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Kyiv policy center's study looks at “Ukraine's Futures”

by Mark Raczkiewicz

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KYIV – Ukraine in 10 years will see its economy steadily grow its integration with the European Union intensify and its demographic landscape deteriorate. Its non-aligned neutrality dominate in foreign policy, yet it still will be significantly influenced by Russia.

These “foresights” were recently published in a policy paper titled “Ukraine's Futures” by the Institute of World Policy, which analyzed 68 studies from Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian academia, research institutes, think tanks and experts. The Kyiv policy center used methodology designed by the Hague Center for Strategic Studies, including specially crafted computer software to ensure objectivity and present a dispassionate overview of the bandwidth of views about Ukraine's future.

Overall, 35 percent of the analyzed studies were in the Ukrainian language, 38 percent in English and 25 percent in Russian. Curiously, only three of the 17 selected Russian-language studies were penned by Russian authors.

Ukrainian-language studies were the most upbeat about the nation's economic future. They said Ukraine's economy would boom in the next 10 years, driven by technological development. However, the majority of the other sources projected “slow” economic growth, though none said the country's economy would stagnate.

Investment into industry and communication will receive significant attention. Though Ukraine's agricultural sector is perceived as the primary division of the economy that will experience develop-

ment, investment into that potentially lucrative sector was seen as negligible.

“This could be explained by general global trends,” said Alyona Hetmanchuk, director of Institute of World Policy. “Investment usually comes in the services or industry. Agriculture is not so attractive to potential investors, as it requires vast input and fails to guarantee big profits.”

The policy paper said infrastructure, industry, services and construction were comparatively less mentioned in terms of significant development.

All the studies said the European Union is likely to be the dominant vector of Ukraine's development. However, the 20-year old state will most likely remain neutral, eschewing North Atlantic Treaty Organization accession or other alliances.

“The current ‘non-bloc’ policy doesn't match either common sense or international law: foreign politicians still can't figure out what ‘non-bloc’ status means because NATO is not a bloc,” said Ms. Hetmanchuk. She added: “But the truth is that most analysts expect ‘neutral’ development of Ukraine.”

Noneless, many scenarios regarding Ukraine's non-alignment, perceive this policy trend as something temporary and dependent on political context. For example, Russia strongly opposes Ukraine's cooperation with NATO, although the scope and reach of its cooperation with the alliance is much deeper than Ukraine's. It considers Ukraine as part of its “sphere of influence.”

Not surprisingly, the political arena remains unclear, according to the majority of studies.

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Ukraine's ambassador addresses business leaders in New York



Matthew Dubas

Ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S. Olexander Motsyk (center) recalls Ukraine's achievements during its 20 years of independence, as Charles O'Neill (left), partner in Chadbourne and Parke LLP, and Consul General of Ukraine in New York Serhii Pohoreltsev listen.

by Matthew Dubas

NEW YORK – More than 50 representatives of American businesses attended a luncheon on July 29 at the law offices of Chadbourne & Parke, located in Rockefeller Plaza. The event was hosted by Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States Olexander Motsyk, and was co-sponsored by the Embassy of Ukraine and the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC).

The purpose of the event was to alleviate foreign investment concerns and to show the wide range of investment opportunities in Ukraine.

This was the second such luncheon hosted this year; a similar luncheon was held on July 14 in Washington.

The discussion was opened by E. Morgan Williams, president of the

USUBC, who thanked Chadbourne & Parke for allowing the luncheon to be hosted at its offices and for the work of its office partner in Kyiv, Slava Johnson Charles O'Neill, a partner of the law firm, welcomed the participants to the luncheon.

Ambassador Motsyk opened his address by recalling the first time he came to New York, and how he subsequently fell in love with the city. He thanked the participants, organizers and the law offices of Chadbourne & Parke for making events like this possible.

The ambassador noted that this year marks the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence and underscored its record as a peaceful nation, although it once had the third largest nuclear arsenal in the world. Ukraine surrendered its nuclear

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UWC president visits Ukrainians in Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic



UWC

Ukrainian World Congress President Eugene Czolij among Ukrainian community members during a public meeting in Bucharest, Romania.

UWC

TORONTO – The president of the Ukrainian World Congress, Eugene Czolij, in late June and early July paid a visit to Ukrainian communities in Romania, Hungary and the Czech Republic to become acquainted with their activities and to report on the work of the UWC.

On June 27-28, the UWC President visited Romania, home to 62,000 Ukrainians. During his stay in Bucharest, he became acquainted with the Ukrainian community and had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Romanian government and Parliament to discuss issues of relevance to Ukrainians.

On June 27, Mr. Czolij met with

Stefan Buciuta, a deputy of Parliament and president of the Association of Ukrainians in Romania (AUR); Mr. Buciuta's advisor, Myroslav Petrecky; and an inspector of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Elvira Codrea. Their discussions focused on the various aspects of local Ukrainian community life and the activities of the coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in Romania, the AUR.

That same day Mr. Czolij presented the work of the UWC to Ukrainians from Bucharest and the surrounding areas who were in attendance at a community meeting. The meeting was chaired by the

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ANALYSIS

Ukraine starts upgrading gas pipelines, hoping for assistance from EU

by Pavel Korduban
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Ukraine has launched the first stage of a long-planned project to upgrade its pipelines, which carry Russian gas to Europe. As the cash-strapped national oil and gas behemoth, Naftohaz Ukrainy, has no money for an upgrade costing billions of dollars, Ukraine will rely on assistance from the end consumer, the European Union, while the supplier, Russia, remains an onlooker – at least for the time being.

In order to qualify for European assistance, Ukraine will have to meet the EU condition to start restructuring Naftohaz. If this occurs, it will be difficult for Moscow to take control over Naftohaz's pipelines.

On July 19 Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov attended a ceremony to launch the first stage of a project to upgrade the Ukrainian section of the Urengoy-Pomary-Uzhhorod pipeline. Work on the pipeline, which carries gas from Western Siberia to the EU, should be completed within three years. The Ukrainian govern-

ment estimates the first-stage cost at \$539 million, of which \$231 million is to be contributed by Naftohaz and the rest is expected from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) (Interfax-Ukraine, July 19).

Kyiv estimates the total cost of the project to upgrade its pipelines at \$6.5 billion, and it should take at least seven years to implement (Ukrayinska Pravda, July 25).

Simultaneously, Naftohaz Ukrainy signed a memorandum with the EBRD, according to which the EBRD and the EIB would lend \$154 million each for the first stage. A final agreement, according to which the loans should be issued for 15 years under state guarantees, could be signed later this year if the EBRD's consultants from Mott MacDonald approve the Ukrainian government's project for the modernization of the gas transit network, the EBRD representative Anton Usov said. The EBRD's London headquarters will

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Astronaut from Ukraine sad to see end of U.S. space shuttle program



On December 5, 1997, Payload Specialist Leonid Kadenyuk (left) of the National Space Agency of Ukraine (NSAU), greets NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin (right), as back-up Payload Specialist Yaroslav Pustovyi, also of NSAU, looks on. STS-87 landed that day, after a 15-day, 16-hour and 34-minute-long mission of 6.5 million miles.

RFE/RL

KYIV – Leonid Kadenyuk, the only Ukrainian citizen to fly into space on a U.S. space shuttle, has expressed regret at the end of the 30-year-old space program, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service reports.

"I am sorry that this period is ending. These shuttles could have done a lot more interesting and valuable work in exploring space," Mr. Kadenyuk told RFE/RL in an interview on July 21 from his home in Kyiv.

Mr. Kadenyuk made his flight on NASA's Columbia in 1997. He said preparation for the flight and the flight itself was "the most interesting period of my life."

The space shuttle program ended on July 21 when the Atlantis landed in Florida, marking the last of the 135 space shuttle missions.

Mr. Kadenyuk, 60, is a former Soviet pilot who was selected for the Soviet cosmonaut team in 1976. However, he made

his first and only flight into space only after Ukraine became independent and the U.S. government decided to support a joint space mission.

While aboard the Columbia space shuttle, Mr. Kadenyuk conducted experiments designed to study how a weightless environment affects plant growth and biomass. Mr. Kadenyuk orbited the earth 252 times, logging a total of 15 days, 16 hours and 34 minutes in space.

Mr. Kadenyuk regrets that no Ukrainian citizen was able to follow him into space. He puts part of the blame on the Ukrainian authorities who, in his view, are currently using only "3 to 5 percent" of Ukraine's space industry potential.

Commenting on the end of the U.S. space shuttle program, Mr. Kadenyuk said it was commercially unfeasible and there were questions regarding the safety of the flights, but overall "these shuttles have done an immense [amount of] work in space exploration."

NEWSBRIEFS

Yulia's lawyer studying case papers

KYIV – The Pechersk District Court judge presiding over the case of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko on August 2 gave her new defense attorney, Yuriy Sukhov, two days to review the case file. The decision was made by Judge Rodion Kireyev after consideration of the defense's petition for eight weeks to study the case. According to Mr. Sukhov, "a proper preparation for defense" requires seven weeks for reading case materials and a week for analysis. But the public prosecution said that all defenders of Ms. Tymoshenko had been given enough time to study the case materials. After the announcement of the decision Judge Kireyev adjourned the hearing until 10 a.m. August 4. On August 1 the court heard testimony from a former minister of transport and communication, Yosyp Vinsky, who noted that the directives of the government on signing gas contracts by Naftohaz Ukrainy are optional. In turn, former Defense Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov, when questioned noted that the directives of the Cabinet of Ministers Ukraine to sign the 2009 agreement with Russia on gas supply and transit were submitted for discussion by the government. He said he opposed the agreements and left the meeting in protest. A similar position was taken by some other members of the government; in the end, the directives were approved. On July 28 the court rejected a motion by the former prime minister to allow Serhii Vlasenko and two American lawyers, Mark Feldman and Roger Enoch, to defend her. Ms. Tymoshenko is accused of abuse of office during the signing of gas contracts with Russia in 2009 pursuant to Part 3 Article 365 of the Criminal Code (abuse of power). According to the court case, when signing the 2009 agreements with Russia, Ms. Tymoshenko caused losses of 1.5 billion hryvnia to the state. (Ukrinform)

Kamianets-Podilskyi tower collapses

KYIV – Bad weather has destroyed the historic New West Tower on the territory of the historical and architectural reserve Old Fortress in Kamianets-Podilskyi,

Khmelnytskyi Oblast. According to the press service of the regional emergency department, the destruction occurred in the evening on August 1 because of strong gusts of wind and rain. The municipal executive committee has set up a commission that will consider restoration and reconstruction of the tower. The Old Fortress of Kamianets-Podilskyi is one of the most famous monuments of Ukraine's fortifications. Construction of the fortress began in the 12th century. It comprises 11 towers, each having its own name and history. The New West Tower was built in the 16th century. (Ukrinform)

EBRD funds Chernobyl projects

KYIV – The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development decided to allocate an additional 70 million euros for implementation of Chernobyl recovery projects. A draft resolution of the EBRD board was unanimously approved on July 26, the press service of Ukraine's Ministry of Finance reported. Previously, the EBRD had allocated 120 million euros following the Chernobyl donors' conference in Kyiv in April. Now, as a result of the donors' conference in Kyiv and additional commitments undertaken by France, the United States, Russia, the European Union and the EBRD, the financial requirements for implementation of Chernobyl projects – which cost 740 million euros – have been covered completely, the Ministry of Finance indicated. (Ukrinform)

AeroSvit pilots conduct strike

KYIV – More than five flights by AeroSvit were delayed as Boeing-737 pilots went on strike, the air carrier said in a statement on August 1.

As of that morning, flights to Moscow, Hamburg, Odesa, Athens and other cities were being delayed. Incoming flights to Boryspil International Airport were not delayed. The air carrier said that the strike is due to salary cuts; negotiations were under way between the pilots' trade union and the company's administration. The press service of AeroSvit Ukrainian

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NEWS ANALYSIS

U.S. imposes visa bans on Russian officials connected to Magnitsky death

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The United States has imposed visa bans on Russian officials connected to the 2009 prison death of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, whose case has come to symbolize corruption and the state of human rights in Russia.

In doing so, the administration of President Barack Obama looks to heed lawmakers' calls for Washington to take action, while minimizing potential damage to the "reset" of relations with Moscow.

The announcement was made quietly to congressmen in the administration's written reaction to a Senate bill that seeks broader sanctions – both visa bans and asset freezes – against the officials. The bill would also pave the way for the United States to take similar action in other cases, and has provoked the ire of Moscow.

A Congressional source familiar with the matter told RFE/RL that the administration statement said that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton "has taken steps to ban individuals associated with the wrongful death of Sergei Magnitsky from traveling to the United States."

It specified that the individuals are "already flagged in the visa-adjudication system used by visa officers."

Looking for justice

Citing senior U.S. officials, The Washington Post said the blacklist did not cover all 60 people identified as responsible in the Senate bill.

That list was first compiled with the help of William Browder, the CEO of the investment firm Hermitage Capital, which Mr. Magnitsky represented.

Since the lawyer's death, and while the top officials on the list remain unpunished at home, Mr. Browder has led a campaign to seek justice outside of Russia.

"I think at this point, there is nothing [Russia] can do to avoid sanctions of peo-

ple who are involved in torture and murder," Mr. Browder told RFE/RL's Russian Service after learning of the visa bans.

"I think that what they can do in terms of not having this happen in any other case is to clean up their judicial system and prosecute all these people. I mean, it is absurd that the United States says, 'These people are torturers and murderers, they can't come into our country.' And in Russia, these same people are being promoted and given state honors and with no consequence at all to their crime."

In 2008, Mr. Magnitsky was arrested after implicating top officials from Russia's Internal Affairs Ministry, Federal Security Service and other agencies in a complex scheme to defraud the government of \$230 million.

He died in 2009 after nearly a year in pretrial detention, during which he was repeatedly denied medical care. A report on Mr. Magnitsky's death issued last

carefully balancing its interests in issuing the visa bans.

He said the move might be a way to take the Magnitsky issue "out of Congress's hands," and as a result, avoid additional damage that the more far-reaching Senate bill could inflict on the "reset."

The administration feels it "doesn't need Congress to tell it who to put on a visa ban list; it can do that itself. It didn't like the notion that these things were supposed to be made public, because, of course, that's not U.S. policy – we don't make visa-ban names public," Mr. Rojansky said. "And, generally, it doesn't like the notion that Congress is going to be running its Russia policy at a sensitive time in the relationship."

Mr. Rojansky said that by quietly imposing the visa bans, and perhaps on only some of the officials listed in the Senate bill, the administration is taking

against countries like Iran, North Korea and Libya, and sanction them at the same time."

The statement adds that Russian cooperation on the transit of supplies to Afghanistan could also be jeopardized by passage of the "Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act."

It remains to be seen whether that warning, coupled with the visa ban, is enough to dilute strong bipartisan support for the bill.

Mr. Rojansky also notes that the administration must win the support of Congress in order to remove trade restrictions on Russia and allow it to join the World Trade Organization – a move Mr. Obama has vowed to pursue as the next step in the "reset."

The administration could be wagering, Mr. Rojansky said, that enacting the visa bans will win some lawmakers' support.

More to come?

Those considerations aside, Hermitage Capital's Mr. Browder said the U.S. move set a precedent for the European Union, Canada, the Netherlands and others to follow.

"We've been in touch with a number of other countries all over Europe, and I would expect that because the United States has done this, it gives everybody else the confidence to do it as well," he said.

"And you'll see many other countries doing this. I don't think that these 60 people who killed Sergei Magnitsky or were involved in this terrible crime will be able to travel much, other than to really uncivilized places in the future."

Moscow has not yet commented on the visa ban.

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By quietly imposing visa bans, the Obama administration is taking action without making it a "blunt instrument against Russia."

– Matthew Rojansky of the Carnegie Endowment

month by the Kremlin's human rights council said the lawyer had also been severely beaten before dying.

Amid international outrage, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev fired 20 prison officials after Mr. Magnitsky's death. Last week authorities launched criminal investigations against two others. However, the top officials implicated by Mr. Magnitsky have been given promotions.

Interests To Balance

Matthew Rojansky, the deputy director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment, a Washington think tank, says the Obama administration is

action without making it a "blunt instrument against Russia."

Russian opposition to the Senate bill was on full display in June, when lawmakers in Moscow introduced a retaliatory bill into the Duma that would ban visas and freeze assets of foreigners deemed to have violated the rights of Russian citizens.

More ominously, The Washington Post quoted the administration's announcement of the visa bans as saying: "Senior Russian government officials have warned us that they will respond asymmetrically if this [Senate] legislation passes. Their argument is that we cannot expect them to be our partner in supporting sanctions

GRU behind bomb incident at U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that a Russian military intelligence officer based in Abkhazia commissioned the bomb blast outside the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi and other bomb explosions during 2010 in Georgia.

The Obama administration has accepted this conclusion, and attempted to discuss the Embassy bombing incident at high diplomatic levels with Moscow. The administration kept the Russian-ordered blast at its embassy under tight wraps of secrecy until now, so as to protect its Russia "reset" policy across the bilateral agenda, which looks increasingly like a reset-at-all-costs.

It was not until The Washington Times' Eli Lake broke the story in a three-part investigative report (July 22, 27, 29) that Obama administration officials publicly acknowledged the September 22, 2010, bomb incident at its Tbilisi Embassy. The officials, however, spoke anonymously and in the wider context of addressing multiple challenges to the Russia-reset policy.

On July 28, the U.S. National Intelligence Council (the analytical arm

of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence) provided the Intelligence Committees of both chambers of Congress with a second analysis, following up to the December 2010 analysis of the September 2010 incident. Both analyses drew on a variety of inputs, including those from Georgian counterintelligence.

The basic conclusion is that Maj. Yevgeny Borisov of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Agency (GRU), stationed on a military base in Abkhazia, coordinated the planting of about a dozen low-yield bombs in Georgia during 2010, including that outside the U.S. Embassy (another bomb outside the Embassy was detected and defused).

Maj. Borisov operated from Abkhazia through a few agents recruited inside Georgia, at least one of whom has been in pre-trial detention since December 2010 in Tbilisi. Several of the bombs, including those at the U.S. Embassy, were made to look innocuous by using candy-box packaging.

A blunder helped to confirm Maj. Borisov's already suspected role. On his behalf, his deputy telephoned the European Union's Monitoring Mission (EUMM, in Georgia's interior, with a hotline to the Russian military), offering

to help with the casualties of a bomb explosion that had supposedly occurred on the railway bridge near Poti, Georgia's Black Sea commercial port. However, the field agent had falsely reported to Maj. Borisov by mobile telephone minutes earlier that the bomb had exploded. In fact, Georgian counterintelligence was tracking that agent and defused the bomb.

The Georgians intercepted at least two telephone calls from field agents inside Georgia to Maj. Borisov's office, immediately following explosions. Georgian authorities put six suspects on trial in December 2010. Maj. Borisov and his deputy, GRU officer Mukhran Tskhadaia, were sentenced in absentia to long prison terms. The investigation established that Maj. Borisov's office supplied the explosive material (Hexogen, known as Cyclonit or RDX in the West) and paid those agents.

Following the U.S. intelligence community's December 2010 analysis, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton raised this issue with Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergei Lavrov, in February and July of this year, on the sidelines of signing the START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) agreement and a child adoption agreement, respectively.

The U.S. administration failed to inform the public about the incident at its Tbilisi Embassy. It disclosed Secretary Clinton's approach to Minister Lavrov only after the story had surfaced in Washington. When this occurred, the Russian side had not deny the incident.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister and State Secretary Grigory Karasin, told Russian media: "We have conducted a professional investigation. Considering the sensitivity of the matter, both the American and the Georgian sides have been informed of the results" (Interfax, July 28). This sounds as a semi-admission of Russian responsibility for the incident.

Obama administration officials, speaking to the press without nominal attribution, downplay the incident in two ways. First, there is no full inter-agency consensus about a direct responsibility of the GRU at the high levels of that organization. Perhaps Maj. Borisov was operating as a rogue agent, these officials speculate aloud. Second, the incident at the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi has more to do with Russia-Georgia than with Russia-U.S. relations, and "it pokes the Georgians in the eye, not the U.S." (EurasiaNet, The

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Ukrainian court rejects 'hero' status for nationalist leaders

RFE/RL

KYIV – Ukraine's High Administrative Court has ruled that former President Viktor Yushchenko illegally bestowed "Hero of Ukraine" status on two Ukrainian independence leaders from the World War II era, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service reports.

The ruling in Kyiv on August 2 supports verdicts by two lower courts in Donetsk that Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists leader Stepan Bandera and underground Ukrainian insurgent army head Roman Shukhevych should not have been designated "heroes" by President Yushchenko in 2007 and 2010, respectively.

Bandera and Shukhevych fought against the Nazis and the Soviet Army during World War II and for several years afterwards. Considered heroes by many Ukrainians, others consider them traitors

for fighting against Soviet soldiers.

Opposition organizations expressed anger at the latest court decision and said they will appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

Some supporters of Bandera and Shukhevych said that, even though the two were stripped of official hero status, they will nevertheless be considered heroes by Ukrainians.

The High Administrative Court's ruling was based on the argument that neither Bandera nor Shukhevych were Ukrainian citizens.

Western Ukraine – where both Shukhevych and Bandera were active during World War II – was then part of Poland, hence the citizenship issue.

About 100 supporters of Shukhevych and Bandera gathered in Kyiv on August 2 in front of the courthouse to show their

support for the two men to be allowed to maintain their official hero status.

Mr. Yushchenko's executive orders granting the "Hero of Ukraine" designation to Shukhevych and Bandera were challenged in Donetsk appellate courts, which ruled that the two men were ineligible for the state honor because they did not have Ukrainian citizenship.

Parliament member Andriy Parubiy called the court decisions "political."

He told RFE/RL he had hoped the hero status would be upheld by the administrative court, which had previously supported another of President Yushchenko's executive orders regarding the Ukrainian Insurgent Army's struggle for Ukrainian independence.

"Unfortunately, today we were very disenchanted with this decision," Mr. Parubiy said.

Political analyst Volodymyr Fesenko agreed that the court decision was political.

He said the government doesn't want to upset western Ukraine – which largely supports the hero status for the two men – by directly overruling that designation.

"They would much rather have the courts do their work for them," Mr. Fesenko said. "If there are any protests they can always say: this wasn't us, this was a court decision and we must respect it."

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37 miners killed in accidents in Luhansk, Donetsk oblasts

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Two separate mining accidents on July 29 in the Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts of Ukraine killed 37 miners in what was the largest mining catastrophe in Ukraine since 1997, when over 100 people died at the Zasiadko mine in Donetsk.

A powerful explosion rocked the Sukhodilsk-Eastern mine in the Luhansk Oblast of Ukraine early Friday, July 29. The death toll as of July 31 was 24, with two miners still missing and two hospitalized.

That same day, an elevator shaft collapsed at the Bazhanov coal mine in Makiyivka, Donetsk Oblast. The toll as of July 31 was 11 dead and four injured. Another 538 miners managed to return to the surface along reserve routes.

Bloomberg News reported on August 1 that rescue efforts at the two mines had been called off.

The blast at Sukhodilsk hit the mine at about 2 a.m. local time Friday, July 29, at a depth of 915 meters (0.6 miles), the Emergencies Ministry said. Investigators within a working group led by Ukraine's Energy and Coal Minister Yuriy Boiko were working on the scene of the accident to establish the cause of the explosion.

President Viktor Yanukovich ordered the government to form a commission to investigate the cause of the explosion and he ordered Prime Minister Mykola Azarov to provide assistance to the families of the people killed and suffered after the deadly blast.

Mr. Yanukovich also delivered his condolences to the families of those killed and traveled to the region to meet with them.

It was later announced by regional officials that preliminary investigations had determined the cause of the accident was an explosion of methane-air mixtures. Eleven search and rescue teams were involved in rescue operations. Meanwhile, the Procurator's Office in the Luhansk Oblast opened a criminal case over the explosion.

Speaking on July 29 at a meeting of the government commission investigating the blast at the Sukhodilsk-Eastern mine, President Yanukovich said that it is necessary to develop a program to protect the safety of miners. Mr. Yanukovich said he believes the program must be jointly developed by specialized authorities, managers and owners of the mines.

"We must work together to elaborate a program that would provide 100 percent fulfillment of all necessary measures to ensure the miners' safety," he underscored.

That day the president also met with the families of those killed in the powerful

explosion. "We will do everything possible to ease your pain, to help you survive the grief," Mr. Yanukovich said, according to presidential press office.

At the Bazhanov mine in Makiyivka, a 65-meter winch tower collapsed at 9:40 a.m. local time on Friday, July 29. Rescuers said they heard the voices of two miners coming from under the debris.

Prosecutors have opened a criminal case over the accident and an investigation is in progress. A response force led by Emergencies Minister Viktor Baloha was working at the scene of the accident.

Prime Minister Mykola Azarov on Sunday, July 31, visited both the Luhansk and Donetsk regions and personally conveyed condolences to the families of the victims, their relatives and friends. In Makiyivka he said the prognosis for the hospitalized victims' recovery is good.

Borys Hriaduschiy, the director at Donetsk Scientific and Research Coal Institute, said the accident at Bazhanov mine is unprecedented both for Ukraine and Europe. He explained that the coal

industry has 49 such winch towers and none of them has ever experienced such an accident.

Mr. Azarov said on Sunday, July 31, that the Bazhanov coalmine would be restored in 16 months, adding, "We will do our best to make it safe. A special commission headed by the prime minister was tasked with examining the state of load-bearing structures similar to the collapsed winch tower."

On August 1, First Vice-Minister of the Energy and Coal Industry Ihor Popovych said workers of the damaged Bazhanov coalmine would be temporarily employed at the Makiyivuhillia state company.

"According to preliminary information, all the people who work there will be employed by the Makiyivuhillia enterprise. ... There is understaffing at this company, so almost all will be provided with jobs useful for the enterprise," Mr. Popovych said, according to the press office of the Donetsk Oblast State Administration.

Mr. Yanukovich declared Sunday, July 31, a national day of mourning for the victims of deadly accidents at the Sukhodilsk-

Eastern mine in the Luhansk region and the Bazhanov coal mine in Makiyivka, Donetsk region.

The national flag of Ukraine was flown at half-mast on government buildings, state enterprises, institutions and organizations throughout Ukraine, as well as at Ukraine's foreign diplomatic missions and other institutions of Ukraine.

Public authorities and other agencies were told to cancel entertainment events, concerts and sports competitions, as well as to make appropriate changes to television and radio schedules.

Jose Manuel Pinto-Teixeira, the European Union's ambassador to Ukraine, delivered his condolences over the explosion at the Sukhodilsk-Eastern mine that left 17 dead and two injured, according to a statement posted on July 29 on the website of Luhansk State Oblast Administration. Condolences also came from Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

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Legal battle over Holodomor film continues

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – The legal battle over the documentary film "Holodomor: Ukraine's Genocide" continues. On June 20, filmmakers Bobby Leigh and Marta Tomkiw and their company, Holodomor the Movie, LLC, filed a countersuit against Eugenia Dallas, Luba Keske, Nestor Popowych and Walter Keske, producers and fund-raisers for the documentary. Ms. Dallas is also a survivor of the Holodomor, the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 in Ukraine.

On April 25, Ms. Dallas, Ms. Keske, Mr. Popowych and Mr. Keske had filed a contractual fraud suit against Mr. Leigh, the director of the film, and Ms. Tomkiw, producer, for failing to release the film. (See The Weekly, May 22.)

Now, Holodomor the Movie, LLC, Mr. Leigh and Ms. Tomkiw have filed a suit that alleges libel, slander, fraud, unfair competition and intentional interference with economic advantage on the part of the plaintiffs (and cross-defendants). In addition, the cross-complaint alleges both intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

In the libel section of their countersuit, Mr. Leigh and Ms. Tomkiw stated, in part:

"The Cross-Defendants have engaged in a public campaign to pressure, discredit, disgrace and humiliate Tomkiw and Leigh

and bring a negative light upon the film.

"On or about April and May 2011, the Cross-Defendants have caused written stories to be published in various media outlets including, but not limited to, the Hollywood Reporter, the Entertainment Law Digest and The Ukrainian Weekly newspaper defaming the Film, the Company, Leigh and Tomkiw."

As regards the allegations of fraud, the countersuit claims that Ms. Keske "made multiple oral representations that all right, title and interest in the film would be owned by Cross-Defendants," "that L. Keske planned and plotted to take control of the film once it was substantially completed," and "Once the film was nearly completed, on or about 2010, L. Keske began to pressure Cross-Complainants to give up right, title and interest in the film. Among other things, L. Keske demanded and caused donors to demand repayment of donations; L. Keske demanded and requested third parties to demand repayment of loans before any monies were due or owing; L. Keske defamed Cross-Complainants to mutual business contacts, film creative contributors, investors, potential audience members, associates, friends and church members both locally and in the Ukraine in order to prevent Cross-Complainants from completing and marketing the film."

Ms. Keske, executive producer of "Holodomor: Ukraine's Genocide," commented on July 14 about the Leigh-Tomkiw countersuit: "From the beginning, Nestor Popowych, Eugenia Dallas, Walter Keske and I have been attempting to resolve our ongoing dispute with Marta Tomkiw and Robert Leigh, and have been met with resistance by them with every suggestion on how to reach the goal of completing this documentary and distributing it as promised. This is just another example of how frustrating this whole process has been."

She added, "The countersuit by the defendants is without merit as it is designed to only prolong the litigation. The allegations contained in their pleading have no basis in fact. In the interest of the hundreds of investors and as an integral part of this community effort to bring this film out into the global arena, we will not only defend against it vigorously, but fully expect that the court will ultimately decide in our favor on all counts. We move forward with only one goal and that is to see that the Holodomor documentary will be finally released as was originally intended."

A case management conference has been scheduled by the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for August 23.



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"Justice" in Ukraine

"Today's Ukraine is comparable with the USSR in 1937 when innocent people were convicted, jailed and sometimes sent to their death. President Viktor Yanukovich is turning a European country of 47 million people into one giant gulag, into a concentration camp." That's what former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko told Andrew Osborn of The Daily Telegraph in a story published on July 15.

Perhaps those words are a bit hyperbolic, but they are not far from the truth.

Many observers in the West – including officials of the European Union and the United States, and representatives of NGOs – have pointed to the prosecution of the former prime minister on charges of abuse of office as selective prosecution and politically motivated. The European Parliament pointed to the "disproportionality of measures applied" in her case and that of Yuriy Lutsenko, once Ukraine's internal affairs minister, who also is charged with abuse of office and has been imprisoned – yes, imprisoned – since December of last year. What's more, as reported by our correspondent Mark Raczkiwycz from Kyiv, at least 10 other high-ranking officials from her former government are either in pre-trial detention or are facing criminal charges.

"When the senior leadership of an opposition party is the focus of prosecutions out of proportion with other political figures, this does create the appearance of a political motive," commented U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland on June 24.

"There is no credibility to these investigations anymore. It is just one charge after another against Yulia Tymoshenko until something sticks," said Freedom House President David Kramer at a July 7 conference in Washington on the future of governance in Ukraine. Addressing members of Ukraine's government who were present, he said: "When you go back or report back to your government, tell them to stop. This is outrageous! It is destroying Ukraine's prospects for real integration into the Euro-Atlantic community, and it is destroying your country's prospects for a real democratic future."

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pavlo Klimkin told that same conference the prosecution of political figures is part of a wider campaign of fighting corruption in Ukraine regardless of the party affiliation of those accused. Few in the audience, we venture to guess, bought his explanation. Presidential advisor Hanna Herman commented on July 20: "...we have said repeatedly that there is no political persecution in Ukraine"; the trials of former Prime Minister Tymoshenko and former Internal Affairs Minister Lutsenko "should not be over-politicized." She added: "A lot of high-ranking officials are being arrested and put in jail almost daily. The president is pursuing a course toward fighting corruption, and there is no need to make politics out of this." Few are likely to be convinced by her words.

The Tymoshenko trial has turned the courtroom into a circus. Remarkably (or maybe not...), Judge Rodion Kireyev, a 31-year-old with scant experience, is in charge of this high-profile case. He was appointed in April by President Viktor Yanukovich to the Pechersk District Court, which is known as the country's top political court. The scene inside the courtroom has been marked by sparring between the defendant and the judge, as well as mutual displays of disrespect (and that's putting it mildly); the ejection of Ms. Tymoshenko's supporters, as well as the defendant herself, from the courtroom; a merry-go-round of different defense attorneys; and more – events so incredible that they are almost implausible.

On July 28, a group of 29 Ukrainian intellectuals released a "Statement regarding the political persecution of Yulia Tymoshenko," which called the trial a "farce" and referred to both Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Lutsenko as political prisoners. The signatories wrote: "The revenge against Yulia Tymoshenko will clear the way for hundreds of thousands of other reprisals against people who are regarded as politically undesirable by the regime, ... against anyone who opposes Ukraine's slide toward the state of a feudal-criminal oligarchy, and those who oppose the destruction of the Ukrainian national identity. ... The Yulia Tymoshenko case concerns all of us. It is a Rubicon, right here and now. If the government crosses it, many of us will be tried tomorrow. Then, there will be nobody to write appeals and convene meetings. We will be crushed quietly and one by one."

This powerful statement must be heeded by the people of Ukraine, first and foremost, and by supporters of Ukraine worldwide. Justice in Ukraine today has become a travesty.

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Turning the pages back...

Last year, on August 10, 2010, the Vienna-based International Press Institute issued an open letter to President Viktor Yanukovich urging him to respect press freedom, citing "a climate of impunity" surrounding the increasing numbers of attacks on journalists.

Then came the disappearance of Vasyl Klymentyev, editor of *Novyi Styl*, a weekly newspaper based in Kharkiv, who was last seen on August 11, 2010. Mr. Klymentyev was a well-known critic of the authorities, and police suspected that he may have been killed.

Petro Matviyenko, a colleague of Mr. Klymentyev, told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service that he had met Mr. Klymentyev on August 11, 2010, to discuss photographs they'd taken of mansions belonging to regional tax chief Stanislav Denysiuk and other officials. Authorities said Mr. Klymentyev was last seen later that day getting into a BMW with an unknown man. Officials were investigating charges of "possible premeditated murder."

At about the same time, journalists were planning a strike on August 21, 2010, to protest the government's decision to withdraw the licenses of several television stations, including Channel 5 and TVi. Media watchdog Telekritika noted that those two television stations were the only independent and unbiased ones in Ukraine.

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COMMENTARY: Taking action against inaction in Belarus

by Robert Coalson

Opposition protesters in Belarus have impressed the world for weeks now as they come up with one imaginative way after another to demonstrate against the regime of President Alyaksandr Lukashenka.

Now it is the turn of the government to impress with its creativity. The Cabinet of Ministers has submitted to the country's rubber-stamp legislature amendments to the law on demonstrations that would make it illegal for people to gather "for a previously planned action or inaction."

In short, doing nothing in groups would be illegal in Belarus, if it were planned in advance.

Of course, the lack of a law against doing things like clapping one's hands in public has not prevented the authoritarian regime from arresting dozens of demonstrators and sentencing many of them to jail terms of up to two weeks. But now it seems the government is concerned about the problem these convictions pose for the rule of law in the country and is moving to fill the lacuna.

Sadly, it appears that already the protesters may have proven too clever for the government. After all, one recent protest involved having demonstrators set the alarms on their cellphones to ring at precisely 8 p.m. Judges will be hard-pressed to decide if having your alarm go off counts as either an action or an inaction.

The only result of passing this new law would be to make the government in Minsk look even more ridiculous than it already does. Needless to say, the bill has raised eyebrows at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which once again has had to remind Belarus of the "commitments" it has made to democratic development and human rights.

No laughing matter

This, of course, is not to in any way denigrate the courage of the protesters in Belarus. While the court proceedings in that country are farcical and this new legislative initiative is laughable, drawing the attention of the country's KGB is no laughing matter. And spending even a few days in a Belarusian jail is not a joke.

One Belarusian citizen, Alyaksandr Lyalikov, wrote about his interrogations in an essay published by RFE/RL: "I began to come unglued. My body somehow began to melt in my chair. My heart was beating out of control – I could see it pounding in my chest under my sweater. My palms were covered in a cold sweat. My mouth went dry, and my breath began to stink. My voice wavered and cracked. After more than three hours, the interrogation came to an end. ... As they were showing me out the door, they handed me a summons for the next day and promised they

would give me 'a good talking to' if I continued 'with this farce.'"

As is always the case in totalitarian regimes, living according to one's conscience takes an effort of bravery that very few can muster.

Despite the humorous bent of many creative protests in Belarus, the potential consequences are no joke.

I was reminded of Mr. Lyalikov's moving essay when I read the draft law on action and inaction. He ended his piece with these words:

"It is so hard to be a man in an unfree country. If you do nothing, you are a passive participant. If you try to do something, you are broken and turned into a traitor. It takes incredible courage and spiritual strength to escape this fate. Courage and strength that I lacked."

The innovative, Internet-driven protest actions dreamed up by the opposition in Belarus have turned this calculus on its head. They have opened up new avenues through which an increasing number of people are becoming willing to make a statement. Silence, applause, requesting (repeatedly) a popular song on state radio, the ringing of an alarm – all of these and more have become ways to say "no" to a government whose oppression has become so evident that the opposition no longer even needs slogans or demands.

Fertile imaginations

The proposed law outlawing organized action or inaction will not change the legal situation. Activists have been harassed, arrested and jailed without a law, and the regime will continue to do what it feels it must as the situation changes, regardless of what is written in the Criminal Code.

And such an artful law will certainly only spur the fertile imaginations of the protesters. One can almost imagine them now asking themselves: "How shall I mock thee? Let me count the ways."

But there is almost a refreshing honesty in this effort to bring utter lawlessness under the scope of the rule of law. The penalty for inaction will be the same as the penalty for action.

With it, President Lukashenka is admitting that his government sees as enemies all Belarusians who either take action or don't take action. The rest, I suppose, must be supporters.

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Cable, The New York Times, The Washington Times, July 27, 28, 29).

The first argument recalls the hesitant responses to Russian military moves during the 1990s in "frozen conflicts." At that time, U.S. officials tended to ascribe such moves to "rogue" or "free-lancing" Russian generals in the field, so as to exonerate Moscow and protect the White House's efforts to build special relations with the Kremlin leader. That thesis lacked credibility even during Boris

Yeltsin's presidency, let alone Vladimir Putin's. The second argument, implying that the blast at the US embassy in Tbilisi is mainly a Russia-Georgia matter, rather than Russia-US matter, is a thesis that rewards Moscow's attempts to separate the United States and Georgia from each other. Moscow is regularly testing Washington's capacity to stand up for US allies. Such tests can take overt and brutal forms, or (as in this case) a carefully calibrated form in Moscow's practice.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

UWC calls upon Yanukovich to stop anti-Ukrainian actions in Odesa

TORONTO – In response to requests made by leaders of Ukrainian organizations in Odesa, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) on July 21 sent a letter to President Viktor Yanukovich, with a copy to the Ukrainian Parliament's Human Rights Ombudsperson Nina Karpachova, expressing grave concern about the onset of Russification, the distortion of Ukraine's history, disrespect for the national cultural heritage of the Ukrainian nation, open anti-Ukrainian propaganda, the fueling of inter-ethnic animosities, and the exertion of physical and moral pressure on Ukrainian community activists in Odesa.

The UWC noted that the above-mentioned anti-Ukrainian and anti-constitutional actions and events in Odesa are also being reported by Ukrainian media outlets.

The UWC referred, in particular, to the practice in Odesa of stripping the Ukrainian language of its status as the sole state language and substituting Russian in its place. For example, in December 2010, Odesa municipal authorities, on the initiative of Oleksiy Kostusev, mayor of Odesa and a member of the Party of Regions, introduced Russian, by City Council decree, into the

municipality's administration, and city officials are now conducting city council meetings exclusively in Russian (<http://www.unian.net/ukr/news/news-410774.html>). In the same vein, city authorities resolved in June to strip all 124 local schools of their Ukrainian language status and designate them as bilingual instead (<http://www.unian.net/ukr/news/news-440089.html>).

The UWC stated that Odesa city councilors are blatantly disregarding and discouraging the recognition of the well-known figures in Ukrainian history. An obvious example of this was the decision, on February 28, by the city council to reject a request to erect a monument in Odesa to the last leader of the Zaporizhian Sich, Petro Kalnyshchuk. This decision reversed the previous approval, which was granted permission for the monument's construction. Incredibly, the main reason given for disallowing the monument to Petro Kalnyshchuk was that he was an enemy of the Russian empire.

In addition, the UWC focused attention on the uncivilized broadcasts by the television station ATV in Odesa, which

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Host families needed for legislative fellows

Dear Editor:

I am writing in order to help identify potential host families (or individuals) for members of a group of Legislative Fellows scheduled to arrive in the United States in mid-September from Ukraine, Russia and Georgia.

In collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCLES) is placing 34 Legislative Fellows from Ukraine, Russia and Georgia in government themed mini-fellowships across the country from September 18 to October 20.

The Legislative Fellows will be traveling to the United States as part of the federally funded Legislative Fellows Program (LFP). Initiated in 2005, under the auspices of the Legislative Education and Practice program, the LFP offers talented and promising young professionals from the three countries the opportunity to gain practical experience in, and exposure to, the U.S. government and the American political process.

LFP Fellows are competitively-selected public servants age 25-35 drawn from diverse backgrounds. They are college educated (many have advanced degrees in law or international studies), have solid professional qualifications, and speak fluent English as demonstrated by a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam. They are eager to learn how Americans address a range of political issues so that they may better their own societies.

Work sites have already been identified for the incoming Legislative Fellows but now it is necessary to identify host families and/or individuals in many of the cities to which they will be assigned.

Host families are needed for fellows to

be placed in; Washington (Ukrainian, Georgian, Russian), Chicago (Ukrainian, Russian, Georgian), New Orleans (Ukrainian), Harrisburg, Pa. (Ukrainian), Olympia, Wash. (Ukrainian), Springfield, Ill. (Ukrainian), Boston (Russian), Albany, N.Y. (Russian), New York, (Russian, Georgian).

The hosting commitment is for the period of September 18 – October 20. Host "parent(s)" must be at least 30 years of age; able to provide room and board (two meals a day during the week and three on weekends; fellows have money for lunches); accessibility to public transportation; and have an interest in intercultural exchange. English speakers at home are strongly preferred. Unfortunately, the Legislative Fellows Program is not able to reimburse host families for any costs they incur or for their support.

Fellows receive a roundtrip ticket from their home country, medical insurance, a modest stipend, and an allowance for public transportation.

I would be happy to provide additional materials that provide more details about the Legislative Fellows Program or to answer any questions readers might have. Readers may contact me at: 301-270-6477, ext. 11, kbossong@hotmail.com or kbossong614@yahoo.com. Or they may contact Leslie Ryan, the program manager for the Legislative Fellows Program at American Councils, at 202-833-7522 or LRyan@americancouncils.org. You can also find information online at <http://apps.americancouncils.org/lfp>.

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The things we do...

by Orysia Paszczak Tracz

Kyiv – whatta city!

PART I

Kyiv is such an amazing, wonderful, fascinating city. It is enormous and so full of history and culture. A month or two of wandering would not be enough!

So where do we start? You will hit all the important places on your own – Pecherska Lavra (Monastery of the Caves), St. Sophia, St. Michael's the Golden-Domed Cathedral, Zoloti Vorota (Golden Gates), the maidan (Independence Square), Vydubychi Monastery, the National Gallery of Art, the museums (history, natural history and archaeology, Shevchenko, Chernobyl, and so many others), Andriyivskyi Uzviz the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, and on and on. This is "Ridna Shkola" reality, as my sons said the first time they were there.

Then you'll need to stop and eat. There are more than enough fine restaurants in the city, with everything from Italian and Irish to Vietnamese and Mongolian. Check out the city guide magazines. Here are some quick suggestions.

The chain Puzata Khata (puzo = fat belly; khata=house) will keep you fed with minimal damage to your wallet. There is one location right off 15 Khreschatyk at the beginning of the Passage, and another in the Podil district, at the bottom of Andriyivsky Uzviz (St. Andrew's Descent); there are seven locations in all in the city). Try not to come during rush hour, as the line-ups are long. And if you're a fan of "deruny" (potato pancakes), they are served only until 11 a.m. as part of breakfast.

A pretty place is O'Panas (great pun), in the park across from Kyiv University near the Shevchenko statue. Ask nicely if they would change the music from Russian to Ukrainian – at least while you're dining. There was Kozak Mamai just off Khreschatyk, with its handsome Kozak waiters, but the place is now another bank. But, with the present financial situation, maybe it will revert back to a restaurant?

Tsarske Selo, just past the bus loop at the Honchar Museum and Pecherska Lavra, has a lovely décor and the food is all right. The entertainment is a Ukrainian folk ensemble, but the personnel speak Russian. And the USSR Café next door, with service staff wearing Komsomol scarves "in an exotic setting," would really make you want to lose either your appetite or your lunch. Imagine a Third Reich restaurant with all its trappings. Same difference.

For fast food stops, you can try out Shvydko (quickly), Mister Snak (a sandwich bar), Egoyist (great pun, as "yisty" is to eat), and many others. There are a number of ersatz Ukrainian folk-style cafés and restaurants for the tourist – atmosphere, food, entertainment – but you get the impression it's all for show, and they'd rather speak to you in Russian.

If you indulge in McDonald's at home, you will not get homesick. There are about seven locations in Kyiv. I could not help but wonder if all the beautiful and very slim young people crowding this chain will still be slim in a year or two. And there are many pizzerias.

The supermarkets are all over, with many wonderful things, including instant borsch packets, wild-mushroom-flavored potato chips (my favorite) and great varieties of spirits. Karpatskyi chai, or Carpathian tea, comes in a variety of natural flavors – my favorite is karpatski yahody (Carpathian berries) and vyshnia (sour cherry). I always make sure to pack a large assort-

ment to take home (you cannot mail tea).

I love Velyka Kyshenia if only for its name – the big pocket. Something North American supermarkets could learn from the Ukrainian ones – the checkers sit at the check-out! How humane! They do just as fine a job scanning the items sitting down as standing, as they do on this side of the ocean. Then, at the end of the Khreschatyk, there is the Besarabsky Rynok – the large indoor market for all varieties of food (including caviar at reasonable prices) and flowers. The beautiful arrangements of the fruits and vegetables remind me of Jacques Hnizdovsky's oils and colored woodcuts.

Other shopping? Right at the maidan is the underground mall Globus, where you will find the same brand-name stuff that you'd find anywhere else in a North American mall. The Passage (that's "pasazh" in Ukrainian), a one-block street at 15 Khreschatyk, even feels expensive – many of the top international designers have opened their shops here. There are also lovely and pricey cafés lining this pretty lane under the arch.

For the men, Vidivan at 24 Khreschatyk (just past the main post office) sells shirts and pants of fine Ukrainian linen, and if you shop towards the end of August, the sales are on. This company has more locations in Kyiv and in other cities. A bit further down the street, on the corner of Khmelnytsky Street is the TsUM Department store. It has all you would see in a regular department store. Their jewelry selection, especially the amber, is extensive.

For the bibliophiles, the Naukova Dumka bookstore, at 4 Hrushevsky St., is a bit past the Dnipro Hotel. Then there is the great bookstore chain YE. There are others in the city, but one gets the impression that the Ukrainian books are relegated to a second-class location. The Petrivka Rynok (at the metro stop of the same name) has a book section – anything and everything. Good luck browsing!

The music and other souvenir vendors outside of the main post office on the maidan are always in danger of being closed down by city authorities. In addition to CDs (a good selection), there are books, pins, postage stamps and other souvenirs. Some are really off the wall, including the New Age Ukrainian religious stuff (back to Dazhboh and Oriana, and all that). And speaking of stamps, Ukrainian ones have won international awards for their beauty (see Inger Kuzych's articles in this newspaper). Non-collectors buy the blocks or sheets just to frame them. You can check with the philatelic section of any post office.

Don't miss the excellent museum of St. Michael's the Golden-Domed Cathedral. It is from the same period as St. Sophia, and the diorama shows how the early city looked. Many artifacts were saved before the cathedral was destroyed in the 1930s, and others were found in the excavations before reconstruction. On the second level is the story of the destruction of not only this sobor but the general Soviet anti-Ukrainian policy and the plans for rebuilding. Yuriy Lositsky, a specialist in reconstructing medieval structures, is the architect.

And then, you can take the extremely steep steps right into the top of the belltower. There are some great photo ops of St. Sophia across the square – and great "fun" if you're there when the bells ring!

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UWC calls...

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continues to spread anti-Ukrainian propaganda, fuel inter-ethnic hatred, provoke social tension and civic unrest, and defame the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate, the Ukrainian World Congress, the history of Ukraine and its prominent historical figures. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsWIh1vCTc&feature=related> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms2AFY4acfg&feature=related> http://atv.odessa.ua/programs/5/smojet_li_ukraina_uderjat_tseni_ot_rosta_2957.html).

The UWC condemned the anti-Ukrainian and anti-constitutional actions in Odesa and called upon President Yanukovich, as the guarantor of the Constitution of Ukraine, and Ukrainian Parliament's ombudsperson for human rights to ensure respect for and compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine in Odesa, particularly Articles 10 and 11, which state as follows: "Article 10. The state language of Ukraine is the Ukrainian language [...]"

"Article 11. The State promotes the consolidation and development of the Ukrainian nation, of its historical consciousness, traditions and culture [...]"

The UWC also called for an urgent investigation into the aforesaid actions and a stop to the Russification occurring in Odesa, particularly the repudiation of the state language in the municipal administration and education system, full compliance observance by Odesa TV station ATV of applicable Ukrainian broadcasting legislation, the cessation of anti-Ukrainian propaganda that promotes hostility, and the guarantee of respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms in Odesa.

Four Ukrainian American women climb the highest peak in contiguous U.S.



Rich Graziano

MOUNT WHITNEY, Calif. – Atop Mount Whitney on Sunday, 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. (Alaska's Mount McKinley, also known as Denali, at 20,320 feet, is the highest peak in the U.S.) During the five-day, 55-mile backpacking trip through the Sierra Nevada range, the four climbers – Ms. Sloniewsky of Arlington, Va., Ms. Shevchik of Washington, DC, Ms. Massimilla of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Ms. Chapelsky of Mission Viejo, Calif. – recalled many hiking and camping skills picked up as members of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization. On their trek, they crossed rivers, traversed snow passes and hiked through sandy desert areas. Once at the summit, they enjoyed the breathtaking views and signed the registrar at the Smithsonian Hut Shelter, in both English and Ukrainian.



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Blog What? Design Inc. is expanding and improving

by Taissa Hamulak

NEW YORK – Starting your own company requires great effort, perseverance and dedication. It can take decades for one to be successful, although that's not the case for Lara Chelak, who at age 22 has already established her own Internet development, design and consulting business. With the help of her younger sister, Anna, Lara has recently incorporated her company.

Now, Blog What? Design Inc. is on the way to becoming a profitable firm helping those looking to develop dynamic and effective digital presences on the Internet.

Lara has been interested in computers and design since childhood. She explained that her father's role as a business owner was a great inspiration for her own entrepreneurial pursuits. Her dreams of developing her own company began while she was a senior in high school in 2006. After working professionally with another web design company for some time, Lara created the firm as a sort of freelance front – one where she would have more artistic and innovative license.

In college, Lara worked hard to juggle her course work with running the company. Lara graduated from Barnard College at Columbia University in the spring of this year and received her B.A. in Ukrainian regional studies. Anna, a senior at the same institution and currently an account manager at Blog What? Design, is completing her B.A. in English with a



Anna and Lara Chelak in their new office.

minor in Soviet history.

Both Lara and Anna say they enjoy learning about Ukraine and displaying their Ukrainian pride. They enjoy studying Ukrainian history and contemporary culture. Lara and Anna have always been active members of the Ukrainian community. They have been long-time dancers with many tri-state area ensembles since the ages of 3 and 4 and have been campers and counselors at many summer camps at Soyuzivka since then.

Between focusing on her studies and maintaining her business, Lara was the online editor of the Columbia Daily Spectator, the daily newspaper at Columbia University, for a year and a half. Anna is currently the president of the Ukrainian Students Society at Columbia University.

Lara recently worked with the Ukrainian National Association and its Ukrainian National Foundation to redevelop and redesign their digital presences. She plans to formally publish her thesis titled "The Battle for a Genuinely Post-Soviet Age: How the new Ukrainian 'netizen' will free Ukraine from its Neo-Soviet Bondage" in an academic journal in the near future.

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Although the company was started in 2006, it is only now since Lara has graduated that she can work full-time. "It definitely is challenging to build a business straight out of school," she stated.

Following her May graduation, Lara became the CEO and president of the new corporation, hiring Anna to work full-time as a senior project manager. The company was officially incorporated in June. "It was exciting to hold the corporate seal in my hand – that's when it hit me," Lara stated.

The Chelak sisters have shaped the company to help Internet clients looking to blog or publish. It can be seen as a "blog boutique"; it offers design development and consulting with a focus on smaller websites at the consumer level.

The company's tagline originally read, "What will you blog today?" However, during the redesign, Lara decided not to confine the parameters of the company's services. She revised it to "What will you publish today?" to express the company's expansion into other web services. By changing their focus to publishing online, the Chelaks believe they can help their clients in more ways.

Blog What? Design Inc. has moved into its new office, located at 44 West 28th St., between Fifth and Sixth avenues. This new location is a conveniently short walk from New York Penn Station, to which the sisters are currently commuting from Mendham, N.J. Both plan to move back into New York come September; Anna back to Columbia's Morningside Heights campus and Lara most likely to the East Village.

For clients, Blog What? Design is a company that guides them in their online blogging and publishing. As explained by Lara, "a client will come up to us and say 'I want to write about puppies. I like puppies,' but the topic needs a focus. It can't be too broad or it won't make an immediate impact or see any type of success. Our job," she continues, "is to focus that topic as a way of bringing a more concentrated, and therefore potentially more profitable, user base."

Blog What? Design lists well over 50 clients, some of which include Colombia University, writers from Forbes and The Wall Street Journal, a Fortune 500 company, and many bloggers looking to share their input on an array of topics.

For Blog What? Design, the normal work day is far from typical. Anna usually works during the day, when the phone lines are open, so that she can respond to clients if they have any problems or concerns. Lara's hours are more flexible, considering that a lot of the clients are from the West Coast or even overseas, which means a significant time difference. Also keeping the time difference in mind, Lara gives her clients an emergency e-mail contact in case they need to reach her.

In this industry, creativity is essential and doesn't require office space to get the job done. Lara says she can work from home if need be and often travels with her laptop to wherever inspiration may hit.

As senior account manager, Anna handles billing, client communication and a number of individual accounts. She works during the day when the phone lines are open so she may respond to clients if they have problems or concerns. She is also in charge of transitioning the company into the new work space.

Through Blog What? Design Inc., Anna is getting a direct look at how a small company starts and runs. "I've seen [Lara] do this since she was little. It's rewarding to see what she's really been doing all these years," Anna said. "It's like I'm studying the nuts and bolts of web design. It's a good opportunity for me for career building."

Looking to the future

Six to 12 months from now, Lara hopes to launch a larger, more corporate-type firm that will serve as an umbrella organization for a number of start-up companies. This is something she has privately developed since her first year of college. Called Vona Interactive, the name incorporates the Ukrainian word for "her." The company will also provide strategic digital design, development and consulting services for corporations targeting average consumer levels. It will function to provide strategic digital marketing for a variety of firms, especially corporate entities.

"We plan to provide enterprise-level content interaction, brand experience development, social media strategy and a number of other highly specialized services to other corporations," Lara explained, "while simultaneously incubating a number of start-up concepts."

As for the future of Blog What? Design, Lara said she envisions expanding the number of employees soon. She is currently outsourcing her work to Ukraine, Romania and a number of

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Plast sorority luncheon spotlights human trafficking

by Tatiana Huk

NEW YORK – The Spartanky sorority of the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization sponsored a luncheon and presentation by the Polaris Project on May 1. The purpose of the event was to inform and raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking and to encourage everyone to make a difference.

In her opening remarks, Tatiana Huk, head of the sorority, stated that as Ukrainian scouts, Plast members have a global responsibility to support causes that are dear and near to fairness and equality in human relations. Ukraine is a prime example of a nation struggling to establish a stable economy, a functioning legal system and to control criminal enterprises, of which human trafficking is the largest.

Over the years, she noted, hundreds of women, children and men have been trafficked from Ukraine to the United States and Western Europe. Every year persons are trafficked across international borders and forced into sexual or labor servitude.

In the 19th century, Taras Shevchenko grew up as a serf, and later through his works in art, poetry and ballads, he raised awareness of an aspiring nation as to the meaning of freedom and exploitation. We should all be encouraged to heed his words for the economic freedom, prosperity and dignity of each human being, Ms. Huk said.

The program included a presentation by Polaris Project case managers Cristal Solorio and Kate Keisel-Stagnone, and a preview of the film "Fatal Promises" by Katharina Rohrer. The Polaris Project (www.polarisproject.org) is the leading



Members of the Plast sorority Spartanky with Polaris Project case managers Cristal Solorio and Kate Keisel-Stagnone.

organization in the U.S. combating all forms of human trafficking. Over 32 million people every year are held in slave-like conditions for sexual or labor exploitation – 2.4 million of these individuals as a result of being trafficked. They are promised good jobs, but end up forced into prostitution or working for servitude for no pay. They are emotionally and physically brutalized, starved, stripped of their passports, eventually discarded or worse, murdered.

Case studies and the film included the

stories of young Ukrainian women forced into prostitution, as well as a middle aged man forced into servitude on a fishing boat.

Adrianna Hankewycz, secretary of the Spartanky sorority, thanked all who attended and the sponsors who helped make this event a success. Special thanks were given to Ulana Tatunchak for coordinating the speakers and introducing the Polaris Group to the Spartanky, the Kuzemka family for their donation of centerpieces, the Plast branch of New

York, Spartanky senior members, and the many individual sponsors who could not attend but donated generously. Proceeds from the event were targeted for the redesign and upgrade of the Vovcha Tropa website in time for the 2011 summer camp season.

The event organizing committee included Melanie Nycz, Ms. Huk, Ms. Hankewycz, Larissa Nycz, Lesia Kuziw, Emilia Kuzemka, Danusia Chernichenko, Laryssa Lukiw, Stefanie O'Connell and Deanna Rakowsky.

UCC board selects Youth Leadership Award recipients

OTTAWA – The board of directors of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) on July 4 selected the following individuals to receive the UCC Youth Leadership Award of Excellence: Katrina Baziuk (Edmonton), Kristen Glover (Toronto), Christina Sawchyn (Montreal) and Andrew Wodoslawsky (Toronto). The board of directors approved the awards at its meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on June 25.

"The Youth Leadership Award is an important instrument to recognize, encourage and show appreciation for the young leaders of the Ukrainian Canadian community," stated UCC National President Paul Grod. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress is pleased to present the Ukrainian Canadian Youth Leadership Award of Excellence to the following recipients.

Ms. Baziuk was recognized for her work as national president of Ukrainian Orthodox Youth of Canada (known by its Ukrainian acronym as CYMK) and as president of the Ukrainian Shumka dancers. In addition, Ms. Baziuk initiated an Alberta-wide leadership/cultural retreat for youth.

Active in the community, she has been a Ukrainian dancer since the age of 4 and is a member of the Viter Ukrainian Folk Choir. Ms. Baziuk earned a pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 2010.

Ms. Glover was recognized for her work in reviving the Ukrainian National Youth Federation of Canada as a national organization. She has also volunteered



Andrew Wodoslawsky



Christina Sawchyn



Katrina Baziuk



Kristen Glover

for and raised funds for Help Us Help the Children. Ms. Glover was instrumental in launching the Ukrainian National Federation's Paul Yuzik Institute for Youth Leadership in November 2009.

Ms. Glover earned a history degree from the University of Windsor, Ontario, and has provided leadership in launching Eparchial Young Adult programs for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada.

Ms. Sawchyn serves on the National Council of the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, where she has helped train counselors. She is a prominent leader in Plast Canada, who leads by example, having played a key role in coordinating and delivering training to scores of Ukrainian Canadian teenagers. She also initiated and is coordinating a project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Plast – for which young adults around the world will complete 100 good deeds for 100

years of Plast's existence.

Ms. Sawchyn was an international election observer during the presidential elections in Ukraine in 2004 and 2010, and is a member of the board of directors of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Mr. Wodoslawsky has a master's

degree in engineering from the University of Toronto, where he has also served on the executive of the Ukrainian students club, as well as on the national executive of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (known by its Ukrainian acronym as SUSK). Mr. Wodoslawsky is also active with Plast, where he is a counselor for both the younger and older youths, as well as the founder of the local Ukrainian dance group Iskra.

Mr. Wodoslawsky has written extensively, having published articles on the Holodomor and the state of the environment in Ukraine. He also created and produced the Ukrainian card game "Za Voliu!" (For Freedom!) that has been marketed and sold in Canada and across the world.

For more information on the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and its Youth Leadership Awards, readers may visit www.ucc.ca.

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Middle Eastern countries.

Despite being in an industry that is extremely competitive, the Chelak sisters have not been discouraged from working towards their goal and maintaining a successful company. Lara noted that individuals must be willing to work hard to find solutions and not be intimidated.

"Everyone says don't give up and stay determined, but the first step is to get out

there and take the initial risk of failure," Anna commented. As women, especially ones who attended a women's college, the sisters believe that a business endeavor like Lara's is something fellow women, especially Ukrainian women, should consider trying.

Lara's words of advice to her peers: are to have some inspiration and put in a lot of hard work. Although "there are various stages of investing during the start-up, when things get cut-throat," it's worth it in the end, she underscored, "if you truly have a great idea."

Ukraine's ambassador...

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arsenal in 1993 and since then has pursued a course of non-proliferation, even surrendering its reserves of highly enriched uranium, Mr. Motsyk added.

Ukraine, the ambassador continued, has sought mutual cooperation with its neighbors and has recently dedicated its course toward integration with the European Union, which Mr. Motsyk stressed as "most important."

He cited areas of cooperation with the U.S., including a U.S.-led training session on disaster preparedness and emergency situation management in which Ukraine's Ministry of Emergency Situations participated with its American counterparts.

Regarding Ukraine's strategic partnership with Russia, Ambassador Motsyk noted that Russia currently is Ukraine's current main trading partner and that bilateral relations are at its highest level.

By creating the necessary conditions for stable foreign investment, Ukraine hopes to transform into a highly developed democratic state. Steps that already have been taken toward that goal, he said, include the approval of the budget code



Matthew Dubas

E. Morgan Williams, president of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council, discusses investment opportunities in Ukraine.

and the tax code, which he stressed are friendly to small business. Other areas of reform include the pension code, and Mr. Motsyk noted that nearly half of Ukraine's population is composed of pensioners.

The energy sector needs reform, Mr. Motsyk noted, and he said the gas agreements between Russia and Ukraine signed by Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko in 2009 were to blame for the current problems. Ukraine, he said, needs to pursue

diversification of energy supplies and the use of renewable resources.

Other areas where Ukraine needs reform include legislation on production-sharing agreements and combating corruption, which the ambassador noted was a legacy of the Soviet Union. "Everyone should abide by the law," he stated.

Ukraine has a great potential for business growth, Ambassador Motsyk continued, but it needs the West's cooperation in Ukraine's industrial base in aerospace, rocketry, metallurgy and steel pipe manufacturing.

Next year Ukraine will co-host the Euro-2012 soccer championship with Poland. This has been a great boon to Ukraine's development, with improvements being made to the existing infrastructure, an expected boost in tourism and a chance for Ukraine to be on display to foreigners.

Ukraine's modernization, he said, is rapid, and to promote this pace, Ukraine needs to make public records more accessible. Ukraine also hopes to pass electoral reform measures to conform to European standards.

Ambassador Motsyk concluded by highlighting the advantages of Ukraine for investors, including its agro-industrial economy, its geographical location, a

highly educated workforce, democratic practices and a modern economy.

Mr. Williams thanked the ambassador for his remarks, and noted that President Viktor Yanukovich may come to the United States during "U.N. Week" in New York.

Ambassador Motsyk then fielded questions from the participants.

There was some concern regarding banking sector reform, but Mr. Motsyk reassured that the stability of the hryvnia showed that developments were moving in a positive direction.

With regard to combating corruption, Ambassador Motsyk was asked to give concrete examples of the government's efforts, which he could not.

Roman Kyzyk, of the investment firm Kyzyk and Associates, said Ukraine could give assurances for investments with consistent business practices and by the universal application of the rule of law.

Others noted the effect of Ukrainian Minister of Education Dmytro Tabachnyk's policies by limiting the highly educated workforce from leaving Ukraine. Reforms in the education system have reduced Ukraine's workforce potential by not conforming to European standards, said another participant of the meeting.

Ambassador Motsyk, who also hosted a meeting with business representatives in Washington on July 14, indicated at the New York meeting that he would like to similarly meet with business leaders in Atlanta.

Representatives of Ukraine's diplomatic corps included Consul General of Ukraine in New York Serhii Pohoreltsev and Volodymyr Protsko, consul for economic issues at the Consulate General of Ukraine in New York.

There are 165 companies that are members of the USUBC, which was founded in 1995 in Washington. Membership in January 2005 was eight, and by January 2009 it reached 100. The complete list of USUBC members can be found at www.usubc.org/members.php.

Among the companies represented at the business luncheon were such major players as Bank of America Corp. and IBM Global Financing, in addition to private investment companies and law firms, as well as businesses dealing with tourism to Ukraine and Ukrainian imports to the U.S.

37 miners killed...

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Other messages of condolences over the two deadly mine accidents came from Prime Minister Artur Rasizade of Azerbaijan, Prime Minister Karim Maksimov of Kazakhstan, French Ambassador to Ukraine Jacques Faure, and the chairman of the Prosperous Armenia party, Gagik Tsarukyan.

The Ukrainian World Congress, headed by President Eugene Czolij, on August 1 expressed its condolences to the families and close friends of those killed in Sukhodilsk and Makiyivka. "The Ukrainian diaspora... is praying, along with the entire Ukrainian nation, for the souls of the deceased and for the health of the injured," Mr. Czolij noted.

He added, "The Ukrainian World Congress calls on Ukraine's authorities to ensure control over safety in Ukraine's mines and to use all appropriate measures to determine the causes of the accidents."

According to Bloomberg News, the coal industry is Ukraine's deadliest; 282 miners were killed in 2009 and 2010, and a further 10,139 were left injured, according to government data.

Sources: Ukrinform, Bloomberg News, Ukrainian World Congress.



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Airlines later reported that all previously delayed flights of AeroSvit were being prepared for take off. "Being under the pressure of both the executive committee of the Trade Union League of Air Line Pilots and a certain part of the Boeing 737 personnel, the administration within the minimum possible term held the necessary negotiations and satisfied the demands of the action participants. At the same time, approximately four hours after the start of the action, an agreement was reached about the flights from foreign and Ukrainian airports to the basic airport Boryspil (Kyiv). Consequently, a decision was taken about the renewal of flights from Boryspil Airport. Presently, all delayed flights are preparing for the flight," the statement reads. (Ukrinform)

Dosimetric passports proposed

KYIV – Emergencies Minister Viktor Baloha has asked the governors of the regions most affected after the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident in 1986 to launch activities to issue dosimetric passports, the Ministry said in a statement. Mr. Baloha sent letters with such proposals to heads of the Vinnytsia, Volyn, Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Rivne, Sumy, Ternopil, Khmelnytsky, Cherkasy,

Chernivtsi and Chernihiv oblasts. (Ukrinform)

MFA hopes for opposition's support

BRUSSELS – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Ukraine hopes for a constructive stand by the Ukrainian opposition in lobbying the country's European political partners for ratification of the future Association Agreement with the European Union, Oleh Voloshyn, the director of the MFA's Information Policy Department, told the Brussels-based correspondent of Ukrinform on July 27. "Certainly, for the opposition there is not just a place in the structure of our European integration efforts, but an extremely important place," the diplomat said. Mr. Voloshyn noted that this is natural, considering the close ties the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and other Ukrainian parties have with the largest political force in the European Parliament, the European People's Party. The Ukrainian diplomat emphasized that "the active involvement of the opposition forces in lobbying for the successful ratification of this agreement by the European Parliament would be a real demonstration of the sincerity of the wishes declared by the opposition to support Ukraine on the path to the EU." He added, "Moreover, at the end of the main phase of negotiations – and we are confident that this will happen at the end of September this year –

the European Parliament will hold the appropriate hearings, which will also influence the position of EU member-states before initiating the agreement at the Ukraine-EU summit. And in the course of these hearings, the voice of our opposition, which could firmly and clearly state that, despite any disagreements with the authorities, it calls on its partners to promote Ukraine's European integration, would be a real gift from the opposition to our citizens," Mr. Voloshyn stated. (Ukrinform)

Sknyliv airshow disaster is remembered

KYIV – Lviv residents have commemorated the victims of the Sknyliv air show accident that took place on July 27, 2002. A memorial service was celebrated at the chapel built at the scene of the crash of the military aircraft Su-27 and the massive loss of life during the airshow. After the requiem, families, friends and relatives went to the cemetery where 77 victims are buried. Stepan Kozak, the chairman of the NGO Sknyliv Tragedy, said a symbol of memory has been installed at the airport, where the families of those dead come every last Saturday of the month and on memorial days. However, the survivors of the disaster say they have not received adequate moral support and material compensation. The same can be said of the chapel itself, which the authorities were planning to move from its current site due to the reconstruction of the airport ahead of Euro-2012 soccer championship. The families and relatives are not against this, but believe the authorities must provide another site for the construction of a chapel to commemorate the victims. Seventy-seven people were killed and over 100 injured in 2002 at an airshow at Sknyliv airport near Lviv, when a Ukrainian air force Sukhoi-27 aircraft ploughed into the crowd of spectators during an aerobatics presentation. (Ukrinform)

Saving for an apartment in Ukraine

KYIV – The average Ukrainian family has to save funds for the purchase of an apartment for 22 years, the Delo newspaper reported in late July. These data are cited in an analysis of the state housing policy conducted by the National Institute for Strategic Studies. In comparison, a U.S. citizen must work 2.7 years for an apartment; a German, 4.4 years; a Brazilian, 6.3 years; a Russian, 26 years; a Belarusian, 28 years; and a Pakistani, 40.6 years. "According to our calculations, the average Ukrainian family has to save funds for about 20-22 years, at the same time, 100 percent of the family income should be saved. If to assume that 50 percent of income is spent for food, etc., no less than 50 years is necessary," SV Development marketing specialist Serhii Kostetskyi said. A ratio of the real estate price and household incomes was taken as the main measure for calculating housing affordability. This index takes into consideration the price for an average house or apartment and the average income of a family after payment of all taxes and is expressed in the number of years, necessary for the purchase of housing. The average price of an apartment in Ukraine is 60,000 euros, while the average annual income was 2,800 euros. According to experts, in the next 10 years, the situation in Ukraine will not substantially change. (Ukrinform)

WW II shells near Kyiv-Kharkiv highway

KYIV – A total of 353 artillery shells from 1941-1945 were found near the ring road Kyiv-Kharkiv on the outskirts of Boryspil, the Emergencies Situations Ministry's press service noted on August 1. On July 29, two shells were found, after which it was decided to explore the

area. A team from the special regional rapid-response center of the civil protection rescue service of the Emergency Situations Ministry searched 0.56 hectares and found more shells. The shells (one of 152 mm, 201 of 122 mm, three of 105 mm and 148 of 76 mm) have been removed and destroyed. (Ukrinform)

One in five wants to live in the U.S.

KYIV – A poll conducted by Research & Branding Group in the second half of June has shown that 22 percent of Ukrainians would like to emigrate to the United States, 18 percent to Germany, 15 percent to Canada, 12 percent to Italy, 10 percent to Russia, 5 percent to Britain, 4 percent to Switzerland, 4 percent to Australia or New Zealand, 3 percent each to Spain, the Scandinavian countries, the Czech Republic, Poland and Belarus, and 1 percent each to Israel, Greece, the Netherlands and Sweden. Some 14 percent of respondents were undecided, and 11 percent selected a different answer. The polls results were released on July 11. (Ukrinform)

UGCC and the Church of the Tithes

KYIV – The primate of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) has asked that the UGCC, along with other denominations, be allowed to participate in the reconstruction of the Church of the Tithes (Desiatynna Tserkva), it was reported on July 12. The patriarch wrote to the head of the Kyiv City State Administration, Oleksander Popov. According to Patriarch Sviatoslav, the renewal of the Church of the Tithes should promote the unification of the Kyivan Church. "However, this will only happen if all Churches of St. Volodymyr's baptism have the right to use it. Any other way will carry a risk of deepening the existing divisions and increasing tension in society," said the patriarch. He stressed that this would also "restore justice to the UGCC, since until now, according to various state acts of the Ukrainian government and for many reasons, historical shrines in Kyiv were divided and transferred to only three parts of the original Kyivan Church: St. Michael's Cathedral in Kyiv to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate, the Dormition Cathedral of the National Kyiv Caves Monastery Historical and Cultural Museum to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Moscow Patriarchate, and St. Andrew's Church of the St. Sophia of Kyiv National Reserve to the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church." Patriarch Sviatoslav said he is convinced that the third largest denomination according to number of believers – the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church – was not taken into account, "though its faithful are in dire need of a church in Kyiv for common prayer." He added, "We believe that this event, other than restoring justice, would contribute significantly to the renewal of the unity of the Kyivan Church and strengthen the unity of the entire Ukrainian nation." (Religious Information Service of Ukraine)

Slavic-Varangian festival near Chernihiv

KYIV – The 11th International Festival of Slavic-Varangian cultures and historical fencing Korovel-2011 was held on July 16-17 in the Chernihiv region near the village of Shestovytsia. Members of the military-historical clubs and martial arts schools, historians and students – all who study culture and traditions of ancient peoples and try to recreate them – traditionally gather on the beach near Shestovytsia. The festival takes place in the Korovel area, where in the 9th-17th centuries there was an ancient settlement of Vikings. For more

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than a year the site has been excavated by archaeologists; the site may be toured by visitors, so everyone from the number of guests can go there for a tour. The program of the festival includes the Cup of Ukraine in combat fencing, a shooting competition, demonstrations of various martial arts, competitions of minstrels, a fair, crafts workshops, entertainment and other activities. (Ukrinform)

New coins dedicated to St. Andrew's Church

KYIV – The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU), continuing the series "Sights of Architecture of Ukraine," on July 20 put into circulation commemorative coins dedicated to St. Andrew's Church. The coins of 10 and 5 hrv face value are dedicated to this architectural pearl of Kyiv, constructed in the mid-18th century in the Baroque style according to a design by architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli. The 10 hrv coin is made of silver of 925 standard and weighs 31.1 grams; its circulation is 8,000. The 5 hrv coin is made of German silver and weighs 16.54 grams; its circulation is 45,000. Between 1995 and 2010, the NBU has put into circulation over 470 types of commemorative and jubilee coins. In 2011, it plans to issue 35 to 38 such coins. (Ukrinform)

Ukrainian rocket launched from Baikonur

KYIV – The Ukrainian carrier rocket Zenit-3SLBF with the Russian satellite Spektr-R was successfully launched at 5:31 a.m. Kyiv time on July 18 from Kazakhstan's Baikonur cosmodrome under the Land Launch program. The three-stage rocket is a modernized version of the Zenit-3SL, which is used for launches under the international Sea Launch project. The first and second stages of the rocket were designed at the Yuzhnoye bureau and manufactured by Yuzhmash (Ukraine); the upper stage Fregat-SB, the main fairing and inter-stage adapter were designed and manufactured by Lavochkin NPO (Russia). Spektr-R is an astrophysical observatory of the international project Radioastron designed to conduct basic astrophysics research in the radio frequency band of the electromagnetic spectrum. (Ukrinform)

Suspended terms for Victory Day actions

KYIV – Two Ukrainian nationalists have received suspended prison terms for their involvement in violent attempts in Lviv on May 9 to break up events marking the anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi forces in World War II. Brothers Mykhailo and Volodymyr Kovaliv, who are members of the Sambir District Council and belong to the Svoboda, were given suspended terms, respectively, of 15 months and one year with one-year probation periods for both, reported Svoboda. The brothers' lawyer, Ruslan Valko, claimed the two nationalists were innocent and said he would appeal the sentences. On May 9, a group of young men tried to derail Victory Day

events in Lviv. A group of Russian diplomats was one of the targets of their attacks. Russian Consul Oleg Astakhov and his colleagues, who were on their way to the Hill of Glory, were assaulted and a wreath the consul had planned to lay at a military cemetery was wrenched out of his hands and stomped on. Fourteen people were injured in that day's clashes. The Kovaliv brothers were detained on May 15 and told they would be questioned as witnesses. However, on May 18, a Lviv court ordered that they be arrested. (Interfax-Ukraine)

Gas field tapped in Black Sea

KYIV – The state joint stock company Chornomornaftogaz started gas production from a new platform at the Arkhanhelske deposit in the northwestern part of the Black Sea shelf. The mining effort will take place at the first development well drilled on the platform, it was reported on July 13. "The yield of the well appeared to be more than planned: 50,000 cubic meters of natural gas per day," said Roman Babii, chief engineer of the company's exploration and development drilling department. It is expected that, after commissioning all 10 planned wells, natural gas production from the new platform will be around 500,000 cubic meters per day. (Ukrinform)

Country's population still decreasing

KYIV – As of the beginning of May, Ukraine's population was 45.706 million, the deputy chair of the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine, Natalia Vlasenko, said on July 11. "The number of the country's citizens continues to decline. Over the past nine years, Ukraine's population decreases on average by 283,000 annually," she said. The State Statistics Committee says the gradual reduction in the population is due primarily to natural losses and the reduction of the birthrate over a long period of time. However, in some regions, mainly in the country's west, the birthrate started to grow in 2002-2009. "The total coefficient of the birthrate in 2009 exceeded the level of 1993," Ms. Vlasenko said.

When Ukraine's independence was declared in 1991, Ukraine's population was 51.624 million. (Ukrinform)

Commercial production of uranium begins

KYIV – The state enterprise Eastern Mining and Processing Plant (VostGOK, Zhovti Vody, Dnipropetrovsk region) has started pilot production of uranium ore at Novokonstantinovskoe deposit in the Kirovohrad region, it was reported in early July. This occurred for the first time in more than 35 years of exploration efforts. Before the end of 2011, the plant expects to produce 75,000 tons of ore for making up to 99 tons of uranium worth 133 million hrv. VostGOK plans to increase the production of natural uranium concentrate by 20-25 percent this year. (Ukrinform)

Donetsk Court saves schools

KYIV – The Donetsk Administrative Court of Appeals on July 13 cancelled the Makiyivka City Council's decision to

liquidate three Ukrainian language schools. The court cancelled a resolution by the Central City District Court of Makiyivka of June 2, upholding the city's council decision of March 25, on the liquidation of three Ukrainian language schools, Nos. 3, 27 and 100. None of the three sessions of the Administrative Court of Appeals on this issue was attended by Makiyivka officials. Residents of Makiyivka had protested the closure of the schools. (Interfax-Ukraine)

Iran rejects Ukrainian medical diplomas

KYIV – Due to the low qualification level of graduates from Ukraine's medical education establishments, including the prestigious Bohomolets National Medical University, as well as high level of corruption there, Iran has refused to recognize diplomas issued by Ukrainian medical universities and does not allow citizens who studied in Ukraine to practice medicine, the leader of the Civil Position Party, Anatoliy Grytsenko, told reporters in Lviv. The national deputy said he discovered this during an international conference in Tehran on June 26. He noted that diplomas are being "simply purchased" in Ukraine today. "[Ukrainian Education Minister Dmytro] Tabachnyk just has to talk to university students to learn that a credit costs from \$300 to \$500, an exam costs about \$1,000-\$1,500, and so on. I mean the universities

are completely soaked in corruption," the politician said. According to Mr. Grytsenko, such a decision by Iran is "a very alarming signal." He explained: "We know that European countries, and the United States and Canada, came to this conclusion much earlier. Ukrainian doctors who want to get a job in these countries have to pass a humiliating procedure of re-attestation and additional training. Only a few of them receive the right to practice medicine right away, while others start their careers as a nurse or working at laboratories, and only after some time can they hope to receive the right to treat people," Mr. Grytsenko said. He underscored that corruption at universities damages Ukraine's image and is forcing the country out of the international education market. "Iran recognizes the diplomas of technical universities of Ukraine. But if they don't radically change the training system and the system of combating corruption at universities, technical universities will face the same fate," Mr. Grytsenko said. The leader of the Civil Position Party stressed that the key task of the Education and Science Ministry is to ensure that there is a significant increase in education levels, that the latest methodology is introduced, that state support is provided for scientific schools and higher education establishments, and that corruption at universities should be battled. (Interfax-Ukraine)



Jurkiewicz Myrosław "Merle"



Myrosław "Merle" Jurkiewicz, 88, passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo. He attended Hamilton Elementary and Woodward High School. Merle opened his own shoe store in his junior year of high school in 1939 and operated the business until 1997 when he closed the store. Merle was President of the Ukrainian National Association Branch #165, the Ukrainian Cultural Society, and was the Director of the Kozaky Ukrainian Dancers. He was past president and past secretary-treasurer of the North Toledo Exchange Club. He was a member of the St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church. Merle performed a Ukrainian dance at the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago in the Coliseum. He played the mandolin and the violin and was known by his family as Father Fix It. Merle was a loving and caring husband and father. He was always there for his family and will be truly missed. Merle leaves to cherish his memory, daughters, Carol Jurkiewicz and Sharon Ryan; grandchildren, Sarah Tenney and Beth Ryan and great-grandchildren, Grace and Makala Tenney. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Bonnie; parents, Peter and Sophia Jurkiewicz and brother William.

Visitation for Merle was held on Monday, July 25, 2011, at Gasirowski-Hanneman Funeral Home & Crematory, where funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, followed by Interment service at Calvary Cemetery.

The family requests any memorial donations in Merle's name be made to either St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

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Pressure on the Yanukovych administration from abroad was beginning to build. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe also expressed concern over journalists' complaints about censorship and physical intimidation. The European Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe have also criticized the government over the

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Source: "Disappearance raises fresh questions about media climate in Ukraine," by Gregory Feifer (RFE/RL), *The Ukrainian Weekly*, August 29, 2010.

Kateryna Dowbenko honored for 46 years of teaching

by Luba Hlutkowsky
and Nickolas C. Kotow

PITTSBURGH – Kateryna Reshetnyk Dowbenko was honored for 46 years of teaching Ukrainian language and culture – the last 36 of which were as instructor of Ukrainian language at the University of Pittsburgh – at a testimonial dinner on Sunday, July 17, at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The dinner was hosted by Ridna Shkola of Pittsburgh Inc. and its committee to help the Ukrainian language program at the University of Pittsburgh. Clergy, colleagues of Mrs. Dowbenko from the University of Pittsburgh, former students, members of Ridna Shkola and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, friends and relatives attended.

Displaced to Germany during World War II, Mrs. Dowbenko worked with the Ukrainian scouting organization, Plast. She continued to work as teacher, leader and editor of the Plast newsletter after she immigrated to the United States. She was one of the organizers of the school of Ukrainian Studies, Ridna Shkola of Pittsburgh Inc., where she taught Ukrainian to the students, served on the board of directors and served as principal. She has been a long-time member of the UNWLA, serving as president of the Pittsburgh Branch 27 in the late 1970s.

In 1976, Mrs. Dowbenko began teach-



Roksana Korchynsky

Kateryna Dowbenko and past students at the dinner held in her honor.

ing Ukrainian at the University of Pittsburgh, and did so continuously until her recent retirement. She organized the Pan-Pittsburgh-Colleges Ukrainian Student Organization, led the students in events such as pysanky-writing, bread-

baking, exhibits of Ukrainian artworks, participation in Pittsburgh area Ukrainian festivals, and lecture series featuring Ukrainian speakers. Students enjoyed many dinners at her home, where they learned many aspects of Ukrainian culture and history.

Guests at the testimonial dinner were welcomed in Ukrainian and English by Dr. Roman Kyshakevych, co-chair of the Ukrainian Language Program Committee. He introduced Msgr. George Appleyard, vicar general of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio, who offered an invocation.

A presentation by current students of Ridna Shkola followed. Each held three roses while reciting a Ukrainian stanza of the poem "To A Beloved Teacher" and together sang the Ukrainian song "Zore Moya Vechirnaya," with words by Taras Shevchenko. Nataliya DiDomenico, who currently teaches the Ukrainian language at the University of Pittsburgh, read a biography of Mrs. Dowbenko in Ukrainian.

Testimonials by former Ukrainian language students at Pitt were made by Stephen Haluszczak, Karen Hall, Myron J. Spak, Dr. Robert Metil and Dr. Roksana Korchynsky, president of the Ukrainian Technological Society. All former students agreed that Mrs. Dowbenko has left an unmatched legacy of teaching and mentoring of Ukrainian language and culture to her students at the University of Pittsburgh.

Comments were offered by Dr. Oscar Swan, professor of Polish in the Slavic Department and director of the Summer Language Institute at Pitt. He was the chairman of the department when he and Mrs. Dowbenko established the Ukrainian Language Scholarship Fund (an endowment fund) in 1984 to generate funds to help pay some of the expenses of offering Ukrainian language courses at Pitt. He recalled that the Slavic Department had its ups and downs, but that Mrs. Dowbenko was a constant in the teaching of Ukrainian. He expressed his view that no other college or university in the world had a person of Mrs. Dowbenko's dedication, commitment to hard work and a genuine interest in her students.

A special certificate prepared by graphic artist Kathy Boykowycz, was presented to Mrs. Dowbenko. The Ukrainian text was read by Luba Hlutkowsky, president of the board of directors of Ridna Shkola of Pittsburgh, and the English text was

read by Nickolas C. Kotow, co-chair of the Ukrainian Language Program Committee.

Additional presentations and messages included: a certificate from the Taras Shevchenko Scientific Society in New York, and congratulatory letters from Stephen Halutiak of Atlanta, Hanna Predatkevych Kuchar of Colorado and the Pershi Stezhi sorority of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization.

The Very Rev. Steven Repa, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Carnegie, Pa., presented a gift of flowers from Archbishop Constantine, metropolitan archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., and a gift of \$100 from his church to the Ukrainian Radio Program in honor of Mrs. Dowbenko.

Marika Zaliszczuk, president of UNWLA Branch 27, likened Mrs. Dowbenko to a modern-day heroine, because of the adversity she endured in her pursuit of teaching. She presented her with a commemorative book from The Ukrainian Museum in New York City.

Svitlana Tomson, president of the Ukrainian Community of Western Pennsylvania, and her sister, Dr. Hanna Dziemko, announced donations of \$500 each to the Ukrainian Language Scholarship Fund at the University of Pittsburgh.

After dinner, Mrs. Dowbenko offered extended comments in Ukrainian to her students and the community. She called her work a labor of love for her Ukrainian language and for the students at the University of Pittsburgh.

"Mnohaya Lita" was sung by all. The Rev. Paisius McGrath, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Lyndora, Pa., offered the benediction. He also charged all present to carry forward what Mrs. Dowbenko had begun, and to support the Ukrainian Language Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

The net proceeds from the dinner and received donations will go to the Ukrainian Language Program Fund. Further donations should be made payable to the Ukrainian Language Program at Pitt and sent to: Ridna Shkola of Pittsburgh Inc., c/o Ukrainian Selfreliance of WPA Federal Credit Union, 95 S. Seventh St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

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UWC president...

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president of the AUR's Bucharest branch, Yaroslava Kolotylo, and Mr. Buciuta. The address was followed by a discussion about the involvement of Ukrainian youth in community life, support for the UWC's international activities and the dissemination of UWC information throughout Romania.

On June 28, the UWC president visited the new, recently purchased AUR building which houses the organization's head office and the editorial offices of the publications *Nash Holos*, *Vilne Slovo*, *Dzvonyk Dlia Ditei* and *Ukrainskyi Visnyk*.

Mr. Czolij held separate meetings with the Deputy Prime Minister, Markó Béla; the vice-president of the Chamber of Deputies, Adrian Năstase; and two senators of Ukrainian descent, Gheorghe Marcu and Trifon Belacurencu. In reference to the intention of Romania's president to reduce the number of deputies and senators in Parliament, Mr. Czolij called for the existing level of representation for national minorities to be maintained. He also summarized current events in Ukraine and encouraged high-ranking Romanian officials to contribute to the process of Ukraine's European integration at the government level.

He also suggested that this process could be fostered among the Ukrainian population at large by organizing official visits to Ukraine and meetings with university students, communicating via the Internet, various media and social networks, and allowing visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens into countries currently requiring a Schengen visa. The UWC president also stated that Romania could be a very convincing advocate for the benefits of European integration, since the country freed itself from Communist rule in 1989 and later became a member of NATO and the European Union.

Mr. Czolij also attended a session of the Chamber of Deputies, where Mr. Buciuta filed a memo regarding the goal and program of the UWC President's visit to Romania.

The UWC president's subsequent meeting was held with the Director of the State Secretariat of Education, Youth and Sport, Nagy Éva. They discussed the importance of the Secretariat's support of national minorities and their schools. The

director expressed high regard for the Ukrainian community in Romania, referring, in particular, to the national Olympics of Ukrainian language and literature.

The UWC leader ended his visit by meeting with Ukraine's ambassador in Romania, Markiyan Kulyk. They discussed certain aspects of local Ukrainian community life and issues related to the upcoming fifth International Forum of Ukrainians and the UWC annual general meeting to be held in Kyiv.

On to Hungary

Mr. Czolij visited Hungary on June 28-July 1. He became acquainted with the life of the 8,000-strong Ukrainian community and raised issues of significance to Ukrainians with representatives of the government authorities and local self-government bodies.

His visit was organized by the Association of Ukrainian Culture in Hungary and its president, Jaroslava Hartyáni, who is also the president of the European Congress of Ukrainians and the National Ukrainian Minority Self-Government in Hungary. Accompanying Mr. Czolij and Ms. Hartyáni were the association's Vice-President György Kravcsenko and Executive Secretary Roman Rishko.

On the first day of the visit, Ms. Hartyáni shared the successes and future plans of the Association of Ukrainian Culture in Hungary and informed the UWC leader of the problematic issues surrounding the National Ukrainian Minority Self-Government election held in Hungary on January.

On June 29, Mr. Czolij laid wreaths to the monuments honoring the victims of the Holodomor, Taras Shevchenko and the "Rusalka Dnistrovaia" memorial plaque.

On June 29 and July 1, he held official meetings in the Hungarian Parliament with the Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary László Kövér, and Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary, Zsolt Semjén. He also met with the Deputy State Secretary for Minority and Non-Government Relations Csaba Latorcai, and Deputy Mayor of Budapest Miklos Csomós.

During these meetings, Mr. Czolij informed these Hungarian officials of the UWC's work and issues of importance to the Ukrainian community. He specifically made note of the harmonious relationship between the government authorities and the Ukrainian national minority. The



In Prague, during the Ukrainian World Congress president's visit to the Czech Republic (from left) are: the city's Councilor for Culture and Tourism Lukáš Kaucky, Eugene Czolij, Councilor for Social Affairs Petr Dolínek, and Bohdan Rajčinec, press secretary of the Ukrainian Initiative of the Czech Republic.

UWC president expressed gratitude for the unanimous recognition in 2003 by the Hungarian Parliament of the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people, and the erection of monuments in Hungary honoring victims of both the Holodomor and communism.

In addition, Mr. Czolij emphasized the need to support Ukraine's democratization process and integration into the European Union at both the government and grass roots levels.

He noted that Hungary serves as a strong example to others of the benefits of European integration, since the country freed itself from communist rule in 1989 and later joined both NATO and the EU.

On July 1, the UWC president met with the Ukrainian ambassador to Hungary, Yuri Mushka, and they discussed issues relating to the development of local Ukrainian community life and some troubling current events in Ukraine.

On June 29, the UWC President visited the town of Csömör, where he met with Gloria Victis Foundation President Sándor Mátyás, and, at an assembly of the town's residents, honored the memories of the victims of communism by laying a wreath at the Holodomor memorial and lighting candles at the memorial honoring all victims of communism. Mr. Czolij then gave a speech to the community which highlighted the suffering of Ukrainians during the Communist rule and criticizing the unbelievable glorification of Stalin and promotion of Communist totalitarian symbolism occurring in today's Ukraine.

On June 30, Mr. Czolij visited the historic Tihany Abbey in the town of Tihany, where he met the abbot, Father Richard Korzenszky, and laid a wreath at the monument honoring Hungary's King Andrew I and Queen Anastasia – a Ukrainian princess and daughter of Prince Yaroslav the Wise.

Mr. Czolij concluded his visit with a community meeting held in Hungary's Ukrainian Cultural and Documentation Center, where he delivered an address on the UWC's activities in defense of fundamental rights and freedoms of Ukrainians, and later enjoyed a cultural performance put on by the Association of Ukrainian Culture in Hungary and students of the Ukrainian Sunday school.

In the Czech Republic

On July 2-4, Mr. Czolij visited the Czech Republic, home to 200,000 Ukrainians. His visit to Prague was organized by the UWC member-organization Ukrainian Initiative of the Czech Republic.

On July 2, the UWC president met with the president of the Ukrainian Initiative of the Czech Republic, Viktor Rajčinec. They discussed various aspects of local Ukrainian community life and ways to

increase cooperation with the UWC.

That same day, Mr. Czolij met with the chair of the board of directors of Ukrainian European Perspective, Bogdan Danylyshyn, who described the purpose of this newly formed organization as being to shape European values in Ukraine.

In the Czech capital, the UWC president was interviewed by Radio Liberty. (For the full interview, titled "Today's Ukraine is returning to authoritarianism," visit: <http://www.radiosvoboda.org/content/article/24253745.html>.)

On July 3, Mr. Czolij attended divine liturgy at St. Clement Church, where he met Father Basil Slyvotsky and delivered an address to the Ukrainian community on the UWC's work in defense of the rights and freedoms of Ukrainians, and met local Ukrainians.

The UWC president then visited the premises of the Ukrainian Initiative of the Czech Republic where, during a meeting with community leaders, he gave a presentation on the UWC's activities over the past year and issues of concern to Ukrainians worldwide.

On July 4, Mr. Czolij held a series of meetings with government officials. Specifically, he met with the chief of the Department of the Secretariat of the Council for National Minorities, Ondřej Klípa, with whom he discussed the establishment of a national minority council with representation in Parliament, financial support for the Ukrainian Saturday school, and visa-free travel for Ukrainians.

The UWC president then met with representatives from the municipality of Prague, Councilor for Culture and Tourism Lukáš Kaucky, and Councilor for Social Affairs Petr Dolínek. He raised the issue of the integration of the Ukrainian community, recommended the creation of a local national minority committee and requested financial support for the Ukrainian Saturday school in Prague.

In addition, the UWC president met with a representative of the International Organization for Migration, Marie Říhová, with whom he discussed the issue of improving conditions for Ukrainian migrant workers. Afterwards, a meeting was held with the ambassador of Ukraine, Ivan Grytsak.

The UWC president ended the day by paying tribute at the Taras Shevchenko monument and at a memorial with the following inscription: "To my faithful children, heroes and victims of terrors – Mother Ukraine."

Accompanying Mr. Czolij to all the events in Prague were Ukrainian Initiative of the Czech Republic President Viktor Rajčinec and Press Secretary Bohdan Rajčinec.



By the monument to Taras Shevchenko in Budapest, Hungary (from left) are: Yevhen Herasymovych, Ihor Shypailo, Jaroslava Hartyáni, president of the Association of Ukrainian Culture in Hungary, and UWC President Eugene Czolij.



Ukrainian pro sports update: basketball

by Ihor Stelmach

NBA vet Fratello to coach Ukraine's National Team

The "Czar of the Telestrator," known as Mike Fratello when not working as an NBA television commentator, has not drawn up any of his own plays in several years. Come July of this year, this will come to a dramatic end. The Hackensack, N.J., native has taken on perhaps his biggest professional challenge, agreeing to coach Ukraine's National Team this summer in Lithuania at the European Championships.

Ukraine has had almost no success in basketball on the world stage since proclaiming its independence after the dissolution of the Soviet Union 20 years ago. It didn't qualify for the last Olympics and is considered to be an extreme long shot for the 2012 Summer Games. Ukraine participated in two European championships, never finishing higher than 13th place. Ukraine has never qualified for the Olympic competition. Fratello boldly hopes to help put Ukraine on the basketball map. Nonetheless, NBA veteran Fratello, 64, is genuinely excited about his initial foray into international basketball competition.

"I was interested in something new that I've never done," said Fratello in an interview with North, that opportunity was kind of a wonderful challenge to see what you can do. This program is trying to establish a base, a foundation to eventually become a power. The New Jersey Nets analyst on the YES Network and NBA analyst for TNT was not deterred to explore uncharted waters. "I just thought at this time in my life, having never had the chance for that. It's been haphazard, hasn't been run the right way. I think everybody wanted to make a commitment to do this thing the right way."

As far as building foundations for fledgling basketball organizations, Fratello may be the right man for the job. He took over a struggling Memphis Grizzlies franchise 16 games into the 2004-2005 season and led the team into the playoffs. He always got the most out of his players and instilled strong defensive schemes. His career win-lose record as an NBA coach stands at 677-548, ranking 19th all-time in victories as coach of Atlanta, Cleveland and Memphis.

It was one of Fratello's former players with the Atlanta Hawks who recruited him to his new challenging post. Alexander Volkov, the president of the Basketball Federation of Ukraine, convinced Fratello to accept the position when he explained to Fratello that he would not have to coach against the United States. After a few follow-up questions and some time to decide, Fratello opted to give it a try.

After being a candidate for the Los Angeles Clippers coaching spot and interviewing for the Hornets and Cavaliers vacancies last summer, it is clear Fratello has not lost interest to coach in the NBA. He's quick to deny that taking the Ukraine post was part of a plan to get him back on the NBA sidelines.

"This isn't being done because I'm hoping to get a job," Fratello said in his late-March conversation with NewJersey.com. "People know whether I can coach in the NBA. The whole [Ukraine] thing is a huge challenge. That's why I really did it."

The commitment to the Team Ukraine job will require about two-and-a-half months, from early July through September. In early spring he was in the process of assembling a coaching staff and putting together a potential roster of players. Ukraine does not have any great basketball players. Utah Jazz center Kyrylo Fesenko is the lone Ukrainian in

the NBA. Oleksiy Pecherov saw time with Washington and Minnesota before signing in Italy. There are a couple of Ukrainian hoopsters playing in Spain and some in American universities. Ukraine has the option of nationalizing players who have played in their pro league during the last few years.

"I have to come up with a search mission to find some new guys," Fratello said.

The top two finishers in the European Championships are guaranteed spots at next summer's Olympic Games. Fratello is looking forward to his challenge, yet realistic about Ukraine's chances.

"It's an opportunity to try to put a program in Ukraine that will be a lasting one, that they can carry on and build on it," Fratello said. "Hopefully the next international thing that comes up they will be better than they were before this one."

When coach Fratello arrives to head up Team Ukraine, as mentioned previously, the only familiar face he'll recognize will be Ukrainian Sasha Volkov, who played for the Czar's Atlanta Hawks a while back. Volkov hasn't played basketball since the year 2000. Fratello hasn't coached since 2006 and will be facing lots of unknowns.

There is little doubt Fratello will fall back on his proven coaching philosophies to guide his new squad. His preferred tenacious defense should mesh with Ukraine's big and physical team, especially with some good shot blockers on the potential roster. Speaking of which, here are some quick looks at several hoopsters destined to be on Team Ukraine:

SERHIY GLADYR

Scouts say: A 6'5" shooting guard with lots of natural ability who's a pure shooter. Has a decent touch from three-point range and can shoot coming off a screen. His athleticism is demonstrated with his natural ball-handling skills, use of his left hand, effective crossover dribble and rebounding. Serhiy needs to work on pick-and-roll traps and double teams.

This season: He's 21 years old now, averaging 9.1 points playing for Basquet Manresa in Spain, showing progress since being drafted by the NBA's Atlanta Hawks two years ago. He shot 35 percent from beyond the arc with a bright future still to come.

Fratello's Role Model: Dan Majerle, noted for his ball-handling skills who was very difficult to stop anywhere on the court when single-covered. Majerle proved to be one of the unsung heroes of those winning Phoenix Suns teams of the 1990's – a sharpshooting Serhiy Gladyr would play a similar role for a surprising Team Ukraine.

OLEKSIY PECHEROV

Scouts say: He has shown the ability to create his own shot off the dribble, pulling up quickly and efficiently. He squares up to the basket very well, can get vertical and is difficult to guard close to the basket. He has developed into an excellent free throw shooter, who is also a solid defender with good foot speed, especially laterally. Oleksiy is a rarity with big size, good quickness and strength combination. He does not have great vision to find teammates off the dribble so his passing is suspect. He is working on protecting the ball better and developing mental toughness.

This season: He missed two months due to injury with Italian club AJ Milano, yet played 20+ minutes per game, scoring 10.6 points and grabbing 6.2 rebounds.

Fratello's Role Model: A Zydrunas Ilgauskas-type of big man, the best foreign player Mike Fratello ever coached in terms of what he achieved during his career. For a player almost 7-foot-tall, Pecherov has enviable ball-handling skills – hopefully Fratello can improve his passing ability to Ilgauskasian levels.

KYRYLO FESENKO

Scouts say: Big body in the middle, very good shot blocker, good rebounder – more of a defensive presence with limited offensive skills. Like most European big men he enjoys stepping out and shooting from the outside. Most of the limited points he does score are usually from underneath the rim, usually on a put back since his team doesn't run plays for him.

This season: The only Ukrainian in the NBA, he finished up still another inconsistent season with the Utah Jazz. By this time in his career the Jazz hoped Fesenko would be paying them some dividends. In his defense, the 24-year-old was buried deep on the Utah bench behind new acquisition Al Jefferson and veteran Mehmet Okur. Barely getting eight minutes of playing time per game certainly limits one's contributions. He should get lots of minutes with Team Ukraine.

Fratello's Role Model: Tree Rollins and Kevin Willis rolled into one player. Note the transformation of the 21st century pro basketball player: in their time, the super powered Atlanta Hawks were led by twin big men Rollins and Willis, coached by Fratello. Today Fesenko is 40 pounds heavier than either of those guys and he still may be growing. Add a little mobility to this monstrous Ukrainian frame and you have a potentially scary big man.

SERHIY LISHCHUK

Scouts say: One of the top shot-blockers among Ukrainian big men, the power forward had a solid run with Ukraine's Azovmash Mariupol club team, averaging over 10 points and five rebounds per game. The 28-year-old has blocked about 1.5 shots per game in his career. Lishchuk

has shown he can elevate his game when needed most, especially in Eurocup competition.

This season: Scored at a 6.3 clip with 4.9 rebounds in his second season with Spain's PE Valencia club. Serhiy started only three games, averaging about 16 minutes per game.

Fratello's Role Model: Shane Battier's emergence as a double-digit scorer and valuable all-round contributor whose importance was magnified on defense was a major bright spot during Fratello's Memphis coaching tenure. Lishchuk does not quite have Battier's offensive game, but he'll undoubtedly get major playing time, concentrating on his expertise: half-court defense.

MAKSYM PUSTOZVONOV

Scouts say: Excellent small forward, who can also capably handle the power forward slot. Very capably plays the pick-and-roll either with the ball or as the screener. Maksym is a very good shooter from the outside as proven by his 13+ points/game in the Euro Challenge competition and in the Ukrainian Super League.

This season: He produced steady double-digit performances with Azovmash in Eurocup play this season, shooting 47 percent overall. In regular season play he shot 44 percent with averages of 9.4 points and 3.7 rebounds.

Fratello's Role Model: Cleveland's Danny Ferry back when he could shoot from anywhere on the court and still hit the backboards. Ferry's most productive years were during Fratello's coaching days there. He was in the starting lineup and had his own sets called regularly, shooting a solid 46 percent. Despite shooting frequently, Ferry's rebounds, assists and steals improved on a yearly basis. Pustozvonov as a potential-realized Ferry would be a tremendous asset for Team Ukraine.

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"Half of the foresights expect stable political development, while another half foresee stagnation. None of the authors emphasize deterioration. This situation shows that the future political situation is quite unclear," reads the policy paper.

Yet the study's findings show that Ukraine's political elite will continue to play a decisive role in shaping the country's future, which undermines the predictability of its future paths.

The study also noted Russia's continued influence over Ukraine and how Ukraine's elites interact with their eastern neighbor. Ms. Hetmanchuk observed that Ukraine has navigated between Moscow and Brussels over the last 20 years.

Although President Viktor Yanukovich's political rhetoric appears pro-Russian, Ms. Hetmanchuk said that he "made a stake on the EU-Ukraine rapprochement and steered out of yet another Kremlin project – the Customs Union... This could mean that the Ukrainian elites have developed a unanimous approach to foreign policy priorities." She added, "However, this strategy so far lacks real substance."

English-language studies in particular mentioned the U.S. still playing a major role in Ukraine's development as a state. They cite Ukraine's dependency on global economic and political trends. "This explains to a great extent the presence [in Ukraine] of China, an emerging world leader, that will economically and politically, directly and indirectly influence the country," the policy paper reads.

Ukraine's population most likely will continue dropping as a result of deaths surpassing births, as well as outgoing migration driven by labor motives.

At the same time, the policy paper noted that Ukraine, like the rest of Europe, will experience an inflow of labor immigrants. This likely scenario has raised questions about whether Ukraine can handle multiculturalism and integrate immigrants into society, something IWP didn't overlook.

"The outcome of this research proves that the demographic problem will be a key obstacle in the development of the whole [of] Europe," Ms. Hetmanchuk told The Weekly. "So, Ukraine is not an exception. The study shows that the EU will have to address the challenge of attracting talented and professional workers from abroad. It is likely that Ukraine will move in the same context..."

"Judging from the opinions expressed by some leaders, the collapse of the multiculturalism policy in the EU is there... we may say in advance that Ukraine is not ready to handle it right now," she noted.

In addition, migrants to Ukraine pose another threat – they use Ukraine as a transit point before moving on to European Union countries, Ms. Hetmanchuk added.

The Kyiv-based Institute of World Policy, which says it is independent of Ukrainian political movements, describes its mission as "to inform and educate policy-makers, experts, journalists and the general public about events and trends in international relations as it concerns Ukraine and Ukraine's foreign policy." Its bilingual (Ukrainian-English) website is located at <http://iwp.org.ua/>.

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make the final decision in September, and EBRD representatives do not rule out that additional loans may be issued later for the project (www.zn.ua, July 19).

In order to qualify for European loans for the project, Ukraine has to split the gas transit, gas distribution and gas extraction businesses of Naftohaz according to agreements with the EU reached in 2009. This is in order to improve the manageability of Ukraine's gas sector and open the market to Western investors. If Naftohaz is restructured, European institutions are ready to provide loans totaling \$1.7 billion for reforms in the gas sector in Ukraine.

Last year, the Verkhovna Rada took the first step toward accepting the EU conditions by passing a law that provides for Naftohaz's restructuring. The government has since delayed the restructuring, apparently under Russian pressure, as Moscow offered cheaper gas in exchange for Naftohaz's takeover by Gazprom, which would not require Naftohaz's restructuring. However, talks with Moscow have been difficult. It remains to be seen whether Kyiv will use the agreements with the EU and the start of the pipeline upgrading project as a bargaining chip in the talks with Moscow, or if the agreements with the EU will be fully adhered to.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, speaking at a press conference on July 8, indicated that the EU would be preferred to Russia. He said Naftohaz would be restructured by separating different activities, and he added that later shares of the companies formed in place of Naftohaz would be offered for IPOs at international exchanges. At the same time, Mr. Yanukovich said there would be no merger of Naftohaz with Russia's Gazprom, adding

that Gazprom's participation in modernizing Ukraine's gas pipelines would nevertheless be welcome (www.president.gov.ua, July 8).

Mr. Yanukovich's statement came as a response to Gazprom CEO Aleksey Miller's offer of cheaper gas for Ukraine and assistance in the modernization of pipelines in exchange for Naftohaz's merger with Gazprom (Interfax, June 30). In theory, Gazprom could buy shares in Ukraine's pipelines in an IPO, but this would not be the same as gaining full control over them through Naftohaz's merger with Gazprom. Naturally, Moscow has opposed Naftohaz's restructuring and is reluctant to participate in upgrading Ukraine's pipelines jointly with the EU, which would be the best option for Kyiv.

While accepting the EU's conditions, Kyiv leaves open the door to Moscow. Mr. Azarov, speaking at the upgrade project launch ceremony on July 19, said he still hoped for Russia's positive decision on participation in the modernization of Ukrainian gas pipelines. He recalled that Ukraine had repeatedly invited Russia to participate.

Explaining Kyiv's motives for launching the project without reaching any agreement with Russia, he said Ukraine had no options left as Moscow is proceeding with the two projects aimed at diverting the flow of Russian gas from Ukraine – Nord Stream and South Stream. "We have to demonstrate to our partners both in Europe and Russia all the competitive advantages of our gas transit network," said Mr. Azarov, adding, "For this, it is necessary to completely overhaul the gas pipeline, which was commissioned 30 years ago" (UNIAN, July 19).

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WASHINGTON – The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), in co-sponsorship with the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, will host a special event commemorating the 20th anniversary of Ukrainian independence in the U.S. Congress on Thursday, September 15, at noon-4 p.m.

The celebratory event is to be held in the Senate Hart Office Building, Room 902, and will feature a formal luncheon at noon-2 p.m. with a presentation of special awards to members of Congress for their role and support in helping to achieve and sustain Ukraine's independence.

Nominations are currently being accepted from Ukrainian communities throughout the United States, which may recommend their legislators, past or present, who have significantly contributed to Ukraine's independence and path towards democracy. Information should be forwarded to the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at unis@ucca.org.

Following the formal luncheon, at 2-4 p.m., a panel discussion titled "Perspectives of Ukraine's Independence" will be held with invited guests including: Askold

Lozynskyj, chairman of the International Conference in Support of Ukraine; Paula Dobriansky, former undersecretary of state for democracy and global affairs; Paul Goble, former senior advisor to the director of the Voice of America; former Ukrainian political prisoner Levko Lukianenko; former Rep. Don Ritter; Ukrainian World Congress President Eugene Czolij; Heritage Foundation Senior Policy Analyst Ariel Cohen; former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor; Irene Chalupa, RFE/RL correspondent; UCCA President Tamara Olexy; and, Iryna Bekeshkina, director of Democratic Initiatives, Kyiv.

The roundtable discussion will focus on the Ukrainian American community's and the U.S. government's role in assisting Ukraine in attaining its independence and sustaining its freedom.

The Ukrainian community from throughout the United States is invited to attend. UNIS is encouraging Ukrainian communities to contact their members of Congress and senators to inform them of the event and request their participation in this celebration with their constituents.

For information readers may contact UNIS at 202-547-0018 or unis@ucca.org.

Art by Kovalenko, Monastyretsky on exhibit

CHICAGO – Summer at the Ukrainian National Museum offers art enthusiasts of all ages an enriching exhibit by two Ukrainian artists. "The Artwork of Oleksa Kovalenko and Walter Monastyretsky" opened on July 29 and will be on view through August 21.

The ethereal oil paintings by Mr. Kovalenko transport viewers back in time to explore the rich history of Ukraine. The artist draws his inspiration from the wellspring of Ukrainian customs and traditions. The artist as philosopher seeks to show Ukrainian culture

through the lens of heritage and folklore.

Mr. Monastyretsky, a classically trained professional artist, paints oils of landscapes, nature and still life. The classic portrait is his forte. The artist was born, raised and educated in Ukraine, where he became a licensed pharmacist. His love of art guided him to Kyiv, where he attended the Kyiv Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture.

The museum is located at 2249 W. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60612; telephone, 312-421-8020. Museum hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.


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Kerhonkson, NY | Concert, featuring Foma and Denisov from Mandry, Soyuzivka Heritage Center, 845-626-5641 | August 21
Los Angeles | Gala celebration of Ukraine's 20th anniversary of independence, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 818-620-3929 |
| August 13
Jewett, NY | Fund-raiser memorial concert, marking the 85th birthday of Ihor Sonevsky - founder, the Grazhda - Music and Art Center of Greene County, www.grazhdamusicandart.org | August 22
Brampton, ON | Golf tournament, celebrating Ukraine's 20th anniversary of independence, Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, Lionhead Golf and Country Club, www.golflionhead.com or 905-825-2877 |
| August 13
Caledon, ON | Golf tournament, Ukrainian Golf Association of Canada, Osprey Valley Resorts Golf Club, max.trojan@bcuwm.com or 416-763-7000 | August 24
Toronto | Flag-raising ceremony, 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, League of Ukrainian Canadians, Queen's Park, 416-516-8223 or www.lucorg.com |
| August 13-21
Toronto | International Ukrainian Football (Soccer) Tournament, Ukrainian World Congress, Centennial Park Stadium, www.iuft.net | August 24
Saskatoon, SK | Dave Mysak "Kovbasa Klassic" golf tournament, Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Saskatchewan, Willows Golf and Country Club, 306-653-1300 or penny.szautner@newcommunity.ca |
| August 17
Somerset, NJ | Ukrainian Independence Day celebration, featuring the Iskra Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and bandurist Mike Andrec, Franklin Township Public Library, 732-873-8700 | August 24
Ottawa | Flag-raising ceremony, 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, Embassy of Ukraine, Parliament Hill, 613-230-2961 ext. 235 or press@ukremb.ca |
| August 18
Fort Saskatchewan, AB | Golf tournament, Ukrainian Foundation for College Education, Fort-In-View Golf Course, 780-497-4374 or 780-497-5494 | August 26
Wildwood, NJ | Beach volleyball tournament, Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada, beach near Pan American Hotel, www.socceragency.net/lys |
| August 18-21
Rochester, NY | Ukrainian Festival, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, 585-266-2255 or www.rochesterukrainianfestival.com | August 26-September 1
Ottawa | Film screening, "The Whistleblower" by Larysa Kondracki, ByTowne Theater, www.whistleblower-movie.com |
| August 20
Etobicoke, ON | 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence celebration, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Centennial Park, 416-323-4772 | August 27
Selkirk, MB | Golf tournament, Selkirk Golf and Country Club, 204-482-2050 |
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Miami | Celebration, 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, Ukrainian American Club, 305-635-6374 or www.ukrainiandancersmiami.org/uac | August 28
San Francisco | Ukrainian Day, Ukrainian Heritage Club of Northern California, Golden Gate Park, ukrainianheritageclubofnc@yahoo.com |
| August 20
Regina, MB | Ukrainian Fall Fest, Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Regina Branch, Victoria Park, www.uccruff.ca | | |
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Lehigh, PA | Festival celebrating the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, Ukrainian Homestead, 610-377-4621 or www.ukrhomestead.com | | |

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of Mandry; Miss Soyuzivka;
Zabava - Svitanok

August 13-21 Club Suzy-Q week

August 20,
3 pm - Dance Camp Recital

9:30 pm - Zabava - Fata Morgana

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Saturday, August 13

KERHONKSON, N.Y.: Foma (vocals, guitar) and Danylo Denisov (midi-accordion) of the group Mandry from Ukraine will perform an evening concert at Soyuzivka. This will be the first U.S. appearance for the duo, who describe their new joint project as "folk-punk-chanson." The performance will take place on the day of the annual Miss Soyuzivka event. Also on the schedule is a dance to the music of the Svitanok band of New York. The evening program gets under way at approximately 8 p.m. Gate fee of \$20 includes parking and admission to the festivities. For information call Soyuzivka, 845-626-5641.

Sunday, August 21

HORSHAM, Pa.: The Ukrainian American Sport Center - Tryzub will host the 20th annual Ukrainian Independence Folk Festival at Tryzubivka, County Line and Lower State roads, Horsham, PA 19044. Doors will open at noon. The festi-

val stage show will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the following headliners: Syzokryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (New York); violinist Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo (Lviv); Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (Philadelphia); and the Fata Morgana Orchestra (Philadelphia). Guests will be able to enjoy a special salute to the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence by the legendary Fralinger Mummies String Band (Philadelphia), which will present "At the Golden Gates of Kyiv." A zabavandance to the music of Fata Morgana will follow the stage show at 4:30 p.m. Delicious Ukrainian foods and baked goods, picnic fare and cool refreshments will be plentiful. Vendors are welcome: an arts and crafts bazaar and a children's fun area will be open all day. Admission: \$15, \$10 for students, free for children under 15; free parking. For further information call 267-664-3857 or log on to www.tryzub.org. The sponsor is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt non-profit charitable organization: Proceeds benefit youth soccer and cultural and community programs.

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