

INSIDE:

- Foundation aims to preserve Ukraine's archives — page 9.
- Hockey great John Bucyk honored by Bruins — page 11.
- Australia's Plast hosts international jamboree — centerfold.

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Published by the Ukrainian National Association Inc., a fraternal non-profit association

Vol. LXXV

No. 9

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007

\$1/\$2 in Ukraine

Battle continues over Yushchenko's nomination of foreign affairs minister

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — As Viktor Yushchenko's latest gambit in his battle with the coalition government to select Ukraine's next foreign affairs minister, the Ukrainian president re-nominated Volodymyr Ohryzko on February 28 — a week after his candidacy was rejected by the Verkhovna Rada.

In re-nominating Mr. Ohryzko, President Yushchenko has no motives other than selecting a highly professional diplomat and contemporary, experienced administrator, Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha said.

"That Volodymyr Stanislavovych [Ohryzko] was not approved by the prime minister proves the coalition is forgetting its words more and more easily with every passing day," Mr. Baloha said, claiming that Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich had assured the president earlier that he approved of Mr. Ohryzko.

The battle to select the next minister of foreign affairs is among the key conflicts racking Ukraine's bipolar government, with world powers closely watching to see whether Ukraine will continue its Western integration course, and at what pace.

The Anti-Crisis Coalition government declined to support Mr. Ohryzko in a February 22 vote in which he received

the support of 196 national deputies from the Our Ukraine and Yulia Tymoshenko blocs.

Party of the Regions deputies said they believe Mr. Ohryzko is not a serious candidate for the job, citing the president's lack of lobbying in support of the candidacy as well as the nominee's lack of experience.

Mr. Yushchenko's motivation to re-nominate an already rejected candidate has subtler, but just as weighty political reasons, political observers said.

The president needed to avoid setting a precedent in which the parliamentary coalition simply rejects candidates without concern for the Presidential Secretariat's position, said Volodymyr Fesenko, chair of the Penta Center for Applied Political Research in Kyiv, which is contracted by major Ukrainian political parties, as well as the Presidential Secretariat.

Had Mr. Yushchenko backed down this time, he stood the risk of having future nominations to other government positions getting rejected without resistance, he said.

"This is a demonstration of consistency from the president's side," Mr. Fesenko said, stating that the conflict has taken on a psychological level. "He is demonstrating that for him, it's a matter

(Continued on page 8)

Tymoshenko Bloc, Our Ukraine agree to forum united opposition



Yevhen Orlovskiy/UNIAN

Our Ukraine Bloc Political Council Chair Viktor Baloha and parliamentary opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko shake hands after signing an agreement to unite the opposition.

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV — Leaders of the Our Ukraine and Yulia Tymoshenko blocs agreed February 24 to unite into an opposition coalition in which they will cooperate to achieve common political goals, particu-

larly in forcing pre-term elections.

Other common goals include canceling the December 2004 constitutional reforms, creating a parliamentary-presidential government, as well as upholding imperative mandates on city council deputies, which would prevent them from abandoning a political bloc or party.

"Today we see signs of the ruination of Ukraine's statehood," said Viktor Baloha, the Political Council chair of the Our Ukraine bloc, who signed the agreement with opposition leader Ms. Tymoshenko.

"Examples are the unconstitutional law on the Cabinet of Ministers, the creation of a republic in the name of the prime minister's, personnel decisions and a fight against everything Ukrainian."

President Viktor Yushchenko voiced his approval of the Opposition Union on February 26.

"I approve of the union of opposition forces in the Verkhovna Rada, an important pre-condition for opposing the systematic and flagrant violation of Ukraine's Constitution and acting legislation that we are witnessing in the nation's Parliament," the president said.

"I share your expressed concern regarding the serious threats that have emerged in Ukraine's political life and create a real danger to the Ukrainian state's constitutional order, its safety and stability, as well as the rights and freedoms of Ukraine's citizens."

The Opposition Union marks the second occasion that Ukraine's leading pro-

would never happen to us."

The most popular destination, Ms. Galych said, was Russia.

Parentless children are the majority of those trafficked. Even the organization that makes it its business to help Ukraine's orphans said there's not much it can do once orphans reach adulthood.

"Graduating orphans need information on what is out there," said Ms. Zalucky. "(But) once our orphans graduate, we lose track of them. They disappear. We would love to stay in touch with them."

"We really quickly saw the orphans in Ukraine were in need of special attention," said panelist Natalka Chaplynska of the Women's Consortium Ukraine, speaking in Ukrainian. "Many had few family or none at all, so they were a special risk."

However, after Ukrainian Canadian journalist Victor Malarek's much-publicized 2003 wake-up call — the book "The Natashas" — the situation made it in earnest onto Ukraine's political agenda. Combined with a regime change in Kyiv and the ongoing perseverance of non-governmental groups, the situation in

(Continued on page 11)

Ottawa forum focuses on Ukraine's trafficking problem

by Roman Zakaluzny

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

OTTAWA — Jail time can now be expected for those who traffic human beings in Ukraine, Ottawa residents learned at a recent forum on the sex trade in that country.

But the problem remains a serious one for Ukraine 16 years after independence and more than two years since the Orange Revolution ushered in a new willingness to tackle societal ills.

Although the situation is improving, human trafficking within and out of Ukraine goes on, a panel of experts told a crowd of some 150 gathered in late January at St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

Especially worrisome, they said, was the degree to which young orphans — which number some 120,000 in Ukraine — are the primary target group by traffickers.

Panelists from three non-governmental organizations participated in a January 23 roundtable titled "Building Bridges and Strengthening Ties." The panel was chaired by Toronto's Halyna Zalucky of Help Us Help the Children (HUHTC), and co-sponsored by six local businesses

and groups.

"The problem is very big, especially in Ukraine," said Alla Galych, an officer in the anti-trafficking division of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

She is very familiar with the issue: she used to do the same work with the HUHTC.

Those vulnerable to trafficking are Ukraine's poor, residents looking for employment or better employment to support their families or themselves. Ninety-five percent are female, she said.

"Around 83 percent of the women come from the villages," she said. "Do they know what they're getting into? Of course they do."

The victims, she said, were naïve. Only a small proportion of the women believe they are going abroad to work as nannies or exotic dancers; most know they will be used for sex. However, the women don't foresee the degree to which many become virtual labor or sex slaves beholden to their traffickers in foreign countries.

"We knew the problem (the potential of being trafficked)," one victim told Ms. Galych's group. "We also thought it

(Continued on page 4)

ANALYSIS

Ukrainian gas distribution networks are eyed for swaps with Gazprom

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Since the law initiated by opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko and adopted by the Verkhovna Rada on February 6 has banned any form of alienating gas transit pipelines and other Naftohaz Ukraine-owned assets, Russia's Gazprom and officials in Kyiv seem to be adjusting their approach. They now suggest transferring stakes in Ukrainian oblast-level and local distribution companies to Gazprom, in return for Ukrainian "access" to gas extraction projects in Russia. Such transfers could, however, eviscerate Ukraine's gas transport system from within, aggravating Naftohaz's already bleak financial situation and potentially setting the stage for a transfer of the transit system itself later on.

On February 19, Ukrainian Fuel and Energy Minister Yurii Boiko indicated that the government might transfer parts of Ukraine's gas distribution networks to Gazprom. Speaking in the wake of talks with Gazprom president Alexei Miller, Mr. Boiko said, "Russia is not interested in anything other than distribution networks in Ukraine." Gazprom has proposed specific options to exchange Russian extraction assets for Ukrainian infrastructure assets. Ukraine's State Property Fund is currently preparing sales of minority stakes in distribution companies in certain Ukrainian oblasts (Interfax-Ukraine, February 19).

Swapping Ukrainian infrastructure for "access" to Russian oil and gas deposits does not seem to be a viable proposition. Ukraine is hardly able to provide the high inputs of technology and investment capital required by extractive projects in Russia. More likely, such "access" would become a cover for non-transparent transfers of Ukrainian infrastructure por-

tions to Gazprom or to companies and individuals fronting for Gazprom.

These proposals are being accompanied by distracting suggestions emanating also from Mr. Boiko's ministry as well as from Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. These profess intentions to seek production-sharing agreements for gas and oil – including some offshore projects – in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Egypt and Libya (Zerkalo Nedeli, February 17; ICTV Television [Kyiv], February 19). Such intentions are also clearly beyond Ukraine's means and might form a smokescreen for the real game ongoing with Moscow. More realistically perhaps, Mr. Yanukovich proposed that Naftohaz participate in reconstructing Uzbek gas pipelines "together with the other interested parties" – apparently referring to Russia, next to which Naftohaz could only play a relatively minor role in Uzbekistan.

In a variation on this theme, Mr. Boiko cited Ukrainian investment projects in Turkmenistan (building a bridge on the Amu Darya river, several gas compressor stations, an irrigation water supply ring) as entitling Ukraine to certain volumes of Turkmen gas (UNIAN, February 19). However, most of these low-tech investments date back to the late 1990s and have strained Ukraine-Turkmen relations because of long delays and cost overruns. This situation was a factor in Ashgabat's December 2005 decision to renounce direct sales of gas to Ukraine, selling the gas instead to Gazprom for indirect delivery to Ukraine via RosUkrEnergo.

Members of President Viktor Yushchenko's team are airing serious concerns over proposals to sell infrastructure stakes to Russian interests. In a February 19 teleconference with heads of

(Continued on page 14)

Kremlin moves to repair damaged international image

by Sergei Balgov
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Russian officials have strongly endorsed efforts to improve the country's tarnished international reputation. On February 21 Oleg Morozov, first deputy speaker of the State Duma, declared, "A negative image of Russia entails a lack of confidence in us, in our political system, in our economy, thus limiting investments in Russia."

Image "is a very important element of our foreign policy" and Russia should invest in this area, Mr. Morozov argued. Furthermore, he suggested relying on Soviet experience in promoting the country's positive image. "This work was well done in the Soviet Union" and it brought good results, Mr. Morozov said. Although he conceded that Soviet propaganda misrepresented the actual state of domestic affairs, he still insisted, "Instruments to achieve this goal remained unchanged." Mr. Morozov suggested revamping these publicity tools to fit Russia's current realities (Interfax, February 21).

The Kremlin is already spending millions of dollars on the English-language satellite news channel "Russia Today." Moscow also funds Russian Trends, a monthly supplement in The Washington

Post and several other Western papers designed to project the "right" image of Russia.

Furthermore, in the state's latest effort to reach out to English speakers, state news agency RIA-Novosti is financing a remake of the Moscow News, due in March 2007. While RIA-Novosti created "Russia Today" with the aim of presenting the government's view on news about Russia, Moscow News would have no obligation to run reports about the Kremlin, RIA-Novosti deputy editor Leonid Burmistrov explained (Moscow Times, February 21). Notably, before its launch in late 2005, Russia Today's executives insisted that the channel should have an independent editorial policy.

In the meantime, Russia's media maneuverings have been seen as part of a broader campaign to improve the country's image in the West. On the eve of the G-8 summit in St. Petersburg last summer, Moscow reportedly paid the U.S. PR firm Ketchum \$15 million, presumably to counter critical media coverage of Russian affairs.

However, Western public relations specialists had to work hard to earn their millions, as many Russian foreign policy moves were criticized. In particular,

(Continued on page 21)

NEWSBRIEFS

Yanukovich on U.S. missile shield

DUSSELDORF, Germany – Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich said in an interview with the German business daily Handelsblatt on February 27 that the United States should have consulted Ukraine and Russia over its plans to establish a missile-defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic. The interview appeared on the eve of Mr. Yanukovich's official visit to Berlin. "The deployment issue should have been discussed with everyone in advance, including Russia and Ukraine. Only after there has been a comprehensive European discussion, a dialogue between East and West Europe, should a decision be taken. Europe should not be divided again like it was before the Iraq war," the German daily quoted Mr. Yanukovich as saying. The Ukrainian prime minister also said that the involvement of Poland in the U.S. missile-defense plan "did not help bilateral relations." In what appeared to be an indirect reference to Mr. Yanukovich's interview, President Viktor Yushchenko said the same day that individual countries have the sovereign right to make decisions on the deployment of the U.S. missile-defense system, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service reported. "Therefore, the Ukrainian authorities should not make comments on this issue in an easy-going way," President Yushchenko added. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Opposition signs unity deal

KYIV – The Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine on February 24 signed an agreement on the creation of a "united opposition," Ukrainian media reported. The signatories pledged to vote in harmony on legislation in the Verkhovna Rada and coordinate coalition-building activities in the event of their victory in potential early parliamentary elections. The agreement creates a Coordinating Council as the leading body of the united opposition, in which each bloc will be represented by six people. Yulia Tymoshenko said in a television interview on February 25 that the agreement does not oblige the two blocs to put forward a single list of candidates in parliamentary elections. The next parliamentary elections in Ukraine are due in 2011. (RFE/RL Newsline)

President hails opposition unity

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko has welcomed the unity deal signed by the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine last week, the presidential press service reported on February 26. "I approve of the unification of the opposition forces in the Verkhovna Rada as an important prerequisite to oppose the systematic and outright violation of the Constitution of Ukraine and legislation in force that can be seen in the country's parliament," Mr. Yushchenko said in a letter to both opposition blocs. "I share your concern over the serious threats to Ukrainian political life, which pose a real danger to the constitutional system of Ukraine, its security and stability, human rights, and freedoms," Mr. Yushchenko added. (RFE/RL Newsline)

Baloha comments on early elections

KYIV – The chairman of the Our Ukraine bloc's council and Presidential Secretariat Chief of Staff Viktor Baloha, who has signed an agreement on a united opposition with Tymoshenko Bloc leader Yulia Tymoshenko, said on February 24 that he supports holding early elections to the Verkhovna Rada. "The sooner, the better," he said. Answering journalists' questions about the grounds for early parliamentary elections, Mr. Baloha admitted that these might be a "decision of the Constitutional Court recognizing that formation of the Yanukovich government was illegitimate" and noted that "if the president within his constitutional authorities has grounds to disband the Parliament, he will use this right." The opposition sent a letter to the President Viktor Yushchenko with a proposal to veto all laws that the majority coalition adopts in the Verkhovna Rada. (Ukrinform)

Coalition urges meeting with president

KYIV – Raisa Bohatyriova, coordinator of the parliamentary majority, has called on President Viktor Yushchenko to meet with leaders of all parliamentary caucuses and discuss the danger of a "deepening national split," UNIAN reported on February 24. "The opposition forces,

(Continued on page 17)

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

FOUNDED 1933

An English-language newspaper published by the Ukrainian National Association Inc., a non-profit association, at 2200 Route 10, P.O. Box 280, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

Yearly subscription rate: \$55; for UNA members – \$45.

Periodicals postage paid at Parsippany, NJ 07054 and additional mailing offices. (ISSN – 0273-9348)

The Weekly:

Tel: (973) 292-9800; Fax: (973) 644-9510

UNA:

Tel: (973) 292-9800; Fax: (973) 292-0900

Postmaster, send address changes to:

The Ukrainian Weekly

2200 Route 10

P.O. Box 280

Parsippany, NJ 07054

Editor-in-chief: Roma Hadzewycz

Editors:

Zenon Zawada (Kyiv)

Matthew Dubas

The Ukrainian Weekly Archive: www.ukrweekly.com; e-mail: staff@ukrweekly.com

The Ukrainian Weekly, March 4, 2007 No. 9, Vol. LXXV

Copyright © 2007 The Ukrainian Weekly

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY AND SVOBODA

Walter Honcharyk, administrator

(973) 292-9800, ext. 3041

e-mail: ukradmin@att.net

Maria Oscislowski, advertising manager

(973) 292-9800, ext. 3040

e-mail: adsukrpubl@att.net

Mariyka Pendzola, subscriptions

(973) 292-9800, ext. 3042

e-mail: ukrsubscr@att.net

NEWS ANALYSIS: Yushchenko's and Tymoshenko's blocs proclaim unity

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The pro-presidential Our Ukraine bloc (OU) and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) have signed an accord proclaiming a unified opposition. It is aimed against the majority coalition in the Verkhovna Rada, which was formed last summer by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's Party of the Regions, the Socialists and the Communists.

The two opposition blocs pledged to form a majority coalition in Parliament and a Cabinet if they win the elections. OU and YTB, in an alliance with the Socialists, did win the March 2006 elections. That alliance, however, fell apart within four months.

Ms. Tymoshenko, speaking after signing the unity accord on February 24, laid blame for that on the Socialists, who opted for a coalition with Mr. Yanukovich last year. However, there are doubts about the viability of the new alliance and about the attainability of its goals.

A preliminary agreement on a unified opposition was signed on February 6. Not everybody in OU welcomed it, expressing mistrust in Ms. Tymoshenko and reservations about her ideology. Nevertheless, OU and YTB demonstrated a unity of actions through February. Mr. Yanukovich's careless remark about the absence of grounds to raise minimum wages and pensions, which he made on a visit to Donetsk on February 15, prompted OU and YTB to attack the government, employing populist rhetoric.

President Viktor Yushchenko, who is the honorary chairman of OU, called on Prime Minister Yanukovich to immediately come up with legal amendments to boost social protection. Ms. Tymoshenko predicted that Mr. Yanukovich's attitude toward social protection would result in his dismissal. She launched a tour of Ukraine, urging the local authorities to lower utility rates.

On February 19 OU and YTB signed a declaration pledging unity of actions at the local councils. As the majority refused to discuss a YTB-drafted bill aimed at restricting rises in utility prices, OU and YTB deputies on February 21-23 blacked out Parliament by switching off the lights and blocking the access to the electrical control room. This maneuver

did not make much practical sense, as the majority continued to pass laws during the daytime, using natural light from the windows, but the show of unity of OU and YTB was demonstrated on TV screens across the country for several days, which was probably their real motive.

Finally on February 24, Ms. Tymoshenko and the chief of the Presidential Secretariat, Viktor Baloha, who is also the formal head of OU, signed the accord on a unified opposition. In the preamble, the two parties warn against "an anti-constitutional coup, whose goal is to return power to the clans and oligarchs" and against "the absolutely unconstitutional concentration of power in the hands of the Cabinet and the parliamentary majority." The accord offers two remedies: a cancellation of the constitutional reform of 2004-2006, which weakened the presidency, and an early parliamentary election.

President Yushchenko, who has significantly fewer constitutional powers than his predecessor, Leonid Kuchma, and Ms. Tymoshenko, who harbors presidential ambitions, rejected the constitutional reform from the outset. However, it will be very hard to cancel it, as the necessary constitutional amendments cannot be made if the parliamentary majority and the Constitutional Court do not agree. In the text of the accord, OU and YTB pledged that their first step as a unified opposition would be to appeal the constitutional reform to the Court.

An early election would provide OU and YTB with another chance to form a government, as recent public opinion polls show that they might muster more popular support than Mr. Yanukovich and his allies if the elections took place now. There are, however, no legal grounds for early elections at the moment. Mr. Baloha has said that there is a possibility that the court may proclaim the current Cabinet illegal. In that case, President Yushchenko would have formal grounds to call new elections.

Mr. Yushchenko, speaking on February 22 was skeptical, saying that an early parliamentary election would not change the situation in Ukraine. Former Internal Affairs Minister Yuri Lutsenko, whose new People's Self-Defense movement proclaims support for both OU and YTB, has doubted that it is legally possi-

ble to disband the Verkhovna Rada and call new elections.

Mr. Yanukovich, interviewed on television on February 25, said that his party is against early elections that would "destabilize the country." One of his party's senior members, a former first assistant to president Kuchma, Serhii Liovochkin, took the accord between OU and YTB less seriously, dismissing it as "just another part of the same soap opera."

The accord signed on February 24 does not say anything about a joint election campaign. Speaking on television on February 25, Ms. Tymoshenko clarified that YTB and OU would conduct separate campaigns in case of an early election. Mr. Baloha confirmed this, speaking

to OU's website Razom.org.ua. Running separately, it would be hard for YTB and OU to avoid competition and conflicts at the local level, as they share the same nationally minded, mostly Ukrainian-speaking electorate in the west and center of Ukraine and Kyiv.

Sources: *Korrespondent.net*, February 16; *UNIAN*, February 19, 22, 25; *Channel 5*, February 21; *Razom.org.ua*, February 24, 26; *Ukrayinska Pravda*, February 24; *ICTV*, *ProUA.com*, February 25.

The article above is reprinted from *Eurasia Daily Monitor* with permission from its publisher, the Jamestown Foundation, www.jamestown.org.

Environmental association appeals to Tymoshenko on eve of U.S. visit

WASHINGTON/RIVNE, Ukraine – In a letter delivered to Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, the Ukrainian-American Environmental Association (UAEA) outlined "Eleven Opportunities for the United States to Assist Ukraine in the Sphere of Improving Energy Efficiency."

National Deputy Tymoshenko is scheduled to visit the United States from February 28 to March 2 and meet with top U.S. government officials to discuss a number of policy issues including energy.

In its letter, UAEA noted that Ms. Tymoshenko "recognize[s] the importance for Ukrainian industry, local governments and others to reduce energy waste and to improve energy efficiency for the good of the nation's economy and its national security."

It added: "We believe that your upcoming visit to the United States affords a good opportunity to explore options for U.S.-Ukraine cooperation for pursuing your goals in the area of energy efficiency."

Accordingly, UAEA outlined 11 areas in which the United States could actively work with Ukraine to reduce energy waste and thereby improve its economy and national security. These included expanded scholar and business exchange programs, financial assistance, formal Verkhovna Rada-U.S. Congress communications, an additional role for the U.S. Peace Corps, translations of U.S. energy efficiency studies and training materials, replication of successful U.S. energy efficiency programs, expansion of Voice of America and other broadcasts, and using the new U.S. Embassy in Kyiv as a demonstration of energy-efficient design.

The Ukrainian-American Environmental Association is a private, non-governmental organization founded in 2004 and chartered in both the United States and Ukraine. It is a network of more than 800 Ukrainian and American NGOs, academic researchers, businesses, and government officials to facilitate the exchange of information on a broad array of environmental issues including, but not limited to, energy policy, cli-

mate change, air and water pollution, toxic wastes, soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and wildlife and wilderness protection.

Among the UAEA's proposals were:

- Scholar exchanges: The multiple federally-sponsored scholar and research exchange programs, including the Freedom Support Act, Muskie, and Fulbright programs, could give higher priority to recruiting and placing Ukrainian students, teachers, scholars and researchers interested in energy efficiency and related environmental issues at U.S. educational institutions. Likewise, greater emphasis could be given to assisting American scholars wishing to teach and/or conduct research on how Ukraine could improve the energy efficiency of its economy as well as address other related energy and environmental issues.

- U.S. Peace Corps: Ukraine is host to the world's largest contingent (at present, over 300) of Peace Corps volunteers (PCVs). Given the placement of PCVs in schools as well as with NGOs and government agencies in cities, towns, and villages throughout the country, Peace Corps volunteers would be in a particularly good position to develop education programs about energy efficiency and related energy issues for students, NGOs, local government offices, and community residents. However, this is presently not a designated program of Peace Corps Ukraine and would require a formal agreement between U.S. Peace Corps and the Ukrainian government to facilitate an expansion into this area.

- U.S. Embassy facilities as a model: The U.S. Embassy could announce a series of energy efficiency initiatives at its own facilities to serve as a model for Ukrainian government officials – and then provide tours, seminars and training for Ukrainian nationals so that the U.S. experience could be replicated. A particularly good opportunity is presented by the soon-to-begin design phase of the

(Continued on page 8)

Tymoshenko, ill with flu, cancels her New York trip

PR Newswire

KYIV – Former Ukrainian Prime Minister and Orange Revolution leader Yulia Tymoshenko announced on February 26 that she has made changes to this week's scheduled visit to the United States, canceling the New York segment and refocusing on her Washington meetings.

She explained that her ongoing outreach to citizens in cities and towns across Ukraine, undertaken in the midst of harsh weather conditions, has resulted in her experiencing the flu. The flu has spread across the country, closing schools; even the speaker of the Parliament missed a week of plenary sessions.

Ms. Tymoshenko's decision to delay her departure to the United States, taken on the advice of her physician, has resulted in the cancellation of a robust schedule of events in New York.

"Ms. Tymoshenko understands that this schedule change will be a disappointment to many in New York," said Hryhorii

Nemyria, a Ukrainian Member of Parliament and senior foreign policy advisor to Ms. Tymoshenko. "Consequently, she is already discussing plans for a return trip to New York as part of her outreach to various diaspora, media, public policy, and business constituencies in the United States and elsewhere."

Ms. Tymoshenko's trip to the United States follows a series of recent diplomatic outreaches, including trips to Brussels and Berlin in November and to Israel in January.

In Washington later this week, Ms. Tymoshenko was to meet with government officials, lawmakers, policy experts and business leaders to discuss the important issues facing Ukraine. She was to address efforts to advance the country's path to democratic reform and be honored by policy organizations that support her passion and commitment to Ukraine. She will also speak at some of the most prominent American think-tanks on topics of Ukrainian and American interest.

Quotable notes

"We came through many tests, through many mistakes ... our union today is not due to circumstances, it is not a spontaneous decision. It is a decision dictated by those Ukrainians who want to see Ukraine European."

– Yulia Tymoshenko, Ukraine's main opposition leader, speaking about the newly signed agreement between the Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine, as quoted on February 26 by the Associated Press.

Chernivtsi-born physician opens oncology hospital in Kyiv

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – Growing up in Chernivtsi, Edward Maiberg was inspired by his mother, a doctor who taught him that helping the ill was a physician's most important duty.

After immigrating to Israel in 1989 to build his oncology career, Dr. Maiberg has returned to his native land to lead the development of an elite oncology hospital on Kyiv's outskirts whose mission is to help those stricken with cancer.

Aiming to reverse the current trend of Ukrainians traveling abroad to receive quality cancer care, Dr. Maiberg said he expects cancer patients from Moscow and Warsaw will be traveling to Kyiv to be treated at the Hospital for Modern Oncology care, or Likarnia Suchasnoyi Onkolohichnoyi Dopomohy (LISOD).

"Our clinic has everything to provide patients with treatment, prevention and diagnostics at the highest levels that modern oncology has to offer," Dr. Maiberg told reporters during a February 19 tour of LISOD.

"And using the standards that were implemented from our clinic's very start, we can say today that we are able to cure – not just treat, but cure – up to 65 percent of patients at all stages of oncology illness," he added.

Set to open in the spring, LISOD will offer among the most advanced technologies available for cancer treatment, such as biopsy and mammogram devices that can detect tumors smaller than 1.5 centimeters.

LISOD's computerized systems are able to tailor treatments to a specific

patient's needs and minimize human error. Anesthetic devices can eliminate the pain and discomfort from gastroenteroscopy procedures.

During the course of a single operation, LISOD doctors will have the ability to perform an operation removing a mammary gland tumor, eliminate minute metastases and then perform reconstructive surgery. "Only a few clinics in the world can do this," Dr. Maiberg said.

The hospital's linear accelerator can irradiate a tumor with enough precision to deliver the necessary dose while avoiding surrounding organs and tissues. Radiation can even be administered during surgery.

"Every oncology clinic would dream to have the equipment installed at LISOD," Dr. Maiberg said. "We offer the most precise radiotherapy that a radiooncologist could hope for."

Beyond advanced technology, LISOD has a unique approach to cancer treatment that consists of individually tailored care, maximally painless surgery, screening, diagnosis verification and providing psychological comfort, he said.

LISOD will play an active role in early detection of cancer – the main principle in its treatment approach.

The hospital's coordinator is a clinical oncologist, because those are the doctors most capable of seeing the picture as a whole, Dr. Maiberg said.

An oncologist for most of his career, the 43-year-old Dr. Maiberg is now concentrating his efforts on the business end of cancer treatment.

LISOD is a \$30 million investment made by 10 international business partners,



Zenon Zawada
Israeli oncologist Edward Maiberg, a Chernivtsi-native, speaks about the new world-class oncology hospital located on the outskirts of Kyiv.

including LR Group Chief Executive Officer Michael Amzel, Dr. Maiberg said.

Mr. Amzel, also an Israeli, has been active in numerous Ukrainian business ventures, most notably selling Donetsk-made Kolchuha radar systems to the Ethiopian government.

LISOD consists of two buildings tucked amidst surrounding coniferous forests that can serve as many as 200 patients.

The staff includes Ukrainian doctors, as well as Israeli and European doctors

who relocated to Ukraine. The hospital also provides for the option of bringing cancer specialists and surgeons from abroad to perform specialized procedures.

World-renowned oncologist Dr. Carlos Perez of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis traveled to Kyiv to see LISOD for himself. Dr. Maiberg and his business partners deserve to be commended for their venture, he said.

"I admire their fortitude because this is a risky business," Dr. Perez said. "The resources that it takes to build this kind of institution are great. What it's going to take to maintain the operation perhaps is even greater than the initial investment. And they are willing to take that risk. And they do not know if the environment will be supportive or not."

However, demand for such care should lead to success.

Dr. Maiberg said no oncology hospital of the same capabilities and specialized approach currently exists in Poland or the Russian Federation.

Given Kyiv's location between these two countries, he expects cancer patients from both will seek treatment at LISOD, which will largely serve Eastern Europe's well-heeled.

LISOD's convenient location near Koncha Zaspas, the Kyiv suburb where Ukraine's elite live, was not chosen at random.

"The high-quality treatment we'll be offering at the clinic can't be inexpensive," Dr. Maiberg said. "Even if I said it was inexpensive, I don't think you'd believe it."

Tymoshenko Bloc...

(Continued from page 1)

Western political forces are uniting after President Yushchenko sacked Ms. Tymoshenko in September 2005.

Its effectiveness is questionable, political experts said, considering its only means of gaining enough power to affect government would require major constitutional reform or pre-term elections.

With 204 votes in Parliament, the Opposition Union is largely impotent against the coalition government's 237 votes.

Furthermore, disagreements remain not only between the Our Ukraine and Tymoshenko blocs, which have publicly lambasted each other during the past year, but also within the Our Ukraine bloc itself.

Within a week of the union's signing, Our Ukraine leaders began making inconsistent statements, a common occurrence.

Presidential Secretariat Chair Baloha said "pre-term elections are necessary, the sooner the better," after signing the Opposition Unity agreement.

Days later, it was revealed that Mr. Yushchenko isn't even thinking about pre-term elections, said the president's official representative to the Verkhovna Rada, Roman Zvarych.

The Opposition Union is a formal political structure led by a coordinating council consisting of six representatives from each political bloc.

Their agreement defines the union's principles and programs in the opposition role, in the event of forming a parliamentary majority and possibly even a coal-

ition government.

Among the political goals outlined in the opposition's agreement are gaining European Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organization membership, revising the Ukrainian Constitution (to cancel the December 2004 reforms), adopting liberal economic policy, legalizing land sales, reforming the judicial system and developing a national cultural scene.

The agreement even sets conditions should the Opposition Union become the ruling coalition. It envisions a system of taking turns to claim government positions on a 50-50 basis, with the Tymoshenko Bloc having first choice.

The blocs' leaders made clear they would once again campaign independently in the event of pre-term parliamentary elections, but they wouldn't attack each other.

Pre-term elections may occur if the Constitutional Court declares the formation of the Cabinet of Ministers illegitimate, Mr. Baloha said, adding that the president will act on that matter only within his authority, which he does not believe he currently has.

Other Our Ukraine leaders agreed.

"I can tell you with certainty that the president isn't thinking about this now, as much as the legal basis isn't there," Mr. Zvarych said on March 1.

Pre-term parliamentary elections could also emerge in the event that Ukraine's Constitutional Court declares the December 2004 reforms unconstitutional, Mr. Zvarych added.

Public opinion polls suggest that the demand for pre-term elections may in fact backfire on the Opposition Union, particularly the Our Ukraine bloc.

Party of the Regions National Deputy Vasyl Kyseliyov announced on February 28 that his party in fact supports the call for pre-term elections, for both the Ukrainian presidency and parliamentary seats.

In his dare, Mr. Kyseliyov went so far as to propose a March 30 election date.

In fact, the Party of the Regions would stand to gain significantly in such a scenario. Virtually all public opinion polls show that Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich would handily win the presidential election if it were held in late March, and the Party of the Regions would retain all its seats in the Verkhovna Rada, or gain even more.

Our Ukraine would not only lose the presidency in such a scenario, but polls estimate it would get only between 4 and 8 percent of the vote.

On the other hand, pre-term parliamentary elections within the next few months have the potential to reinvigorate the Orange electorate, which could give the Our Ukraine-Tymoshenko alliance enough votes to form the coalition government, political observers said.

In fact, that may be the union's only hope, said Volodymyr Fesenko, chair of the Kyiv-based Penta Center for Applied Political Research, which is contracted by major Ukrainian parties and the Presidential Secretariat.

"If these forces aren't able to realize their strategy of pre-term elections in the next three months, then maintaining this union in this strategic regime will be very difficult," Mr. Fesenko said. "There is a certain competition and divergence of interests between them. Therefore, the risk of a new division or collapse of this union exists."

The prime minister's personnel chair, Serhii Liovochkin, likened the Opposition Unity agreement to the latest episode in a Mexican soap opera between the two blocs. "Voters are tired of counting the attempts of these political forces to glue together the pieces of a broken pot," he said.

So what's to guarantee that the Our Ukraine and Tymoshenko blocs will stick together this time around?

"The guarantee is that Oleksander Moroz is absent from this table," Ms. Tymoshenko told reporters.

Ukrainian and American cardiologists exchange experience via web-conference

Embassy of Ukraine in the U.S.

WASHINGTON – A web-conference of Ukrainian and American cardiologists took place on February 7 on the premises of the Children's National Medical Center in Washington. The event was held as "Grand Round" project that is implemented jointly by the World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Associations, Icodesys/International Medical Programs and the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee.

The online conference lasted for almost four hours and covered more than 20 Ukrainian cities and towns representing all regions and half a dozen cities in the United States, as well as in several countries of Central Europe. This is the third such event held in the last two

years, and the number of participating doctors is increasing. The previous two events focused on radiology and children's eye and vision problems.

Ukraine's Embassy representative took part in the web-conference. In his welcoming remarks he mentioned high-level bilateral cooperation in the medical sphere under the auspices of U.S. and Ukrainian health authorities hailed Ukraine-3000 Foundation's activities and expressed support for the "Grand Round."

The event sparked a broad response among Ukrainian doctors and was covered by the Voice of America.

The next experience-sharing web-conference, which will focus on treatment of childhood diseases, is planned for October.

THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM



Insurance Matters

by Joseph Hawryluk

Pre-paying premiums can save you a lot

Whenever I meet a UNA member at church or at a Ukrainian function, I always remember to thank them for giving their life insurance annuity business to a Ukrainian company.

Well, I was thinking this one gentleman who had purchased a \$5,000 (20-Year Endowment) policy for his grandson at birth, but still had 10 more annual payments to go. The conversation went something like this...

"Osyp, of course, I would only give my life insurance and annuity business to a Ukrainian company. But, I'm getting on in my years, and I would really like to be done with paying on this policy!"

I replied that if he wanted to pre-pay for those 10 years, the UNA would only charge him 8,108 annual premiums – or basically he would get almost two years for free. This means a savings in his pocket.

For example, your annual premium is \$174.80 x 10 years, which is \$1,748 left to pay on an annual basis. However, if you pre-pay the 10 years, the amount due would be \$1,417, a savings of \$331. Obviously, if you have larger policies, your savings will be larger. The policy would now be all paid-up and his grandson would definitely get the \$5,000 10 years from

now – even if something should happen to the grandfather before then.

If you see yourself in this situation, call your UNA secretary or the Home Office toll free at 1-800-253-9862. They will explain to you that you can prepay from two years to 20 years, and this also applies to other classes of UNA cash value (but not for Term or Universal Life) life insurance.

Of course, if a member dies sooner, the UNA would return those premiums that had been paid ahead in addition to paying out the death benefit. Thus, the beneficiary would get a larger sum. What a deal!

Osyp (Joe) Hawryluk is a licensed professional sales agent for the UNA.

Meeting Notice: UNA Branch 277

UNA Branch 277 St. John Society will hold its Annual Meeting on

**Saturday, March 31, 2007
at 2:00 p.m.**

at the Ukrainian National Home of Hartford Inc,
961 Wethersfield Avenue,
Hartford, CT.

For more information, please contact Myron Kuzio,
UNA Branch 277
Financial Secretary
at 860-633-1172.

Insure and be sure.



Join the UNA!

Bon voyage!

On March 4 (the date of this issue of our newspaper), a group of close to 80 adventurous souls is setting out on the first-ever fund-raising cruise of the Ukrainian National Association.

The "cruisers" are a diverse group, ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s. They will be sailing on the Carnival cruise ship named "Miracle." Among them will be four UNA General Assembly members: President Stefan Kaczaraj, Second Vice-President Michael Koziupa,

Treasurer Roma Lisovich and Advisor Maya Lew.

The cruise, which leaves from Tampa, Fla., and returns there on March 11, will take in Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Belize and Costa Maya.

Cruise participants may designate their donations for The Ukrainian Weekly or Svoboda press funds, or the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation.

We thank our intrepid travelers for their contributions, and we wish them "Bon voyage!"

Visit the websites of the UNA's publications:

www.ukrweekly.com
www.svoboda-news.com

Pre-Pay
And
SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$



UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

20 Year Endowment*

Age/Face Amt	Annual Prem	Total Prem Pd	Pre-paid	Savings
0 for \$10,000	\$349.60 x 20 =	6,992.00	4,574.00	2,418.00
10 for \$10,000	351.20 x 20 =	7,024.00	4,595.00	2,429.00
20 for \$10,000	354.30 x 20 =	7,086.00	4,636.00	2,450.00
0 for \$20,000	699.20 x 20 =	13,984.00	9,149.00	4,835.00
10 for \$20,000	702.40 x 20 =	14,048.00	9,190.00	4,858.00
20 for \$20,000	708.60 x 20 =	14,172.00	9,292.00	4,880.00
*Minimum \$5,000	Issue Age 0-60			

- As a life insurance policy, full face amount is payable to beneficiary during life of the contract
- As an endowment, full face amount is payable to insured at end of contract (after 20 years).
- Cash value accumulation
- Pre-pay and save thousands of dollars!

FOR ALL OTHER AGES PLEASE CALL YOUR BRANCH SECRETARY OR THE UNA HOME OFFICE

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2200 Route 10
Post Office Box 280
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Phone: 800-253-9862
Fax: 973-292-0900
E-mail: UNA@UNAMEMBER.COM
WWW.UkrainianNationalAssociation.org

Two for ONE!

Life Insurance and Endowment!

Receive full face amount after 20th policy anniversary date!

- Also available to pre-pay:
- Endowment at age 18
 - Twenty Pay Life
 - Life paid-up at age 65



UNA and the community; Partners for Life!

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Language wars

The analysis by Taras Kuzio published in last week's issue noted the general public tolerance of language diversity in Ukraine, pointing out that only 8 percent of those surveyed nationwide mentioned the Russian language's status as an issue important to them. Dr. Kuzio noted that it is only the Party of the Regions and the Communist Party that are pushing for Russian as an official or second state language of Ukraine. And, language choice does not correlate with political allegiance.

Against that backdrop, let's consider the language issue from another perspective. Although the Russian language certainly is not under attack in Ukraine, it is certainly true that the Ukrainian language is. Some of these attacks are quite fierce, and others are nefarious (some, to be sure, are merely banal).

Most recently, Donetsk City Council Secretary Mykola Levchenko, a member of the Party of the Regions, stated that Ukraine should have only one state language: Russian, and he predicted this would eventually happen. Ukrainian, he said, is simply "unsuited to be used in the development of scholarship or in international communications." Ukrainian, he said, will continue to exist only as "a language of folklore."

In an attack on Ukrainian speakers, Ukraine's Vice Prime Minister Dmytro Tabachnyk recently opined that the cultural policy of Ukraine aimed at resurrecting national awareness and self-respect is "in the interests of a narrow stratum of the Ukrainian-speaking intelligentsia, which is simply afraid of competition in all areas."

Another example of the language war: An online article published by the Political News Agency (Agentsvo Politicheskikh Novostei) late last year underscored that the Russian language is among the most powerful tools to promote Russia's continuing influence in the post-Soviet space. At the same time it noted that the Ukrainian language is "essential" for the Ukrainian elites, that it "explains overall why Ukraine is independent." The article singled out the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy – whose languages of instruction are Ukrainian and English (not Russian!) – and noted that this is a project capable of "nullifying Russian influence in the intellectual sphere." The writer went on to argue that a similar scholarly center – a Russian Institute – must be created in eastern Ukraine to strengthen Russian influence in scholarship, to oppose "anti-Russian plans by sectors of the Ukrainian elites" and to "solidify Russian identity" in the southern and eastern regions of Ukraine.

Clearly then, language remains a powerful tool – some would say "weapon" – in the battle for the hearts and minds of Ukraine's citizens. And that is why it is essential for the Ukrainian language to have the support of the Ukrainian government, scholarly institutions, the cultural community, etc., as well as the diaspora and entities that provide various types of support from abroad.

As Ivan Dzyuba once stated, without the Ukrainian language, without its Ukrainian culture, Ukraine simply will not exist.

March
2
1997

Turning the pages back...

Ten years ago, The Ukrainian Weekly reported on the enthronement of Bishop Vsevolod (Majdanyk) as archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. by Metropolitan Constantine at St. Volodymyr Cathedral in

Chicago (Archbishop Vsevolod's cathedral see) on March 2, 1997.

The elevation of the former primate of the 45,000-member Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America to archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. was the first visible sign of the Churches' decision in November 1996 to unite into one body, the UOC of the U.S.A., under the spiritual authority of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Over 150 faithful attended the divine liturgy concelebrated by Metropolitan Constantine, and Archbishops Antony and Vsevolod, who were joined by three archimandrites and area priests. Also present near the altar in a spirit of ecumenism were Ukrainian Catholic Bishops Basil Losten of the Stamford Eparchy and Michael Wivchar of the St. Nicolas Eparchy of Chicago.

At the conclusion of the service, Metropolitan Constantine installed Bishop Vsevolod as archbishop of the newly created Western Eparchy, which encompasses the region between Detroit, Mexico and Hawaii.

On the unification of the two Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, Metropolitan Constantine said that this was done "for the good of our Church in the United States and for the good of our Church and people of Ukraine."

At the banquet that followed, Archbishop Vsevolod spoke of the need to unite Ukrainian Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholics into one Kyivan Church, and cited the efforts of Orthodox Metropolitan Petro Mohyla and Catholic Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky to "find unity between our two Churches."

"In helping our brother and sister Orthodox in Ukraine to create one united Orthodox Church, we will be supporting a dialogue for the creation of one Ukrainian Church," added Archbishop Vsevolod.

Among the greetings by government officials, Church leaders and representatives of Ukrainian community organizations, were the best wishes of Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar (delivered by Pat Mikulski). Victor Kyryk, Ukraine's Consul General in Chicago, hailed the unification of the two largest Orthodox Churches in the United States and called for the unity of Orthodox Churches in Ukraine.

In his remarks on the disunity of the Orthodox Churches in Ukraine, Archbishop Vsevolod said, "How can one Church be fragmented into four sections? It is uncanonical, and it is certainly a scandal. It is a scar not only on Orthodoxy, but on Christianity, and a scar on Ukraine itself."

On encouraging unity in Ukraine, Archbishop Vsevolod said that the Orthodox should continue their dialogue with Ukrainian Catholics. "We are the same tradition. We are the same Kyivan Church. I want all the years of bickering to cease," he said.

Source: "Vsevolod enthroned archbishop of united Orthodox Church," by Khristina Lew, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, March 2, 1997.

NEWS AND VIEWS

News flash: Ukrainian politics is, er, political! Surprised?

by Alexander J. Motyl

Question: What do Ukrainian American activist Mary Beck, former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, and Turkmenistan's "great leader" have in common?

Answer: The same thing that Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, and the Turkmenbashi's father have in common.

They're all recipients of Ukraine's Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise.

That order was established by Presidential Decree No. 766/95 on August 23, 1996, to "decorate citizens for significant personal deeds for the sake of the Ukrainian state in the sphere of state construction, enforcement of the international authority of Ukraine, development of economy, science, education, culture, art, for charity, humanistic and public activities." The order comes in five grades, with the first being the highest and the fifth the lowest.

No one's ever paid much attention to the order. And with good reason: as even the short list above suggests, it appears to have been bestowed on a grab-bag of individuals with little in common besides the award. One doesn't have to be a Ukraine analyst to suspect that the order is primarily a tool of government policy – a sweetener that is dispensed to curry favor with influential people or key constituencies. Think of the Nobel Prize for Literature, which appears to be less concerned with the actual quality of the writing and rather more with the geographical origins of the recipients.

And little attention would continue to have been paid to the order, had not President Viktor Yushchenko outraged Ukraine-watchers on February 16 by bestowing the order, third grade, on Mykhailo Potebenko, the former procurator general implicated in the cover-up of the murder of journalist Heorhii Gongadze.

According to the president's decree, Mr. Potebenko was given the award for his "notable personal contribution to the construction of a rule-of-law state and to the consolidation of legality and law and order, his conscientious work of many years, and on the occasion of his 70th birthday."

Just who is the 70-year-old Potebenko? A Kuchma toady, is the short answer. The longer answer is that he served as procurator general from 1998 to 2002. He managed to indict former Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko on corruption charges in 1999, but did nothing about the murders of former National Bank of Ukraine chief Vadym Hetman in 1998 and journalists Gongadze and Ihor Aleksandrov in 2000 and 2001, respectively. Running on the Communist Party list, Mr. Potebenko was elected to the Verkhovna Rada on March 31, 2002.

One breathless blogger immediately denounced the award as "shameful." After all, how could Ukraine's democratically elected president do something as callous, and stupid, as reward the odious Mr. Potebenko for his services to – of all things – rule of law? Clearly, the decree was just another bit of evidence demonstrating that the "kamikaze president" was a spineless, lily-livered weakling and an apologist for the forces of reaction.

But is that all there is to the story? Even if President Yushchenko is the embodiment of weakness and spinelessness, why

Alexander J. Motyl is professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark.

give a medal to Mr. Potebenko just now? If the president wanted to signal his capitulation to the ancien régime, why not just give the medal to, say, Leonid Kuchma or some other prominent politico? Why reward the non-entity Potebenko? Is Mr. Yushchenko just plain dumb?

A little analysis – and some very rudimentary digging on the Internet – suggest that the picture is rather more complicated than purveyors of outrage suggest.

How are recipients of the order chosen?

The president confers the order, but the choice of recipient appears to be the result of deliberations between him and the Commission on State Awards and Heraldry. That body was set up in 2000 to replace the Commission on State Awards as an advisory organ to the president.

According to an official announcement, "the tasks of the commission include drafting conclusions on draft legislative acts on awards, considering complaints, applications and proposals regarding preliminary consideration of awards. The commission conducts expert examination of sketches of state awards, presidential medals and departmental incentive awards, and exercises control over preparation of state awards and presidential medals."

On May 5, 2005, President Yushchenko changed the composition of the commission and appointed National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy President Viacheslav Briukhovetsky as its head. First Deputy State Secretary Ivan Vasiunyk became deputy head of the commission, while the head of the Presidential Office's awards and heraldry service, Volodymyr Reptyntsev, became its secretary.

Also appointed to the commission were: Lviv National University Rector Ivan Vakarchuk, the Ukrainian Heraldry Society head Andrii Hrechko, presidential adviser Volodymyr Hryshko, and the head of the General Headquarters of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Serhii Kyrychenko. The other members of the commission are: presidential assistant Andrii Kyslynsky, Amosov Cardiovascular Surgery Institute Director Hennadii Knyshov, National Deputy Borys Oliinyk, and presidential adviser Mykola Poludionny.

The commission previously included Mr. Kuchma's first presidential assistant, Serhii Liovochkin; the head of the Ukrainian Presidential Administration's awards and heraldry department, Mr. Reptyntsev; the National Bank of Ukraine mint's director-general, Ruslan Areshkovych; the Ukrainian Presidential Administration's deputy head, Mykola Bilokin; Arts and Culture Minister Yurii Bohutsky; the Ukrainian Heraldry Society's head, Hrechko; the History Institute's head of department, Maria Dmytrienko; First Deputy Justice Minister Anatolii Zaiats; Shevchenko National University Rector Viktor Skopenko; Vice Prime Minister Dmytro Tabachnyk; the National Union of Artists head Volodymyr Chepelyk; and National Deputy Ihor Sharov.

Clearly, President Yushchenko alone does not decide who gets the order. Just as clearly, some commission members are a pretty reputable bunch of prominent Ukrainian leaders. If Mr. Yushchenko's granting the award to Mr. Potebenko makes him a spineless, lily-livered weakling and apologist for the forces of reaction, then it also makes Messrs. Briukhovetsky, Vakarchuk et al spineless, lily-livered weaklings and apologists for the

(Continued on page 15)



The things we do...

by Orysia Paszczak Tracz

Tarasova Hora: witness to Holodomor history

Tarasova Hora (Taras's Hill) in Kaniv is the site of Taras Shevchenko's grave and the museum dedicated to his life and work. This is where he had hoped to settle, marry and raise a family. And, in his "Zapovit," or "Testament," he asked to be buried on the hills overlooking the Dnipro, so that he could watch it flow down to the Black Sea.

Earlier, it was known as Cherecha Hora (Monk's Hill), because of the monks who very long ago lived there in the caves they had dug for themselves.

A settlement grew at the foot of the hill and was named Monastyrk (little monastery). What remains of this hamlet is the name of a city street in Kaniv.

Mykhailo Maksymovych, the eminent scholar and friend of Shevchenko, passed on local stories about three hetmans (Kozak leaders) buried on the hill: Ivan Pidkova, Kishka and Shakh. The funeral procession for the killed Pidkova followed the same route as the later one for Shevchenko.

The Kanivskyi Musei-Zapovidnyk "Mohyla T. H. Shevchenka" – the Kaniv Museum Preserve – Grave of Taras H. Shevchenko – is a national park preserve covering many acres on the hills overlooking the Dnipro River.

The place is reverent, picturesque and beautiful. The personnel working there – the scholars as well as the general staff – are very dedicated. Often the retirees come to see the gardens they had planted and proudly tell visitors about their work in the past. Over the past few years, the museum, built in the mid-1930s and designed by architects Vasyl Krychevsky and Petro Kostyrko, has been undergoing extensive reconstruction.

As scholar Dr. Viktor Tarakhan of the national shrine told me, construction was begun just after the Holodomor (the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933), with materials that were barely sufficient. For example, in some places wood was used instead of brick and mortar or stone, and steel-enforced concrete was substituted with other materials.

For any visitor coming to this idyllic site today, it is horrifying to learn that during World War II the whole area was a battlefield, and the museum building itself was a Nazi concentration camp. This is documented in the museum exhibition.

In 1941 a battle took place right on the hill and at the grave of Shevchenko. In the fall of 1943, during the German occupation, the Nazis drove the people of the whole region into the ruined museum building. They spent their days – during battles – digging trenches along the Dnipro and on the hills. The building was encircled with barbed wire. The first floor became a stable for German horses. "Sviatynia" documents this destruction, and lists some of the inmates of the concentration camps.

A decade earlier, like the rest of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Kaniv area was in the horrible grip of the Holodomor.

The history of Tarasova Hora is thoroughly and lovingly covered in the book "Sviatynia" by Dr. Zinaida Tarakhan-Bereza, a scholar at the national shrine (Kyiv: Rodovid, 1998. 538 pp. ISBN 966-5114-1-0 – regrettably now out of print). One of the revelations from this book was the self-immolation at the foot of Shevchenko's grave by Oleksa Hirnyk

on January 22, 1978 (see "The Death at Tarasova Hora," by Orysia Paszczak Tracz, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, March 9, 1998).

A later book, a supplement to "Sviatynia," covers archival material on the Holodomor in this region – "Sviatynia i Holodomor: dokumenty i materialy z naukovokho arkhivu Shevchenkivskoho Natsionalnoho Zapovidnyka," compiled by O. V. Bilokin (Kaniv/Lviv: PP Soroka T.B., 2003. 60 pp. ISBN 966-96091-6-x). Most of the material is the taped and transcribed memoirs of survivors of the Holodomor, most of whom had lived around Kaniv and worked on the construction of the museum. Dr. Tarakhan-Bereza collected the memoirs over many years.

As she writes in both books:

"The architects devoted much effort to ensure that the construction [of the museum building] was supplied with the necessary materials, a labor force – hired from the collective farms and cities – and water supply. Much more difficult were the living situation and the food supply during this difficult time. The Ukrainian people began the construction of the present Shevchenko memorial in Kaniv in the most tragic years of the Holodomor, artificially created by the totalitarian state of the time, which, in a way, wanted to say 'here we are honoring our great people, even though we are exterminating their descendants – the little people – by the millions...'

"The genocide totally directed against the Ukrainian people showed itself especially fiercely here in Kaniv, the spiritual center of Ukraine. In the area of Shevchenko's grave, the populations of entire villages were dying out – Reshitky, Lipliave, Keleberda... This is what happened in the village of Prokhorivka, forever connected to the names of Mykhailo Maksymovych and Taras Shevchenko: 'What was happening in the village was horrible. There were corpses in every home ... People rode around the village with a wagon, going into each house, carrying out the dead, taking them to the cemetery without coffins. No one dug any graves, but just covered the corpses with some earth ... Most houses in the village stood empty, the village became silent...' [Tetiana Yosypivna Oseledets']

"Like shadows, weak, tired, hungry people wandered the streets of Kaniv. Often they lost consciousness and even died just on the street. They were collected – and deposited (not just the dead, but the half-alive) in the morgue or in an abandoned house on Taras Shevchenko Street (on the way to Shevchenko's grave): 'All were unloaded in this house and the door was locked, so that they [those still alive] would not wander out, and so they died there...'

Even the revered architects, Krychevsky and his former student Kostyrko, did not escape the hardship. They were not paid regularly, and the 60-year-old Krychevsky had to sell some of his clothing and other items at the market in order to buy food.

But a most horrible fate found Ivan Yadlovsky, the caretaker for many years of Shevchenko's grave. Visitors to the museum see the lovely typical Ukrainian thatched-roof white house which was the

(Continued on page 14)

Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



"But the worst were the Ukrainians..."

Like many Jewish Americans with Ukrainian relatives who survived the Holocaust, Daniel Mendelsohn's opinion of Ukrainians was formed early in life. When it came to blame for the horrors suffered by Jews, the familiar refrain went something like this: "The Germans were bad, the Poles were worse, but the worst were the Ukrainians."

Unlike many Jewish Americans, Daniel Mendelsohn went to Ukraine in search of the truth, not about Ukraine and the Ukrainians, but to discover for himself the fate of six of his relatives who had once lived in the western Ukrainian town of Bolekhiv. Before his odyssey was over, he writes, he had "traveled to a dozen cities from Sydney to Copenhagen to Beer Shiva, to embark on airplanes and ferries and trains packed with Jewish boys and girls in uniforms with guns strapped to their narrow bodies; to go, in the end, to Bolechow itself and there talk to the few remaining people who had seen what had been done."

Mr. Mendelsohn read many Holocaust stories and histories and interviewed survivors. After five years, he produced "The Lost: A Search for Six of the Six Million," published last year by HarperCollins.

I learned of the book by chance. Mr. Mendelsohn was interviewed on Chicago's "Extension 720," a nightly talk show hosted by Milt Rosenberg that I occasionally listen to. A retired University of Chicago professor whose knowledge base is encyclopedic, Dr. Rosenberg is a true renaissance man. During the interview, Ukraine and Ukrainians came up and Mr. Rosenberg mentioned Ukrainian collaboration in the Nazi killing of Jews. Mr. Mendelsohn gave the usual affirmation but then added, to his credit, that Ukrainian complicity wasn't as black and white as some people think. "Wow," I thought, a nuanced response to Ukrainian-Jewish relations. I bought the book.

The book, which chronicles the author's travels in great detail, is a fascinating read. It is a report, a memoir and a detective story all rolled into one. Most impressive is the fact that the author did his homework regarding Ukrainians and Ukrainian history.

Some of Mr. Mendelsohn's descriptions are familiar. "A month before I went to Ukraine with my own siblings," he writes, "I stood in the stifling lobby of the Ukrainian consulate on East 49th Street in New York, waiting for a visa, and as I stood there I would look around at the people standing next to me, who were all talking animatedly and often exasperatedly in Ukrainian to each other, yelling at the solitary officer behind the bulletproof glass, and the line, 'the Ukrainians are the worst' would go through my head, over and over, acquiring its own kind of rhythm."

Mr. Mendelsohn writes of the constantly changing spelling of his grandparents' ancestral village: "Bolechow under the Poles, Bolekhov during the Soviet years, and now finally, Bolekhiv under the Ukrainians who always wanted the town and now own it." He relates a joke which illustrates the different national ownerships in this part of the world: "it's about a man who's born in Austria, goes to school in Poland, gets married in Germany, has children in the Soviet

Union and dies in Ukraine. Through all that...he never leaves his village."

Mr. Mendelsohn's guide in Ukraine was Alex, described by him as "a gregarious young Ukrainian who makes his living now by taking American Jews to the blighted settings of their own family stories..." There are many other Ukrainians who help the Mendelsohns along the way and by page 109 of this 512-page book we read, "we were all thinking the same thing: some Ukrainians aren't so bad."

Confirming what my grandmother once told me, the book describes how Jews and Ukrainians lived side-by-side in relative peace for generations in western Ukraine. A man in Australia tells Daniel how "many of Bolechow's Gentiles, Polish as well as Ukrainians, spoke perfect Yiddish, that's how close they all had been."

The murderous behavior of some Ukrainians during the Nazi occupation is not whitewashed. Jewish killings are described as Aktions. "The Bolechow Aktion," writes Mr. Mendelsohn, "took place on October 28 and 29, 1941. In it there perished approximately a thousand Jews." Other Aktions with Ukrainian participation are also described. Sometimes Ukrainian militiamen assisted the German killing squads. At other times, Ukrainians killed Jews randomly, as "part of a personal vendetta."

A classicist by training, Mr. Mendelsohn points out that "Greek tragedy ... is never a straightforward confrontation between Good and Evil but is, rather, much more exquisitely and much more agonizingly, a conflict between two irreconcilable views of the world ... the Jews of eastern Poland, who knew they would suffer unimaginably if they came under Nazi rule, viewed the Soviets as liberators in 1939 ... whereas the Ukrainians of eastern Poland who had suffered unimaginably under Soviet oppression during the 1920s and 1930s, viewed the cession of eastern Poland to the Soviet Union as a national disaster and saw the Nazis as liberators in 1941..."

Although different peoples live side-by-side, their perception of the same events can be dramatically different. Such is the tragedy, I believe, between Ukrainians and Jews.

Fortunately for Ukrainians, Mr. Mendelsohn mellowed regarding our people. Describing Jewish animus towards Ukrainians, he writes that "this unwillingness to believe anything good of Ukrainians struck me as irrational ... since every survivor I talked to had been saved by a Ukrainian. I did not say this to them at the time, but it seemed to me that Jews more than others should be wary of condemning entire populations out of hand."

Will tensions between Ukrainians and Jews ever let up? Despite the fears of the American Jewish Committee members of our Ukrainian Jewish dialogue in 1990, things have never been better for Jews in Ukraine. Many who left Ukraine for Israel are returning to buy homes and to start businesses. I am less optimistic about America's Jews who appear to be stuck in a time-warp regarding Ukrainians. One exception is Daniel Mendelsohn.

Myron Kuropas's e-mail address is: kuropas@comcast.net.

Battle continues...

(Continued from page 1)

of principle to nominate precisely Ohryzko. The president needs to show his strength and flex his muscles."

Mr. Ohryzko is a career diplomat who served as Borys Tarasyuk's vice minister before the former foreign affairs minister was pressured to resign by a hostile coalition government.

His foreign policy is considered closely aligned with Mr. Tarasyuk's views, which is why the coalition government rejected his candidacy, said Yuriy Yakymenko, director of political-legal programs at the Razumkov Center for Economic and Political Research in Kyiv, which is funded by more than 50 international government and non-governmental organizations.

"In my view, the single most simple reason lies in his association with that foreign policy course that is not supported by the coalition," he said. "They view him as a person who will consistently defend the Euro-Atlantic integration course, who will share Tarasyuk's views,

and that's enough for his candidacy not to be accepted by the coalition."

During his month serving as acting minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Ohryzko has already received his fair share of criticism from the coalition government.

When a delegation led by European Council President Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited Kyiv on February 6 for the Ukraine-European Union summit, Mr. Ohryzko failed to properly prepare for and lead negotiations, alleged Taras Chornovil, a Party of the Regions national deputy.

"Ohryzko is a complicated candidacy, though he's a wonderful minister compared to Tarasyuk," Mr. Chornovil said. "But there are distinguished problems with this candidacy – complications and inexperience in conducting serious negotiations."

Russian-oriented politicians have also directly and indirectly accused Mr. Ohryzko of having views hostile to the Russian Federation.

Among the reasons for his doubts regarding the nomination, Prime Minister Yanukovych on February 8 cited a 2006 incident in which Mr.



Zenon Zawada
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Volodymyr Ohryzko.

Ohryzko communicated with a Russian delegation in Ukrainian through an interpreter.

At a press conference several days later, Mr. Ohryzko explained that the incident occurred at a conference of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). He said he prepared his theses on Russian-Ukrainian relations in the Ukrainian language, unaware that it was not among the conference's so-called working languages.

"In fairly harsh form, several conference participants began demanding that I switch to Russian," Mr. Ohryzko said. "But I continued to speak in Ukrainian."

On March 1 Crimean Communist leader Leonid Grach accused Mr. Ohryzko of Russophobia – a day after the acting minister told a Kyiv press conference that the Crimean government's decision to open an affiliate in Moscow violated Ukrainian law.

Mr. Ohryzko had just returned from Moscow, where he led the Ukrainian side during Russian Black Sea Fleet subcommission negotiations, which he described as "more dynamic." Ukraine is ready to conduct an inventory of the Black Sea Fleet's property, which can be completed within three months, but the Russian Federation has delayed the process, he said.

Mr. Ohryzko's nomination failed the first time around because it emerged during a period of sharp conflict between the coalition government and the Presidential Secretariat, Mr. Fesenko said, adding that he believes Mr. Ohryzko has a chance to win approval the second time around.

"I am absolutely convinced that the issue is not in the person of Ohryzko, but the latest crisis in Parliament and worsening of relations between the Parliament coalition and the opposition," Mr. Fesenko said. "If there wasn't this disgusting sharpening of political conflict, I think Ohryzko's candidacy would pass though, sooner than not."

In the event that the parliamentary coalition rejects Mr. Ohryzko a second time, the Ukrainian president will then likely propose a compromise candidate, he said.

However, it's unclear what kind of a candidate would accommodate the foreign policy positions of both the Western-oriented Presidential Secretariat, and the Russian-oriented coalition government.

Among the leading candidates remains lawyer and diplomat Oleksander Chalyi, who has found favor with both the Presidential Secretariat where he currently serves as the assistant chairman, and the coalition government, because of his Russian-oriented positions.

Mr. Chalyi served as first vice minister of foreign affairs between 1998 and 2001 and as state secretary for European integration issues between 2001 and 2003.

Environmental...

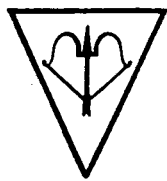
(Continued from page 3)

new U.S. Embassy compound in Kyiv. The best in energy efficiency and green building designs could be incorporated so that the end result is a state-of-the-art facility that showcases the latest in energy-saving, environmentally-safe and renewable energy technologies. To the extent that security considerations permit, Ukrainian architects, designers, builders, government officials and students could be invited to presentations and training sessions related to the design and building of the new facility.

• Translation of U.S. publications: Over the past 30 years, the U.S. government has developed vast amounts of educational and technical materials on energy efficiency for use in the United States by businesses, industrial facilities, hospitals, schools, government buildings (and

officials), farmers, motorists and homeowners. It would be useful to have the best of these resources translated into Ukrainian and/or Russian so they could be reproduced and used in Ukraine.

• Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: Broadcasts by Voice of America as well as by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty afford a vehicle for sharing American experience in the field of energy efficiency with a very large Ukrainian audience. While energy policy has been among the issues addressed in these broadcasts, specific strategies for promoting energy savings in Ukraine, especially by individuals, and discussing relevant experience in the United States has not, to date, been a focus. Broadening the focus of these broadcasts to include this issue could prove to be a low-cost but effective method of furthering energy efficiency in Ukraine.



ПЛЕМ'Я ПЛАСТУНОК „ПЕРШІ СТЕЖІ“

— влаштовує —

ДЕННИЙ ТАБІР „ПТАШАТ ПРИ ПЛАСТІ“

для дітей від 4 до 6 років, які володіють (розуміють і говорять)
українською мовою.

- Дитина мусить мати закінчених 4 роки життя до 31-го серпня 2007 р. Вийнятків немає.
- Дитина мусить мати усі приписані щеплення.
- Дитина, яка склала Заяву Вступу до новацтва, не може брати участі в таборах для пташат

Табір відбудеться на СОЮЗІВЦІ у двох групах:
від 24 червня до 1 липня 2007 р., та від 1 до 8 липня 2007 р.

У справі кімнат просимо порозуміватися прямо з Адміністрацією Союзівки.

SOYUZIVKA

Ukrainian National Association Estate
P.O. Box 529, Kerhonkson, NY 12446 • (845) 626-5641

- Таборова оплата: — \$90.00 і \$5.00 реєстраційне (незворотне): оплата за два тижні 185.00 дол.
- Зголошення і таборову оплату (чек виписаний на Plast — Pershi Stezhi) надсилати до:
Mrs. Oresta Fedyniak, 2626 W. Walton Ave., Chicago, IL 60622
Tel./Fax: (773) 486-0394 (8:00 до 10:00 ранку)
- Реченець зголошень: Перша група: 11 квітня 2007 р.
Друга група: 18 квітня 2007 р.
- Число учасників обмежене. Додаткова оплата за спізнені зголошення 25 дол. (якщо є місце в таборі)

КАРТА ЗГОЛОШЕННЯ НА ТАБІР ПТАШАТ- 2007

Ім'я і прізвище дитини.....

по-українськи і по-англійськи

Дата народження

Адреса.....

Телефон.....E-mail.....

Просимо залучити посвідку дати народження дітей, що вписуєте на табір перший раз.

- від 24 червня до 1 липня 2007 р. від 1 до 8 липня 2007 р.
- Величина таборової сорочки дитини: 6-8, 10-12, 14-16.
- Залучую чек на суму \$..... Резервую кімнату на Союзівці

Ім'я і прізвище матері (подати дівоче прізвище)

Завваги.....

Підпис батька або матері



DNI PRO CO.

PACKAGES, CARS AND
CONTAINERS TO
UKRAINE AND EASTERN
EUROPE

Travel service: Air tickets and visas to Ukraine and other countries.

Money transfer to Ukraine and other countries.

Ukrainian and European CDs for sale. Ukrainian souvenirs and kercheifs for sale.

Telephone cards: 80 min. for \$5

NEWARK, NJ
688 Sanford Ave
Тел.: (973) 373-8783
(888) 336-4776

CLIFTON, NJ
565 Clifton Ave
Тел.: (973) 916-1543

PHILADELPHIA
1801 Cottman Ave
Тел.: (215) 728-6040

U.S.-Ukraine Foundation aims to preserve Ukraine's archives

WASHINGTON – “Skarb,” the Ukrainian word for “treasure,” came immediately to mind when representatives of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation visited the 700 years of history encapsulated in Ukraine's Central State Historical Archives in Lviv. One million records – decrees, diplomas, ancient prints, maps, blueprints, dignitaries' personal documents, and records noting the activity of public, religious and cultural institutions and societies – detail the history of Ukraine's Halychyna region's relations with various European countries and entities from the 13th through the 20th centuries.

Containing volumes in 13 languages, including Arabic, Armenian, English, French, German, Latin, Moldovan, Polish, Turkish and Ukrainian, the archives' shelves span nearly 7.5 miles.

However, the future of this skarb is uncertain. The archives are located in the former Bernardynski Monastery and the former Royal Arsenal – historical structures that date back to the 17th century, which were not intended to house valuable documents requiring special ventilation and treatment. Since the buildings had never undergone major renovation, they are in dismal condition.

Consequently, on a daily basis, the valuable documents are exposed to humidity, mold and sunlight that enter through the archives' windows and cracked walls and damage the records. The danger of an electrical fire caused by an outdated electrical system constantly looms over the archives. High levels of humidity are significantly harmful to the records, and partial repairs, with finances from the Archive's budget, have not produced any significant results.

In August 2005, the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, in cooperation with the R'fa'aye-nu Society, launched the Lviv Archives Preservation Project, a \$105,000 initiative funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The project was built upon the proposal of Mira Brichto, founder of the R'fa'aye-Society. Ms. Brichto approached the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation with the idea of creating a project to preserve the cultural and historical treasures contained within the Lviv Archives. Thus, a two-year initiative was born.

On the U.S.-Ukraine foundation's side, the project is coordinated by the Foundation's Lviv Western Ukrainian Regional Training Center, and assisted by Chrystia Sonevytska, special projects coordinator and volunteer from Washington.

Through the Lviv Archives Preservation Project, the mission of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation is to preserve the rich history and culture housed in the archives, and to prevent deterioration of the archives by the elements of nature. In support of the project's work, the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation has a unique approach. The foundation works directly with the contractors who perform the building restorations on a project-to-project basis. No funds go directly to

Ukraine's Central State Historical Archives in Lviv.

To date, through the Lviv Archives Preservation Project, excavation work has

the best practices in archival technologies.

Since the Lviv Archives Preservation Project is due to expire this June, more assistance is direly needed to help contin-



Centuries-old documents are damaged by sunlight that enters through windows at Ukraine's Central State Historical Archives in Lviv.

been done on the water canal system to provide better drainage, the electrical system has been partially repaired, and the foundation of the building has been improved.

“This project is vital to preserving not only Ukrainian history and culture, but the histories and cultures of Belarus, the Vatican, Italy, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Turkey and France that are documented in the Lviv Archives. Comprehensively catalogued in the Archives is also the history of the Jewish community in western Ukraine. It is an honor for the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation to be part of this important initiative,” said John A. Kun, Foundation Vice President.

Upcoming tasks for which funding is still available through the USAID grant include the introduction of chemical treatments to better preserve the books, training of the archival staff in modern conservation technologies, and bringing in experts from various European countries to share

ue the restoration efforts. The lengthy “to do” list includes roof repairs, chemical treatment of documents, repair of the water pipes and electrical wiring system, installation of an air conditioning and

heating system, partial floor and window repairs, placement of grates on windows, reparation of the buildings' facades and installation of a fire alarm system.

In order to extend the life of the documents, there is an urgent need to digitize the Archives' records. In order to make this a reality, there is an urgent need for microfilm machines, printers, scanners, modems, machines to view microfilmed materials, machines to bind documents together, computers, chairs and tables for the reading room, electrical lamps, and document holders and shelves for storing documents.

Assistance is also needed in developing the archives' website, supporting the archives' publications, and displays. Additionally, it is important to further train archival staff in new conservation technologies via internship programs at archival institutions in Ukraine and abroad, and participation in archive-related conferences and seminars.

“We are deeply grateful to the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation and the R'fa'aye-nu Society for their work in helping us with the restoration work of the archives. However, much work still needs to be done, and we encourage the assistance of new donors. For example, the leaking roof still needs to be repaired, the walls need to be painted and the cracks in the walls need to be patched up, and new windows are needed. More importantly, we would like to digitize the documents. This will not only prolong the life of the documents, but make them readily accessible to the public,” explained Diana Pelts, director of Ukraine's Central State Historical Archives in Lviv.

For more information about Ukraine's Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, readers may visit <http://www.archives.gov.ua/Archives/index.php?ca04>.

The U.S.-Ukraine Foundation would like to expand its activity in the area of historical and cultural preservation. The foundation is seeking individuals to offer ideas for future preservation projects, to volunteer, and to financially support program activities. Those individuals interested in assisting the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation in this field may contact Chrystia Sonevytska at xpucmias@yahoo.com or at 202-223-2228.

Bridges Ukraine Tours

Cultural, agricultural, agribusiness and custom tours.
7 day all inclusive tours.

\$2880 includes airfare, meals, lodging, transportation
and full-time interpreter/guide.

For information and reservations please visit
www.bridgesukrainetours.com or call 970-361-5789.



UNA, INC. BIRTHDAY ANNUITY SPECIAL

5.40%

In celebration of our 113th Birthday open a Tax Deferred Annuity account with UNA and receive 5.40% interest for the first 12 months.

The annuity must be held with UNA for a term of 5 years to avoid a surrender fee. No fee on withdrawal for

Terminal Illness, Nursing Home, or Medical Expenses.

Rate subject to change after 12 months

To speak to a sales representative call 1-800-253-9862

or call your local Branch Secretary

SUMMER CAMPS AT SOYUZIVKA!

TENNIS CAMP AGES 10-18

Intensive two weeks instruction and competitive play directed by George Sawchak. Limited to 45 participants.

Weeks: June 24– July 6, 2007
\$540 UNA Members
\$590 Non UNA Members
+ \$130 Instructors Fee/per Student

EXPLORATION DAY CAMP AGES 7-10

Six hours of fun-filled activities in this day camp, which focuses on the outdoors.

Session 1: June 25– June 29, 2007
Session 2: July 2– July 6, 2007
\$100/per week or \$25/per day

PLAST CAMP-TABIR PTASHAT

A Plast day camp held at Soyuzivka. Please contact Plast for registration & Soyuzivka for room bookings.

Session 1: June 24– July 1, 2007
Session 2: July 1– July 8, 2007

UKRAINIAN HERITAGE DAY CAMP AGES 4-7

Formerly known as Chemney Camp, this day camp exposes kids to their Ukrainian heritage through daily activities such as dance, song, crafts and games. Price includes tee-shirt and daily lunch.

Session 1: July 15– July 20, 2007
Session 2: July 22– July 27, 2007
\$150 Per Camper
\$190 if not an overnight guest

A \$75 deposit is required to register a child into camp (For Sitch camp- register directly with Sitch Sports School. For Plast camp- register directly with Plast) For more information & for camp applications call: (845) 626-5641

or
check out our website at:
www.Soyuzivka.com



DISCOVERY CAMP AGES 8-15

Calling all nature lovers for this sleepover camp filled with hiking, swimming, scuba, organized sports, & bonfires.

Week: July 15– July 21, 2007
\$400 UNA Members
\$450 Non UNA Members

SCUBA DIVING COURSE AGES 12-ADULTS

One week course will complete academic, confined water and open water requirements for PADI open water certification. Classes given by George Hanushevsky, scuba-diver instructor. Pre registration is required.

Week 1 : July 15– July 21, 2007
Week 2 : July 22– July 28, 2007
\$400 for Course
\$120 Deposit Required
All fees payable to George Hanushevsky

UKRAINIAN "SITCH" SPORTS CAMP AGES 6-18

This is the 38th Annual Ukrainian "SITCH" Sports Camp run by the Ukrainian Sitch Sports School. This camp will focus on soccer and tennis & is perfect for any sports enthusiast. Registration for this camp is done directly by contacting Marika Bokalo at (908) 851-0617.

Session 1: July 22– July 28, 2007
Session 2: July 29– August 4, 2007
\$350 Per Camper
\$150 for Day Campers

TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN FOLK DANCE CAMP AGES 8-16

Directed by Ania Bohachevsky-Lonkevych (daughter of Roma Pryma Bohachevsky). Expert instruction for beginning, intermediate and advanced dancers. The camps will end with a grand recital which is always a summer highlight!

Session 1: July 22– August 4, 2007
Session 2: August 5– 18, 2007
\$610- UNA Members
\$660- Non UNA Members
+\$300 Instructors Fee /Student



John "The Chief" Bucyk feted by Boston Bruins for 50 years of service

BOSTON — Ukrainian NHL legend John Bucyk, 71, who played for the Boston Bruins from 1957 to 1978, was feted on February 13 at TD Banknorth Garden for his 50 years of service to the Black and Gold. The ceremony, dubbed "Hail to the Chief" due to his presumed Native American appearance, was his

third in a hat-trick series of Causeway Street events that have recognized Bucyk's career accomplishments.

Bucyk was signed to the Bruins in a deal that traded fellow Ukrainian Terry Sawchuk to Bucyk's former team, the Detroit Red Wings. After 11 seasons in Boston, Bucyk was expected to retire due to a debilitating

degenerative disk in his back.

The club ownership decided to send him off on "John Bucyk Night" and rolled out a 1968 Mustang convertible, with team members chipping in for a boat. The Rangers sent a set of golf clubs and the Black Hawks gifted a rifle. However, Bucyk went on to play 713 games, score 727 points and win two Stanley Cups over the next 10 seasons.

That summer Bucyk went to see some specialists in Toronto — the Maple Leafs doctors — who made a brace for him that he played with for the remainder of his career.

From an interview that appeared in the Boston Globe, Bucyk recalled, "What people often don't think about, or forget, is that from that time on, I got the record for most consecutive games as a Bruin — 418. And they thought I was finished!"

Bucyk is credited with 545 goals as a Bruin, the most in franchise history, (only Ray Borque scored more points in goals and assists), and he remains in the top 20 of all-time NHL goal and point scorers.

Other club records set by Bucyk include the most seasons (21), the most games (1,436), the most assists (794) and the most points (1,339).

The second "John Bucyk Night" came in 1980 when his No. 9 was hoisted to the rafters. The following year he was inducted into the NHL Hall of Fame.

For approximately the last 10 years, Bucyk has served the club on the road as a traveling public relations secretary in addition to assisting current players and alumni in every aspect.

Former linemate Vic Stasiuk, 77, said of Bucyk, "He's a good Uke! He's got that good Ukrainian bloodline in him, and by that I mean the willingness to be



Elise Amendola/AP

John Bucyk during the Boston Bruins' ceremony held in his honor.

a team player, be a part of a team in his objective. Whatever you do, you do it together, work together. I do hold faith in the hard-working player, and that was John Bucyk."

Bruins fans will recall that in 1957 Stasiuk was part of the "Uke line" with Bucyk and Bronco Horvath.

On the Ukrainian interplay dynamics, Horvath recalled, "I'd tell Vic and Bucyk, 'Get the puck and look in front for my socks.' That's how it worked. But I wouldn't stay there too long, because if you did, someone like Doug Harvey would cross check you in the head or try to punch your lights out."

Remembering Bucyk's style of play, Horvath said, "He didn't fight much, Chief. There wasn't anything dirty about the way he played, and I think that's why guys didn't want to fight him."



The Bruins' "Uke Line" of 1957-1961 (from left): Vic Stasiuk, Bronco Horvath and John Bucyk (reproduced from "Beyond the Uke Line" by George Tatomyr).

Ottawa forum...

(Continued from page 1)

Ukraine began slowly to improve, the panelists agreed.

Ukraine's Article 149, passed a year ago, increased the offenses and raised the severity of punishment for those convicted of involvement in the sex trade, said Chaplynska. Where as before a convicted offender simply paid a fine, those convicted since the article's passage now face five years in a Ukrainian penitentiary.

"We also partnered with many different ministries," Ms. Chaplynska said, pointing to the first time that the fight against trafficking had become a coordinated effort across different government departments. "By now, we have an established network with government agencies, (and) we are responding with local action plans in every region and city," she added.

Ms. Chaplynska's group has also produced a film warning of the dangers of the sex trade. That movie has since been declared mandatory viewing in every school in Ukraine by the government.

Unfortunately, it was not available for viewing by attendees. However, Ms. Chaplynska circulated sketches, drawn by Ukrainian kids immediately after seeing the film, capturing their thoughts and fears of the sex trade.

Another film, aimed only at orphans,

was also produced by the consortium, she added. It strives to showcase the lives of orphans who have found success as adults without resorting to being trafficked.

"We have to show that this is not the only way, that there are alternatives," said Ms. Chaplynska.

Ukraine's newly appointed ambassador to Canada former National Deputy Ihor Ostash of the Our Ukraine bloc, said the Verkhovna Rada passed a number of laws to crack down on human trafficking.

"I took personal interest in this issue while a member in the Ukrainian Parliament," he said. "I plan to continue doing so in my present capacity as well."

"We must remember, human trafficking has a transnational character," he added. "It involves criminal organizations in several countries."

Ukraine also relies on help from several countries, said Dmytro Samarsky of the charity Pryiateli Ditei (Friends of Children). He related his group's effort to provide university scholarships to orphans. The group handed out just two in 1998; the number is up to 178 this year.

Samarsky showed a graph displaying the country of origin of donated monies. More than half came from donors in the United States, while some 40 percent came from within Ukraine.

The remainder — less than 11 percent — came from Canadian donors, the graphic showed.

Literary Café at the Institute

The Ukrainian Institute of America
is pleased to announce its first
Literary Café
on

Friday, March 16, 2007, 7-9 p.m.

Vasyl Makhno will read from his play, "Coney Island"

Yuriy Tarnawsky will read from his poetry and prose

Alexander Motyl will read from his novel, "Whiskey Priest"

Admission: \$10 general; \$5 students.

Beverages and appetizers will be served during the Café.

RSVP: programs@ukrainianinstitute.org or 212-288-8660

MAY WE HELP YOU?

To reach The Ukrainian Weekly call (973) 292-9800,
and dial the appropriate extension (as listed below).

Editorial — 3049, 3088; Production — 3063, 3069;

Administration — 3041; Advertising — 3040; Subscriptions — 3042;



Ukrainian Institute of America
2 East 79th Street
New York, NY 10021
www.ukrainianinstitute.org

Australia's Plast community holds 95th anniversary jamboree

by Deanna Yurchuk

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

ADELAIDE, Australia – The Australian Plast community kicked off its 95th jubilee celebration this year at Crystal Lake Camp in Macclesfield, near Adelaide, South Australia, with a week-long Jubilee International Plast Jamboree (Yuvileina Mizhkrainova Plastova Zustrich, or YuMPZ) – from December 26, 2006, to January 3.

Planning for the summertime event started seven months prior and was spearheaded by Bohdan and Natalie Wojewidka of Adelaide, who worked tirelessly to make this a memorable camp for its participants.

Participants spent the first five days of the jamboree in their respective camps, and converged for the final four days at the Crystal Lake Campground.

The venue for the Jamboree was chosen for its proximity to Adelaide and its rolling hills. According to Ms. Wojewidka, the area is a popular tourist destination with many attractions such as national parks, wineries and first-class local produce. Although the area of the campsite was small for that number of participants, Ms. Wojewidka stated, "In the end, its compact size contributed to creating a strong sense of community and connectedness."

She added, "It was also adjacent to Echunga – a location where the first



Boys try to navigate a raft they built during one of the jamboree's competitions.

added, "Those from our three most 'outlying frontiers' – Canberra, Adelaide and Brisbane – were without exception fantastic leaders, and the Jamboree was richer for their participation."

Larissa Radion of Melbourne said, "holding the jamboree in Adelaide was a chance to reawaken South Australia's

which they eagerly adapted.

A counselor of these scouts-to-be, Mariana Danylak, recalled that the favorite activities of the "ptashata" were any games that involved running around. But what everyone will remember most about this camp was the colorful "keptar" Hutsul-style vests that the ptashata



Plast teens participate in a team-building game.

dormant Plast community by re-enthusiasing existing members and attracting new ones."

Great distances have always been a factor in hindering Australian Plast scouts from coming together, according to Mr. Wojewidka. Nationwide get-togethers such as this one in Australia ensure continuity of the organization and create opportunities for fostering new friendships. From Mr. Wojewidka's point of view, Australian Plast members need to also meet Plast scouts from other parts of their region and also the rest of the world to see that Plast is thriving globally.

"We now have the capability to bridge the distance gap through the Internet and improved high-speed communications," said Mr. Wojewidka. "Plast needs to utilize this new technology to bring together Plast scouts from across the world."

The youngest camp (tabir) at the jamboree comprised 21 "ptashata" and was led by Ms. Wojewidka. "The tabir program drew on the richness, color and beauty of Ukraine's Carpathian Mountains (the site of the first Plast camp 95 years ago) through song, arts, crafts, and dance, as well the traditional elements of Plast activities, such as nature walks, campfires gatherings and the like," Ms. Wojewidka said.

For many of the children, this was their first Plast camp experience, to

crafted out of paper bags and which served as costumes when they sang and danced for the public.

The camp for novatstvo (ages 6-11) had a Kozak theme and was headed by Pavlo Buczma of Melbourne. "The major aim of this camp was to provide an environment for the children to learn about themselves – not only in the context of their heritage, culture and background, but also about their own abilities, skills, ideas and feelings," Mr. Buczma explained.

Camp activities included: canoeing, orienteering, climbing, arts and crafts challenge hill, building a mini-Sich, Olympic competitions, swimming and singing. "We also made Kozak swords and costumes, designed Kozak flags and emblems, and learned about the Kozak way of life, customs and traditions," Mr. Buczma added.

For Mr. Buczma, one of the highlights of the camp was working with leaders from four different states and one territory in Australia, and seeing how differently branches operate.

For Ms. Radion, a favorite part of camp was planning an interesting and challenging program for the children, which also included 15 youngsters who were new to Plast. As for most of the novatstvo, Mr. Buczma revealed, the greatest activities



Adrian Magalas (right), commander of the camp for Plast teens, with Mykola Kastraby, a camp participant.

Mr. Wojewidka stated: "The key theme of this YuMPZ in Australia was Plast's 95-year history. For the organization to have existed this long, especially outside Ukraine, is an incredible feat and, as Plast scouts, we have a responsibility to current and future generations to ensure that Plast ideals continue to remain an active and relevant part of their lives, now and into the future."

Over 250 people took part in the seven-day festivities, with some 140 additional visitors joining them over New Year's Eve for a celebration around a beautifully lit disco marquee at the campsite.

There were four separate camps: "ptashata" (3-5 year-olds), "novatstvo" (6-11-year-olds), "yunatstvo" (adolescents) and "Tativka" (parents' camp).

Plast camps were held soon after post-war immigration to Australia, when Plast was formed in Adelaide. So, the region, was also a sentimental location for us."

Although the largest Plast populations in Australia are found in Victoria (which includes the cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Sydney, this jamboree saw participants from a total of six Australian cities. According to Symon Kohut of Melbourne, current head of Australia's National Plast Command, "One of the most rewarding aspects about jamborees is that counselors have the opportunity to work with other leaders that they might not have otherwise met."

This year was, in his opinion, particularly notable as both youth camps had leaders from every branch of Australia's Plast. He



Counselors of the jamboree's camp for novatstvo (children age 6-11).

were “anything that involved a mess.”

Teresa Hassel, 10, a participant of this camp, shared that she most enjoyed earning badges and swimming in the lake.

Mr. Buczma noted that the participants in his camp were all “keen and seemed to enjoy getting involved in camp activities and challenging themselves.” He observed that “their attitude stems from parents who want to preserve Plast in Australia and ensure that their children continue to benefit from the many things Plast can and does provide towards their development.”

Adrian Magalas, leader of the 40-participant camp for teens, said that he started planning the camp program, which

For most participants, however, it was the expedition itself that provided the greatest opportunity for personal physical and mental challenge, despite hot weather that had to be endured while hiking and biking. Ms. Kastraby shared, “I love going away and forming close bonds with other Australian Plast members, which inevitably happens during such an expedition.”

According to Mr. Magalas, “The greatest strength of Australian yunatstvo is that they are happy to embark on new adventures, and when they do, they do it with gusto and positive energy.” He noted that although they are growing up in an environment where scouting is no longer popular, Plast youths in Australia are proud to



Adrian Neugebauer

A group of participants of the International Plast Jamboree in an official photo.

On December 30, after five days of individual programs, all the camps converged for a four-day jubilee celebration, which included a ceremonial parade, Sunday liturgy, an afternoon of song and dance, sports competition and bonfires.

“The sense of unity and completeness was uplifting,” noted Ms. Wojewidka. For Mr. Kohut, the most enjoyable was the song and dance concert, as the yunatstvo, novatstvo and various combinations of Plast leaders and parents from across the camps and the whole country showcased their talents.

‘drowning’ in the organization; rather, everyone has a valued and treasured place.”

The Australian Plast community is currently planning to send a contingent to Canada to celebrate Plast’s 95th birthday at that country’s jamboree this August. According to Ms. Radion, an estimated 10 leaders and 10 participants will travel overseas in August to represent Australia at Canada’s YuMPZ-2007 in Ontario.

Plast leaders in Australia say they are excited about this prospect and hope that this occasion will help to span the many miles between Australia and other coun-



Adrian Neugebauer takes a portrait photo of a lizard.

consisted of a four-day bush hiking and bike riding expedition through local forests and pastoral areas, back in August. The camp’s mission was to promote teamwork and communication, and this theme was stressed throughout the jamboree through various individual and group challenges.

One such challenge was designing and building rafts and testing them on the lake. According to Ms. Wojewidka, the activity was a great success, and the source of much fun for both the participants and the onlookers.

One camper, Natalia Kastraby, said that her favorite activity was the popular Iron Chef-style competition during the expedition phase. “I felt that the challenge instilled real team spirit among us, which sustained itself throughout the rest of the jamboree,” she revealed.

be taking part in scouting activities that their friends at school would never do.

Mr. Magalas said he is passionately invested in creating a rewarding experience for Plast teens in hopes that they “realize the benefits that Plast has to offer the greater community.” His efforts are geared toward encouraging youth “to become leaders and pass the Plast ‘flame’ to the next generation.” In order to better achieve this goal, Mr. Magalas would have liked the jamboree, especially the expedition part, to have been longer.

Mr. Kohut also is hopeful for the next generation of Australian Plast scouts. He senses that Plast in Australia is currently “surfing the breaking wave of a new era of strength and vitality.” He revealed, “We are lucky to have a substantial crop of young leaders, all of whom are committed, dedicated, and full of life and ideas.”

At the same time, he noted that parents have a renewed interest in sending their children to Plast. “Our numbers have been growing steadily, especially at camps, as children of former Plast members and those of newly arrived immigrants from Ukraine reach Plast membership age,” he stated.

The final camp, “Tativka” (which comprised senior Plast members and non-member parents) had 74 participants. According to Mr. Kohut, Tativka has grown over the past 10 to 15 years at Australian Plast summer camps both in size and prominence, and is now a crucial feature of all camps due to its positive community-building effect.

“At this year’s Jamboree, ‘Tativka’ included a fulsome program,” Mr. Kohut said, with activities like winery tours, golf, excursions to local heritage towns, etc.



A camp leader demonstrates a part of the Plast greeting, “SKOB!”

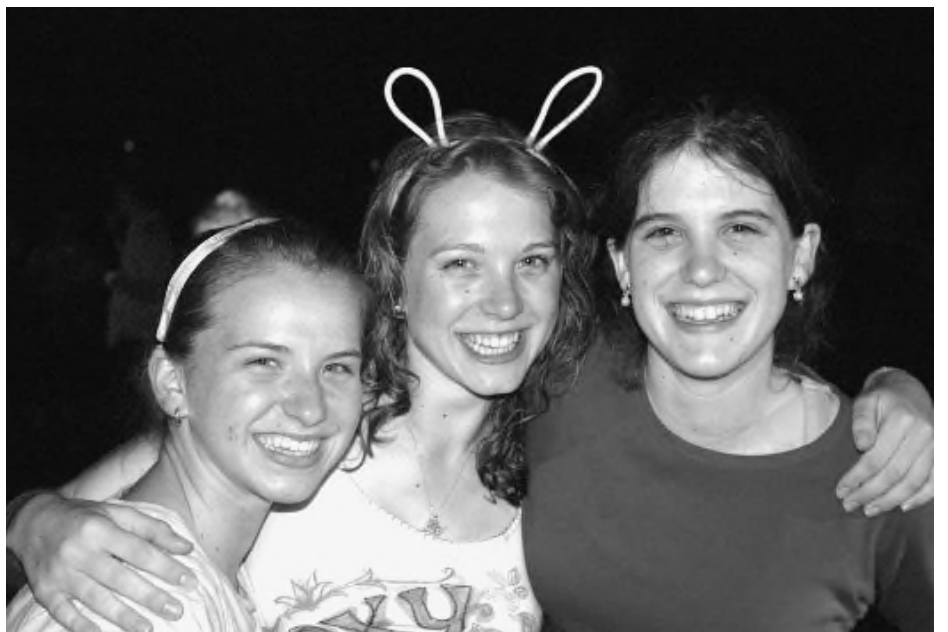
Although the Australian Plast community is relatively small, it is nevertheless a vibrant and productive one. As Ms. Kastraby put it, “Because there are so few of us here in Australia, we have a really close, family-like setting. It is because of this closeness that no one feels as if they are

tries where Plast is flourishing, and will promote a sense of unity for Australian Plast scouts with their counterparts in the rest of the world.

All photos in this series (except where noted otherwise) are by Deanna Yurchuk.



Pavlo Buczma and Ivanka Buczma of Melbourne.



Alexandra Suchowerska, Roxolana Suchowerska and Anastasia Suchowerska of Sydney during the New Year’s disco.

CLASSIFIEDS

TO PLACE YOUR AD CALL MARIA OSCISLAWSKI, (973) 292-9800 x 3040
or e-mail: adsukrpubl@att.net

SERVICES

Lidia's Restaurant

Serves homemade Ukrainian specialties, made fresh daily, in a relaxed, decorated dining room. Ukrainian music. Moderately priced. Open Wed., Thurs. and Sun.: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.
239 Parker Ave., Clifton, NJ (Botany Plaza)
Free parking nearby. 973-546-6000

The LUNA BAND

Music for weddings, zabavas, festivals, anniversary celebrations.
OLES KUZYSZYN phone/fax: (732) 636-5406
e-mail: dumamuse@aol.com



ЛОНГІН СТАРУХ
Професійний продавець
забезпечення УНС
LONGIN STARUCH
Licensed Agent

Ukrainian National Assn., Inc.

312 Maple St., Kerhonkson, NY 12446
Tel.: 800-673-5150 or 845-626-2058
e-mail: LVSTARUCH@aol.com

TRIDENT®
Associates Printing
Toronto - St. Catharines
Buffalo, NY

Українська Друкарня
ТРИЗУБ
Торонто - Ст. Катеринс
Бомфало, Н.Й.

COMMERCIAL PRINTING
UNIQUE ENGRAVED INVITATIONS
WITH UKRAINIAN DESIGNS

Graphic Design • Custom Imprinting

Toll Free 1-800-216-9136
Tel. (905) 938-5959 Fax (905) 938-1993

We can also print from your camera ready copy

MERCHANDISE

WEST ARKA

2282 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont., Canada M6S 1N9

Fine Gifts
Authentic Ukrainian Handicrafts
Art, Books, CDs, Ceramics
Embroidered Goods and Supplies
Gold Jewellery, Icons, Magazines
Newspapers, Pysankas and Supplies
All Services to Ukraine, Mail-orders

Andrew R. CHORNY
Manager

Tel.: (416) 762-8751 Fax: (416) 767-6839
e-mail: andrew@westarka.com www.westarka.com

FIRST QUALITY UKRAINIAN TRADITIONAL-STYLE MONUMENTS

SERVING NY/NJ/CT REGION CEMETERIES

OBLAST MEMORIALS

P.O. BOX 746
Chester, NY 10918
845-469-4247

BILINGUAL HOME APPOINTMENTS

ORDER A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Price: \$55 / \$45 for UNA members.

To subscribe, write to
The Ukrainian Weekly,
Subscription Department,
2200 Route 10, P.O. Box 280,
Parsippany, NJ 07054;
or call (973) 292-9800.

Ukrainian Book Store

Largest selection of Ukrainian books, dance supplies, Easter egg supplies, music, icons, greeting cards, giftware and much more.

10215-97st
Edmonton, AB T5J 2N9
Toll free: 1-866-422-4255
www.ukrainianbookstore.com



LvivArt.com

PROFESSIONALS

LAW OFFICES OF ZENON B. MASNYJ, ESQ.

In the East Village since 1983

Serious personal injury, real estate for personal and business use, representation of small and mid-size businesses, securities arbitration, divorce, wills and probate.

(By Appointment Only)

157 SECOND AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10003
(212) 477-3002

GEORGE B. KORDUBA

Counsellor at Law

Emphasis on Real Estate, Wills, Trusts and Elder Law

Ward Witty Drive, P.O. Box 249
MONTVILLE, NJ 07045

Hours by Appointment Tel.: (973) 335-4555

HELP WANTED

PROGRAMMER

Exp'd. Visual C++ developer to work on our online database system.
Strong MS SQL Server & ASP exp. req'd.
Fluency in Russian a plus.
Send resume w/ salary required to:
jobs@appliedinfogroup.com or
100 Market Street, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

OPPORTUNITY

EARN EXTRA INCOME!

The Ukrainian Weekly is looking for advertising sales agents.
For additional information contact
Maria Oscislawski, Advertising Manager
973-292-9800 ext 3040
or e-mail adsukrpubl@att.net

Ukrainian gas...

(Continued from page 2)

oblast administrations, first deputy head of the Presidential Secretariat, Arsenii Yatseniuk, criticized such "regrettable schemes" for thwarting the creation of a competitive environment in Ukraine and placing Russian interests in control. Alluding to similar processes ongoing in European Union countries, Mr. Yatseniuk decried the absence of a common energy policy for the European Union or the former Soviet countries (Interfax-Ukraine, February 19).

For his part, National Security and Defense Council Vitalii Haiduk refuted Russian President Vladimir Putin's claim that Mr. Yushchenko presented a "revolutionary proposal" to Mr. Putin about "unifying" Ukraine's and Russia's gas transit systems during their summit in December (Interfax-Ukraine, February 16). That bold assertion by Mr. Putin in his February 1 press conference backfired, prompting Ms. Tymoshenko's legislative initiative and the Rada's February 6 vote to ban alienation of Naftohaz pipelines and other assets. However, that law does not protect Ukrainian local and oblast-level gas distribution networks.

Meanwhile, both the presidency and the government support the creation of a Russian-Ukrainian consortium to build the long-planned Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod pipeline, which could add as much as 19 billion cubic meters to Ukraine's annual transit capacity for Russian and/or Central Asian gas to

Europe. While consistent with Ukraine's interest in a narrow and short-sighted sense, this line would actually increase Gazprom's market share in Ukraine and Europe and also expand the "single channel" for Central Asian gas through Russia and Ukraine to Europe. A Bohorodchany-Uzhhorod pipeline could pre-emptively absorb Central Asian gas volumes that are needed for the projected trans-Caspian and Nabucco projects.

With Ms. Tymoshenko in the forefront, the case is gaining political ground for eliminating RosUkrEnergo – or any intermediary fronting for Gazprom – from the Russia-Ukraine gas trade. By the same token, Ms. Tymoshenko is calling for direct purchases of gas from Central Asia, with Russia as transit country but not as commercial intermediary (Ukrainian News Agency, February 16).

Last month, Messrs. Yushchenko and Yanukovich separately signaled interest in having Ukraine connected to the projected Nabucco pipeline for Caspian gas. However, Mr. Yushchenko's and Yanukovich's signals on energy policy are mixed and confusing. Given the magnitude of Ukraine's gas market, some clear signals of Ukrainian interest in the projected trans-Caspian pipelines could substantially enhance those projects' commercial attractiveness, demonstrating that market demand is present and massive.

The article above is reprinted from *Eurasia Daily Monitor* with permission from its publisher, the *Jamestown Foundation*, www.jamestown.org.

Tarasova Hora...

(Continued from page 7)

first museum (and Mr. Yadlovsky's home), and his grave and small monument nearby – up the hill behind the grave and museum. What most do not notice is the date of his death – February 21, 1933. He died of starvation during the Holodomor, right there in his house.

Hanna H. Tsinko (born 1909), a former seamstress at the old hotel at the preserve, reminisced about the Famine, how her own family died, and about Yadlovsky:

"One time the director of the hotel sent me to 'did' (grandfather, respected term for an elderly man) Yadlovsky, the long-term caretaker of Shevchenko's grave, so that I could sew him a suit for his funeral. Obviously, someone had told him that the man was near death. They gave me black fabric, with stripes, to sew him a jacket and pants. I knew the old man well and had visited him often. He liked me very much. He would always gather me flowers, share grapes with me. I grew up with him from childhood.

"So, when the director sent me, I went. I arrived. He is sitting there so emaciated, like a corpse, carving wooden spoons (he made lovely spoons!). I tell him that they sent me to make a suit for you. He replied, 'I will die in the suit I am wearing. It would have been better if you had brought me some food. I do not see any live people here. All are dying of hunger.... No one comes any more.'

And the poor man cried. When he felt a bit better, he would go outside, on the hill, and at least call someone. But when he could not walk anymore, he could not call out. I measured him, and made him a suit. I told the director of the hotel to send him food. But it was too late. He just dried up and wasted away. Food did not help. So the poor thing just died of hunger...."

Not only did Shevchenko's works describe the history of Ukraine and the life and hardships of his countrymen of the previous centuries under serfdom, but the site of his grave – and the shrine it has become – also bore witness to the horrible history of Ukraine of the 20th century.

Got a group? Need The Weekly?

Call our subscription department to find out how you may qualify for a group discount on your Weekly subscriptions. (973) 292-9800 ext. 3042

BILINGUAL UKRAINIAN-ENGLISH

NJ LICENSE 51009562

LYDIA ("LESIA") ZBOROWSKI GOLUB, PH.D. CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, ADULTS, FAMILIES

TREATMENT OF ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, BEHAVIORAL AND INTERPERSONAL PROBLEMS

51 UPPER MONTCLAIR PLAZA, SUITE 21
UPPER MONTCLAIR, NJ 07043

973-655-9472

News flash...

(Continued from page 6)

forces of reaction.

Who's received the order?

I found the following names after a cursory survey on the Internet. The list, though surely incomplete, is instructive.

Orders bestowed by President Kuchma:

- 1998 – President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania;

- 1999 – President Nelson Mandela of South Africa;

- 2000 – President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan;

- 2001 – Karekin II, Catholicos of all Armenians; P.V. Balabuyev, chairman of the board of directors of the Russian-Ukrainian Consortium Medium Transport Aircraft;

- 2002 – Kofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations; Mykhailo Potebenko, former procurator general;

- 2003 – Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church; Mary Beck, Ukrainian American activist from Detroit; and

- 2004 – Moscow's Mayor Yuriy Luzhkov; Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russian ambassador to Ukraine; Minister of Justice Oleksander Lavrynovych; Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs Celso Amorim.

Orders bestowed by President Yushchenko:

- 2005: Atamurat Niyazov, the father of President Niyazov of Turkmenistan; International Olympic Committee Honorary President for Life Juan Antonio Samaranch; European Olympic Committee President Mario Pescante; European Olympic Committee Secretary General Patrick Hickey; Dr. Vasyl Pasechnick, co-founder of the Revival Center of Medical Social Rehabilitation of Disabled Children in Chernihiv.

- 2006: Javier Solana, the European Union's High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy; Brian Mulroney, former prime minister of Canada; Viacheslav Kantor, president of the Russian Jewish Congress and head of the International Foundation for Commemoration of the Holocaust and its Lessons; Yuri Shymko, Ukrainian Canadian activist; Borys Wrzesnewskij, Ukrainian Canadian Member of Parliament; Valentyn Symonenko, chairman of the Accounting Chamber.

- 2007: Mr. Potebenko, former general procurator.

What conclusions can we draw from this list?

First, the recipients of the order are a very mixed lot. Some are distinguished individuals, but many are not – or not as distinguished as the others. The late Mary Beck was a wonderful community organizer and local political activist in Detroit, but she was not quite in the same league as U.N. Secretary General Annan. Turkmenbashi's dad wasn't even in Mrs. Beck's league. Clearly, the standards by which recipients are chosen aren't fixed.

Second, some recipients have made "significant personal deeds for the sake of the Ukrainian state," but many – including such prominent figures as Nelson Mandela – have not. It's hard to avoid the impression that the order is as much a tool of public relations as anything else.

Third, some of the recipients are nice people, but some – such as the loutish Mr. Chernomyrdin, the thuggish Mr. Luzhkov, the totalitarian Turkmenbashi, and the dubious Mr. Potebenko – are not.

Fourth, President Kuchma gave the order to some highly deserving people, but he also conferred it on some rather odious individuals. President Yushchenko's record is better, but hardly stellar.

Fifth, the order is obviously intended

to keep the Ukrainian diaspora happy.

All in all, it seems reasonable to conclude that the order is as much a tool of policy as a genuine acknowledgement of outstanding service. Ukraine's leaders are quick to bestow the order on the gas-rich Turkmen dictator and his long-deceased father, influential Russian policy-makers, and important foreign diplomats for obvious reasons of state. In a word, it's highly likely that the decision to grant the award to Mr. Potebenko was motivated by politics – and not just by spinelessness.

So why did Potebenko get the order?

There are three possible dramatic reasons:

1. Yushchenko is a kamikaze president – stupid and self-destructive. This explanation doesn't work, if only because the decision to award Mr. Potebenko must have been at least partly endorsed by the Commission on State Awards and Heraldry.

2. Mr. Yushchenko is indifferent to violations of legal and human rights norms. This explanation also doesn't work, both because some of the members of the commission surely are not indifferent to such violations and because, if there's one thing we do know about Mr. Yushchenko, it's that he's probably a decent guy.

3. Mr. Yushchenko has joined the forces of reaction. That too doesn't work, both because the commission consists of some very progressive Ukrainians and because the decision to born Mr. Potebenko was taken at the height of President Yushchenko's power struggle with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych.

There is one possible non-dramatic reason:

4. Mr. Yushchenko is using the award to play politics. What could his goals be? He might be trying to woo Mr. Kuchma's pals to support him against Mr. Yanukovych. Or he might be wooing Mr. Potebenko's pals in the Procurator General's Office to support him against Mr. Yanukovych's ongoing efforts to seize control of the security organs. Would the commission's members support such a move? Why not? They understand Ukrainian politics and they might easily endorse a symbolic measure in order to weaken the Yanukovych camp.

Possibly supportive of this interpretation is the fact that this is not Mr. Potebenko's first such Order. President Kuchma conferred the Order, fourth grade, on him, by then a former procurator general and national deputy, on July 8, 2002. Like Mr. Yushchenko, Mr. Kuchma also recognized Mr. Potebenko's "personal contribution to state building and strengthening lawfulness and order in the country," according to the Presidential Information and Public Relations Agency.

And there are two possible banal reasons:

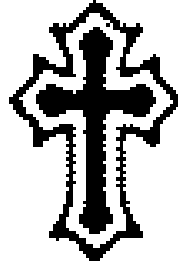
5. The recommendation to award Mr. Potebenko could have been lying around for years, gathering dust, and the commission could have decided to go ahead and confer a largely meaningless and politicized award on a former bigwig who's going out to pasture.

6. Equally banal, though more likely, is that Mr. Potebenko's repeat award was the product of horse trading, with some members of the commission insisting on him in exchange for, say, the likes of Messrs. Solana, Shymko and Wrzesnewskij.

And what does it all mean?

I'd place my money on some combination of reasons 4, 6 and maybe 5. If so, then here's a real shocker: Ukraine dispenses its highest awards for political reasons. Here's an even greater shocker: Ukraine's politicians play politics.

Naturellement, French President Jacques Chirac, who conferred the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor on President Vladimir Putin of Russia on October 23, 2006, would be outraged by such behavior.



With sadness we inform you of the passing into Eternal Life, at age 89, of our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Brother-in-law, and Uncle

Dr. JOHN I. KYZYK, D.M.D., D.D.S.

Born: February 18, 1918, Mokrotyn, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine
Died: February 21, 2007, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, U.S.A.

The deceased was a long-time member of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), executive member of its New England branch, and active member of its New York branch. He was long-time recording secretary of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and a member of its Connecticut state executive; assistant director of "Ridna Shkola" Ukrainian School and recording secretary of Plast-Pryiat in New Haven, CT; pioneered one of the first fundraising efforts in the United States for the renewal of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Rome, and was a lifetime benefactor and supporter of UCU in Lviv, Ukraine; executive member of the Ukrainian Patriarchal Society; long-time executive member of the parish committee and a member of the choir of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Haven, CT; member of the Founders' Circle for the Harvard Ukrainian Studies Fund and the St. Basil's Seminary Endowment Fund in Stamford, CT; member of the American Dental Association and numerous professional organizations; conductor of the student choir in the United Nations Relief Agency's (UNRA) and IRO Displaced Persons Camps in Regensburg, Germany.

Funeral Services: Parastas was held February 23, 2007, at 8 p.m. at Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union, NJ. Divine Liturgy and Funeral Rite were celebrated February 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Burial took place at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, 141 Sarah Wells Trail, Hamptonburg, NY 10916.

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL! VICHNAYA PAMIAT!

WIFE	-ALEXANDRA
CHILDREN	-MARTA POPOVICH with husband ALEXANDER, and daughters ANDREA and CHRISTINA
	-ROMAN with wife MIRA, and children MARK and DEANNA
	-OREST
	-ANDRIJ with wife ROKSOLANA, and son DANILO
	-KSENIA SALEWYCZ with husband ALEXANDER, and daughters ANNA and SOPHIA
GODCHILDREN	-OKSANA BACZYNSKY, ORYSIA HANUSHEVSKY KOMARYNSKYJ, REV. ROMAN LOBAY, ADRIAN LODYNSKY, MARTA PODUSOVKY-WOJTOWYCZ
SISTER	-NADIA KLIUNK
BROTHER	-VOLODYMYR and Family
SISTER-IN-LAW	-IVANNA HANUSHEVSKY
BROTHER-IN-LAW	-VOLODYMYR PROTSAJLO
NIECES AND NEPHEWS	-NATALKA ZAKREVSKA with husband VOLODYMYR, and children MYKOLA and MARTA
	-IRENA KLIUNK
	-YURIJ KLIUNK and Family
	-MARIKA HULL with husband WEBSTER, and children MYKOLA and JULIA
	-BOHDAN with wife EWA, and children INES, JANKO, STEFKO and ROMKO
	-OLENKA GALADZA with husband REV. PETRO, and children DANYIL, MARICHKA and IVANKA
	-ORYSIA KOMARYNSKYJ with husband BOHDAN, and son ALEXANDER
	-REV. ROMAN LOBAY
	-OKSANA BACZYNSKY with husband TED SUES, and children ALEKSANDER, VERONICA, and PETRO
	-IHOR BACZYNSKY with wife MARIKA, and sons TARAS and OLEH
COUSIN	-NINA BILCZYNSKA
RELATIVES	The KYZYK, POPOVICH, ODEZYNSKY, POPOWICZ, SALEWYCZ, KLIUNK, BACZYNSKY, LOBAY, HANUSHEVSKY, HULL, GALADZA, KOMARYNSKYJ, LODYNSKY, RIOBKA, and LEWICKY families

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine, via the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (UCEF): "UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION – UCEF", In Memory of Dr. John I. Kzyk, 2247 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622, (773)235-8462, www.ucef.org

Calling all supporters of Soyuzivka! WE NEED YOU!

How Can I Become A Member of the New Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation?

"It was clear that the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation had an important place in the community and I wanted to be part of it."
– Ross Wasylenko, Union, NJ



Join us now in
preserving
Soyuzivka
and celebrating our
Ukrainian Heritage



Every great institution depends on a core of dedicated supporters who are willing to take their commitment beyond the occasional visit and become involved at a deeper level. For the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation, that kind of commitment is essential—and can be exhibited in becoming the first members of the new Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation.

There will be many levels of membership, but at the heart of it all, members will be individuals who share the vision of Soyuzivka as the epicenter of the Ukrainian American community, members who desire to promote and preserve their cultural, educational, and historical Ukrainian-American heritage. Since 1952, Soyuzivka has been the hub of the Ukrainian American community, a gathering place to which the descendants of the many waves of Ukrainian immigrants keep returning to experience their rich cultural heritage and to meet other Ukrainian Americans. Today, in the establishment of a Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation, Ukrainian Americans and supporters of Soyuzivka join in their efforts to preserve this cultural jewel.

Many of these descendants are experiencing a renewed interest in their ethnic roots. The Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation is an initiative to re-educate both young and old in an effort to maintain a proud heritage.

Members will be people who enjoy Soyuzivka enough to want to give something back – to make a personal investment in its exhibits and programs, and renovation and preservation initiatives— for themselves and for their community.

You can be sure that your membership commitment to the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation, at any level of support, WILL make a difference.

Membership Options (Annual Fee) and Benefits:

Individual	\$100.00 (pay no entrance fee, parking/pool fees) 5% discount in gift shop
Students 17- 23	\$ 40.00 (pay no entrance fee, parking/pool fees) 5% discount in gift shop
Seniors over 65	\$ 30.00 (pay no entrance fee, parking/pool fees) 5% discount in gift shop
Family (children under 16)	\$150.00 (pay no entrance fee, parking/pool fees) 5% discount in gift shop
Corporate	\$500.00 (10% discount for 1 catered company party event at the Soyuzivka annually)

Special Membership Categories:

Partner	\$300.00 (pay no entrance fee, parking/pool fees) 5% discount in gift shop and a commemorative brick
Heritage	\$500.00 (pay no entrance fee, parking/pool fees) 5% discount in gift shop; "Plant-a- tree" with commemorative plaque and permanent recognition in the Heritage Founders Circle display
Legacy	\$1,000.00 (lifetime no entrance fee, parking/pool fees and a 5% discount for all Soyuzivka services; permanent recognition in the Heritage Founders Circle display

There are other ways to donate as well...Every Donor \$ is appreciated...

The Bilous Foundation recently donated \$1500 for upgrading the PA system.

The Chornomorski Khvyli Plast Kurin is organizing a fund-raiser for new pool equipment.

The UNA Seniors and Spartanky Plast Kurin is sponsoring a children's playground project.

Contact Nestor Paslawsky with your ideas...845-626-5641

Membership form

name _____
address _____
city _____
state _____
zip code _____
email/ _____
phone _____

Send form and check to:

Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation , 2200 Route 10, Parsippany NJ, 07054

Individual	\$100.00	_____	Family (children under 16)	_____	\$150.00
Seniors over 65	\$ 30.00	_____	Partner	_____	\$300.00
Students 17- 23	\$ 40.00	_____	Legacy	_____	\$1000.00
Heritage	\$500.00	_____			
Corporate	\$500.00	_____			

Send in your form and we will send you details on your membership ID card and benefits information.
Thank you all for your support!

THANK YOU!

Your \$\$\$ will go to fund new 2006 projects and will create a strong financial foundation for Soyuzivka:

- New dual air conditioning/heating system for Veselka
- Additional new mattresses
- New curtains in Main House rooms

NEWSBRIEFS

(Continued from page 2)

which have unfortunately been joined by the pro-presidential Our Ukraine, destabilize the work of [the Verkhovna Rada] and pursue an obvious goal – to undermine the work of the legislature and the government at the same time in order to provoke a nationwide political crisis,” Ms. Bohatyriova told journalists, adding that the opposition is seeking early parliamentary elections. “We are ready for any early elections, both ideologically and financially, but is the country ready for them? I am sure that the elections won’t change anything,” she noted. (RFE/RL Newswire)

Ukraine reacts to Luzhkov comments

KYIV – The acting chief of the Security Service of Ukraine (known by its Ukrainian acronym as SBU), Valentyn Nalyvaichenko, said Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov will face a “tough reaction” for comments he made during a visit to Crimea, RFE/RL’s Ukrainian Service reported. During a visit to Sevastopol on February 21 Mr. Luzhkov promised support for ethnic Russians in Crimea and thanked the region for opposing Ukraine’s efforts to cooperate with NATO. Mr. Luzhkov also decried Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev’s decision to turn over Crimea – where Russia’s Black Sea Fleet is located – to Ukraine in 1954. Ukrainian officials accused Mr. Luzhkov of questioning Crimea’s status as part of Ukraine. Speaking at a joint press conference with acting Foreign Affairs Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko, Mr. Nalyvaichenko said Mayor Luzhkov could face a warning, a ban on entering the country, or more serious criminal penalties. “A foreigner on the territory of our country, regardless of his status and citizenship, must respect the laws, the language and the culture of the people,” Mr. Nalyvaichenko said. “So, the [Ukrainian] reaction will be harsh, in accordance with the law.” Mr. Ohryzko said the Foreign Affairs Ministry and law enforcement bodies will assess the extent to which Mr. Luzhkov’s comments threat-

ened Ukraine’s “territorial integrity and security.” (RFE/RL, with material from Interfax)

Rada rejects Ohryzko nomination

KYIV – The Verkhovna Rada on February 22 failed to approve Volodymyr Ohryzko as the country’s new foreign affairs minister, Ukrainian media reported. Mr. Ohryzko was supported by 196 opposition deputies, with at least 226 votes required for approval. President Viktor Yushchenko nominated Mr. Ohryzko for the post on February 5, following the resignation of Foreign Affairs Minister Borys Tarasyuk on January 30. Also on February 22 the Parliament rejected the presidential nomination of National Deputy Viktor Korol for the post of chief of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). Mr. Korol’s nomination was backed by 190 opposition deputies. In accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine, the nomination of the defense and foreign ministers, as well as of the SBU chief is a presidential prerogative. In theory, President Yushchenko can submit Messrs. Ohryzko’s and Korol’s candidacies once again. The law on the Cabinet adopted by the Verkhovna Rada in January stipulates that the parliamentary majority shall appoint the defense and foreign ministers on its own if the president fails to submit their candidacy “within 15 days.” Mr. Yushchenko filed a protest against this law to the Constitutional Court. (RFE/RL Newswire)

Info sought on Yulia-Lazarenko link

KYIV – The Anti-Crisis Coalition sent a letter to the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine with a plea to provide them with information on Yulia Tymoshenko’s alleged link to the case of Pavlo Lazarenko. This was disclosed by a representative of the Party of the Regions, Vasyl Kyseliov, at the February 23 sitting of the Verkhovna Rada. According to Mr. Kyseliov, some information source suggests Ms. Tymoshenko figures in a case against Mr. Lazarenko that is under a U.S. court’s jurisdiction. (Ukrinform)

President will resubmit candidacies

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko said in Symferopol, Crimea, on February 22 that he will “insist” on having his nominees, Volodymyr Ohryzko and

Viktor Korol, approved as foreign affairs minister and chief of the Security Service of Ukraine, respectively, RFE/RL’s Ukrainian Service reported. Earlier that

(Continued on page 18)

Philadelphia and UCU

Your Generosity at Work


Philadelphia Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University
cordially invite you to an informative

Benefit Luncheon


Sunday, March 25, 2007
At 2 PM


at
Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center
700 Cedar Road
Jenkintown, PA

Featured Guest Speakers:




Prof. Jeffrey Wills
Vice Rector and Member of Board of Trustees
Ukrainian Catholic University





Prof. Antoine Arjakovsky
Director, Institute of Ecumenical Studies
Ukrainian Catholic University

Tickets at \$40 per person may be purchased at:
Ukrainian Center, Byzantine Church Supplies at 833 N. Franklin Street
Ukrainian Selfreliance Credit Union in Philadelphia, PA and Trenton, NJ
MB Financial Bank and from Committee Members of the Philadelphia Friends of UCU
If you have any questions, please call Ihor Shust at: 215-947-2795

Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation

2247 W. Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60622

INDEPENDENCE TOURS:

Aug 16 – 25 Mini Ukraine III
Aug 22 – Sep 05 W.Ukraine + Prague



scope travel inc

101 S. Centre St. So. Orange, NJ 07079
973 378-8998 Toll Free 877 357-0436



Marijka Helbig

Scope-the Ukraine specialists ! 2007 UKRAINE TOURS

 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">WESTERN UKRAINE and Prague</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">via Czech Airlines from New York 15 Day Air/land all Inclusive Tour \$3680 tw Kyiv + L'viv with an accent on Western Ukraine and the Carpathian area: Manjavskij Skyt, Iv Frankivsk, Yaremche, Vorochta, Kolomyja, plus Rivne, Potchajiv and Zarvanytci. A most colorful tour that ends with 3 wonderful days in Prague! <u>Departures:</u> Jun 27 and Aug 22</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">DNIPRO CRUISE+LVIV MUSIC FEST</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">via Austrian Airlines from New York 20 Day All Inclusive Cruise + L'viv tw from \$3290 Odesa, Sevastopol, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Kaniv and Kyiv (Chestnut Blossom Festival). What a great way to see all of Ukraine and spend a leisurely week in L'viv attending the concluding concerts of the famous Lviv Music Festival. <u>Only ONE departure:</u> May 10-29, 2007</p>
 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">BEST OF UKRAINE</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">via Czech Airlines from New York 15 Day Air/land all inclusive Tour tw from \$3600 A lovely combination of Odesa, Crimea, L'viv and Kyiv with extensive sightseeing of Yalta, Bakchysaray, Sevastopol, Chersonesus and Ei Petri. A full day Carpathian excursion to Slavsk from Lviv completes this unsurpassed itinerary. <u>Departures:</u> May 23, Jul 18 and Sep 12</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MINI UKRAINE</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">via Austrian Airlines from New York 10 Days All inclusive Tour tw from \$2200 Kyiv and L'viv – the two “capitals” of E. & W Ukraine Leisurely pace of this tour allows time for daily self exploration of these lovely cities and permits for one/two day excursions into surrounding areas to visit with friends/family and seek roots. <u>Departures:</u> May 17, Jul 12, Aug 16 and Sep 20</p>
 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">STUDENT TOUR</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">via Malev Airlines from New York 20 Day All Inclusive Tour \$3500 tw Odesa, Crimea: Yalta, Bakchysaray, Sevastopol, Chersonesus and Ei Petri, Kyiv/Kaniv then by bus via Rivne to Potchajiv and L'viv. A three day bus tour into the Carpathian Mts: Manyavskij Skyt, Ivano Frankivsk, Yaremche, Vorokhta, Kolomyja and Zarvanytci. End this adventure in Budapest! <u>Departure:</u> May 31-Jun 20, 2007 <u>Minimum age:</u> 20</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">HUTSUL FESTIVAL TOUR</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">via Austrian Airlines from New York 13 Day All Inclusive Tour \$3350 tw This year, the Hutsul Festival is in Yaremche will bring together some of the finest dancers, entertainers and craft makers from the region. Of course, no tour of Ukraine is complete without Kyiv and L'viv! <u>Only ONE departure:</u> Jul 21 – Aug 2, 2007</p>

Toll free 877 357-0436 www.scopetravel.com 973 378 8998 scope@scopetravel.com

ORTHODONTIST

Dr. Daniel A. Kuncio
Др. Данило О. Кунцьо

Specialist in Child and Adult
Orthodontics
Certified and Published in
Invisalign®

Complimentary Consultation
(Bayside office only)
Most Insurances Accepted

Offices in Queens and Manhattan:

Z.D. Kuncio DDS
General Dentistry
26-03 203 St.
Bayside, NY 11360
(718) 352-1361

Total Orthodontics
2109 Broadway (73rd St.)
Suite 201
New York, NY 10023
(212) 874-0030

UNA SENIORS' CONFERENCE AT SOYUZIVKA

Sunday, June 10-15, 2007, during UNA Seniors' Week

Ladies and Gentlemen: 2007 is here!

We wish you good health, good spirits and invite you to visit SOYUZIVKA!

On behalf of the UNA Seniors, we invite all senior citizens to participate in our annual UNA Seniors' Week which will be held from Sunday, June 10, to Friday, June 15, 2007.

The UNA Seniors were organized over 30 years ago for the purpose of supporting UNA endeavors, preserving and cultivating the Ukrainian heritage, promoting unity within the community, developing social activities and maintaining Ukrainian community life in America.

Thankfully, we have finally reached a time in our lives where Ukraine is independent and developing as a democratic state. Although Ukraine will always be in our thoughts and have our support, there is a time when we must concentrate on maintaining our own Ukrainian community here, beyond the borders of Ukraine. There is much that can be done, and we will discuss this and other matters during UNA Seniors' Week. We promise that the week will be interesting and enjoyable, with many fun activities.

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.

We hope you will be able to join us. So, please save these dates for UNA Seniors' Week and follow the press for further information about the program.

Make your reservations now for the **UNA Seniors' Conference**, which will be held at our mountain resort **SOYUZIVKA**, from Sunday, June 10 (starting with a wine and cheese reception) through Friday, June 15 (including brunch). The package is all-inclusive: five nights of accommodations, all meals, including banquet, (taxes and gratuities included).



UNA members' package
for five days: \$425 single occupancy;
\$355 pp double occupancy
or per night: \$100 single; \$82 pp double

Non-members' package
for five days: \$475 single occupancy;
\$373 pp double occupancy
or per night: \$110 single; \$90 pp double

BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT only: \$35 pp

Call SOYUZIVKA at 845-626-5641 and register early – space is limited!
Organize a bus from your area and contact your local senior clubs!
For further information please call Oksana Trytjak at 973-292-9800 ext. 3071
Seniors' Week is FUN, AFFORDABLE AND INTERESTING
WE WELCOME GUESTS – COME ONE COME ALL!

NEWSBRIEFS

(Continued from page 17)

day, the Verkhovna Rada failed to approve Messrs. Ohryzko and Korol to these posts. "These were childish games," Mr. Yushchenko said, stressing that the failed votes on Messrs. Ohryzko and Korol "do not contribute to stability in the country." The votes took place during a three-day row between lawmakers of the ruling coalition and the opposition, in which pro-government deputies blocked the parliamentary rostrum and held control over the electronic voting system, while opposition deputies were in control of the electric system and some other parliamentary facilities, including toilets. The opposition switched off electricity in the Verkhovna Rada building during the afternoon session. (RE/RL Newsline)

PM for gas transportation consortium

KYIV – Ukraine is interested in resuming talks into creating a Ukrainian-Russian gas transportation consortium with the participation of Germany, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich said in an interview with Deutsche Welle on February 24. He said the issue of a consortium will be a topic at negotiations with German Chancellor Angela Merkel during his visit to Germany on February 27-28. Mr. Yanukovich stressed that, from an economic point of view, the project is very profitable to all participants in the future consortium. He added that there are no obstacles to its realization. An international consortium of management and development of the gas transportation system of Ukraine has been created in compliance with an agreement set out in the June 9, 2002, declaration by the Ukrainian and Russian presidents on strategic cooperation in the gas sphere, as well as the intergovernmental agreement of October 7, 2002. Documents on creating the limited liability company "International Consortium of Management and Development of the Gas Transportation System of Ukraine" with the participation of the public joint-stock company Gazprom and the national joint-stock company NaftoHaz of Ukraine were signed on October 29, 2002. There is a likelihood of Germany's participation in the consortium, but the issue has not been resolved. In October 2006 Fuel and Energy Minister Yurii Boiko stated that Ukraine views Germany as a partner of the gas transportation consortium and intends to con-

tinue dialogue on the issue. (Ukrinform)

World War II database being compiled

KYIV – Representatives of the German association Saxon Memorials will visit Ukraine in order to discuss with the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) issues related to the preparation of joint scholarly works and perspectives for cooperation on documents searching for German prisoners of war. It was reported on February 25 that SBU officials said its archive officials are cooperating with their German counterparts in the realms of treatment and restoration of documents kept in the SBU state archive regarding the Soviet and German captives, those interned during World War II, as well as burial places of captives. An electronic database of Soviet prisoners of war, composed of information on some 9,000 persons, is being compiled. The materials have been used by Saxon Memorials association in compiling a single database on the Soviet captives on the basis of the archival documents of the German and Russian national archives, as well as archives of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation and the State Security Agency of the Republic of Belarus, with whom relevant agreements were signed. (Ukrinform)

New examination of Tarascha corpse

KYIV – A new forensic study of a headless corpse found in a forest in the Tarascha district outside of Kyiv will be conducted to identify the victim. Lesia Gongadze, the mother of Heorhii Gongadze, has insisted on a DNA analysis, through examination of hair cut from the body in order to determine whether the body is her son's. The forensic study will involve the participation of international experts. The Procurator General's Office says it has established that Gongadze was murdered by policemen Valerii Kostenko, Mykola Protasov and Oleksander Popovych. The former chief of the Internal Affairs Ministry's External Surveillance Department, Oleksander Pukach, is wanted in connection with the case. The Gongadze murder was considered in the Kyiv Court of appeal on January 9, 2006. During the criminal investigation as many as five forensic studies were carried out. Four of them proved the headless body belongs to Gongadze, however, his mother refuses to believe this. The crusading journalist disappeared in September 2000 and in November 2000 a headless corpse, thought to be his, was found in a forest in the Kyiv region. (Ukrinform)

Charges filed in Kushnariov shooting

KYIV – The Kharkiv Procurator's Office charged Dmytro Zavalnyi with killing National Deputy Yevhen Kushnariov due to recklessness, Kharkiv Prosecutor Vasyl Synchuk said on February 21. He said Mr. Zavalnyi has already provided evidence as a suspect. On January 17 Mr. Kushnariov, who was a former chairman of the Kharkiv Oblast Administration, was fatally shot during a hunting trip. (Ukrinform)

PGO to receive dioxin samples

KYIV – In the near future, the Procurator General's Office (PGO) of Ukraine will receive dioxin samples from two countries that will spur further investigation in the case of Viktor Yushchenko's poisoning, Procurator General Oleksander Medvedko said at a February 27 press conference. Mr. Medvedko added that a masseur, who had been wanted, and other figures involved in events preceding the poisoning incident, have been interrogated. (Ukrinform)

Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union

5.44%^{apy*}

12 month CD

Manhattan Brooklyn So. Bound Brook, NJ Carteret NJ

1-866-859-5848

*Annual Percentage Yield based on 5.30% apr. Minimum balance \$1,000.

Rates subject to change without notice. Other restrictions apply

Minneapolis school revives tradition of Christmas caroling

by Svitlana Prokopiuk
and Katia Breslawec

MINNEAPOLIS – Students from the Ukrainian School at St. Michael and St. George’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church here in Minneapolis delighted parishioners with their rendition of Ukrainian carols on January 7 in the parish hall immediately following the Christmas liturgy.

They reconvened later that day to carol at private residences and visit parishioners residing in nursing homes and convalescent centers. The Very. Rev. Evhen Kumka and his wife, Daria, were the first to welcome the young carolers in their home and bestowed treats on all those who braved the Minnesota winter to carol and maintain this beautiful Ukrainian tradition.

Students ranging in age from 8 to 15 diligently practiced Ukrainian carols under the tutelage of the choir director, Yuri Ivan, for many weeks as part of the school curriculum.

The co-directors of the school, Yuri Pedenko and Maria Matlashewski, noted with pleasure that several parishioners have already put in requests for Ukrainian School carolers to visit their homes in 2008.

The Ukrainian School at St. Michael’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church was founded in 1925; at St. George’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church a school was found in 1954.

In 2003 the churches merged to become St. Michael and St. George’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Valentyna Yarr is the current church president. The Ukrainian School has 38 students and employs nine teachers.



Carolers of St. Michael and St. George’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Minneapolis at the home of Ihor and Maryna Chowhan in Minnetonka, Minn.

OWN AN ORIGINAL WORK OF ART

UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN ARTIST

ANDREI KUSHNIR

АНДРІЙ КУШНІР

Nationally recognized, exhibited & collected

Elected Member, Salmagundi Club, NYC; Signature Member, National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society; Associate Member, Oil Painters of America; Elected Member, Washington Society of Landscape Painters; Accredited U.S. Coast Guard Artist

Exhibitions at Ukrainian Institute of America, NYC; Embassy of Ukraine, Washington, DC
Artist Profile, Voice of America, Shown on Ukrainian Television, 2004



“At Little Falls,” 9”x 12” Oil on Panel

March 2007 Exhibit: “WATER SONGS” at his Manhattan Gallery:

American Painting

208 East 6th Street, New York, NY 10003
(Several doors from the Ukrainian Museum)
(212) 254-2628

Also Visit, in the Nation’s Capital:

American Painting

5118 MacArthur Blvd, NW, Washington, DC 20016
(202) 244-3244

classicamericanpainting.com

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:
An Awards Program and a Scholarship Program.

UNA Awards Program: these awards are assigned by the Scholarship Committee, designating a set amount to each year depending on the total amount assigned for the awards. The applicant must comply with all rules and qualifications.

UNA Scholarship Program: offers scholarship to active UNA members completing Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years in college. Specific Scholarships: Dr. Susan Galandiuk, In memory of Drs. Maria & Demetrius Jarosewycz, Vera Stangl, Joseph Wolk and the Ukrainian National Home Corp. of Blackstone. Each Scholarship has special requirements that the student applicant must comply with.

- Scholarships and awards will be granted to UNDERGRADUATE students attending accredited colleges or universities, studying towards their first bachelor’s degree, and to High School graduates entering colleges.
- Applications for UNA SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS or UNA AWARDS will be accepted from students who have been ACTIVE UNA MEMBERS for at least TWO YEARS by June 1st of the filing year.
- Applications and required enclosures must be sent to the UNA in **ONE MAILING** and be postmarked not later than June 1, 2007.
- Incomplete and/or late entries will automatically be disqualified.

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.,
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2200 Route 10, P.O. Box 280, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Please send me a scholarship application for the 2007/2008 academic year.

(please print or type)

Name (in English) _____

Name (in Ukrainian) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Tel. _____ E-mail _____

Web: _____ I am a member of UNA BRANCH # _____

Selfreliance
 Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union



Easy Mortgages
 to fit your lifestyle

7 year balloon
 as low as 6%^{apr*}



Самопоміч
 Українсько-Американська Федеральна Кредитова Спілка

Selfreliance
 Where Your Money Works for You!

Selfreliance.Com

2332 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago IL, 773-328-7500 300 E. Army Trail, Bloomingdale, IL 630-307-0079 734 Sandford Ave. Newark, NJ 973-373-7839
 5000 N. Cumberland Ave, Chicago, IL 773-589-0077 8410 W. 131st Street, Palos Park, IL 708-923-1912 558 Summit Ave. Jersey City, NJ 201-795-4061
 761 S. Benton Street, Palatine, IL 847-359-5911 8624 White Oak Street, Munster, IN 219-838-5300 2200 Rte 10W Parsippany, NJ 973-451-0200

*Annual percentage rate. Mortgages subject to approval of application. 6% 7 year balloon with 20% down offer good only for single family residence, townhome, condominium, or owner-occupied multi-family structure with no more than four units for mortgage amounts up to \$417,000. 6% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) \$100,000 7 year balloon mortgage payments (amortized across 30 years) would be \$599.56 monthly for 83 months with a balloon payment of \$90,238.97 due on the 84th month. Mortgages available only to members and only in designated geographic locations. Terms of offer may change without notice at any time. Please call for the most current information.



Kremlin moves...

(Continued from page 2)

Russia's standoff with Georgia was widely seen as an attempt to punish Tbilisi for its pro-Western orientation. Russia's insistence on ties with the Iranian regime and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, as well as contacts with the Palestinian group Hamas, also did little to boost Russia's popularity in the West.

Russia's economic policies hardly fared better internationally. The recent Sakhalin oil-exploration dispute was widely seen as an indication that the Russian government seeks to boost its already strong clout in the energy sector at the expense of foreign investors. The natural gas monopoly Gazprom was accused of energy blackmail when it was rumored to be bidding for overseas expansion.

Last month Gazprom disclosed that it was negotiating an \$11 million, three-year public-relations contract with a consortium of Western PR firms. These pricey media specialists are needed to counter the critical Western media coverage of recent Gazprom pricing disputes with Belarus and Ukraine.

In January Moscow came up with more concrete moves to win hearts and minds in the West. The Kremlin dispatched a much larger-than-usual delegation, led by First Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, to the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

However, so far Russian attempts to counter critical Western media coverage have lacked substance and generated limited results. Arguments by Russia's critics can best be summed up in a Russian proverb that translates roughly as "Don't blame the mirror if your face is crooked." The Kremlin's apparent recognition of

publicity missteps and its efforts to shake off its negative image appeared to come as a reminder of the simple fact that public relations woes tend to reflect policy problems.

Moscow is also working to improve its image through diplomatic channels. On February 20, Russian Foreign Ministry officials, headed by Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, also discussed publicity issues. The meeting decided that the Russian Center for International Scientific and Cultural Cooperation (Roszarubezhcenter) should promote the "objective perception of Russia as a dynamically developing democratic state with a socially oriented market economy."

The meeting also suggested boosting humanitarian ties with members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, adding that in order to achieve this goal, the agency had recently opened offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan (RIA-Novosti, February 20). Roszarubezhcenter, now part of the Foreign Ministry, was a quasi-independent agency during the Soviet era, known as the Union of the Soviet Societies of Friendship.

In the meantime, the Kremlin's PR efforts are being imitated in other former Soviet capitals. Earlier this month, Kazakhstan's Foreign Ministry formed a new committee on international information aimed at improving the country's image. The new committee is to monitor foreign media and work to create a positive international image for the country, according to ministry spokesman Ilyas Omarov (Interfax, February 12).

The article above is reprinted from Eurasia Daily Monitor with permission from its publisher, the Jamestown Foundation, www.jamestown.org.



**Ukrainian American Sport Center
TRYZUB**

1 Lower State Road, Horsham, PA
hosts

Sommelier Secrets
of
**Food & Wine Paring
Seminar and Wine Tasting**
31 March 2007

Presented by
MELISSA
of
OLD WINES LLC
Philadelphia, PA
See www.marnieold.com

Doors Open: 7:00 pm
Wine Tasting Starts: 7:30 pm

Buffet Dinner, Sweets, Coffee, Tea

Price : \$35.00 in advance
\$40.00 at the door
(All proceeds benefit the youth soccer and cultural programs)

Advance ticket sales and/or Reservations recommended by 17 March , seating is limited

Tickets and Reservations Call:
Nika Chajkowsky - 215-860-8384
Natalia Luciw - 215-362 5331
www.tryzub.org












SELF RELIANCE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Still the one

To pay the best rates and offer varied terms on investments

5.44%

12 month share certificate (CD)

Rates quoted are Annual Percentage Yield based on 5.30% Annual Rate, subject to change at any time.
Certificate minimum balance \$500.00. Penalty may be assessed for early termination.

Visit our website at: www.selfreliancefcu.org E-mail: info@selfreliancefcu.org

Federal Credit Union

MAIN OFFICE:

108 SECOND AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10003
TEL: 212-473-7310
FAX: 212-473-3251

Kerhonkson Branch:

6325 Route 209
Kerhonkson, NY 12446
Tel: 845-626-2938
Fax: 845 626-8636

Uniondale Branch:

226 Uniondale Ave,
Uniondale, NY 11553
Tel: 516 565-2393
Fax: 516 565-2097

Astoria Branch:

32-01 31ST AVE
Astoria, NY 11106
TEL: 718 626-0506
Fax: 718 626-0458

WESTERN UNION MONEY TRANSFER®

48 годин або Гроші за лічені хвилини Вибір за тобою

Зараз, якщо ти зібрався надіслати гроші з Нью-Йорку до країн колишнього СРСР, ти маєш два відмінних варіанти вибору.

48 ГОДИН**
\$ 5.99*
Від

Або вибери
Гроші за лічені хвилини*** **\$ 10.99***
Щоб швидко надіслати гроші.

WESTERN UNION®

Телефонуй: **1-800-799-6882**
Ми розмовляємо українською мовою



westernunion.com

MONEY TRANSFER

MONEY ORDER

PAYMENT SERVICES

PREPAID SERVICES

* НА ДОДАТОК ДО ЗБОРУ ЗА ПЕРЕСИЛКУ, WESTERN UNION ТАКОЖ КОМПЕНСУЄ СВОЇ ВИТРАТИ ПРИ ОБМІНІ ВАШИХ ДОЛАРИВ НА ІНОЗЕМНУ ВАЛЮТУ.

Збір за пересилку в розмірі \$5,99 або \$10,99 стягується із суми в розмірі до \$100, що надсилається з відділення Агента-учасника на території Нью-Йорку або його приміської зони до будь-якої країни колишнього СРСР (за винятком Латвії, Естонії або Литви). Збір за пересилку набуває чинності з 13 липня 2006 року. Розмір збору може бути змінено без попередження.

** Зазвичай, гроші можуть бути сплачені після 48 годин, залежно від умов надання послуг, включаючи години роботи Агента та різницю в часових поясах. Діючі обмеження наводяться на бланку грошового переказу. Ці умови діють тільки для грошових переказів від одного споживача іншому споживачеві, які надсилаються з відділення американського Агента-учасника у Нью-Йорку або в його приміській зоні, за винятком транзакцій через Kiosk або он-лайн Western Union Money Transfer @ ATM.

*** Виплата грошей залежить від умов, за якими надається послуга, включаючи години роботи Агента та різницю в часових поясах. Діючі обмеження наводяться на бланку грошового переказу.

† Власники карток Western Union Gold Card одержують нагороди згідно з умовами програми Western Union® Gold Card. За інформацією про програму, телефонуйте: 1-877-984-0468.

OUT AND ABOUT

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 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

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 sculpture by Nestor Topchy, Johns Hopkins University, 410-516-0341

March 10
Sacramento, CA
Taras Shevchenko program, Cordova Community Center Hall, 916-482-4706

March 10
New York
27th annual Taras Shevchenko scholarly conference, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130

March 10
Baltimore, MD
Klitschko fight broadcast, Dnipro Sports Club, 410-967-0501

March 10-11
Lehighton, PA
Pysanka Workshop, co-sponsored by the Ukrainian Heritage Center at Manor College, Ukrainian Homestead, 215-235-3709 or 610-377-4621

March 11
Yonkers, NY
Art exhibit and Easter bazaar, Ukrainian National Women's League of America, St. Michael Church, 914-762-6514

March 11
Jenkintown, PA
Taras Shevchenko program, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 215-663-1166

March 12
Toronto
Lecture with Alexander Kratochvil, "Post-modern Ukrainian Prose: a Comparative Review," University of Toronto, 416-946-8113

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 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 15-May 6
Oshawa, ON
Art exhibit, "Vera Jacyk: Chysto, Chysto, Chysto," Robert McLaughlin Gallery, 905-576-3000

March 15
Buffalo, NY
Pysanka class by Judie Hawryluk, West Seneca Community Education Center, 716-674-5185

March 16
Toronto
Ukrainian modern art workshop, "Modernity, Identity, Tradition," University of Toronto, 416-946-8113

March 16
New York
"Literary Café at the Institute," featuring readings by Vasyl Makhno, Yuriy Tarnawsky and Alexander Motyl, Ukrainian Institute of America, 212-288-8660

March 17
New York
Lecture by Andriy Legkyj, "Trends in Contemporary Instrumental Chamber Music in Ukraine, Names and Works," Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130

March 17
Philadelphia
Women's Day, "Women Nurturing Women: A Celebration of Women's Spirit," Immaculate Conception Cathedral Hall, 215-627-0143

March 18
New York
Syzokryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble performs at the European Folk Festival, The Fashion Institute of Technology, 212-217-5800

March 19
Cambridge, MA
Lecture by Roman Szporluk, "The Traditional Scheme of 19th Century Ukrainian History and the Problem of Rational Restructuring of the History of Eastern Europe," Harvard University, 617-495-4053

Entries in "Out and About" are listed free of charge. Priority is given to events advertised in The Ukrainian Weekly. However, we also welcome submissions from all our readers; 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.

UKRAINIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

IF YOU ARE A PHYSICIAN, DENTIST, OR OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EITHER PRACTICING OR TRAINING, HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN NORTH AMERICA'S PREMIER ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE WRITE TO:
UKRAINIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
2247 W. CHICAGO AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60622
TELEPHONE: 773-278-6262
OR FAX YOUR REQUEST TO 773-278-6962

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____

SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY.

Send contributions to: The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund,
2200 Route 10, P.O. Box 280, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Soyuzivka's Datebook

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

Tennis Camp

June 24-July 1, 2007

Plast Camp - Tabir Ptashat,
Session #1

June 25-29, 2007

Exploration Day Camp Session #1,
ages 7-10



To book a room or event call: (845) 626-5641, ext. 140
216 Foordmore Road P.O. Box 529
Kerhonkson, NY 12446
E-mail: Soyuzivka@aol.com
Website: www.Soyuzivka.com

PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Friday, March 9-Sunday, March 25

NEW YORK: Yara Arts Group has created "Janyl," an original theater piece based on a Kyrgyz epic about a woman warrior with the Sakhna Theater of Bishkek, and will present the show at La MaMa Theater in New York. "Janyl" is directed by Virlana Tkacz, designed by Watoku Ueno, with movement by Shigeko Suga, photography by Margaret Morton, video by Andrea Odezynska, and translation by Ms. Tkacz, Roza Mukasheva and Wanda Phipps. "Janyl" features a cast of Yara and Sakhna artists, as well as Kyrgyz epic singing and music. Show times: March 9-11, Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; March 15-18 and 22-25, Thursday-Saturday, 9 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Venue: La MaMa Theater, 74a E. Fourth St (at Second Avenue). Tickets at \$15 may be purchased at the box office, 212-475-7710 or www.lamama.org.

Saturday, March 10

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh), jointly with the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S. (UVAN), and the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI) invite all to the 27th annual scholarly conference dedicated to Taras Shevchenko. The program will feature opening remarks by Dr. Orest Popovych, president of NTSh, closing remarks will be delivered by Dr. Albert Kipa, president of UVAN, and the following lectures: "The Historical Content of 'Velykyi Lokh' (The Great Vault) by Taras Shevchenko" by Dr. Taras Hunczak (NTSh); "The Perception of Shevchenko Yesterday and Today" by Assya Humesky (UVAN); and "Shevchenko as Perceived by Yevhen Malaniuk" by Dr. George Grabowicz (HURI). The conference will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 4 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Monday, March 12

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute will host a lecture given by Konstantin Akinsha, correspondent for ARTnews, Budapest, and Eugene and Daymel Shklar Research Fellow, Ukrainian Research Institute. His lecture, "West European Art in the Khanenko Museum: The Fate of a Dispersed Ukrainian Collection," 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 at 617-495-4053 or huri@fas.harvard.edu.

Saturday, March 24

BURLINGTON, Ontario: Music at St.

Luke's 2007 presents "Songs of Ukraine" featuring the Canadian Bandurist Capella. This group combines the sounds of the male chorus with the accompaniment of the multi-stringed bandura. For tickets at \$15 each call 905-639-7643. The program begins at 8 p.m. Venue: St. Luke's Parish Hall, 1832 Ontario St.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn.: The 13th annual Ukrainian Easter Festival will be held at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church hall, 54 Winter St. (behind Newbrite Plaza) at 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Snow day: Saturday, March 31. Pysanky and egg-decorating supplies will be featured, as well as Easter breads, varenyky, stuffed cabbage, borsch, and home-made cakes and desserts. Lunch and takeout are available. Admission and parking (behind the church) are free. For information call 860-229-3833 or 860-677-2138.

Sunday, March 25

WASHINGTON: The Washington Group Cultural Fund, under the patronage of the Embassy of Ukraine, invites the public to an "Afternoon at the Theater," during which Iryna Kowal, a Ukrainian American playwright, will speak about her work and will present dramatic readings from her plays by local actors in Ukrainian and English. The presentation will take place at 3 p.m. at the Embassy of Ukraine, 3350 M St. NW, Washington. Suggested donation: \$20. Seating is limited. RSVP to ibezverka@ukremb.com or 202-349-2937; for more information call 202-244-8836.

Sunday, April 1

HOUSTON: The 27th annual Ukrainian Easter Bazaar sponsored by Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 118 will take place on the grounds of Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church, 9102 Meadowshire, Houston, at 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. A delicious Ukrainian lunch will be served throughout the day. Easter paska, breads and a wide assortment of pastries will be available. Music will be provided throughout the day by Roman Cherwonogrodsky. Pysanky demonstrations, art exhibits, crafts booths and a visit by the Ukrainian Easter bunny are on the program. The Zhuravli Ukrainian Dancers will perform at 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 (free for children under age 10); parking is convenient. For information call 713-973-8848.

SAVE THE DATE

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Institute of America presents "Casino Royale, An Evening in Montenegro," on Saturday, April 21. More info to come.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS GUIDELINES:

Preview of Events is a listing of Ukrainian community events open to the public. It is a service provided at minimal cost (\$20 per submission) by The Ukrainian Weekly to the Ukrainian community.

To have an event listed in Preview of Events please send information, in English, written in Preview format, i.e., in a brief paragraph that includes the date, place, type of event, sponsor, admission, full names of persons and/or organizations involved, and a phone number to be published for readers who may require additional information. Items should be no more than 100 words long; longer submissions are subject to editing. Items not written in Preview format or submitted without all required information will not be published.

Preview items must be received no later than one week before the desired date of publication. No information will be taken over the phone. Items will be published only once, unless otherwise indicated. Please include payment for each time the item is to appear and indicate date(s) of issue(s) in which the item is to be published. Also, senders are asked to include the phone number of a person who may be contacted by The Weekly during daytime hours, as well as their complete mailing address.

Information should be sent to: Preview of Events, The Ukrainian Weekly, 2200 Route 10, P.O. Box 280, Parsippany, NJ 07054; fax, 973-644-9510; e-mail, preview@ukrweekly.com.

Easter Greetings 2007

Continue your tradition.

Send best wishes to your family and friends, colleagues and clients on the occasion of Easter with a greeting in The Ukrainian Weekly.

Holiday Issue Publication Date Advertising Deadline

April 1

March 20

1/16 page - \$35; 1/8 page - \$50;
1/4 page - \$100; 1/2 page - \$200; full page - \$400

All advertising correspondence, reservations and payments should be directed to Mrs. Maria Oscislowski, advertising manager, tel. 973-292-9800, ext. 3040, or e-mail: adsukrpubl@att.net

Kindly make checks payable to The Ukrainian Weekly.

Please send payment to:

The Ukrainian Weekly, Advertising Department
P.O. Box 280, 2200 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054