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United opposition's agreement on "common action"

Below is the full text of the Common Action Agreement signed by Ukraine's opposition leaders on January 22. (It was translated by Zenon Zawada.)

We, representatives of the Ukrainian opposition democratic political parties, — taking into account the entire experience of Ukrainian state building and comprehending our high responsibility before the Ukrainian people, — standing up for the necessity of returning the country onto a democratic path of development and ensuring the conditions for wealth and opportunities for each person to reach his/her full potential, — stressing the need for complete provision of European standards of freedom and citizens' rights and demanding the cessation of political repressions and the release of leaders of opposition parties Yulia Tymoshenko, Yurii Lutsenko and other political prisoners, — defending the constitutional right of the citizens of Ukraine to form government organs, i.e., the right to free and fair elections, declare on Unity Day:
The complete fulfillment of the political and social rights of Ukraine's citizens is impossible without removing the ruling Yanukovich regime. The elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in October 2012 will give us a

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Opposition leaders agree to unite for parliamentary elections

by Zenon Zawada

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

KYIV – Ukraine's pro-Western opposition leaders signed an agreement on January 22 to unite their candidates into a single list to compete for single-winner, single-mandate districts in the October 28 parliamentary elections in order to take the reins of government away from the Donetsk clan before it consolidates power even further.

The pact was born of desperation among the typically divided pro-Western leaders, realizing they could be shut out of national politics if they kept competing with each other, observers said. Yet it remains to be seen whether they can divvy up the districts between their common candidates without big conflicts.

"It was a symbolic unification, yet agreeing to an actual [electoral] list is a whole other matter," said Volodymyr Fesenko, board chairman of the Penta Center for Applied Political Research in Kyiv. "Sociological polls already show that the Batkivschyna electorate doesn't want to vote for the Svoboda nationalists, so it's very early to be talking about the opposition unifying."

In the October vote, half of Ukraine's 450 members of Parliament will be determined through single-winner, single-mandate districts (the so-called majoritarian system), while the other half will be determined by closed-list voting for political parties, which will need to surpass a 5 percent barrier (the so-called proportional system).

Opposition leaders didn't unite for the closed list race, which involves parties pre-selecting and ranking their candidates to qualify for Verkhovna Rada seats proportionally distributed based on the vote percentage earned.



Zenon Zawada

Opposition leaders (from left) Arseniy Yatsenyuk of the Front for Change, Vitali Klitschko of UDAR and Oleksander Turchynov of Batkivschyna signed an agreement on January 22 to form a single opposition list of single-mandate candidates for the October 28 parliamentary elections.

Instead, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, the leader of the Front for Change, called for the opposition to limit itself voluntarily to only the three leading forces which stand a chance of achieving 5 percent – his own party, the Batkivschyna party led by imprisoned former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and the nationalist Svoboda Party led by Oleh Tiahnybok.

Indeed, recent polls revealed Ukraine's pro-Western forces have a chance to retake government by winning a parliamentary majority under the conditions of fair elections.

About 16 percent of respondents said they would vote for Batkivschyna, 14 percent for the incumbent of Party of Regions of Ukraine, 10 percent for the Front for Change, 5 percent for the Communist Party

of Ukraine and 5 percent for the UDAR (Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform) party led by boxing champion Vitali Klitschko, according to the poll conducted on December 9-16 by the Western-financed Razumkov Center in Kyiv. It involved 2,008 respondents in 131 population centers.

The opposition leaders declared their intentions for a united front at the annual Unity Day commemoration on St. Sophia Square in the heart of Kyiv, the same place where 93 years earlier, on January 22, 1919, the leaders of the Ukrainian National Republic declared a short-lived unification with the Western Ukrainian National Republic. It was also the 94th anniversary of the January 22, 1918, proclamation of an independent Ukrainian state.

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U.S. Embassy in Kyiv marks 20 years of diplomatic relations

by Zenon Zawada

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

KYIV – The U.S. Embassy in Ukraine on January 20 commemorated the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations being established with the Ukrainian government by inviting its friends and associates to a concert of the world-renowned Odesa Philharmonic Orchestra.

The guests' smiles and pleasant small-talk belied the deterioration of Ukraine-U.S. relations, which are approaching their worst levels since 2001, when the Kolchuha and Melnychenko tapes scandals erupted and all but ruined the reputation of former President Leonid Kuchma in the Western world.

In his remarks to the assembled guests, U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine John Tefft referred to the "ups and downs" of U.S.-

Ukraine relations, though he maintained an upbeat tone in assessing the last two decades, stressing such positives as the Peace Corps presence in Ukraine – the largest in any country.

Yet, for the first time since 2002, Ukrainian politicians and businessmen are seeking asylum in the West, the notable, recent example being the early January departure of Oleksander Tymoshenko, the husband of imprisoned opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko.

Other recent asylum seekers are former Minister of the Economy Bohdan Danylyshyn (Czech Republic), former State Reserves Agency of Ukraine Chair Mykhailo Pozhyvanov (Austria) and Denys Oleinikov (Latvia), printer of the scandalous T-shirts,

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U.S. Embassy Kyiv

The Odesa Philharmonic Orchestra, with its conductor, Hobart Earle, headline the concert celebrating 20 years of U.S.-Ukraine relations.

ANALYSIS

Ukraine's economic rankings mired in decline despite attempts at reform

by **Dmytro Barkar**
RFE/RL

KYIV – Ukraine continues to languish in a leading global index of economic freedom, despite promises of reform from President Viktor Yanukovich.

The 2012 Index of Economic Freedom, a joint project by the U.S.-based think tank the Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal, ranked Ukraine 163rd of 179 countries, just behind the Solomon Islands and just ahead of Uzbekistan.

Ukraine ranked dead last among the 43 countries of the European region, pulling up the rear behind Belarus (153) and Russia (144).

The low rating continued a pattern of decline and stagnation for Ukraine that began about five years ago.

In 2008, Ukraine ranked 133rd, but the next year – amid a political standoff between then-President Viktor Yushchenko and then-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko – the rating collapsed to 152nd.

Ukraine's rating continued to languish in subsequent years – it fell to 162nd in 2010, the first year of Mr. Yanukovich's presidency, 164th in 2011, and 163rd in the latest survey.

The Index's report on Ukraine cited "fragile" economic foundations as the main problem in the country. "Poor protection of property rights and widespread corruption discourage entrepreneurial activity, severely undermining prospects for long-term economic expansion," the report says. "The rule of law is weak, and the judicial system remains susceptible to substantial political interference." The poor results come despite repeated statements by the Yanukovich administration that economic reforms are a top priority.

'Idiotic legislation'

At various times since Mr. Yanukovich became president early in 2010 officials have promised regulatory reform, tax relief, anti-corruption measures and judicial reform.

However, on January 11, President Yanukovich told government officials at a meeting of the Economic Reform Committee that he is disappointed with the lack of progress.

"I remember our first meeting last year [2011]. We had a lot of plans," he said. "There were big expectations about how we will work in the coming year. Our dreams and expectations were sincere. But what results did we get for the year? I think no one in this room is satisfied with the results."

The owner of a clothing store in Kyiv, who asked not to be identified, told RFE/RL's Ukraine Service that the problem is simple. "Our problem is our idiotic legislation, which only creates difficulties," he said. "For example, I pay under the unified income tax [a simplified tax regime for small entrepreneurs]. Previously, I made one payment in one place. Now I have to make several payments. There is a new law on the protection of personal data that is written in such a way as to be incomprehensible."

Yaroslav Zhalilo, an analyst with the National Institute of Strategic Research, maintains that the early stages of such massive reform are inevitably difficult and frustrating.

"Regulatory reform is just in the initial stages," she said. "Perversely, some procedures seem more cumbersome than before because the mechanisms are not yet in place. Second, as we all know, there is a high level of corruption. Third, Ukraine is currently at a stage where it is necessary to bring order to significant areas of activity that earlier were uncontrolled."

"This is being done, as well as the introduction of tougher requirements for the safety of goods and services, for the organization of certain types of businesses, for the necessity to pay taxes from various categories of revenues. Business perceives this sort of organization as a limitation on economic freedom," he called.

'We've lost confidence in tomorrow'

Nonetheless, businesspeople around the country continue to press their case. Anatoliy Hyrshfeld is board chairman of the Organization of Employers of Kharkiv Oblast.

"There are problems with customs, with the timely refunding of VAT," he said. "So potential investors, when they are asked, mention this and so a negative rating emerges. The recent governments have not added to Ukraine's competitive advantages."

"They only settled immediate questions: how to pay salaries to state-sector employees, how to pay pensions, and other social matters. They think that business will survive, will get used to this. But they forget that it is business which creates the country's material well-being through taxes," noted Mr. Hyrshfeld.

The Heritage Foundation/Wall Street Journal report echoes Mr. Hyrshfeld's opinion. "Recent large deficits have strained public finances," the report says, "forcing Ukraine to confront the challenge of restoring sustainable levels of public spending."

The owner of a retail outlet in Zaporizhia, who like his counterpart in Kyiv asked not to be identified, claimed pessimism is growing.

"Over the last year or two we have really lost confidence in tomorrow," he said. "There is no confidence because small business is being robbed by the state. A huge number of laws are passed that contradict one another but under which it is possible to assess fines, to close businesses and to prevent us from working. I might just close my business and go work for a pittance at some large enterprise."

RFE/RL correspondent Robert Coalson contributed to this story from Prague.

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NEWSBRIEFS

State register of corrupt individuals

KYIV – Justice Minister Oleksander Lavrynovych announced on January 25 that he has ordered the completion by February 1 of work on the creation of a single state-wide database of persons who have committed corrupt acts. The registry will be an electronic database that will contain information about individuals who committed corruption-related offenses, in other words, persons who were called to criminal, administrative or civil liability for corruption. Individuals will be included in the registry under a court ruling or an order imposing a disciplinary sanction on a person for corruption offenses. (Ukrinform)

U.S. urges independent medical exam

KYIV – The U.S. ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Ian Kelly, on behalf of the U.S. government, has called on Ukrainian authorities to invite independent medical experts to assess the medical condition of Yulia Tymoshenko, who is currently imprisoned in Kachanivska colony in the Kharkiv Oblast, the Batkivschyna party said in a statement on January 21. "We reiterate our grave concern regarding irregularities in the judicial process surrounding the case against former Prime Minister Tymoshenko, her conviction and the conditions of her incarceration. We are concerned by reports about the conditions of her confinement and her access to medical treatment. We call on the government of Ukraine to investigate these reports and to ensure that conditions of confinement are in conformity with its OSCE commitments and its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We call on the government of Ukraine to invite independent medical experts to assess her medical condition," Mr. Kelly said at a meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna. The ambassador also said that "we continue to stand by our commitment to Ukraine's progress towards European integration, and we welcome Ukraine's active engagement in the OSCE. We regard this year, 2012, as a critical year for both Ukraine and the OSCE, and we look forward to working in partnership with

Ukraine in its preparation to become our next chairman-in-office." (Ukrinform)

German doctors to examine Yulia

KYIV – Former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, currently serving a seven-year sentence in a penal colony near Kharkiv, has agreed to an examination by German medical experts, Serhiy Vlasenko, Ms. Tymoshenko's lawyer, announced on January 25. "Yulia Tymoshenko has publicly confirmed that she agrees to undergo a full medical examination by German doctors, who formally offered their help," Mr. Vlasenko emphasized. He also said that Ms. Tymoshenko agrees that together with German experts the commission may also include Ukrainian medical experts, whom she trusts. On January 23 German Ambassador to Ukraine Hans-Jurgen Heimsoeth discussed with Procurator-General Viktor Pshonka the possibility of Ms. Tymoshenko's treatment by foreign specialists. The meeting was held at the request of the German diplomat. Mr. Pshonka confirmed his "readiness to contribute, within the competence of the procurator's office, to organize the work of a joint medical team to conduct an independent examination, diagnosis and treatment of Ms. Tymoshenko, if necessary." According to head of the Health Department of the State Penitentiary Service for the Kharkiv Oblast, the former prime minister on January 23 began medical treatment on the recommendation of the Ministry of Health. (Ukrinform)

PACE concerned about Tymoshenko case

KYIV – Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) President-elect Jean-Claude Mignon has said he is concerned about the case of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, and that he believes that Ukraine should follow the European standards in the field of democracy and the rule of law. He said at a January 23 press conference after his election as PACE president that he planned to discuss these issues with Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Kostyantyn Gryshchenko during the latter's visit to Strasbourg, France. "After

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ANALYSIS: Will 2012 bring popular revolt to Ukraine?

by **Taras Kuzio**
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Surveys and polls show there is widespread popular anger, frustration and contempt for the Yanukovich administration that has managed to anger many different groups in every Ukrainian region. Imprisoned opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko (16.3 percent) is more popular than President Viktor Yanukovich (13.3 percent), whose popularity is waning even in his home region of Donetsk.

Declining standards of living, anger at the November 2010 Tax Code, democratic regression and growing corruption have contributed to the rapid decline in popularity. In addition, the mistreatment of Ms. Tymoshenko is "harming the authorities' ratings" (http://www.ng.ru/cis/2011-12-29/6_tymoshenko.html).

Added to these problems are perceived attacks on Ukraine's national identity that fuel a nationalist aspect to protests. These include President Yanukovich annulling the annual Freedom Day holiday commemorating the Orange Revolution, the April 2010 Kharkiv Accord extending Russia's lease of the Sevastopol naval base for 30 years, Education Minister Dmytro Tabachnyk's policies, attempts to make Russian a state language, and pending transfer of gas pipelines to a Russian-dominated consortium.

The Times predicted that 2012 "will be the year of Slavic revolt against authoritari-

an regimes in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine," adding "Ukraine will repeat its 2004 Orange Revolution after anger at austerity measures boils over when President Yanukovich's Party of Regions is accused of stealing parliamentary elections. The opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko will be freed from prison after Mr. Yanukovich is forced to resign, but will fail to win the presidential election" (<http://www.the-times.co.uk/tto/news/world/article3272500.ece#Tv7rvrn8YLQ.mailto>).

The former deputy secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, Stepan Havrysh, pointed out "we stand between surrender of key assets and the technical default of the state" (<http://www.radiosvoboda.org/content/article/24424542.html>). External borrowing will be difficult and very expensive this year due to poor relations with the European Union and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Moody's predicts Ukraine's rating in 2012 will experience a significant downgrade. The paranoia of the authorities at the possibility of mass protests is growing in response to the above factors (see *Eurasia Daily Monitor*, November 18, 2011). Yanukovich billboards are guarded by the police to stop a growing number of cases of paint thrown at them.

The authorities have responded in five ways that re-introduce Soviet KGB tactics and Soviet political culture by linking dissidents to Western conspiracies and violent nationalists:

1. By making it more difficult to protest using heavy-handed police tactics. Oblast governors and the State Tax Administration have sent forms to NGOs to collect extensive data about organizations, leaders and members. These two structures will "intensify the monitoring of planned protests filed with local authorities." There is no doubt among NGO leaders that this data will end up with the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). The main objective is to collect intelligence on which NGOs will monitor the elections and the foreign assistance they will receive (*Ukrainian Week*, December 23, 2011).

2. Through draft laws prepared by the Party of Regions, which emulates Russian legislation that bans external support to political parties and NGOs. In 2003-2004 the Party of Regions and Communist Party (CPU) tried, but failed, to adopt similar legislation.

3. Targeted arrests and imprisonment of nationalists linking them to "terrorism." Nine members of the Tryzub (Trident) nationalist group were sentenced in December 2010, accused of blowing up the monument to Joseph Stalin erected in Zaporozhia in May of that year. Three members of Patriot Ukrainy are on trial for allegedly planning to detonate a bomb on Ukraine's Independence Day on August 24, 2010.

4. Official paranoia that Euro-2012 could provide an opportunity for the opposition to receive international attention from anti-regime protests is leading to draft legislation against soccer fans (*Ukrayinska Pravda*, January 3). The Party of Regions faction deputy leader, Vadym Kolesnichenko, has registered a draft law pertaining to soccer games that bans shouting "xenophobic, racist, anti-semitic" slogans and "hurling placards, banners, flags, including those of a political nature, that harm the dignity of official people."

This is an obvious reference to a song attacking Mr. Yanukovich sung at soccer games since August 2011, and whistling and booing when he has opened stadiums. The video of the song was watched by

more than 1 million people (www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0IqcXwpZpY).

Halyna Coynash of the Kharkiv Human Rights Group finds the draft legislation disturbing as it would outlaw "posters, banners and flags of a political nature." Ms. Coynash argues that "it is difficult to imagine any European Union country imposing a hefty fine or jailing somebody for up to 15 days for holding up a banner accusing the president of political repression and demanding the release of members of the opposition" (http://www.kyivpost.com/news/opinion/op_ed/detail/120218/).

5. The SBU's powers for investigation into riots have been expanded and a new SBU subdivision for counter-intelligence protection of the state's interests in information security has been formed (*Kyiv Post*, January 3, 6). The subdivision's responsibilities are so vague they could be used arbitrarily.

This is obvious from the following explanation of "information security:" "protection from negative psychological-information effects," "preservation and increase of spiritual, cultural and moral values of the Ukrainian peoples," "safeguarding of socio-political stability" and threats to "a positive image of Ukraine" (*Kyiv Post*, January 3, 6). Critical views of the Tymoshenko case, for example, could come under the threat of "circulating in the world information realm of distorted, untruthful and biased information that damages Ukraine's national interests," because of "external adverse information impact on the public consciousness via the media and also the Internet" (http://www.kyivpost.com/news/opinion/op_ed/detail/118078/).

Ukrainian experts predict there will be protests this year, particularly in response to election fraud. Vadym Karasyov suggests "revolution is inevitable. The question is only how will it take place" (<http://gazeta.ua/articles/politics-newspaper/417089>). Growing numbers of protests were predicted by experts who attended a Kyiv meeting

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FOR THE RECORD

U.S. statement on Ukraine at OSCE Permanent Council

On January 19, during a meeting in Vienna of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the U.S. representative to the council, Ambassador Ian Kelly, delivered remarks addressed to Ukraine. Ukraine became a member of the OSCE Troika, which comprises the current chairperson-in-office, the previous chairperson and the succeeding chairperson to assure continuity of the OSCE's activities. The 2012 Troika consists of the OSCE's current chair, Ireland; Lithuania, which was the chair in 2011; and Ukraine, which will be the chair in 2013.

The OSCE chairmanship is held for one calendar year by the OSCE participating state designated by a decision of the Ministerial Council; the function of the chairperson-in-office is exercised by the minister of foreign affairs of that state. Thus, Irish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Eamon Gilmore is the chair for 2012.

Following are U.S. Ambassador Kelly's remarks.

The United States welcomes Ukraine to the OSCE Troika. The responsibilities of the Chairmanship-in-Office are many and require, above all, leadership by example.

We note that Ukraine will have many opportunities this year to define the tenor of its chairmanship in 2013. In December, President [Viktor] Yanukovich stated that Ukraine's upcoming elections would showcase Ukraine's democratic bona fides. We welcome this pledge and the Interior [Internal Affairs] Ministry's statement that international observers will be invited to monitor the elections. In particular, we hope Ukraine's new parlia-

mentary election law will be implemented in the same spirit of consensus in which it was adopted. Ukraine can lead by example by demonstrating its commitment to the timely, impartial and transparent design of rational electoral districts.

We welcome Ukraine's role in helping to resolve peacefully the protracted conflicts in the OSCE region. Ukraine's active and constructive participation in the 5+2 talks to resolve the Transnistria issue shows Ukraine's potential to make a lasting contribution to peace and security in its forthcoming chairmanship.

At the same time, we reiterate our grave concern regarding irregularities in the judicial process surrounding the case against former Prime Minister [Yulia] Tymoshenko, her conviction and the conditions of her incarceration. We are concerned by reports about the conditions of her confinement and her access to medical treatment. We call on the government of Ukraine to investigate these reports and to ensure that conditions of confinement are in conformity with its OSCE commitments and its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We call on the government of Ukraine to invite independent medical experts to assess her medical condition.

Mr. Chairman, we continue to stand by our commitment to Ukraine's progress towards European integration, and we welcome Ukraine's active engagement in the OSCE. We regard this year, 2012, as a critical year for both Ukraine and the OSCE, and we look forward to working in partnership with Ukraine in its preparation to become our next chairman-in-office.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

U.S. Heritage Foundation urges EU to commit to Ukraine

PRNewswire

KYIV – The influential American conservative think tank The Heritage Foundation issued a report on United States-European Union cooperation, featuring a chapter on the Eastern partnership that focuses mainly on Ukraine.

"Urgently, the EU should re-engage Ukraine by committing itself to ratifying the EU-Ukrainian Association Agreement, which will pave the way for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement," Sally McNamara, senior policy analyst in European affairs at The Heritage Foundation, stated in her report.

The paper by The Heritage Foundation, the famous publisher of the annual Index of Economic Freedom, provides an in-depth analysis of the current foreign policy of Ukraine. It notes that the Ukrainian government did not want the country "to fall into the Russian sphere of influence." The author reckons that an \$8 billion discount for Russian gas in exchange for Ukraine's joining the Customs Union "may be attractive to [the President of Ukraine Viktor] Yanukovich in the short term, [but]

accepting it would represent a long-term disaster for Ukraine – and for the West."

The report discusses EU's Eastern Partnership. The initiative offers both bilateral and multilateral measures for enhanced cooperation based on the progress made in the European Neighborhood Policy, according to the official outline of the initiative. The Heritage Foundation report claims that Russia viewed the Eastern Partnership as a challenge in its sphere of influence from the start, and objected to Ukraine's Westward tilt. Emphasizing the importance of the West-oriented Ukraine, Ms. McNamara concludes: "It behooves the EU, with U.S. support, to avoid Kyiv closing the door on its European aspirations entirely."

As of now, negotiations over the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine are over. The initialing of the document has been going on for the last several weeks – following the 15th EU-Ukraine summit on December 19, 2011. At the summit the President Yanukovich emphasized that the agreed document would become key for European integration of Ukraine.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Ukraine takes major step in Ph.D. certification



Prof. Mychailo Wynnyckyj, director of the NUKMA Ph.D. program, and Androulla Vassiliou, EU commissioner for education, culture, multilingualism and youth, with Dr. Hanna Bielenka, Ph.D. diploma recipient.

by Marta Farion

KYIV – After opening the conference “Tempus and Erasmus Mundus: Opportunities for the Eastern Partnership,” held in Kyiv on December 5, 2011, Androulla Vassiliou, the European Union’s commissioner for education, culture, multilingualism and youth, visited the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NUKMA) to meet students, staff and alumni, and take part in the university’s first Ph.D. certification and hooding ceremony.

Ms. Vassiliou expressed her strong support for the integration of Ukraine’s educational sector into the European model. “In the firm belief that investment in education, training and creativity is essential for the prosperity of future generations... the European Commission adopted ...the programs, ‘Erasmus for All’ and ‘Creative Europe.’ These programs are the right tools to help us respond to the challenges we face,” said Ms. Vassiliou.

EU Commissioner Vassiliou met with faculty and students who are engaged in the implementation of European and other international projects NUKMA has been the recipient of 15 grants implementing such programs.

Ms. Vassiliou bestowed the first Ph.D. degree of Western equivalency in Ukraine on Hanna Bielenka, who completed her Ph.D. degree in finance. Dr. Bielenka’s research and dissertation was titled, “Mathematical Methods of Estimating the Financial Stability of the Ukrainian Banking Sector.”

Dr. Bielenka was born in Zaporizhia, where she completed her undergraduate degree in economic cybernetics at Zaporizhia National University. She completed her master’s degree in economics at the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy – Economics Education and Research Consortium (EERC). She has been the winner of the All-Ukrainian Student Olympiads in Economic Cybernetics (first, second and third places in mathematics, informatics and English). In 2011 Dr. Bielenka also defended her Candidate of Science (Kandydat Nauk) degree in economics. She is the author of numerous research articles published in international journals.

European international standards

The fact that the EU commissioner for education, culture, multilingualism, sport,

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media and youth presided over the ceremony is significant and ironic, because even though the Kyiv Mohyla Ph.D. is recognized by the EU as it conforms to the principles of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), under existing government rules it is not yet recognized by Ukraine’s Ministry of Education. European recognition of this academic achievement should become a powerful impetus to Ukraine to finally begin implementation of its long-promised reforms in education toward European integration and international standards.

Kyiv Mohyla Academy’s (KMA) Ph.D. program, officially established in 2008, is the first program of Western orientation and curriculum in Ukraine. The program is a revolutionary step for Ukraine’s higher education system, representing a radical departure from the legacy of the Soviet-era system that still persists in Ukraine.

Unlike the traditional Soviet era “aspirantura,” which is highly regulated by the Education Ministry’s Higher Attestation Council (VAK), the Kyiv Mohyla Ph.D. programs represent an embodiment of the principle of university autonomy, which is fundamental to the Western system of higher education. The KMA Doctoral School and its programs are envisioned as models for the enactment of fundamental reforms within Ukraine’s higher education system.

The Kyiv Mohyla Academy Doctoral School currently offers eight structured Ph.D. programs: Public Health Administration (Kyiv Mohyla School of Public Health); Mass Communications (Kyiv Mohyla School of Journalism jointly with the Department of Sociology); Finance (Department of Finance and Kyiv Mohyla Business School); Philosophy and Literature (Departments of Philosophy and Literature jointly); Biology and Biodiversity (a joint program of the Department of Ecology and the Institute of Botany of the National Academy of Sciences). In addition, Social Work and Social Policy (a joint program of the Kyiv Mohyla School of Social Work and Ljubljana University, Slovenia); History of Central-Eastern Europe (a joint program of the Department of History and Ukrainian Catholic University); Social Transformations (a joint program of the Departments of Sociology and Political Sciences in cooperation with the Department of Central and East European Studies, University of Glasgow, Scotland).

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From a Canadian Angle

by Oksana Bashuk Hepburn



Saving Yulia, saving democracy

Transferring Ukraine’s key pro-democracy leader, Yulia Tymoshenko, to a Kharkiv prison is an out-of-sight-out-of-mind strategy designed to weaken Ukraine’s democrats even further.

Much depends on how people of good will react. If they are silent and accept the rulings of a corrupted judge pandering to presidential interference and allow her and other leading opposition politicians to languish in jail, democracy in Ukraine will fall back even further.

But, should democrats of the world make a cause célèbre out of Ms. Tymoshenko, as was done for Myanmar’s iconic pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, recently released from a seven-year house arrest, freedom for Ukraine’s political prisoners can happen. Such intervention is critical liberalization of autocratic regimes and is a prerequisite for good government struggles around the world, including the Arab Spring scenario.

Aung San Suu Kyi’s release was a victory for freedom. It was accompanied by the release of hundreds of political prisoners; saw the passage of some 20 new laws, the reinstatement of media sites, and a promise of fair national election come April, in which the 67-year-old Noble laureate will run.

Liberalization in Myanmar came about because the onslaught of global criticism of the ruling autocrats was crystal clear: free the feisty woman and change government policies or you will continue to be a pariah state unwelcomed and sanctioned abroad.

Ms. Tymoshenko’s persecutors need to receive similar messages. Her leadership as a key political opposition figure personifies Ukraine’s uneven, but correct, road to democracy. Judge Rodion Kireyev and the President and his government do not.

Former President Viktor Yushchenko’s ongoing anti-Yulia performance also needs condemnation. His high profile “Shuster Live” criticisms of how the gas issue should have been handled rankle. He was president in 2009 when Russia turned off the tap and Europe clamored for an energy solution, and he was mostly absent then. Now, while Yulia is in jail, unable to respond, his lectures appear self-serving: he sounds like a pawn in someone else’s game.

Who, then, will win? The Aung San Suu Kyis of the world or the autocrats?

For democrats in Ukraine and around the globe the answer is obvious. But how to achieve victory?

A good place to start is with women’s organizations in Ukraine and around the world: The bare-breasted FEMEN activists have already shown their clout, but there are plenty of other well-intended groups. To begin, they need to pressure Ukraine’s fractured opposition to consolidate, then give it victory in the upcoming

election. This calls for citizenship development – organizing regular local meetings throughout Ukraine designed to instill know-how and confidence in the citizenry. The women might work with churches on how to withstand pressure from “administrative resources” – such as threats of job loss, intimidation, bribes, and falsification of votes.

Such actions are a must for democracy and will help Yulia et al. So will daily vigils in front of national and oblast government centers throughout Ukraine. The women need not do this alone; they should twin with other democratic entities to generate action.

The diaspora can assist. The Ukrainian World Congress and the World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations (SFUZhO) might call on global members to maintain a high-level media buzz around Ms. Tymoshenko. Get her honorary doctorates for democratic leadership from universities; high-profile Woman of the Year designations (e.g., Time magazine); even a Nobel Peace Prize nomination. Her name needs to top lists of deserving politicians. She needs to be honored at sports and cultural events. The Euro 2012 in both Poland and Ukraine must not go on without a Yulia event.

A formidable impact will come by joining forces with non-Ukrainian women’s organizations, prominent human rights groups, literary/music/art clubs, church organizations and others. From aid organizations, to discussion groups, to prayer meetings, Ms. Tymoshenko and Ukraine need to be placed on the agendas of the world.

The how-to-do-this comes from studying Myanmar’s case. Implementing the above actions and others – films, TV news spots and media commentaries – requires a different mindset from that of organizing internal events with cultural themes, such as “Vyshyvani Vechornytsi” or pysanky exhibits, or celebrations of Ukraine’s historic events. Make no mistake, these can serve as fund-raisers and springboards for democratic action. The end, however, must be action. Perhaps a good example is to convince Sunday church attendees to engage in signing petitions. The Internet, of course, is a great help in ensuring buzz around Ms. Tymoshenko.

This is not a pipe dream. Ukraine has proven time and time again that it knows how to defy injustice and win. It vanquished Communism and broke away from Russia in 1991; it overcame internal fraud in 2004. It can win again. But the more help it can get the better.

Democrats of the world can do this, and women hold the key.

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Cultural scene: music, art, drama, film and more

Cultural stories during 2011 were varied, featuring musicians, actors, dancers, singers, filmmakers, composers and museum collections. Among the highlights of the cultural year were the following.

Actress Nina Arianda wowed critics and theater-goers alike in her Broadway premier as Billie Dawn in "Born Yesterday." Less than three weeks after the play's opening on April 24, she was nominated for a 2011 Tony Award for best performance by an actress in a leading role in a play. She also was nominated for a 2011 Drama Desk and Drama League awards. She won the Outer Critics Circle award for her role in "Venus in Fur," a follow-up to her Off-Broadway hit "Venus in Fur," which earned her the Henry Derwent Award for the most promising female performer in the New York area, the Clive Barnes Award, the Theatreworld Award and three nominations: the Lucille Lortel award for outstanding achievement Off Broadway, the Drama Circle award for distinguished performer and Outer Critics Circle award. Ms. Arianda also appeared in Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris"; Vera Farmiga's "Higher Ground"; Brett Ratner's "Tower Heist"; and Tim McCarthy's "Win Win." On October 13 Ms. Arianda returned as Vanda in "Venus in Fur" at the Samuel J. Friedman Theater, which opened on November 8 and ended on December 18. The play concluded its run on July 31.

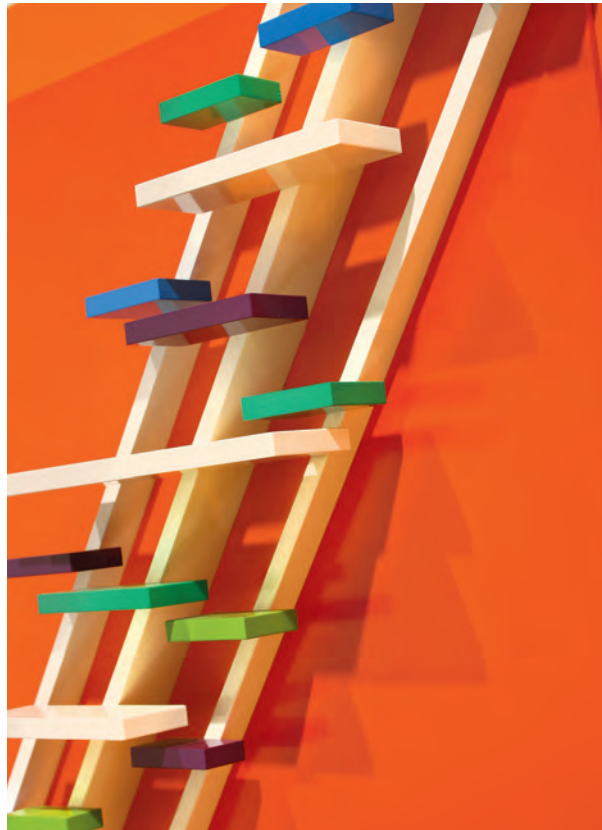
Soprano Sophia Dovhan returned to the New York City Opera on March 22 as Adina in Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" (L'Elixir d'Amore). The Kyiv-born singer debuted with the NYCO in the 2009 performance as Donna Anna in Mozart's Don Giovanni. Her stage career began in Nuremberg, Germany, as Musetta in "La Boheme" at the Opera Studio, and other regular appearances at Germany's Theater Hagen, where she has been a "fest" resident since 2006. Ms. Dovhan was selected by Kevin Murphy, NYCO's director of music, after he saw her perform at the Spoleto Festival in South Carolina. She earned unanimous acclaim from the festival critics. For her NYCO role as Adina, she gained critical acclaim for her vocal tone as well as her character performance.

Violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv took the reins of the Ukrainian Institute of America's Music at the Institute (MATI) series in 2011, and became the youngest artistic director and the first woman to hold the position since the program began in 1989. Ms. Ivakhiv replaced pianist Mykola Suk as artistic director and said she hoped to engage the younger generation of Ukrainian Americans to appreciate and support classical music. The 2011 concert series included performances by the Gryphon Trio, the Caravel Quartet, the Kandinsky String Quartet, the Enso String Quartet and the Emerson Quartet. Ms. Ivakhiv, who tours nationally and internationally, holds music degrees from the Mykola Lysenko Academy in Lviv and a Doctor of Musical Arts from Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Ukrainian conductor Kirill Karabits's debut performance with the National Symphony Orchestra on January 13-15 at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington. Especially noteworthy was that Valetin Silvestrov's "Elegy for Strings," originally began as an unfinished musical sketch by composer-conductor Ivan Karabits, Kirill's father. The sketch was found



"Infinity and I" (self-portrait) by Sviatoslav Hordynsky was part of a retrospective exhibit of his work on May 22-November 6 at The Ukrainian Museum in New York.



Ron Kostyniuk's "Relief Structure, Oblique Series" was among the works exhibited during the summer at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago.

in 2002 after Ivan Karabits' death. Mr. Silvestrov promised to complete it and dedicated it to Kirill's father. Mr. Karabits conducts the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Britain, where he has been principal conductor of the orchestra for the past two years. He has guest conducted internationally and had his U.S. debut in 2009 with the Houston Symphony. Other U.S. appearances included the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Minnesota Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony.

Ukrainian-born pianist Anna Shelest, a 2010 graduate of the Juilliard School, was noted in our January 30 issue for her interpretation of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" at a concert in December 2010 at the Golden Key Music Institute. Ms. Shelest has two CDs to her credit, including an all-Rachmaninoff recording and a collaboration with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. Having emigrated from Kharkiv in 1999 to the United States, she earned a bachelor's degree in music from Northern Kentucky University, followed by a year of private instruction from professors from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She resides in New York City with her husband, Dmitri Samov, whom she married in 2007. Another recording was to be released, featuring "Pictures at an Exhibition" and pieces by Tchaikovsky and Glinka.

Pianist Alexej Gorlatch, 23, debuted in Washington with a concert at the Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ on April 10. The concert was co-sponsored by The Washington Group Cultural Fund and The Washington Conservatory of Music, and featured works by Beethoven, Bartok and Chopin. Mr. Gorlatch performed the same concert



"Kaleidoscope" by Anatole Kolomayets was among the works on view in his 38th solo exhibition, this one held in July at the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago.



Nina Arianda, who drew rave reviews for her performance in "Venus in Fur," as depicted in a poster with her co-star.

of pieces to win the Dublin Competition on April 14 at New York's Carnegie Zenkall Hall, earning two standing ovations. Other Washington-area performances included organist Paul Stetsenko's two-year long presentation (2010-2012) of Bach's Vespers at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Va., soprano Solomiya Dutkevych at the Washington Franciscan Monastery on April 3 and pianist Elena Ulyanova's recital on March 30 at the Embassy of Ukraine.

Capping off The Washington Group Cultural Fund's Sunday Music Series for 2010-2011 was pianist Natalya Shkoda with a program of Viktor Kosenko's "Eleven Études in the Forum of Old Dances" on May 1 at The Lyceum in Alexandria, Va. The program also included Kosenko's Passacaglia étude from the series, as well as Kosenko's Sonata No. 1 and selections by Scarlatti and Rachmaninoff. The Kharkiv-born pianist began her professional career at age 13 after she won the National Young Composer's Competition in Kyiv and since then has toured throughout Europe and the United States. She holds a doctorate from Arizona State University and is assistant professor of piano at California State University in Chico. At the conclusion of the concert, which included performances by Aleij Gorlatch and Mykola Suk, TWG announced that Svitlana Fedko Shiells would once again direct TWG's Cultural Fund. She previously led the fund in 2004-2005.

The Kobzar Ukrainian National Choir of Los Angeles held two concerts of koliadky (carols) and schedrivky on January 22 at St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church in Las Mesa (a suburb of San Diego), and on January 23 at the renovated Ukrainian Cultural Center in Los Angeles. The singers were led by Choir Director Gregory Hallick, who directs the choir at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Los Angeles.

The Opika Performance Group from Perchyn, Ukraine, danced at the 45th annual Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in Washington. The festival began on June 30 and ended on July 11 and was held on the National Mall, showcasing music, dancing, crafts, food and more from a featured region, culture or organization. The Ukrainian dancers were invited to be part of the Peace Corps section of the festival since Ukraine is one of the largest recipient of Peace Corps volunteers. A fundraiser organized by the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC) raised \$2,500 with contributions from Chadbourne and Parke law firm, The Washington Group Cultural Fund, the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council and the USUBC. Opika's performance schedule included a show at the Embassy of Ukraine and a sightseeing tour of New York City before returning to Ukraine.

The Yara Arts Group, under the direction of Virlana Tkacz and Wanda Phipps, performed Oleh Lysheha's poem "Raven" on April 8-24 at New York's La MaMa ETC. Musical accompaniment included bandurist Julian Kystaty, and vocal work by Eva Salina Primack and Aurela Shrenker.

Filmmaker Yurij Luhovy's English-language work "Genocide Revealed" won an Award of Merit at the Indie Fest international film competition in La Jolla, Calif. The 75-minute documentary features voice-overs and narration by Graham Greene, Jill Hennessy and Lubomir Mykytiuk. The film also won first prize, The Albert Statuette, for best documentary at the 2011 Litchfield Hills Film Festival at New Milford, Conn., on April 7-10. At the May 7 Honolulu International Film Awards, "Genocide Revealed" won the award for "Best Historical Film." On June 26 the film was

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awarded the Film Festival of Colorado's "Eye-Opener Award" and the "Best Audience Award," based on voting by audience members. The documentary also was a featured selection at the 11th annual Kansas International Film Festival on September 30 through October 6. Mr. Luhovy's film was among 25 documentaries and 18 narrative films selected from more than 150 submissions. His documentary was screened at the University of Kansas for the 2011 Palij Lecture Series in Ukrainian Studies on October 4. On October 5 Mr. Luhovy was one of three directors who spoke to a filmmaking class at Avila University. On November 4 the film screened at the Ukrainian Institute of America in New York with a guest appearance by Ms. Hennessy. The film premiered in Montreal on June 15 at the Ukrainian Youth Center, sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Montreal branch. Mr. Luhovy took his film on a Western Canadian tour in September with stops in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Kelowna and Vancouver, British Columbia; During the year it was screened at numerous other venues in North America.

Larysa Kondracki's film "The Whistleblower" won the Mercedes-Benz Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature at the 22nd annual Palm Springs International Film Festival on January 6-17. The film chronicles the work of a Nebraska police officer who exposes U.N. abuses in the Balkans during the civil war. The film also won the Phillip Borsos Award for Best Canadian Feature Film at the annual Whistler Film Festival in December 2010. On February 14 the film was nominated for a Cinema for Peace Award in the Justice and Human Rights category, with a gala ceremony at the Konzerthaus in Berlin as part of the Berlin International Film Festival. On October 14 the film screened at the United Nations Headquarters as part of a discussion "Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations." Some officials advised against the screening, while others were in favor of confronting the U.N.'s sordid past and drawing attention to sex trafficking.

Filmmakers Olha Onyshko and Sarah Farhat showed their documentary "Three Stories of Galicia" with a U.S. premiere screening on May 10-12 at Landmark Theaters in Washington, and Baltimore and Bethesda, Md. The film depicts events in Galicia (Halychyna) after World War II, focusing on a Jewish family that chose to save its worst enemy; a Ukrainian woman who endured the theft of her children to save her country; and a Polish priest who risked everything to end the sectarian hatred that tore at his parish. Filmed over the course of four years, this was the first time their stories were told side by side. The film has screened at the Cannes Film Market, the Hamburg Film Festival and at theaters in Lviv, Kyiv and Ottawa.

The Ukrainian Institute of America on June 9 hosted a concert dedicated to the victims of the Chernobyl and Fukushima nuclear disaster. The concert was sponsored by the Music at the Institute concert series and featured classical works performed by violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv, pianist Valentina Lisitsa and cellist Kaori Yamagami, musicians who donated their services to raise funds for the victims of these catastrophes.

"Saints and Sinners," another concert at the UIA held in June featured the New York Bandura Ensemble's Collegium Musicum performing works by "lirnyky" "kobzari," as well as devotional songs written by Ukrainian baroque composers. The ensemble included bandurist Michael Andrec, vocalist Natalie Honcharenko, bandurist Julian Kytasty and lutist Roman Turovsky. The concert was noted for the musicians' skills, their selections and vocal command, and was presented by the Fourth Wave project at the Center for Traditional Music and Dance and the New York State Council on the Arts.

The textile collection of Myroslav and Anna Hnatiuk of Livonia, Mich., was donated to the Ukrainian Museum-Archives in Cleveland in June. The collection features 450 textile such as embroidered blouses, ritual cloths and pillow cases, and thousands of artifacts from a variety of folk art genres. The collection was catalogued by UMA Curator Aniza Kraus, assisted by Teena Jennings, textile professor at the University of Akron, who volunteered to assist in managing and cataloguing the collection and making it available to



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The Opika troupe from the Zakarpattia region of Ukraine performs at the Folk Life Festival in Washington, which was held on June 30-July 11.



"Congregation of All the Saints of Pechersk Lavra," Icon-Painting Workshop of Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, late 18th century-early 19th century, was part of the exhibit "Glory of Ukraine" at the Jocelyn Art Museum in Omaha, Neb.

experts and the general public. The UMA received a \$15,000 grant from the Ohio Humanities Council in February 2010 for a two-year project "The Hnatiuk Collection: Ukrainian Textiles Then and Now," that featured a color catalogue, scholarly papers, an exhibit and workshop on Ukrainian embroidery and beadwork. The exhibit was launched in June with classes and related workshops held throughout the exhibit's run into September. At the end of June the collection was presented at the fourth International Conference on the Inclusive Museum in Johannesburg, South Africa, and in November at the North American Textile Conservation Conference in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Ukrainian Canadian artist Ron Kostyniuk opened an exhibit "Relief Structure Series" at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago on June 17. The exhibit ran until August 14 and featured geometric compositions created with

sprayed enamel pain on a substrate of either polyvinyl chloride or Plexiglas. Mr. Kostyniuk's work is characterized by interlocking horizontal and vertical lines, contrasted by brightly colored elements.

Works by Sviatoslav Hordynsky were on display at The Ukrainian Museum in New York in an exhibit "The Worlds of Sviatoslav Hordynsky" May 22 through November 6. The exhibit features Hordynsky's contributions as scholar, poet, critic, translator and cultural activist. In 1931 he was one of the founding members of the Association of Independent Ukrainian Artists in Lviv. Hordynsky has created sacred imagery for more than 30 church interiors across the United States, Canada and Australia. A companion book by Roman Lubkivskyi was launched at the exhibit's opening, "Svity Sviatoslava Hordynskoho" (The Worlds of Sviatoslav Hordynsky) and featured 175 pages of illustrations and text.

Artist Anatole Kolomayets presented his 38th solo exhibition, a selection of oil paintings, in "Anatole Kolomayets: A Retrospective" at the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago on July 1. More than 400 of the artist's works are in numerous private collections and galleries around the world. In 2007 he was awarded the Merited Artist of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Museum in New York hosted an evening of music and song on January 29 to mark the opening of the exhibit "An Invitation to a Wedding." With the collaboration of Nadia Tarnawsky, along with the Ukrainian Women's Voices ensemble, and with musical accompaniment by bandurist Julian Kytasty, multi-woodwind instrumentalist Andriy Milavsky, violinist Brandon Vance and bassist Branislav Brinarsky, examples of different songs for various stages of the wedding were performed.

Chicago's Ukrainian National Museum announced in February it was collecting items, including work permits and other documents, household items, luggage, hand crafted objects, literature and other items for a Ukrainian displaced persons exhibit "From DP to DC: Resettlement of WWII Refugees." The exhibit was on view from November 5 through January 29, 2012. A monograph of the collected items was also included as part of the exhibit.

The Jocelyn Art Museum in Omaha, Neb., hosted the "Glory of Ukraine" exhibit from March through April. In conjunction with the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation and the Embassy of Ukraine in the United States, it appeared at The Museum of Russian Art (Minneapolis) and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The exhibit featured icons, religious items, ancient artifacts from early civilizations in Ukraine, and tools and weapons. The Jocelyn exhibit concluded the tour in 2011 and included workshops on pysanky and icons.

The Ukrainian Museum in New York celebrated its 35th anniversary on April 10 with a gala luncheon and silent auction at Battery Gardens in lower Manhattan. More than 220 people attended the event. Items for auction included artwork, jewelry, Ukrainian embroidery and baked goods. The museum's history was traced by the speakers, including Ukrainian National Women's League of America President Marianna Zajac, who recalled how the museum was founded by the UNWLA in the late 1970s, with a separate board of directors being formed to independently manage the museum, but with the UNWLA retaining 51 percent voting rights. Proceeds from the event raised more than \$125,000, with \$11,000 being raised by the silent auction alone. Plaques were awarded to Bohdan Kurczak, president of Selfreliance New York Federal Credit Union, and Olha Hnateyko, former chair of the museum's board, for their tireless years of service and support.

The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago celebrated its 40th anniversary with a year of exhibits, concerts and other events, capping off the year with a banquet on October 8. Guest speakers included Russel Panczenko, director of the Chazen Museum of Art at the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, professor at Columbia University.



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Top Ukrainian champions sport brains and brawn

Vasyl Ivanchuk and the Klitschko brothers earn top recognition for the championships they earned in the 2011 sports year. The latter two we've heard about for years – both Vitali and Wladimir continue to rule boxing's heavyweight division with nary a serious challenger in sight. Vasyl Ivanchuk, you ask? Chess pundits assert him as one of the top grandmasters in the chess world, a multiple tournament winner once again in the past year.

The above three are simply the initial entries on a long list of outstanding Ukrainian individual and team performances in 2011. Our sports department's annual analysis of amateur and professional competitions, contests and championships in sports ranging from archery to wrestling resulted in the following third annual Ukrainian Weekly Sports Awards:

- Ukrainian Team of the Year: Shakhtar Donetsk (soccer)
- Most Valuable Ukrainian Male Athlete: tie Vitali Klitschko (boxing) and Vasyl Ivanchuk (chess)
- Most Valuable Ukrainian Female Athlete: Olena Kostevych (shooting)
- Ukrainian Rookie of the Year: Alexander Dolgoplov (tennis)

The year's top performances by (in alphabetical order) sport were as follows.

At the 13th European Indoor **Archery** Championship in Spain on March 21-27, Olga Buliga won gold in the women's division junior recurve event. Ukraine's men's team won gold in the men's recurve team event and the junior women's team won gold in the recurve team event. Tetyana Dorohova and Kateryna Yavorska won gold in the women's division, while Andriy Dorohov and Sergiy Chronyi were named best male archers at the 48th Golden Autumn International Archery Tournament held in Lviv on September 13-17.

Lesya Dovkh won the gold medal at the 2011 European **Athletics** Indoor Championship on March 4-6 in Paris, France. Hanna Hatsko won the gold medal in the women's javelin throw at the 11th European Cup Winter Throwing Championships held in Bulgaria in mid-March. In the U-23 division, Mykyta Nesterenko won gold in the men's discus throw, while Vira Rebyrk won gold in the women's javelin.

Artem Prima won the 10-meter sprint (**biathlon**) at the 25th World Winter Universiade in Turkey on February 1. Olena Saladukha won the gold medal in the women's triple jump (14.94 meters) at the IAAF World Championship in Korea on August 27-September 4.

Santa Dimopolous (whose mother is Ukrainian) won gold in the World **Bodybuilding** and Physique Championship held in Thailand on October 2-8.

WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko defended his title against Oleander Solis of Cuba with a knockout near the end of the very first round of their March 19 **boxing** match in Cologne, Germany. A quick right hook to Solis' temple left 19,000 boxing fans stunned. (Incidentally, Vitali and Natalia Klitschko were selected 2011 Couple of the Year in Germany. The couple was feted for the durability of their love and their glamorous pairing.) Maxim "Tiger" Bursak retained his WBO middleweight title against Carlos Adan Jerez of Argentina in Kyiv on May 29. It was a 12-round unanimous decision. Wladimir Klitschko defeated WBA title-holder David Haye on July 2 in Hamburg, Germany, to become the undisputed world heavyweight champion. The 12-round bout was unanimously scored in Klitschko's favor by the three judges.



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Most Valuable Ukrainian Male Athletes of 2011: Vasyl Ivanchuk and Vitali Klitschko.

Wladimir and brother Vitali claim ownership of all six heavyweight title belts. Vladyslav Mykhailov (75 kg) won the gold medal at the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships in Kazakhstan on July 20-31. Vitali Klitschko retained his WBC title again on September 10, pummeling his overmatched opponent, Tomasz Adamek. The bout was called two minutes and 20 seconds into the 10th round. Wladimir Klitschko was named "Fighter of the Year" by the World Boxing Organization on November 2.

Vasyl Ivanchuk won the Tradewise Gibraltar **Chess** Festival held on January 24-February 3; 231 players from 45 countries competed. Alexander Areshchenko won the ninth Parsvnath International Open Chess Tournament in India on January 18. Martyn Kravtiv won the Chennai Open in India on January 26. Yuriy Kuzubov won the Reykjavik Open 2011 on March 16 with 7 points. Yuri Solodovnichenko won the 29th international chess tournament in France on May 2-8. Ukraine's team won first place at the seventh European Chess Solving Championship in Poland on April 11th. Alexander Zubarev scored 5 out of 7 points to win the first international open chess tournament in Switzerland on March 17-20. Vasyl Ivanchuk won the 46th Capablanca Memorial chess tournament in Cuba on May 10-21; it was his fifth Havana tourney triumph. Yuriy Kryvoruchko won the fourth international chess tournament in Greece on July 20-27. Kostiantyn Tarlev won the FIDE President Cup chess tournament in Russia on August 15-18. Ukraine's national chess team defeated Azerbaijan at the World Team Chess Championship in China on July 26.

Maksym Shemberev won the men's 400-meter individual medley and Daryna Zevina won three events – the 50-meter backstroke, the 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter backstroke – at the FINA World Junior **Diving** Championships in Peru on August 16-21.

Olga Kharlan won the final against fellow Ukrainian Olena Khomrova, 15-8, at the Saber World (**Fencing**) Cup in Istanbul, Turkey on March 13. Yana Shemyakina won the gold medal in epee at the Women's Grand Prix in China on June 11.

Natalia Moskvina and Maryna Kyiko won gold medals in the Women's Synchronized Trampoline (**gymnastics**) event at the Federation of International Gymnastics World Cup on

May 27-28 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Ukraine won eight medals at the 2011 WAKO World **Kickboxing** Championship in Macedonia on October 26-29. Dmytro Bezverkhy, Dmytro Kirpan and Kateryna Solovey won gold medals.

Ukraine's judo team won five medals, including a gold by Vadym Syniavsky (90 kg) at the International Judo Federation World Cup (**martial arts**) in Tbilisi, Georgia on February 1. Ukraine's men's team won the European Judo Championship in Turkey on April 21-24, the first time since the tournament's inception in 1951. Gold medalists included: Georgii Zantaraia, Serhiy Drobot, Volodymyr Soroka, Artem Vasylenko, Viktor Savinov, Valentyn Grekov, Roman Gontyuk, Stanislav Bondarenko and Artem Bloshenko. Individually, Georgii Zantaraia won a gold medal in the 100 kg division. Artem Avtohanov and Ihor Hryhoriev won first place in the light contact event at the European Open Kempo-Karate and Kobudo Championship in Kharkiv on April 3-5. Viacheslav Densyov won the gold medal at the Men's Judo World Cup in Estonia on June 11-12. Kyiv hosted the World Judo Championship for Cadets at the Sports Palace on August 11-14. Pavlo Skopenko (55 kg.) won a gold medal.

Ukrainian athletes secured 142 berths for the 2012 Summer **Olympic Games** to be held in London on July 27-August 12. Ukraine's athletes will include 71 in track and field, 46 swimmers, seven shooters, two in the modern pentathlon, six divers, six archers and four horse racers.

Ukraine's **paralympic** swim team won 41 gold medals (105 total medals) at the 2011 IPC Swimming European Championship in Germany on July 3-10. Yevhen Bohodaiko, 17, led the count with eight gold medals.

Ukraine's women's team won the quadruple scull event at the FISA **Rowing** World Cup in Germany on May 27.

Ukraine's women's sevens **rugby** team won the European Rugby Championship in Riga, Latvia on July 2-3, a competition of 12 teams.

Olena Kostevych won the gold medal in women's 10-meter pistol at the IWK International Air Weapon Competition in Germany on January 27. Vladlen Onopko won the men's junior 10-meter running target event at the ISSF European Junior **Shooting** Championships held in Brescia, Italy on March 1-7. In the men's division, Vladyslav Prianishnikov won the 10-meter running target event, and Galina Avramenko won first place in the same event for women. Mariia Kramar won the junior women's event. Polina Barvinova and Kramar won in the women's junior mixed event. Roman Bondaruk and Galina Avramenko won first place in the men's 25-meter small-caliber/large caliber events and gold in the women's running target mixed shooting event, respectively, at the 42nd Grand Prix of Liberation. The international shooting competition was held in the Czech Republic on May 4-8. Olena Kostevych won gold in the women's 25-meter pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun World Cup in Sydney, Australia, on March 21-April 1. Olena Kostevych won the 10-meter women's air pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation Rifle and Pistol World Cup held at Fort Benning, Ga., on May 14-23.

The Dnipro soccer club from Dnipropetrovsk won the Marbella Cup international **soccer** tournament in Spain on February 2-8. Shakhtar beat Dynamo Kyiv 2-0 in Sumy on May 25 for its seventh Ukrainian Cup victory. The legendary Andriy Shevchenko announced he will retire following the 2012 UEFA European Championship, adding that he hopes Team Ukraine challenges for the title and he has an opportunity to leave his sport a winner. Dynamo Kyiv turned the tides on archrival Shakhtar Donetsk, defeating it 3-1 in Poltava on July 5 to win the Ukrainian Super Cup, its fifth overall such Cup. Andriy Voronin was recognized in June by Sport Express magazine as the best soccer player of the CIS and the Baltic countries. Shakhtar won the Salzburger Land Cup friendly tournament in Austria on June 26-29. Ukraine won the U-16



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Ukrainian Team of the Year: Shakhtar Donetsk.

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Most Valuable Ukrainian Female Athlete: Olena Kostevych.

Viktor Bannikov soccer tournament held in Ukraine on June 19. Andriy Shevchenko was named by FIFA as the European Zone's all-time record goal scorer with 26 in FIFA World Cup qualifying matches. He has tallied 45 goals in over 100 matches for the Ukraine National Team. Shevchenko suffered a broken jaw on August 13.

Ukraine's Annamari Chundak won the gold medal in the women's division of the International Ski Federation Europa Cup (**snowboarding**) in Kyiv on March 10-13.

Oksana Serikova won gold in the women's 50-meter freestyle at the Moscow Open Water **Swimming** Championship on April 22.

Artem Smirnov won the Turkey F1 Futures **tennis** tournament held on January 10-16 in Turkey. Smirnov then teamed with Denys Molchanov to win the doubles competition. Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine and Mikhail Youzhny of Russia defeated Jeremy Chardy (France) and Feliciano Lopez (Spain) 4-6, 6-3, 10-3 to win the Dubai Duty-Free Tennis Championship in Dubai on February 27-March 3. Alexander Dolgoplov and Xavier Malisse of Belgium won the Masters Series BNP Paribas Open tourney in California on March 10-20. Kateryna Kozlova and Valentyna Ivashchenko won a doubles competition in Contrexeville, France on July 11-17. Alexander Dolgoplov won the ATP Croatia Open in Umag, Croatia on August 1, the first singles title of his pro career. Valentyna Ivakhnenko, 18, won the ITF Moscow 2011 tennis tournament on August 1-7 - her fourth career title. In the doubles competition she was a winner, partnering with Kateryna Kozlova. Sergiy Popov and Valeriy Samoday won gold medals at the Swatch FIVB Junior World Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on August 31-September 4.

Kostiantyn Vakhniuk (63 kg.) and Shakir Kurbanov (76 kg.) won the 15th Shamanovsky Memorial International Greco-Roman **Wrestling** Tournament in Belarus on January 28. Stanislav Bondarenko (+100 kg.) won the heavyweight divisional title at the European Union Judo World Cup in Poland on February 26-27. At the European Wrestling Championship on March 29-April 3 in Germany, gold medal winners included: Vasyl Rachyba in men's Greco-Roman and Yulia Blahinya, Yulia Ostapchuk and Kateryna Burmistrova in women's freestyle. The women's team placed first in freestyle. Hanna Vasylinko (59 kg) defeated Sofia Mattson of Sweden in the women's freestyle event to win the gold medal at the Senior World Wrestling Championship in Istanbul, Turkey, on September 12-18.

Ukraine is cleaning house and refurbishing its aged Soviet-era infrastructure in preparations to host the **Euro-2012** soccer championships. Billions of public and private monies are being pumped in to build new training facilities, stadiums, airports and hotels, to rebuild roads and to upgrade rail transportation links. More than 700,000 visitors are expected to attend the world's third-most viewed sporting event in Ukraine over a three-week period in June of next year. Kyiv, Donetsk, Kharkiv and Lviv are Ukraine's host cities and will be shining brightly on the international soccer stage.

Vitali Klitschko was appointed a Ukrainian ambassador for the Euro-2012 volunteer program. His goal is to recruit people from Poland and Ukraine to join the volunteer team in hopes of making the event a rousing success. The Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) allocated 500 million euros to Ukraine and Poland in preparation for Euro-2012. Ukraine was placed in Group D with Sweden, France and England.

Diaspora sports

Five snowboarders and 64 skiers competed in the 57th annual Carpathian Ski Club (KLC) races at Hunter Mountain on March 5. An awards dinner at a Hunter, N.Y., restaurant included dignitaries Erko Palydowycz, KLC President, and Ukraine's United Nations Ambassador Yuriy Sergeyev.

April 16 was the date of this year's Ukrainian American Youth Association's annual volleyball tournament held in



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Ukrainian Rookie of the Year: Alexander Dolgoplov.

Yonkers, N.Y. Sixteen teams competed in three divisions with more than 130 players participating in the all-day event. The Hartford/Boston/Yonkers squad won the men's division, team Passaic, N.J., took the boys' competition, and the girls from Sitch beat Yonkers.

One hundred ninety-eight teams from the Atlantic seaboard and Canada competed at the Ukrainian Nationals annual Memorial Day weekend youth tournament played at Tryzubivka in Horsham, Pa. Ukrainian teams won 13 classifications of play: the Ukrainian Nationals - Tryzub won 11, Chornomorska Sitch and the Ukrainian Sports Club Karpaty of Toronto each won one.

The 16th annual Great Lakes Cup soccer tournament was held in Yorkville, Ill., on May 28-29. Sixteen teams competed in two divisions. FC Connection-Ukraine and Chicago Connection-Ukraine were winners in the Men's Open and Men's Over-35 divisions, respectively. USCAK President Irenaes Isajiw attended this year's tournament and donated two permanent trophies.

The July 4th Independence Day weekend at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center was again the scene for the USCAK-East Tennis Tournament. The 55th annual event was contested in 11 categories. Forty-seven players participated this year, including 13 from Soyuzivka's Tennis Camp. The tournament was hosted by the Carpathian Ski Club (KLC) and conducted by the Tennis Committee of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK).

The Rye Celtics won July's Dana Cup in Denmark. The premier New York U-15 girls' soccer team was one of 55 teams from all over the world competing at the international youth tournament. The champions were led by their outstanding goaltender, 15-year-old Lesia Danyluk, a Ukrainian from Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. In eight tournament matches, Lesia pitched eight shutouts - the Celtics tallied 24 unanswered goals during their sweeping tournament run.

USCAK-U.S.A. won the fourth International Ukrainian Football (soccer) Tournament held in Toronto on August 13-20. Dima Tereschak scored six goals during the tourney, including the lone goal in the 1-0 finals victory over USCAK-Canada.

Hurricane Irene's flooding, power outages and a host of other storm-related problems could not prevent another successful Soyuzivka Labor Day weekend of USCAK National Swimming and Tennis Championships. Chornomorska Sitch was the team winner in swimming, while Mykola Stroynick won the men's finals.

The Druzhba 78 youth hockey team from Kharkiv, Ukraine, won the Ice Works Hockey Tournament in Aston, Pa., on September 3-5, going undefeated. In late June the Bantam team for Druzhba 78 won the seventh annual Gatorade AAA Summer Challenge hockey tournament in Hollydell, N.J.

Ukrainian American Mark Kramarchuk won a New York Post poll as New York City's top boys' soccer player. A sweeper by trade, the 17-year-old is Fordham Prep's leading scorer and an honors student with a 3.95 GPA.

"Pro Sports Updates"

Our own sports department continued to bring you features and updates on Ukrainian professional athletes in hockey, boxing, golf, tennis, basketball, soccer and cycling.

Flip Saunders, of Ukrainian descent, and Mike Fratello, non-Ukrainian, accepted huge coaching challenges with the Washington Wizards and the Ukrainian National Team.

Tyler Bozak is a budding Leaf in Toronto, Jordin Tootoo successfully battled a personal setback in Nashville, Zach Boychuk was voted the AHL's top prospect and Dallas selected Jamie Oleksiak in the first round of the 2011 NHL draft.

The Kontinental Hockey League's rosters are dotted with many Ukrainians, Rangers' prospect Pavel Valentenko's father is from Donetsk, Ukraine, and ex-NHLer Dave Babych set a standard on defense during his lengthy career.

Three Ukrainian hockey players were among those lost when a jet carrying the KHL's Lokomotiv hockey team crashed on take-off September 7: San Jose Sharks prospect Daniil Sobchenko, Ottawa draftee Vitaly Anikeenko and goaltender Alexander Vyukin. The 2011-2012 NHL season faced off with Anton Babchuk staying in Calgary, Ruslan Fedotenko recommitting to the Rangers, Darcy Hordichuk moving to Edmonton, Alexei Ponikarovsky earning a new lease on hockey life in Carolina and Darryl Sydor following boss Mike Yeo to Dallas as an assistant coach.

Ukrainians are plentiful on the pro tennis tour, with the many women players declining in rankings, while youngsters Alexander Dolgoplov and Sergiy Stakhovsky are rising up the men's ranks. Would you believe a Ukrainian (Andriy Voronin) is captain of the Dynamo Moscow soccer club? Move over, Red Sox-Yankees, Celtics-Lakers and Cowboys-Redskins. Joining the world's top sports rivalries is Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Dynamo Kyiv!

Jim Furyk holed out another great year on the links as one of the world's top golfers.

Matt Kuchar finished the 2011 year ranked sixth among all PGA Tour golfers, earning a cool \$4,233,920.



The U.S.A. soccer team representing the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK), winners of the International Ukrainian Football Tournament held on August 15-30 in Toronto.

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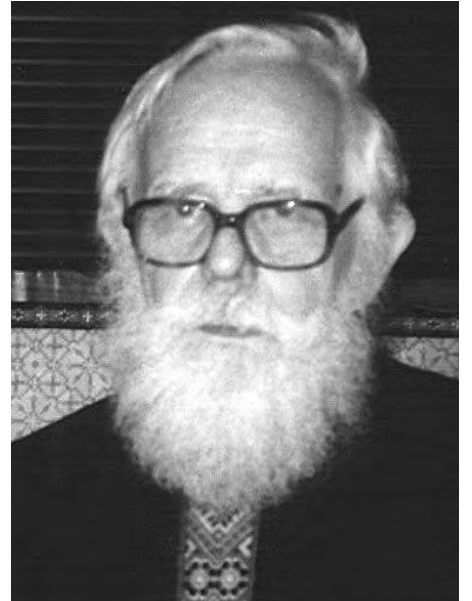
Jurij Ferencevych



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The Rev. Dr. Dmytro Blazejowsky

Our community mourns their passing

During 2011 our community mourned the passing of many of its prominent members, as well as an American defender of Soviet political prisoners and a notable Welsh researcher whose cause was near and dear to Ukrainians' hearts. Among them were the following, listed in order of their passing.

Valerian Revutsky, 100, an authority on Ukrainian and Russian theater, member of the Shevchenko Scientific Society, Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S.A., Association of Canadian Slavists, Ukrainian Free University, and Academy of Arts in Ukraine, professor at the Universities of Toronto, Victoria and British Columbia – Vancouver, December 22, 2010.

Mykhailyna Kotsiubynska, 79, literary scholar and critic, laureate of the Vasyl Stus Prize and the National Taras Shevchenko Literary Award, translator, philologist, rights activist and member of the Sheshtydesiatnyky – January 7.

Jurij Ferencevych, 85, veteran of the 1st Division of the Ukrainian National Army, head of the veterans' group Brody-Lev, former head of the worldwide General Plast Executive and the U.S. National Executive Board of Plast, former head of the Self-Reliance Credit Union in Jersey City – Jersey City, N.J., February 14.

Wasył Janischewskij, 86, esteemed educator and engineer, professor emeritus of the University of Toronto, community activist, a founder and longtime president of the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Center, former member of the Canadian National Executive Board of Plast and former head of the worldwide General Plast Executive – Toronto, February 16.

Oleh Palaschenko, 59, advisor on the Ukrainian National Association's General Assembly newly elected at the organization's 2010 convention – Parma, Ohio, February 24.

Eustachia Hoydysh, 97, former head of the U.S. National Executive Board of Plast, former teacher at School of Ukrainian Studies at St. George's in New York – Westbury, N.Y., March 1.

Ivan Hel, 74, human rights activist, dissident politician, journalist, editor of the journals Christian Voice and Ukrainian Herald, survivor of the Soviet Gulag, head of the Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Believers and the Church – Lviv, March 16.

Bishop Yulian Gbur, 68, Ukrainian Greek-Catholic chancellor of the Lviv Archeparchy, bishop of the Eparchy of Stryi,

survivor of the Akcja Wisla forced resettlement of Ukrainians in Poland – Stryi, March 24.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Romanow, 89, air force veteran of the second world war, first Ukrainian promoted to the rank of general in the Canadian armed forces, commander in the Order of Military Merit, the highest exemplary service award given by the Canadian armed forces, co-founder of the Canadian Ukrainian Relief Bureau, which helped Ukrainian refugees emigrate to Canada – Ottawa, March 21.

Harold Bochonko, respected member of Rotary International, former trustee of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, member of Ukrainian American Veterans Post 27, Catholic War Veterans and the American Legion, held various officer positions on the UAV National Executive Board – Woodside, N.Y., April 1.

The Rev. Dr. Dmytro Blazejowsky, 100, priest and historian, authored 25 scientific papers on the history of the Church and the Ukrainian state, best known for his 350 embroidered icons and religious banners – Lviv, April 23.

The Rev. Deacon Yourij Malachowsky, 71, beloved deacon remembered for his ministry work in visiting the sick, the homebound and those in nursing homes – May 22.

Yar Slavutych, 93, Holodomor survivor, noted professor of Slavic languages at the Army Language School and the University of Alberta, prolific writer of textbooks for Ukrainian schools – Edmonton, July 4.

Volodymyr Klitschko, 64, proud father of the world famous boxers Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko, retired colonel in the Soviet Air Force, a "liquidator" during the clean-up of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster – Kyiv, July 13.

Alexander Pryshlak, 86, veteran of the 1st Division of the Ukrainian National Army, mechanical engineer for Pratt & Whitney, member of the Ukrainian Engineers Society of America, Shevchenko Scientific Society, and the World Patriarchal Society, longtime chairman Ukrainian Patriarchal Society of the U.S.A., member of St. Michael's parish in Hartford and a former teacher and principal at its Ukrainian Catholic school – Wethersfield, Conn., July 21.

Theodore Mackiw, 93, historian and linguist, professor emeritus of the University of Akron – Albuquerque, N.M., August 8.

Jerome Shestack, 88, human rights activist, lawyer, ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, president of the International League for Human Rights and president of the American Bar Association, who defended Soviet-era Ukrainian political prisoners and worked with the Ukrainian Human Rights Committee – Philadelphia, August 18.

Dmytro Galonzka, 90, longtime cantor and director of the Ukrainian school of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ukrainian

Catholic parish, secretary of Branch 307 of the Ukrainian National Association, secretary of the Boston Branch of the UCCA, co-founder and member of the board of directors of the Ukrainian Fraternal Credit Union of Boston, board member of the Boston branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association – Boston, August 29.

Sgt. Joseph Szczerba, 44, 18-year veteran of the New Castle County Police Department in Delaware who was killed in the line of duty, posthumously promoted to lieutenant and awarded the department's Medal of Honor, – Wilmington, Del., September 16.

Oleh Vitovych, 44, political dissident, member of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group, co-founder of Ukrainian National Assembly-Ukrainian National Self-Defense Organization (UNA-UNSO), former member of the Lviv Oblast Council and the Verkhovna Rada – Kyiv, October 22.

Tamara Kardashinets, 89, former member of the Svoboda editorial staff from 1975 to 1990 – Columbus, N.J., November 4.

Irena Stecura, former director of the Ukrainian Institute of America, founded in 1989 the well-respected and ongoing Music at the Institute Series (MATI) –Ternopil, November 18.

Walter Nazarewicz, former president and director of the Ukrainian Institute of America, spearheaded the ongoing renovations of the Institute's landmark building, noted philanthropist that supported a multitude of UIA programs and initiatives – New York City, November 20.

Dr. Margaret Siriol-Colley, 86, physician and researcher, niece of the Welsh journalist Gareth Jones who reported on the Holodomor, staunch defender of her uncle's legacy who uncovered and published his long-forgotten notes and diaries, advocate for the revocation of the Pulitzer Prize given to Stalin apologist and Famine-Genocide ednier Walter Duranty for his coverage of the Soviet Union, author of two books on Gareth Jones, "A Manchukuo Incident" and "More Than a Grain of Truth" – England, November 20.

Julianna Starosolska, 99, author, journalist, former Soviet political prisoner who survived deportation to Kazakhstan, author of the noted book "Rozkazhu Vam pro Kazakhstan" (released in English during 2011 as "Woman in Exile: My Life in Kazakhstan"), former editor-in-chief of Nashe Zhyttia, member of the Shevchenko Scientific Society, New York community activist – New York, December 4.

Andrew Stephan Diachok, 38, served with distinction in the U.S. Navy, achieved the rank of senior chief master at arms, selected in July 2011 by the Drug Enforcement Administration to be the Navy's first representative to the DEA International Fellowship Program, buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery – Portsmouth, Va., December 10.



Prof. Yar Slavutych



Oleh Vitovych



Dr. Margaret Siriol Colley



Andrew Stephan Diachok

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The noteworthy: events and people

Our section on the noteworthy encompasses those news developments of 2011 that defy easy categorization. Here they are, summarized in chronological order.

- Immigration Judge Elizabeth Hacker ruled on February 2 that John Kalymon of Troy, Mich., should be deported because of evidence that he concealed his participation in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution and murder in Lviv during World War II. In her 28-page decision, Judge Hacker ordered Mr. Kalymon to be sent to Germany, Ukraine, Poland or any other country willing to take him, as he concealed his wartime activities when he came to the United States in 1949. Mr. Kalymon's lawyer, Elias Xenos, promised shortly afterwards to appeal the deportation order. The previous autumn Judge Hacker declined Mr. Xenos' request to hold a mental competency hearing for his client, who suffers from dementia and prostate cancer. In September, an immigration appeals board dismissed Mr. Kalymon's appeal, and Mr. Xenos planned to challenge that ruling in a federal appeals court in Cincinnati.

- Forbes Magazine in March declared billionaire Rinat Akhmetov to be the world's richest Ukrainian (and 39th richest overall), with an estimated worth of \$16 billion – some \$10 billion more than in its 2010 estimate. Victor Pinchuk came in second, worth \$3.3 billion (336th place overall), with Ihor Kolomoisky and Hennadiy Boholiubov, the co-owners of Privat Group, in third place and worth about \$2.5 billion each.

- The literary scene saw the release of "The Silence of Trees," the first novel written by Valya Dudycz Lupescu. It is a moving novel about the experiences of Nadya, a Ukrainian woman who survives the loss of her family to Soviet and Nazi persecution before coming to the U.S. after the second world war. As a teenager, she went to a gypsy fortuneteller who prophesized these great losses, but also promised a loving, stable life with family after these tribulations. Anyone interested in Ukrainian traditions and folklore, as well as the story of the Third Wave of immigrants, is sure to enjoy this novel.

- Stephanie Chopek Sydoriak, 84, was one of three residents of Los Alamos, N.M., designated a "Living Treasure of 2011" by the non-profit organization Living Treasures of Los Alamos. She was recognized for her contributions and dedication to the town, where she has lived since 1948. Her husband was a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Mrs. Sydoriak (who also had a physics background) translated scientific papers in German, French, Ukrainian and Slovak into English at LANL. She was also a Brownie and Girl Scout troop leader, a Boy Scout den mother, and contributed to many other community organizations. Mrs. Sydoriak, a member of the Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, loves to share her Ukrainian heritage with others by putting together exhibits of Ukrainian pysanky, embroidery, woodcarving and ceramics. She headed a Ukrainian Week in the late 1990s and organized annual Ukrainian picnics.

- Leaders and friends of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization gathered on April 12 for an indoor "vohnyk" (campfire) in Kyiv marking its 99th anniversary. Intended to raise awareness of Plast's upcoming centennial in 2012, the gathering was co-hosted by Sashko Polozhynsky of the band Tartak and singer and National Artist of Ukraine Maria



Rich Graziano

Atop California's Mount Whitney on July 17 (from left) are: Marusia Sloniewsky, Lida Shevchik, Daria Massimilla and Lida Chapelsky following their successful climb. At 14,505 feet, Mount Whitney is the highest peak in the lower 48 states.

The Jew Who Was Ukrainian

or
How One Man's Rip-Roaring Romp
through an Existential Wasteland
Ended in a Bungled Attempt
to Bump off the
Exceptionally
Great Leader
of Mother
Russia

Alexander J. Motyl

Cover of "The Jew Who Was Ukrainian" by Alexander J. Motyl.

Burmaka. Dr. Lubomyr Romankiw, Plast's chief scout, spoke of Plast's achievements by video address, and he was followed by a British documentary on the life of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the world scouting movement. The oath of allegiance taken by six novice scouts was a touching highlight of the evening. Rafal Wolski, head of the consular section of the Embassy of Poland, spoke about the scout movement in Poland before the second world war and leading up the collapse of the Soviet Union. Eric Salzman, an economic officer of the U.S. Embassy and a scout himself, extended his best wishes to Ukraine's scouts.

- On May 16, Ukrainian Canadian Immigrant Ihor Kozak, 35, an entrepreneur from Ternopil who resides in Oshawa, Ontario, was named among the Top 25 Canadian immigrants, a designation bestowed by Canadian Immigration magazine and sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada. More than 25,000 Canadians voted online for their top choices among 500 nominees. Award recipients received a commemorative certificate and lapel pin, and a \$500 donation towards a Canadian charity of their choice. Mr. Kozak came to Canada with his parents in 1992. He completed the prestigious Royal Military College of Canada and served abroad in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan. Mr. Kozak obtained a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and an MBA, and has become a successful entrepreneur and Ukrainian Canadian community activist.

- On May 20, Capt. Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper of the U.S. Navy was selected to become the first female commander of the Caderock Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center. The Caderock Division, with over 3,500 employees throughout the U.S., is the primary research and development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support organization for the Navy's ships, submarine, military watercraft and unmanned vehicles. Capt. Stefanyshyn-Piper is well-known in the Ukrainian diaspora for being a NASA astronaut who has logged over 27 hours in space with five space walks.

- Ringo Starr and His All-Starr Band kicked off its first European tour in 13 years with a concert at Kyiv's Ukrayina Palace in early June. Wearing black embroidered Ukrainian shirts (from Montreal-based Yevshan), the former Beatles drummer was joined by Rick Derringer, Edgar Winters, Gary Wright, Greg Bissonnette, Richard Page and Wally Palmar. Mr. Palmar, known to the Ukrainians of Detroit at Volodymyr Palamarchuk, was the lead vocalist and guitarist for The Romantics, who were famous in the early to mid-1980s for hits like "What I Like About You" and "Talking In Your Sleep." In addition to those two songs, the audience most enjoyed hearing the Beatles classics "Yellow Submarine" and "With a Little Help from My Friends."

- The late Julianna Starosolska's memoir "Rozkazhu Vam Pro Kazakhstan" was translated into English as "Woman in Exile: My Life in Kazakhstan" by Marie Chmielewsky Ulanowicz. The translator explained that her motivation for this arduous task was simply being inspired by Ms. Starosolska's "simple yet hauntingly poetic style" which "drew me into a life and existence that was so very different" from others. The book's narrative "captured the horror, the humanity and, occasionally, even the humor of the Soviet political deportee's situation." Ms. Ulanowicz's American friends had always urged her to write down her own family's post-war stories, but Ms. Starosolska's account, she decided, "cried out to be translated" and enjoyed by non-Ukrainians. With this translation, the author's dream of reaching future generations of Ukrainians can be realized. Ms. Starosolska passed away on December 4.

- In late April, investors in a Holodomor documentary initiated a lawsuit against the film's producers for failing to



Cheremosh

Edmonton's Cheremosh dancers perform during the European Championship of Folklore held on July 8-18 in Bulgaria. The troupe won the gold medal.

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THE SILENCE OF TREES



Cover of "The Silence of Trees" by Valya Dudycz Lupescu.

release the movie. The plaintiffs – which include producers, fund-raisers and Holodomor survivors – allege the failure to release the film has caused emotional distress to the Ukrainian community and constituted a fraud on those who donated funds with the expectation that the film would be released in a timely manner. The plaintiffs went to Los Angeles Superior Court to demand a proper accounting of the money and repayment. Ultimately, this is a battle over ownership, as plaintiffs allege that the two producers secretly applied for a copyright for the film, while the defendants claim the plaintiffs attempted to assert that they too have ownership rights. In June, the defendants filed a countersuit alleging libel, slander, fraud, unfair competition and intentional interference.

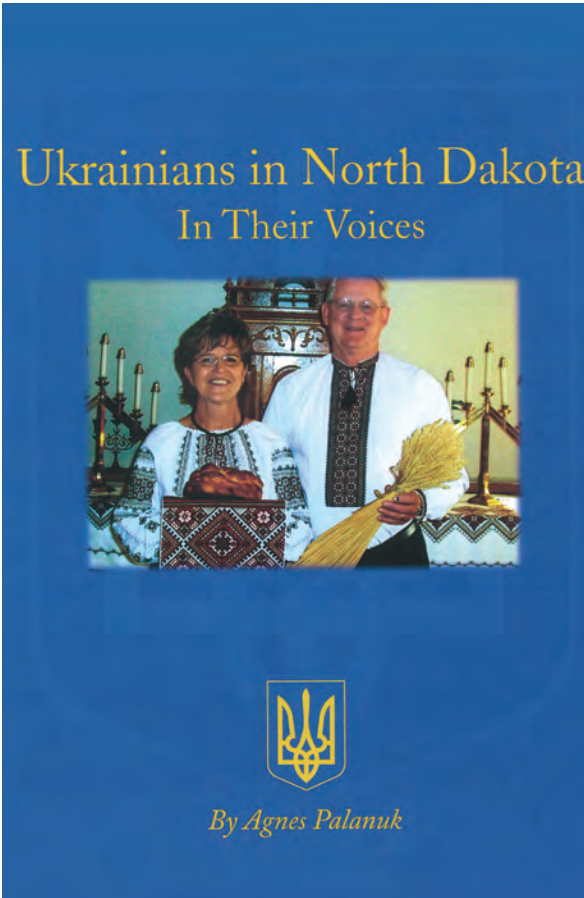
- On July 1, John Hewko, an attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors, began a new chapter in his life as the top executive of Rotary International, the global humanitarian service organization. Mr. Hewko is a Detroit native, former member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, and currently a member of the board of trustees of the Ukrainian Catholic University. Rotary International, an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build good will, has 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas and distributes over \$180 million annually to fund a variety of educational programs and humanitarian projects worldwide.

- Edmonton's internationally acclaimed Cheremosh dancers in July won the gold medal at the European Championship of Folklore held on July 8-18 in Nessebar, Bulgaria, becoming the first North America troupe to win the competition. The troupe won the "Golden Orpheus" medal and a diploma as Absolute European Champion of Folklore for 2011.

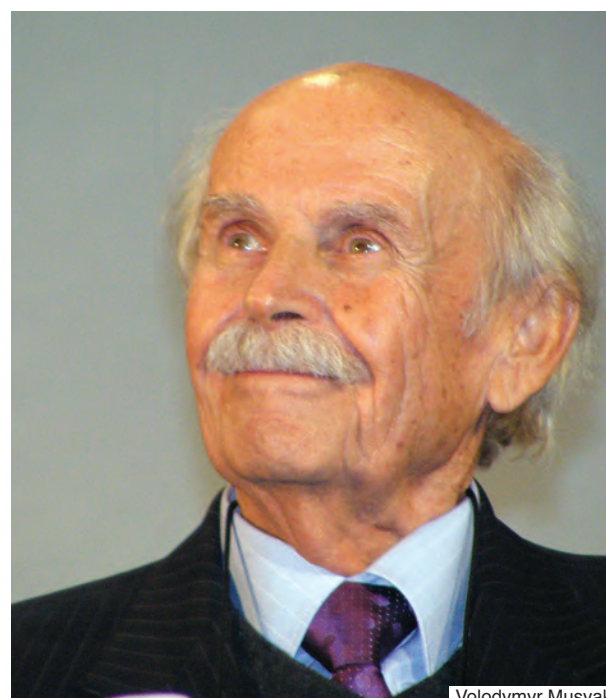
- In mid-July, four Ukrainian American women – Marusia Slonewsky, Lida Shevchik, Darla Massimilla and Lida Chapelsky – successfully reached the top of California's Mount Whitney, which at 14,505 feet is the tallest peak in the lower 48 U.S. states. The four women recalled many hiking and camping skills picked up as members of the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization during the five-day, 55-mile expedition.

- Five students from the Goodwin College of Sports Management of Drexel University in late July had the opportunity to travel to Ukraine as part of an initiative to assist the Meteor Sport Club in Dnipropetrovsk in developing a strategic plan for the facility. The students got to tour the facility and the city, participated in various question and answer sessions and briefings to learn about the club and what it hopes to become, took part in a press conference and of course presented its findings and advice to the executives and staff of the sport club.

- Former President Viktor Yushchenko received 2011 Dole Leadership Prize from the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas on September 19 for his important work in Ukraine in spearheading political and economic reform during and after the Orange Revolution of 2004. The Dole Prize, a \$25,000 award given annually since 2003 to an individual whose public service leadership inspires others, has been bestowed upon leaders such as George H.W. Bush, Lech Walesa, Howard Baker, George McGovern and others.



Cover of "Ukrainians in North Dakota – In Their Voices" by Agnes Palanuk.



Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn celebrated his 85th birthday and the release of his autobiography.

- Alexandra Liteplo, an educational publishing digital producer from Wakefield, Mass., and an active member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, appeared on the September 20 episode of the popular TV quiz show "Jeopardy!" Ms. Liteplo came in third place and her final Jeopardy total was \$15,601.

- The Ukrainian Graduates of Detroit and Windsor celebrated their 72nd anniversary with a banquet on October 16, awarded scholarships to eight new graduates and named Dr. Walter Yaworsky as their 2011 Ukrainian of the Year. Dr. Yaworsky is a retired prominent psychiatrist from Windsor, Ontario, life member of the Ontario Medical Association, and past-president of Medical Staff at Hotel Dieu Hospital and the Windsor Academy of Psychiatry.

- Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn, an economic advisor to three Ukrainian presidents and founder of the International Institute of Management in Kyiv, celebrated his 85th birthday and presented his autobiography "Zalyshayus Ukrayintsem" (I Remain a Ukrainian) in Kyiv on October 19. His family suffered under the Soviets and Nazis, and Dr. Hawrylyshyn himself was a forced laborer in German factories during the war. He immigrated to Canada, where he took on a job as a lumberjack to finance his education. He eventually completed studies in engineering and economics in both Toronto and Geneva.

- The Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) of Pittsburgh named Anatoli Murha, president of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, as its Ukrainian of the Year at its 42nd annual award ceremony and dinner dance on November 5. Mr. Murha was honored for his lifelong devotion to preserving the Ukrainian cultural heritage through music. In 2000, at the age of 22, he was elected the youngest president of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, and is currently the second longest serving president of that organization. A Detroit-area native, Mr. Murha has organized and led tours of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus throughout North America and Europe.

- A history of the Ukrainian community in North Dakota was the subject of the new book "Ukrainians in North Dakota: In Their Voices" by Agnes Palanuk that The Weekly covered in November. Ukrainians came to North Dakota on the promise of productive affordable land and jobs in local coal mines. The book is unique as it includes excerpts from written and oral testimony of immigrants as far back as the 1930s.

- Lviv's international airport was named in honor of King Danylo Halytsky in November after over 12,000 voters participated in a Facebook poll. King Danylo received 3,283 votes and the runner-up, Stepan Bandera, received 2,197. The airport's expansion project was completed in December, meaning it will be ready for the Euro-2012 soccer championships.

- The official 2011 Christmas tree for St. Peter's Square at the Vatican was a 30-meter fir from the Carpathian mountains in Ukraine, and in November a Slovenian carrier delivered the tree for the holiday season. This tradition of installing Christmas trees from foreign countries was begun during the papacy of John Paul II.

- World champion boxer Vitali Klitschko announced in November that his new fight is for Ukraine, and that his Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform (UDAR) Party would hope to rally "supporters of European democratic values and those who put the interests of their country above their own." Mr. Klitschko said that he and like-minded members of Ukraine's younger generations must demonstrate that, through hard work and playing by the rules, their country will continue down the path of political and economic reform for a European-oriented future.



Vitali Klitschko, who this year announced his entry into the political ring, at the Taras Shevchenko monument in Washington on October 11 with Andrew Futey (left), executive vice-president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and Michael Sawkiw, director of the Ukrainian National Information Service.

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At The Weekly: milestones, hurdles

Here at The Ukrainian Weekly, we began the year with a milestone in our history and personnel changes. It was perhaps, an omen of things to come as 2011 mixed the good with the not so good.

Our Kyiv Press Bureau celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding in January 2011. It was on January 13, 1991, that the bureau was born. We had noted that major step in our January 20, 1991, issue with a simple story on page 3 headlined "Weekly correspondent now in Kiev" (yes, that's how we all used to spell the name of Ukraine's capital city...). The lead read: "Marta Kolomayets, an associate editor of The Ukrainian Weekly, arrived on Sunday, January 13, in Kiev, where she will serve as a correspondent for The Weekly and set up the Ukrainian National Association's press bureau."

The move was months in the making - and not a simple undertaking at that. It came about as a result of a resolution adopted at the UNA's May 1990 convention which stated: "The convention urges the UNA Executive Committee to look into establishing a bureau in Kiev and/or Lviv which would provide direct news service on a regular basis to our UNA publications." Our efforts to establish the bureau began in earnest in October 1990 when a UNA delegation (composed of Supreme President Ulana Diachuk, Supreme Secretary Walter Sochan, and Supreme Advisors Eugene Iwanciw and Roma Hadzewycz) attending the second congress of Rukh met with officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. Several months of dealing with red tape followed - it was, after all, still the Soviet era - and there were times when we thought our plans would come to naught. In the end, our persistence paid off.

Ms. Kolomayets served several tours of duty as our Kyiv correspondent; others who served at our Kyiv Press Bureau were Chrystyna Lapychak, Khristina Lew, Roman Woronowycz, Andrew Nynka and Zenon Zawada. Not to be forgotten is Ilyia M. Labunka, who filled in at the bureau during the first eight months of 2008 and whose byline appears occasionally from Ukraine.

Also in January, we were notified by our layout artist, David "Darko" Bushnell, that he would be leaving our staff to pursue a long held dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail, which at approximately 2,181 miles is the country's longest marked footpath. Mr. Bushnell, who joined our team in October 2007, left the staff on February 11. During his tenure at The Weekly, Mr. Bushnell succeeded in upgrading and modernizing The Weekly's production, leading the switchover from QuarkXPress to InDesign.

We promptly advertised an opening for a layout artist and were very lucky to be able to hire Stepan Slutsky as our new layout artist. We're sure you have noticed some of the design changes Mr. Slutsky has made, including a more readable font for the bodies of stories. (Did you notice the changeover in our September 18 issue?)

Later in the year, Our Kyiv Press Bureau chief, Zenon Zawada, left The Weekly effective June 3. He was our Kyiv editor from February 2005 to December 2007, and again from September 2008 to June of this year. He wrote hundreds of articles highlighting events in Ukraine, offering insight into issues and trends that are often overlooked by the main-

stream, English-language media. "It was a great honor to serve the Ukrainian American community and its efforts in preserving an independent, democratic and Ukrainian Ukraine," he said upon leaving.

Mark Raczkiwicz, originally from Chicago, was our freelance correspondent from Kyiv during the period between early June (his first byline appeared in The Weekly on June 12) and mid-October (he resigned as our free-lancer because of new responsibilities at the Kyiv Post). We then received stories from Kyiv for a short while by Volodymyr Musyak, who previously served as Mr. Zawada's assistant at the Kyiv bureau and had written stories for us under his direction.

In December, we were happy to learn that Mr. Zawada's byline would once again appear on the pages of The Weekly, although now as a free-lancer rather than an editorial staff member. Thus, his stories are now tagged "Special to The Ukrainian Weekly" as opposed to "Kyiv Press Bureau." The Zawada byline reappeared on December 18. Welcome back, Zenon. And, by the way, Zenon is a new dad. His wife Veronika gave birth to their first child, a son named Matviy, on December 31. Matviy arrived just in time to make it into our "2011: The Year in Review."

The editorial staff of The Ukrainian Weekly at the Home Office in Parsippany, N.J., now includes: Editor-in-Chief Roma Hadzewycz, who joined the staff full-time in 1977 and has been editor-in-chief since 1980; and Matthew Dubas, who joined us in March 2006, which means he marked his fifth anniversary with us in 2011.

Awilda Rolon, who has been with The Weekly since 1980, continues as our indispensable typesetter, back-up layout person and digital archives project team member.

During the summer period we had an intern, as is our tradition; she was Taissa Hamulak of Rockaway, N.J., a student at

Ukrainian Debutante Balls. UMANA Illinois marks 50 years of debut presentations. Includes photos of debutantes and their escorts, and text describing the event's history and significance.

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The cover page of the special section "Ukrainian Debutante Balls."

Also worth nothing among the materials published during 2011 was Ms. Hamulak's interviews with her peers - Ukrainian students between the ages of 14 and 19, all of whom were born after August 24, 1991 - about their feelings as Ukraine marked the 20th anniversary of the re-establishment of its independence. Their comments appeared in the same issue (August 21) as those of movers and shakers in Ukraine, diaspora leaders and Ukraine experts and scholars in North America.

Special issues during 2011 included our full-color release of Ukrainian debutante balls (March 27), "A Ukrainian Summer" (May 1), several issues dedicated to the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, and issues marking the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. In addition, there was our two-part "2010: The Year in Review" release (January 16 and 23).

New pricing

Beginning September 1, the price of our newspaper went up by \$10 per year as a result of current economic realities. Thus, an annual subscription now costs \$55 for members of the Ukrainian National Association and \$65 for non-members. (The prices for subscriptions to our sister publication, the Ukrainian-language weekly Svoboda, went up by the same amount.)

The last time The Ukrainian Weekly raised its prices was 10 years ago, in April of 2001, when the price went up \$5, from \$40 per year for UNA members to \$45 and from \$50 for non-members to \$55. And, prior to that, there was a price increase back in 1995. So, these necessary cost adjustments are few and far between.

At the same time we implemented a new marketing strategy for the UNA's publications to sell subscriptions to both the print and online editions of The Ukrainian Weekly or Svoboda at a price of \$60 for UNA members and \$70 for non-members. That translates into a mere \$5 more for unlimited access to all the current year's issues.

To be sure, the new subscription prices do not cover our expenses or those of Svoboda. The support of advertisers, as well as donations to our press funds, help support these newspapers. But if it weren't for the Ukrainian National Association's sizable subsidy, Svoboda and The Weekly would not exist. The UNA, as a fraternal benefit society, publishes both as a service to its members and the community at large.

The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund

Reader support for our newspaper continued to be strong during 2011. Donations to The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund totaled \$35,718 (as compared to \$32,182 in 2010). Each month, without fail, The Ukrainian Weekly publishes a list of donors to The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund. Perhaps you don't pay much attention to these lists, but we do. These donations, no matter their amounts, make a big difference for a community publication like ours that never was a profit-making venture. The Weekly, you see, has always been published as a community service. What is most heartening to us on the receiving end of the donations is that we see a lot of familiar names - people who've sent in stories and letters, folks who've been mentioned in stories published in The Weekly, and, of course, personal acquaintances and colleagues in community activism. Among them are many sup-

A Ukrainian Summer. Supplement to The Ukrainian Weekly, May 1, 2011. Includes a table of contents for the supplement and a photo of a woman.

The Weekly's front page on the occasion of Ukraine's 20th anniversary of independence.

Rutgers University. She plans to return during the summer of 2012. We also have a part-time editorial assistant, Markian Hadzewycz, who comes in for 10-12 hours a week for proof-reading, writing and other duties.

The administration of the UNA's two newspapers is headed by the irreplaceable Walter Honcharyk, who is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that things work. Also part of the administration during 2011 were our hard-working advertising manager, Maria Oscislawski, and our efficient subscriptions/circulation manager, Mary Pendzola.

Special topics, special issues

On September 11, we, like all Americans, remembered 9/11 - the horrific attacks that took place in 2001. An editorial in our September 11 issue, and a graphic on our front page, made it clear that we stand with all Americans in remembering the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the forced plane crash in Shanksville, Pa., and mourn the nearly 3,000 people killed.

Other notable editorials during 2011 were our July 17 reaction to an article on the Party of Regions website that attacked the Ukrainian diaspora of the United States and Canada, and advised it to stop "meddling" in Ukraine; our commentary on Ukraine at 20, which pointed out the good, the bad and the downright ugly developments in Ukraine and was published August 21 on the occasion of Ukrainian Independence Day; and an editorial titled "Of spirit and identity" that spoke of Ukrainian activists and patriots and hoped for a reawakening of the national spirit necessary for a great nation.

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porters from the younger generation. That, too, speaks volumes. And, there are repeat donors of larger and smaller amounts. We see all these donations as tangible expressions of support for the work of this community newspaper.

A blast from the past

According to those in attendance at the celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, and Ulana Mazurkevich, a Philadelphia community activist who sent us information in writing, former Congressman Don Ritter of Pennsylvania, who used to chair the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Baltic States and Ukraine and was a member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, praised The Ukrainian Weekly for providing him with information on the situation in Ukraine.

In accepting the Michael Hrushevsky Award presented by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America on September 15, Mr. Ritter stated, "The Ukrainian Weekly was a tremendous source of information for members of Congress like myself who were focused on issues of human rights and Soviet oppression."

"In the pre-Internet days" and at a time that there was a "lack of interest of the mainstream media in the issues involving Ukraine, The Ukrainian Weekly was most important in providing vital information," he said. "I was also appraised of the situation in Ukraine by my constituents and the Ukrainian Human Rights Committee [which was headed by Ms. Mazurkevich]... Resolutions on behalf of political prisoners were generated by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Baltic States and Ukraine and the information derived from The Ukrainian Weekly was most effective in generating support for Ukrainian dissidents among members of Congress."

Reading about the former congressman's remarks strengthened our resolve to continue sending The Ukrainian Weekly free of charge to all members of the U.S. Congress - something we do at considerable expense to our bottom line.

The Weekly at 78

The year 2011 marked the 78th anniversary of our newspaper, whose first issue rolled off the presses with the date of October 6, 1933. Much has changed since then. The Weekly has grown from a four-page supplement to its sister-newspaper, Svoboda, to an independent paper; it now prints pages in color; and it has an online presence that includes the newspapers' archives - all issues published since that premiere issue in 1933 - as well as the current year's issues.

Those who've visited our website have raved about the wealth of materials that may be found there. We've gotten comments and compliments from folks all around the world who've discovered our online archive and have happily spent hours online engaged in what can best be described as a "treasure hunt" for unique materials from our past. The archival materials on our website (1933-2011) are free and open to the public. We encourage our readers to log on and to explore our fascinating archives.

By the way, we would like to remind our readers that The Weekly's website (www.ukrweekly.com) also features an online calendar of events called "Community Events" that allows groups to have their major events listed well in advance on an online calendar. The idea was to give community activists a way to keep track of what is going on, when and where in order to help them plan and schedule their own events so that they do not conflict with others that might be geared to the same audiences. Once again, we invite our community organizations and activists to become familiar with the Community Events calendar. And to use it! It's simple, it's fast and it's free. As it says on our website: To have an event listed on our calendar please e-mail info on the type of event, venue and date (for example: XYZ Debutante Ball, Hromada Hotel, West Town, NJ, January 1, 2009) to community@ukrweekly.com.

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Finally, as the year 2012 begins, we wish all of you, Dear Readers, a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Let's keep in touch!

Rolling the credits

"2011: The Year in Review" was prepared based on articles and new stories published in The Ukrainian Weekly and written by numerous authors during the past year. The sections were compiled by Roma Hadzewycz and Matthew Dubas of The Ukrainian Weekly's editorial staff; Yaro Bihun, our Washington correspondent; Oksana Zakydalsky, our Toronto correspondent; Ihor Stelmach, our sports columnist; and free-lancers Markian Hadzewycz, Deanna Yurchuk and Lesia Lebed. Credit for the layout goes to Stepan Slutsky.



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the foreign minister arrives in Strasbourg, I intend to meet with him to... say, in particular, that Ukraine is a great country. I respect Ukraine, but I do not understand how Yulia Tymoshenko was convicted," Mr. Mignon said. He added that he had the opportunity to meet Ms. Tymoshenko in Kyiv before she was imprisoned. "Now I'm extremely concerned about a state in which a woman who held the highest position in Ukraine can put her in prison. The president and the PACE, especially the PACE, should remain very worried, of course, without interfering in the activity of the judicial system in Ukraine," he said. Mr. Mignon noted, "I believe that in order to become more European, this country should meet our standards, in particular, in democracy, the rule of law, and we should not see such courts that are reminiscent of the era of the former Soviet Union, which we have already forgotten." He also apologized for "being so outspoken," adding, "My duty is to sincerely express my point of view. I will maintain my friendship with Ukraine." (Interfax-Ukraine)

Court upholds closing of Kuchma case

KYIV – The Kyiv Court of Appeals on January 20 dismissed the complaint of the Procurator-General's Office and lawyers for ex-Maj. Mykola Melnychenko and Myroslava Gongadze against the termination of criminal proceedings involving former President Leonid Kuchma, who was accused of abuse of power that led to the murder of journalist Heorhii Gongadze. Thus, a ruling of the Pechersky District Court to close the case remains in force. The ex-president himself categorically denies his involvement in the Gongadze murder. Mr. Kuchma repeatedly said, after the opening of criminal proceed-

ings against him, "the continued substitution of an investigation into the Gongadze case for the so-called 'Kuchma case' further leads the investigation away from the correct path and distances it from the truth." Kyiv's Pechersky District Court closed the criminal case against Mr. Kuchma on December 14, 2011. The court said it found no evidence of Mr. Kuchma's involvement in this crime. The criminal proceedings against Mr. Kuchma were instituted on March 21, 2011. The audio recordings illegally made by Mr. Melnychenko at the presidential office were recognized by the court as material evidence in the case. However, on October 21, 2011, the Constitutional Court passed a decision, pursuant to which the charge of committing a crime cannot be based on data obtained by illegal means, which excluded the possibility of using the Melnychenko recordings as evidence in the Kuchma case. Gongadze went missing in Kyiv on September 16, 2000. In November 2000, Socialist Party leader Oleksander Moroz unveiled recordings allegedly made in the office of President Kuchma, which suggested his involvement in the disappearance of Mr. Gongadze. (Ukrinform)

Khoroshkovsky is new finance minister

KYIV – President Viktor Yanukovich, after accepting the resignation of Finance Minister Fedir Yaroshenko, on January 18 appointed to the post Valerii Khoroshkovsky, chief of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU). The 43-year-old lawyer has extensive experience in senior positions in government and other authorities. In 2002 Mr. Khoroshkovsky acted as the first deputy chair of the Presidential Administration under President Leonid Kuchma, and in November that same year he was named minister of the economy and European integration in the government of Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. In January 2004 he voluntarily resigned

because of disagreements with the "total control" of Mykola Azarov, then vice prime minister, over the economic bloc of the government. After that, he worked as head of the State Customs Service, and later was the first deputy chief of the SBU. In March 2010, following the election of President Yanukovich, the Ukrainian Parliament tapped Mr. Khoroshkovsky to head the SBU. Media reports say Mr. Khoroshkovsky is among the top 20 richest people of Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

Carpathian churches on UNESCO list?

KYIV – The ministers of culture in Poland and Ukraine are seeking to include the wooden churches of the Ukrainian and Polish regions of the Carpathians on the list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, according to a January 9 statement from Poland's Ministry of Culture. Minister of Culture Bohdan Zdrojewski prepared and passed along a proposal in this regard to his Ukrainian counterpart, Mykhailo Kulyniak. The Polish minister also asked that appropriate documents for the Center of UNESCO World Heritage in Paris be drawn up. The joint proposal is to be prepared by the end of January. This will start the process to include the churches on the UNESCO list in 2012, reported Ukraine's Ministry of Culture. The proposal concerns 16 objects, of which eight are located in the Pidkarpatsky and Malopolsky regions of Poland and another eight are located in the Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and Zakarpattia regions of Ukraine. The oldest wooden churches preserved in the Polish and Ukrainian Carpathians date back to the 15th and 16th centuries. Their uniqueness is indicated, in particular, by the diversity of styles and forms. Wooden sacral architecture has become the determining feature of the cultural originality of the Polish and Ukrainian Carpathians. (Religious Information Service of Ukraine)

Census will be held in 2013

KYIV – A complete population census will be held in 2013, Vice Prime Minister for Social Policy Sergey Tigipko told a press conference on January 11. "A population census is really needed in Ukraine to know the composition and strength of the population, as many social and economic categories depend on it," he said. According to Mr. Tigipko, the census was to be held in Ukraine three years ago, but it will begin in 2012. Mr. Tigipko said that this year the population census will be conducted only in a particular region, which corresponds to the social composition of the whole of Ukraine. "It will be only a preparation for a nationwide census, and in 2013 the full census will be held," he explained. By law, the census program must be approved by the State Statistical Service with the participation of relevant ministries and agencies by March 1. Due to lack of funds, the Ukrainian population census was postponed from 2011 to 2012, although under United Nations standards a census should be held every 10 years. The previous Ukrainian census took place in 2001. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine's athletes to compete in 17 sports

KYIV – Ukraine's athletes will compete at the Summer Olympics in London in 17 sports, and 166 athletes have already gained 2012 Olympic berths, the chairman of the State Service for Youth and Sports, Ravil Safiullin, reported on December 26, 2011. The preparation of the athletes for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London, and the first winter juvenile Olympics in Austria, is being fully funded. (Ukrinform)

Lviv named best city of future

KYIV – Lviv is among the 10 best European cities of the future according to a

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study by the Financial Times. In particular, Lviv was noted for initiating the best strategy for attracting foreign investments and the largest efficiency of business conduct. This year, the European Cities & Regions of the Future 2012-2013 study selected Lviv as one of 10 best European cities in the following categories: "the best strategy for attracting direct foreign investment" and "the best for economic effectiveness of business conduct," the press service of the Lviv City Administration reported on January 12. In addition, Lviv received from fDi Intelligence (a subdivision of the Financial Times) an invitation to an awards ceremony to be held on March 7 in Cannes, France, during the MIPIM international real estate exhibition. (Ukrinform)

Experts predict second wave of crisis

KYIV – The global economic crisis in Ukraine will come in late 2012-early 2013, Prof. Oleksander Kendiukhov, chairman of

the All-Ukrainian Union of Economists, said a press conference on January 24. "A second wave of the economic crisis will come to Ukraine by the end of 2012. In early 2013, this trend will also be observed. In fact, Ukraine will enter the first phase of the second wave of the crisis at the end of the year," the expert said. He said that, with the exception of Greece and Italy, Austria, Romania, Portugal, Spain and Ireland could become outsiders to Europe in 2012. Mr. Kendiukhov noted that 2012 "will be the last year of Polish economic miracle." The expert expressed the opinion that, on a global scale, this year marked the beginning of the end of the dominance of Western civilization and this process will last for two decades. In turn, Volodymyr Fesenko, director of the Penta Center for applied political studies, said that Ukraine is not only part of the turbulence zone, but also a country where massive protests took place in 2011. "Instability can be expected in other countries, as well. This may be called a 'hang-over' after the large-scale revolutions in North African and Middle Eastern countries," Mr. Fesenko noted. (Ukrinform)

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of the Political Club (see video http://lb.ua/news/2011/12/17/128580_polit_club_eksperti_podvodyat_itogi.html).

Ukraine has never been united in protest actions. Eastern Ukraine provided few dissidents and did not participate in the democratic movement in the late 1980s in the Soviet Union. Eastern Ukraine was indifferent to the 2000-2003 anti-Kuchma protests and opposed the 2004 Orange Revolution. Western-central Ukraine participated in every democratic movement from the late 1950s. Nevertheless, five wasted years of Viktor Yushchenko's presidency have made them disillusioned and apathetic.

Any mass protests and revolution in Ukraine would depend on when the anger and frustrations of western-central Ukrainians concerning current developments supersedes their disillusionment with the Orange past. This could take place during this year's elections or anytime in the next three years before the 2015 presidential elections. Ukrainian experts doubt that President Yanukovich will be able to stay in power until the 2015 elections. The question is whether an "Orange Revolution-2" would be peaceful, as he has more to lose if he is out of office than Leonid Kuchma did in 2004.

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Grandchildren - Nicholas, Marko and Anya Bohatiuk

We miss You very much!



MICHAEL OLIJNYK

92, a long time resident of Pittsburgh, and most recently of
Mountain Lakes, NJ, peacefully entered into eternal rest and
joy on January 7, 2012.

Born in Ukraine, he witnessed first hand as a young man the devastation of war in Ukraine and Germany during the 1940's. After the war, he immigrated with his wife Maria, and their daughter to the US in 1948, where they settled in Pittsburgh, PA in 1949. Michael, along with Maria, and his twin brother, Basilius (Basil), was founder of the Olijnyk Brothers Meat Packing Co., which for many years was well known for its custom meats, especially their highly popular kovbasa.

Michael was a long time parishioner at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA. He maintained a strong sense of national pride for both his home country of Ukraine and the United States. A fan of soccer, tennis and boxing, he could most often be found watching sporting events on TV, with Basil by his side.

Michael was predeceased by his beautiful wife, Maria, and is survived by his loving twin brother, his daughter, Helena Mazur, and son in-law, Leonard of Mountain Lakes, NJ; he is also survived by three grandchildren, Maria, Michael, and Irene; his great-grandchildren, Walter, Helena, and Evelyn, and a great-great-granddaughter, Alicia. Other survivors include numerous family members in Ukraine.

Funeral Services were held at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whippany, NJ followed by interment in St. Mary's Cemetery in Jenkintown, PA.

In honor of Michael, donations to St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Building Fund, 60 N. Jefferson Rd. Whippany, NJ 07981, would be gratefully appreciated.

U.S. Embassy...

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"Thank you, residents of Donbas"

"I think Oleksander Tymoshenko would have had better chances getting political asylum in the U.S. than being declined in the context of the recent statement from [U.S. Secretary of State] Hillary Clinton," said Andrii Zolotariv, a Dnipropetrovsk political insider and chair of the Third Sector Center in Kyiv.

Ms. Tymoshenko's seven-year prison sentence cast a pall over the 20th anniversary. About a week earlier, Secretary Clinton sent a letter to Ms. Tymoshenko, which was released by the latter's press service on January 11, repeating the U.S. commitment to gaining freedom for the former prime minister and her imprisoned allies.

She assured Ms. Tymoshenko the U.S. government is closely monitoring her condition, particularly her health, and is growing increasingly concerned after an appellate court upheld the controversial ruling and the administration of President Viktor Yanukovich transferred the opposition leader to the Kachanivska penal colony in Kharkiv.

"Be assured of our interest in holding free elections with the participation of all legitimate political candidates and parties of Ukraine," Ms. Clinton said. "That is another critically important step towards European integration and the cause which your country successfully fulfilled in the past."

The U.S. government recognized independent Ukraine on December 25, 1991, and the next day U.S. Charge d'Affaires Jon Gunderson exchanged diplomatic notes with Ukraine's Minister of Foreign Affairs Anatoliy Zlenko.

The U.S. Embassy to Ukraine formally opened on January 22 in a former Communist Party district headquarters

building with the first ambassador being an American of Ukrainian descent, Roman Popadiuk.

At the time, Ambassador Tefft was the deputy director of the Russia and CIS affairs office in Washington and helped establish the Embassy, playing a key role in establishing the official relationship.

Two decades later, Ambassador Tefft told the audience gathered at Kyiv's October Palace, U.S. goals in Ukraine remain unchanged and the U.S. remains committed to precisely what the Ukrainian people want: an independent and irreversibly democratic nation and modernizing European state, with a civic society that has the freedom to contribute its development and citizens who feel the security of the rule of law.

"For a friend, no road is too long," the ambassador said, repeating the Ukrainian proverb. "The U.S. is a true friend of Ukraine and will be willing to walk the path alongside."

Yet Ukraine's shady leaders and oligarchs have tested this friendship throughout the last two decades, often spoiling the Western ambitions of Ukraine's citizens as a result. Ms. Tymoshenko's imprisonment cost the Ukrainian people the opportunity to initial the Association Agreement with the European Union after their diplomats spent five years working on it. It's even less likely to be signed, observers said.

In return, several oligarchs have found themselves unable to gain U.S. visas, including Ukraine's wealthiest tycoon, Rinat Akhmetov, the Kyiv Post reported in late December citing two anonymous sources. He has employed the Washington law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld to resolve his troubles.

Another Donbas industrial magnate, mega-millionaire Yuriy Ivanushenko, even resorted to hiring the Washington lobbying firm Sidley Austin at a \$20,000 price tag to help him gain U.S. entry, the Ukrayinska Pravda website reported. He eventually visited in May 2011.

As for the prospects of U.S.-Ukraine state relations in the near term, Ambassador Tefft offered a murky outlook in an interview published in late December by The Day (Den) newspaper of Kyiv. The U.S. government may reduce funding for programs in Ukraine, he said.

Besides the Odesa Philharmonic Orchestra, which is led by U.S. conductor Hobart Earle, the concert celebrating the 20th anniversary of U.S.-Ukraine relations featured the singer Gaitana, the hip-hop group BFF and the ensemble Druha Rika. Pavlo Shylko (DJ Pasha) was the master of ceremonies.

The orchestra performed three Ukrainian pieces, including two arrangements by Myroslav Skoryk, as well as George Gershwin's "American in Paris" and Leonard Bernstein's "Blues" and March" from his "Divertimento."

U.S. Ambassador Tefft and Ukraine's Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pavlo Klimkin delivered addresses.

Klimkin miscounts Ukrainians in U.S.

The vice-minister of foreign affairs of Ukraine, Pavlo Klimkin, misled the Kyiv political and business elites about the Ukrainian diaspora in the U.S. in remarks delivered on January 20.

Addressing the 20th anniversary commemoration of the establishment of U.S.-Ukraine diplomatic relations, Mr. Klimkin said "tens of thousands" of Ukrainians immigrated to the U.S. in the 19th and 20th centuries.

U.S. government statistics indicate that Mr. Klimkin and the Foreign Affairs Ministry are off by a few zeros, or about a million Ukrainians. In fact, more than 1.1 million Americans were either born in Ukraine or claim Ukrainian ancestry, according to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau.

And that doesn't include the many Ukrainians immigrants who died prior to 2010.

U.S. Embassy moves to Kyiv's Sikorsky Street

Embassy of the United States

KYIV – The United States Embassy is moving from its current locations around Kyiv to the new U.S. Embassy compound at 4 Aircraft Designer Ihor Sikorsky Street (formerly Tankova) on January 18-20. The Embassy opened for business Monday, January 23, in its new location.

The Embassy is vacating its offices at 10 Yuriy Kotsubinskyi (chancery), 4 Hlybochytka (Artem Business Center) and 6 Pymonenko (Consulate). The move to the new building comes almost 20 years to the date after the opening of the first Embassy in Kyiv on January 22, 1992.

A second phase to the move will take place later in the year when the U.S. Agency for International Development moves to its new building on the U.S. Embassy compound on Sikorsky Street. Details of this move will be announced at a future time. For the present, USAID will continue to operate out of its current offices at 19 Nyzhnii Val.

The U.S. Embassy phone and fax numbers are also changing. The new main phone number is 044-521-5000 and the main operator fax number is 044-521-5155. Effective January 19, the ACS number changes to (+38) 044-521-5566 and the after-hours emergency line for U.S. citizens changes to (+38) 044-521-5000. For other inquiries the general number for the consular section is 044-521-5460.

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Opposition leaders...

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An estimated 5,000 to 8,000 opposition supporters braved a harsh snowfall to attend the commemoration. Reporters later uncovered that some were paid by the event's organizers, particularly from the Batkivschyna party. They were paid between \$5 and \$7 for participating for three to four hours, according to reports.

Following an Orthodox moleben and calls for unity by clergy, Oleksander Turchynov, the right-hand man to Ms. Tymoshenko, led off the event's political half by reading a letter written from prison by the opposition leader.

"We're supposed to understand finally that we're fighting for a country in these elections, not for our own party," Mr. Turchynov read. "The issue is not the Parliament's make-up in the next convocation, but the country's future for decades ahead. Most important is not to bring a few dozen allies to the Verkhovna Rada, but to bring the country out of darkness."

"At this moment I am in prison, where [President Viktor] Yanukovich 'sent' me. I want you to know that I will endure any trials, torture or abuse. I won't surrender and I don't break. But I want to know that in freedom you will also undergo all these trials and unite for the sake of our common victory. We can no longer unite before gunfire. Let's unite before a great task," wrote Ms. Tymoshenko.

The event's highlight was the appearance of Mr. Klitschko on the St. Sophia Square stage, declaring that he would sign the

Common Action Agreement of the United Opposition of Ukraine.

Speaking exclusively in Ukrainian, Mr. Klitschko assured the crowd that the opposition had to unite "to defend Ukrainian independence, to defend the rights and freedoms of its citizens, and to return the country onto its democratic and European path to development."

Yet Mr. Klitschko stressed that UDAR wasn't joining the Committee to Oppose Dictatorship, also stressing that he signed the agreement "with reservations," which he revealed the next day in a press release.

Mr. Klitschko wants candidates on the opposition list to be selected based on public opinion polls rather than quotas distributed among the parties. He also called for the opposition parties to refrain from pre-determining which parties or candidates will compete for Parliament.

"The opposition title can't be privatized, therefore any discussions regarding who is 'the most oppositional oppositionist' needs to cease immediately," Mr. Klitschko stated.

Numerous prominent political observers, including Mr. Fesenko, predicted that the Party of Regions could attempt to usurp the power to elect Ukraine's president in 2015 should they gain a strong victory in the October vote and form a constitutional majority of 300 deputies in the Verkhovna Rada.

With these votes, national deputies can amend the Constitution to grant themselves the power to elect the president, which would extend the Donetsk clan's authoritarian rule of Ukraine through 2020.

Hence the agreement's almost desperate language, in which "participants will require themselves to ensure its undoubted fulfillment," which includes "basic candidate



Zenon Zawada

Supporters of the Front for Change party carry a large Ukrainian flag through downtown Kyiv to commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the union of all Ukrainian lands in the Ukrainian National Republic.

requirements of integrity, principledness, expertise, civic authority and an irreproachable reputation."

More desperation came in the form of promises offered by candidates on stage, though not as outrageous as those that loomed on the maidan stage in the winter of 2004.

Front for Change Chair Yatsenyuk said he'd create a special committee to investigate the abuses and crimes of the current government. Svoboda Chair Tiahnybok said he would initiate a parliamentary effort to

impeach President Yanukovich before the 2015 presidential election.

"There were two revolutions in Ukraine's modern history, first in 1989-1991 when an independent Ukrainian state emerged," Mr. Tiahnybok said. "The second in 2004 was betrayed. 2012 is supposed to become the beginning of the third revolution - a revolution of social and national justice, which will conclude with a victory and transform Ukraine from a 'state for oligarchs' to a state for Ukrainians, where social and national justice will rule."

United opposition's...

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realistic possibility to do this constitutionally.

For the sake of overthrowing this anti-people regime and establishing true rule by the people, the authorized representatives of political parties that make up the Committee to Oppose Dictatorship define as their priority task for 2012 the creation of a majority in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, which will be capable of stopping the usurpation of power, provide for the protection of the rights and freedoms of its citizens, renew European integration and bring the lives of Ukrainians closer to European political and social standards.

With this goal, the opposition political parties united in the Committee to Oppose Dictatorship are acting as a united opposition and engaging in common action on the national and local levels:

They agree to common political principles and approaches which they pursue in the 2012 parliamentary elections.

They implement coordinated actions oriented towards ensuring the preparation and conduct of fair elections of national deputies of Ukraine, establishment of their real results, not allowing vote falsification and distortion of the citizens' will. In particular, this applies to coordinating the actions of district and local election commissions and [election] observers and ensuring their effective work.

They form a single list of candidates for national deputies of Ukraine who will compete in single-winner, single-mandate (majoritarian) districts, based on the principle of a single-district, single-candidate from the united opposition. They recognize the basic requirements for candidates are integrity, principledness, expertise, civic authority and an irreproachable reputation.

After victory in the 2012 elections, the United Opposition will create a parliamentary majority and will begin the process of

forming a new Ukrainian government.

The leaders of parties signatory to this agreement obligate themselves to ensure its undisputed fulfillment.

We declare that the only opponent for the United Opposition is the current regime and those political forces that personify it. That is why we reject public mutual criticism and declare the principle of mutual respect and mutual confidence among all opposition political forces.

With the goal of consolidation of the democratic forces and avoiding the dilution of votes, we call upon everyone capable of resisting the Yanukovich regime to support our initiative and act in common cause.

Only together can we achieve our common goal: to overcome dictatorship and build a just and prosperous country!

Glory to United and Democratic Ukraine!

U.S. Embassy...

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The artwork on display in the new U.S. Embassy includes a great number of works by both U.S. and Ukrainian artists, including Oksana Mas and Tamara Babak. The art is curated by the U.S. "Art in Embassies" program and includes pieces that were commissioned, purchased, borrowed and donated. The mix of Ukrainian and U.S. art here is symbolic of the close ties between the Ukrainian and American people.

The Embassy also features a small photo gallery highlighting Ukrainian American multicultural connections; it features famous and successful American citizens born on the territory of present-day Ukraine, or with recent ancestry here. In addition to the man for whom

Sikorsky Street is named - Ihor Sikorsky, the great aircraft designer who studied and worked in Kyiv before emigrating to the United States - the portraits also include only a few of the many musicians, scientists, artists, engineers, diplomats, actors and other professionals with roots in Ukraine who have helped make the United States the diverse and vibrant country it is today.

Facts about the new U.S. Embassy

- The workforce used to build the new U.S. Embassy was Ukrainian. There were over 2 million man-and woman-hours on the project. The department includes worker safety and training and implements fair labor practices and treatment of workers. There were no lost time accidents during construction, attesting to the both the implementation of safety standards and the willingness of workers to learn the latest industry safety practices.

- The Kyiv New Embassy Construction (NEC) project is a green project and will also be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building. Environmental considerations were given during the design and construction phases, and will also be a factor in operating the new facility.

- The groundbreaking ceremony was led by Ambassador William Taylor in May 2009. Actual construction of the new Chancery building commenced in October 2009. The construction effort lasted 23 months. The scope of work included 15,000 square meters of building space and is designed for over 700 personnel.

- Many of the materials used to build the new Embassy were purchased in Ukraine - stone, landscaping, all of the tens of thousands of cubic yards of concrete, metals, paint, stucco. There were also many Ukrainian specialty contractors who assisted with the effort.

- The Ukrainian workers took pride in their work, and it shows. The quality of the work in the new Kyiv NEC project is outstanding and will serve as a platform for democracy that will last indefinitely.



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- February 10 Chicago Book presentation by Nastia Marusyk, "Symbolism in Bukovyna's Embroidery and Textiles," Ukrainian National Museum, 312-421-8020 or admin@ukrainiannationalmuseum.org
- Through February 25 Perth Amboy, NJ Art exhibit, "Opposite Ends," featuring works by Dianna Shmerykowsky and Vivianna Acuna-Francisco, Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 732-826-1690 ext. 4325 or www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us
- February 10 Washington Concert featuring soprano Victoria Loukianetz and pianist Marianna Humetska, The Washington Group Cultural Fund, Embassy of Austria, 703-955-2555 or twgculturfund@gmail.com
- February 3-26 Chicago Art exhibit, "Paintings by Volodymyr Voroniuk from Vyzhnytsia, Ukraine," Ukrainian National Museum, 312-421-8020 or admin@ukrainiannationalmuseum.org
- February 11 East Rutherford, NJ Presentation of debutantes, with music by Hrim and Fata Morgana, Chervona Kalyna Plast Fraternity, Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel, 201-896-0500 or 914-271-2805
- February 4 Trevoze, PA Presentation of debutantes, Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America, Radisson Hotel, 610-277-1284 or 215-638-8300
- February 11 Chicago Presentation of debutantes, with music by Good Times, Ukrainian Medical Association of North America - Illinois Branch, Palmer House Hilton, 312-282-7017 or umanadeb@aol.com
- February 4 New York Concert, "An Evening of Ukrainian Romances," featuring soprano Victoria Loukianetz and pianist Marianna Humetska, Ukrainian Institute of America, 212-288-8660 or mail@ukrainianinstitute.org
- February 11 Warren, MI Presentation of debutantes, with music by Svitanok, Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 734-717-0695 or ksenia@peoplepc.com
- February 4 Rochester, NY Presentation of debutantes, featuring music by Vechirka, Ukrainian Arts Foundation of Greater Rochester, Radisson Rochester Riverside Hotel, 585-598-4580 or chervonakalyna@uafgr.org
- February 12 St. Petersburg, FL Crepe (Nalysnyky) breakfast, Ukrainian National Women's League of America - Branch 124, Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, www.unwla.org
- February 5 Whippany, NJ Super Bowl Party, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-585-7175 or www.facebook.com/uaccnj
- February 18 Chicago Mardi Gras cocktail party, Ukrainian National Museum Young Professionals, Ukrainian National Museum, 312-421-8020 or admin@ukrainiannationalmuseum.org
- February 5 Miami, FL Performance by "Vidrada," "Beauty and Optimism," Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church hall, 305-798-0190 or oksanajp@gmail.com
- February 19 Colebrook, CT Winterfest, Bobriwka campground, www.bobriwka.org
- February 7 New York Presentation by Oxana Blashkiv, "Ukrainian Scholars in American Slavic Studies: The Case of George Y. Shevelov and Dmytro Chyzhevskyj" Columbia University, ma2634@columbia.edu
- February 23 New York Presentation by Andrei Kurkov, "Ukraine as a Novel with Strong Plot and Weak Characters," Columbia University, 212-854-4697 or ma2634@columbia.edu
- February 10 Whippany, NJ Book presentation by Alex Motyl, "The Jew Who Was Ukrainian," Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, www.uaccnj.org or 973-585-7175

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Tuesday, February 7

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noon in Room 1219, International Affairs Building, 420 W. 118th St. For more information contact Dr. Mark Andryczyk at 212-854-4697 or ma2634@columbia.edu.

Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11

NEWARK, N.J.: St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark is sponsoring a Pre-Cana conference on Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for everyone who is planning a wedding in a Ukrainian Catholic Church, regardless of city or state. The conference will feature lectures by qualified specialists: a priest, a psychologist, a physician, an attorney/financial planner and several life coaches. Cost: \$150 per couple. To register or for more information call the parish office, 973-371-1356, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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