

In This Issue

AMNHYE KIANK SHABATATERT

USA ARMENIAN LIFE Magazine

Honorary Publisher
RITA V. JABARIAN

Executive Publisher & Managing Editor
APPO K. JABARIAN

Contributing Editor Emeritus
HRANT SIMONIAN

Assistant Managing Editors
KARINE MKRTUMYAN, ANITA SOOKIASIAN,
ARGEN NAZARYAN, DIANA ASLAN,
RIMA GEVORKIAN

Youth Forum:
PAULINE TORABIAN, NATHALIE NOURIAN,
JIRAIR KHOROZIAN, LIANA AGHAJANIAN

Editorial Advisory Board
A. JABARIAN, ALBERT HOFMANN,
K. KOUYOUMJIAN, MICHAEL WILLIAMS
MAURICE SOUDJIAN,
BIANCA BAGATOURIAN

Contributors
HARUT SASSOUNIAN
BIANCA BAGATOURIAN
HERBERT MOLANO
ALBERT HOFMANN
MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Advertising Sales
Hye Media Ad Agency 818-241-5777

AMNHYE KIANK Armenian Weekly-USA ARMENIAN LIFE Magazine USPS# (020-696) is published weekly by TRI MEDIA CO. 2450 Crystal St., Los Angeles CA 90039, Annual subscription (52 weekly issues): \$40 in California; \$50 in U.S.A.; US\$100 in Canada; \$250 foreign countries.

AMNHYE KIANK SHABATATERT - UUSA ARMENIAN LIFE Magazine is an English language independent publication serving the Armenian-American communities in California and elsewhere. Signed articles express the views of their authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of AMN HYE KIANK SHABATATERT-USA ARMENIAN LIFE Magazine. Periodical Postage paid at Los Angeles, CA 90052-9998. POSTMASTER send address changes to:

AMNHYE KIANK Armenian Weekly
USA ARMENIAN LIFE Magazine
P. O. Box 1339, Glendale, CA 91209-1339
Tel.: (818)-241-5777; Fax: (818)-241-7929



EMBASSY OF REP. OF ARMENIA -USA
2225 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008
Tel. (202) 319-1976 Fax (202) 319-2982

EMBASSY OF REP. OF ARMENIA -CAN
130 Albert Street, Suite 1006, Ottawa
(Ontario) K1P 5G4
Tel. (613) 234-3710 Fax (613) 234-3444

REP. OF ARMENIA PERM. MISSION TO UN
119 E. 36th Street New York, NY 10016
Tel: (212) 686-9079 Fax: (212) 686-3934
CONSULATE GENERAL OF

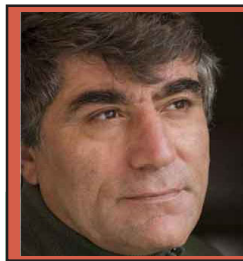
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA-Los Angeles
50 N. La Cienga Bl., # 210, Bev. Hills, CA 90211
Tel.: (310) 657-6102 Fax:(310) 657-7419



Nagorno Karabagh Republic
NKR aka ARTSAKH
ARMENIAN REPUBLIC
Independent since January 6, 1992

NKR Public Affairs Office
122 C Street, NW Suite 360, Washington, DC 20001
Tel: (202) 347-5166 Fax: (202) 347-5168

Please e-mail your
letter to editor to:
armenlife@pacifinet.net



**Fighting
for free
speech in
Turkey**

5



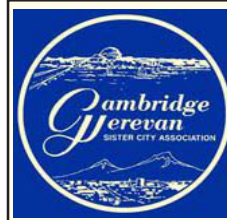
**Turks can
only Blame
Themselves
For not
Joining the
European
Union**

7



**ADL's
Abe
Foxman
Disputes
Criticism
on
Armenian
Genocide**

8



**Cambridge-
Yerevan Sister
City
Association
Receives Grant**

12



**JOINT COMMEMORATIVE
GENOCIDE WORSHIP
SERVICE**

14



**Armenia Fund
Upgrades Yerevan
Nork and Kanaker-
Zeitun Hospitals**

16



**Tigranakert
project
threatened by
lack of
finances**

19



**New Buzz in
Mobile Service:
ArmenTel
becomes Beeline**

23



**Fare
Treatment:
New taxi laws
not yet ready
for traffic**

28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 22 23

HOROSCOPE 24

CLASSIFIED ADS 26 27

Armenia: A View From Yerevan

On April 5, I embarked on a journalistic mission to Armenia. Besides attending the presidential inauguration of President-Elect Serge Sargsyan, I had planned go solo deep into the fabric of the Armenian society as much as possible. (Long gone are the Soviet days when an individual like my self would be "befriended" by a "guide" - most probably an undercover KGB agent - from the long-defunct Soviet Intourist tourism agency).

On several occasions, in early morning and during late night hours, I ventured out onto the streets and into the taxis all by myself.

I am glad that I kindly declined several invitations by long-time friends to go to the numerous tourist locales. I had decided that during my one week of stay, alas very short one, I would attempt to interact with as many members of the Armenian society as possible.

By the end of my stay, I had already taken 23 short and very short (a few blocks-long) taxi rides, striking a conversation with all the taxi drivers that gave me rides. Thanks to the moderate to heavy traffic in the bustling streets and boulevards of Yerevan, those few blocks of rides lasted long enough for me to delve into meaningful brief "interviews."

Besides seeing a segment of old friends, I met 45 new acquaintances. They included several walkers-by, restaurant servers, shopkeepers, bakers, students, senior citizens, office clerks, actors, artists, teachers, some fellow journalists, friends' friends and others.

Nearly seventy percent of my interlocutors were either employed or self-employed. About twenty percent were unemployed (The national unemployment rate is higher in the regions outside Yerevan). And the remaining 10% were retired citizens.

To their credit, most of my Armenian conversationalists were very outspoken about their personal opinions even during the presence of a "perfect stranger" like myself.

The initial question presented to them was "Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future under the president-elect Serge Sargsyan?"

The following results are in no way a comprehensive picture of the social and economic of situation entire country.

Despite the fact that, overall, eighty percent agreed that there several social and economic injustices, sixty eight percent of them expressed guarded optimist. Their optimism was

preconditioned by their expectation that President Serge Sargsyan's administration will speed up the rooting out of the corruption, and will introduce a higher level of transparency in the government bureaucracy.

The remaining twenty percent expressed pessimism. Of those pessimist citizens, nearly half expressed willingness to re-evaluate their position if President Sargsyan carries out a mere 25% of his plans presented in his acceptance speech during the special session of the Armenian National Assembly. The remaining ten percent stuck to their position in support of Ter-Petrosyan.

The overwhelming majority expressed disapproval of the riots and the actions of their instigators, Ter-Petrosyan's supporters.

Soon, more details and photos will be featured in a future issue of the twin publications of USA Armenian Life Magazine and Hye Kiank Armenian Weekly.

Ter-Petrosyan: Armenia's No. 1 National Security Threat

An eyebrow-raising report has been recently published in Hayots Ashkharh and `Golos Armenii' dailies in Armenia. The report revealed that a secret meeting and a set of negotiations between former President Levon Ter-Petrosyan and the leader of `Grey Wolves' (`Nationalistic Movement' Party) Alparslan Tyurkesh took place in March 1993. The Turkish `Grey Wolves' are known for their ferocious animosity toward the Armenians, Greeks, Jews, Turkish Muslims, Assyrians, Iranians, Daghestanis, Arabs, Kurds, and the Alevis.

Despite the uncovering of several important details of the meeting in Hotel Grillon in Concord Square in Paris, several others remain unknown.

12 years after that meeting, Turkish `Milliet' published series of articles in March and April, 2005 regarding the contacts and deals between Alparslan Tyurkesh and his son Tughrul Tyurkesh and former Pres. Ter-Petrosyan and his older brother Telman Ter-Petrosyan.

On April 12, Hayots Ashkharh wrote that according to

Continued on page 3



APPO K. JABARIAN
Executive Publisher
& Managing Editor