUG (Brooklyn Ukrainian Group)
Spring Cleaning/Volunteer
Weekend
- April 21, 2007**
Alpha Kappa Sorority Semi-Formal
Dinner Banquet
Wedding
- April 27-29, 2007**
Plast Sorority "Shostokryli" Rada
- April 28, 2007**
TAP New York Beer Festival at Hunter
Mountain - 10th Anniversary!
Round-trip bus from Soyuzivka,
special room rate \$60/night
Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity Semi-
Formal Dinner Banquet
- May 4-6, 2007**
Ukrainian Language Immersion
Weekends offered at SUNY
New Paltz
- May 13, 2007**
Mother's Day Luncheon
- May 19, 2007**
Tri Valley High School Prom
- May 25-27, 2007**
Memorial Day Weekend BBQ,
Orchidia Patrons' Reunion,
Summer kick-off and zabava
- June 1-3, 2007**
Ukrainian Language Immersion
Weekends offered at SUNY
New Paltz
- June 4-8, 2007**
Stamford Clergy Days -
Spring Seminar
- June 9, 2007**
Wedding
- June 10-15, 2007**
UNA Seniors Week
- June 17, 2007**
Father's Day Luncheon and Program
- June 21-24, 2007**
UMANA Convention
- June 24-July 6, 2007**
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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Friday, March 2

WHIPPANY, N.J.: Join us in viewing a video presentation from Ukraine titled "Your Eyes Are Like the Sea: Letters Ignited by Passion." Presented in Ukrainian, the video highlights the love letters written by Ivan Franko to Olha Roshkewycz. The video is authored by Sofia Maydanska with music by Ivan Taranenko; Tamara Skrypka will provide an introduction. The event is organized by the Arts, Culture and Education Committee of the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey (UACCNJ), in conjunction with the organizing committee of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in New Jersey and with the support of the Ukrainian National Association. Venue: Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, N.J. 07054. Time: 7:30 p.m. Donation to benefit the UACCNJ: \$15. For information call 973-585-7175.

Saturday, March 3

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a showing of the following films by director Bohdana Smyrnova (New York University Tisch School of Arts): "Dad, Look," "Before Vinnie's House Burned," "Haircut" and "Les Demarches des Papiers." Ms. Smyrnova is a young Ukrainian film director, a graduate of the Ivan Karpenko-Karyi Kyiv State Institute of Theatrical Arts (2000, the Viacheslav Kshyshtofovych Workshop); in 2005 she enrolled in NYU's Film School. Ms. Smyrnova's films have won prizes at various film festivals. The program will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Sunday, March 4

NEW YORK: Tour the widely acclaimed exhibition "Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine, 1910-1930" with Dr. Jaroslav Leshko, professor-emeritus of art history at Smith College. The tour, which will be conducted in English, is co-sponsored by Branch 113 of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America. A documentary film on Ukrainian modernism will be screened before the tour (in Ukrainian, no subtitles). Join us at 2 p.m. at The Ukrainian Museum, 222 E. Sixth St. Refreshments will be served. Admission:

\$20. For reservations call 212-228-0110 or e-mail info@ukrainianmuseum.org. For additional information about the exhibition visit www.ukrainianmuseum.org.

Monday, March 5

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute will host a lecture by Olena Rusina, senior research associate, Institute of Ukrainian History, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and Fulbright visiting scholar, Ukrainian Research Institute. Her lecture, "Marching Forward into the Past: The Search for Historical Roots in Yushchenko's Ukraine," will be held at 4-6 p.m. in Room S-050 (Concourse level) of the South Building of the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS), located at 1730 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138. For more information contact HURI, 617-495-4053 or huri@fas.harvard.edu.

Friday, March 9

WHIPPANY, N.J.: The Ukrainian American Youth Association Inc. (SUM), Whippany Branch, is hosting a Varenyky Dinner at 6-10 p.m. at Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07054. Cost is \$10 per person for a dinner of varenyky, borsch, bread, dessert and coffee/soda. For more information call 973-479-8715 or visit www.uaccnj.org.

Saturday, March 31

HORSHAM, PA.: The Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub, County Line and Lower State roads, in Horsham, Pa. (Philadelphia area), invites you to a wine tasting, seminar and dinner. Learn a sommelier's secrets of food and wine pairing; enjoy the company of good friends. The seminar and wine tasting will be presented by Old Wines LLC of Philadelphia. (For information and a demo video see www.MarnieOld.com.) Doors open at 7 p.m.; the seminar and wine tasting will commence at 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by a bountiful buffet banquet, elegant sweets, coffee and tea. The seminar, dinner and wine are all included in the price: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Reservations and advance ticket purchases are highly recommended, as seating will be limited. Call Nika Chajkowsky, 215-860-8384, or Natalia Luciw, 215-362-5331. Information is also available at www.tryzub.org.



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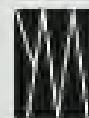
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