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D.C. think tanks hold conference on future of governance in Ukraine

by Yaro Bihun

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

WASHINGTON – Developments in Ukraine and what its future will bring have been a topic of some interest in the U.S. capital for some time, and a recent daylong conference organized by three leading think tanks has raised that interest to a new level.

The conference – “Ukraine’s Future: Challenges and Impact of Governance in Ukraine” – was arranged by the Atlantic Council, the Brookings Institution and the Peterson Institute for International Economics, which hosted the event on July 7. It drew close to 300 participants – for the most part international affairs experts, government officials, diplomats, economists, scholars, journalists and other professionals – as well as representatives of Ukrainian American and other interested ethnic groups.

The program began with an hour-long conversation with Ukraine’s Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pavlo Klimkin. It was followed by two 90-minute panel discussions by experts – the first dealing with the challenges of governance in Ukraine and the other on its impact on Ukraine’s economy and foreign relations. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the former U.S. national security advisor and now counselor and trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, concluded the conference with his analysis.

Introducing Vice-Minister Klimkin, Steven Pifer, former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, pointed to some of Ukraine’s problem areas, particularly those that have come to the fore during the administration of President Viktor Yanukovich, which most recently have

focused on the prosecution of opposition political figures, most notably, former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

The vice-minister candidly admitted that Ukraine “is never boring.” As for seeking the prosecution of political figures, he said, it was part of a wider campaign of fighting corruption in Ukraine regardless of the party affiliation of those accused. It is part of the difficult and long-overdue political and economic reform process initiated by the Yanukovich government, which was ignored by previous administrations, he said.

In the area of foreign policy, Mr. Klimkin said the government is continuing its goal of being accepted into the European community – a process that requires many domestic reforms of problem areas resulting from what he called Ukraine’s Soviet “legacy.”

On the positive side, he said, is the fact that Ukraine is a European country – not only geographically, but historically and mentally as well – and eventually there will be a convergence of values.

This European goal, Mr. Klimkin said, does not interfere with the necessary improvement of Ukraine’s important political and economic relationship with Russia, which, he stressed, should be based on cooperation and not “integration.”

Challenges of governance

The first panel discussion, chaired by the Peterson Institute’s Senior Fellow Anders Aslund, began with some candid criticism by Freedom House President David Kramer of the Ukrainian administration’s behavior and the lack of an effective response by the West.

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The Tymoshenko trial: a circus at the court



Yulia Tymoshenko and her lawyer Mykola Tytarenko at Kyiv’s Pechersk District Court on July 11.

by Mark Raczkiewicz

Special to *The Ukrainian Weekly*

KYIV – The televised trial of embattled former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko for alleged abuse of office has turned into a circus.

Events inside the courtroom have bolstered claims that the trial, which began on July 4, is politically motivated.

Fueled by suspicions that the judge is not independent, Ms. Tymoshenko has repeatedly refused to stand up before him. “[There are] illegal actions taking place now. I do not stand up before the court because it is the only remedy,” she said on July 11.

On the same day Judge Rodion Kiriyeu of Kyiv’s Pechersk District Court ordered special police units to remove from the courtroom a member of Parliament from Ms. Tymoshenko’s eponymous political bloc because of heckling.

Even worse were the events of July 6 when Judge Kiriyeu ordered Ms. Tymoshenko and her supporters to be removed from the courtroom for disturbing order. The order came after the judge ejected a Tymoshenko supporter for being disruptive. Ms. Tymoshenko then said to Judge Kiriyeu, “You are not a judge, you are a monster.” Police escorted the opposition leader out of the courtroom.

And because of the voluminous 5,000-page case against her, according to Ms. Tymoshenko, her lawyer was given only a few days to prepare for the hearing. On July 8 attorney Mykola Tytarenko had to

be taken to a hospital.

President Viktor Yanukovich’s fiercest political rival is facing up to 10 years in prison for what appears to be making a political decision: signing a gas deal in 2009 with Russia that was widely praised by the international community and ended a bitter standoff with Russia that saw gas supplies disrupted to Europe.

The deal also removed the murky gas trading company RosUkrEnergo as an intermediate company, establishing direct contractual relations between state-owned Naftohaz Ukrainy and Russia’s Gazprom.

Specifically, prosecutors allege Ms. Tymoshenko, who earned herself the nickname “gas princess” in the mid-1990s when she ran United Energy Systems, a natural gas importer, didn’t consult her Cabinet when signing the gas deal and agreed to a much higher price for gas that “sold out national interests.”

As a result, prosecutors say she caused the state \$190 million in damages.

Ms. Tymoshenko, 50, denies the accusations. She is also facing charges in pending cases that she mispent nearly \$300 million Ukraine received in Kyoto Protocol funds and of wrongfully purchasing 1,000 Opel Combo vehicles for use by rural doctors.

Meanwhile Ms. Tymoshenko has hired the American law firm Covington & Burling to investigate the government’s alleged findings of wrongdoing.

“Their conclusions regarding the charges against Yulia Tymoshenko...

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Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski suggests that Russia may well learn how to build its future by following the example of Ukraine – its “older brother,” as he phrased it.

ANALYSIS

Government prepares public opinion for possible sales of Naftohaz assets

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich hinted on July 8 at an imminent vote in the Verkhovna Rada to allow the sale of assets from Naftohaz Ukrainy to foreign investors. Mr. Yanukovich did not name these, but alluded to Gazprom. Indeed, exploratory discussions have taken place exclusively with the Russian government and Gazprom about corporate investment in Ukraine's gas transit system (Pravda Ukrainy, July 8; Interfax-Ukraine, July 8, 9).

Until most recently, the Ukrainian government and President Yanukovich himself had resisted proposals for a "merger" of Naftohaz (in whole or in part) with Gazprom, as Moscow demands in return for a second deep discount in the price of gas for Ukraine (the first discount came in 2010 through the naval-base-for-cheap-gas tradeoff). During the last few days, however, the Ukrainian government's signals have shifted from resistance toward practical consideration of another tradeoff.

Divvying up Naftohaz?

In line with this change of tone, Mr. Yanukovich announced to the media on July 8 that his government considers dividing up Naftohaz Ukrainy into its components, selling off some of them, and launching joint projects with Gazprom for pipeline upgrades and gas extraction in Ukraine. He mentioned the possibility of an initial public offering (IPO) for a 10 percent stake ("to start with") in Naftohaz, or selling a spinoff from Naftohaz, to raise investment funds for the gas transit system's upgrade.

The government-connected daily Segodnya had prefaced Mr. Yanukovich's remarks with two news stories (June 29, July 2) about separating the gas transit system from Naftohaz, selling as much as 30 percent of the shares through an IPO, and rushing the necessary legislative changes through the Verkhovna Rada.

All this suggests that the president and government have started preparing Ukrainian public opinion for as yet unspecified agreements affecting the future of the gas transit system, Ukraine's most valuable national asset. Moscow insists on some form of shared control over this system, in return for a second discount on the price of gas.

Notwithstanding the discount in force since 2010, Ukraine is paying \$350 per 1,000 cubic meters of Russian gas in the current year's third quarter; it expects this price to rise to \$400 in the fourth quarter; and is worried by Gazprom's forecasts that the price might approach \$500 by the end of 2011.

A Moscow-imposed link

The main driving factor is the Moscow-imposed link between the price of the oil-products basket and the price of gas. The surge in world oil prices

has found Ukraine ill-prepared to cope with the resultant hikes in the price of Russian gas.

Politically, the Ukrainian president and government must take the interests of two gas-consuming constituencies into account: the interests of energy-intensive industry at all times, and household consumers' interests at pre-election time.

Parliamentary elections are due in 2012, and the ruling team's political rating is plummeting. In these circumstances, the government has made clear that it will continue subsidizing household gas consumption. This practice deprives Naftohaz of revenues, consigning it to de facto insolvency and necessitating either external borrowing or asset sell-offs to Russia to finance the gas transit system's upgrade.

Meanwhile, the gas-dependent steel and chemical industries expect the government to work out a price discount with Gazprom and the Russian government.

The government has drafted a bill to allow selling off assets from the state-owned Naftohaz. The governing Party of Regions is certain to support this initiative in Parliament. The bill is meant to change the law on the statute books, which bans any form of "alienation" of state-owned energy infrastructure and other energy assets.

The existing law meticulously lists all possible forms of "alienation" (sale of such assets in full or in part, rental, lease, concession, trust management, joint use and other forms), banning them all. Yulia Tymoshenko had drafted and submitted this law to Parliament during her time as opposition leader in 2007. The then-governing Party of Regions voted in favor of this law. It was triggered by maladroitness public hints from Russia's then-president, Vladimir Putin, about discussions with Ukraine's then-president, Viktor Yushchenko, about allowing Gazprom into Ukraine's gas transit system. The Party of Regions, however, is now executing a turn-about.

Aiming to get public consent

Ukrainian officials' and parliamentary deputies' remarks to the media (UNIAN, Interfax-Ukraine, July 1, 5) already reveal three main arguments that will be used for gaining public consent to these changes.

First, demonizing Ms. Tymoshenko for accepting the gas price formula in the long-term agreement she concluded as prime minister in 2009 with Mr. Putin (the prosecution of Ms. Tymoshenko will therefore continue unabated).

Second, emphasizing the need for external financing through asset sales in order to modernize the gas transport system (no mention is made of generating funds for the system's upgrade by discontinuing subsidies to household consumption).

And third, rejecting the idea of a "merger" of Naftohaz with Gazprom, only to resort in practice to piecemeal asset sales, or various possible forms of sharing control of Naftohaz assets with Gazprom.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Yulia files complaint at European Court

KYIV – Former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, against whom four criminal cases have already been opened in Ukraine, has lodged a complaint at the European Court of Human Rights regarding the illegality of her prosecution. The text of the complaint was posted on Ms. Tymoshenko's official website on July 13. She is accused by Ukrainian prosecutors of abuse of office in signing gas supply contracts with Russia in 2009. According to the case materials, Ms. Tymoshenko, when signing agreements on gas supplies with Russia in 2009, caused over 1.5 billion hryv (over \$188 million U.S.) in losses to the state. Two more criminal cases opened against Ms. Tymoshenko concern the purchase of Opel cars as ambulance vehicles and the alleged misuse of funds received from the sale of Ukrainian quotas under the Kyoto Protocol. A fourth criminal case has recently been opened against her regarding the signing of an additional agreement to the contract on the sale of Kryvorizhstal in 2005. (Ukrinform)

A push for Winter Olympics in Lviv

KYIV – Elbrus Tedeyev, vice-chairman of the parliamentary Committee on Family Matters, Youth Policy, Sports and Tourism, and a member of executive committee of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, considers it quite realistic that Lviv could host the Winter Olympic Games in 2022. The Carpathian region meets one of the most important requirements by the International Olympic Committee to a host country: compact arrangement of the entire Olympic infrastructure, he noted, according to July 13 news reports. (Ukrinform)

Referendum on new Constitution

KYIV – Constitutional amendments and the new text of the Constitution of Ukraine will be put to a nationwide referendum, former Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk, who heads the Expert Group on the Creation of a Constitutional Assembly, said on the "Shuster Live" talk show. According to July 9 news reports,

he said that no member of the presidential administration had currently tried to impose his or her vision of the concept of a new Constitution. "What we will propose may not please the president or the Parliament that will adopt this Constitution. But for us to be honest and open to the people, all the members of the Constitutional Assembly will sign and give a written document saying what they agree with, and what they do not agree with," Mr. Kravchuk said. "This will enable citizens to see what kind of text was drafted by the Constitutional Assembly and what kind of text was passed by Parliament," he said. The former president also said that the priorities in drafting the new wording of the Constitution would be human rights, rather than the wishes of a certain leader. (Ukrinform)

Opposition preps for 2012 elections

KYIV – Ukrainian opposition forces have agreed to coordinate efforts in preparation for the 2012 parliamentary elections. This was declared during the Free Elections 2012 roundtable held at Ukrinform on July 12 by Valentyn Nalyvaichenko, initiator of a meeting of representatives of democratic opposition forces and chairman of the Our Ukraine party's political council. "We have been united by the two key issues of interaction and coordination: to pass a democratic bill on parliamentary elections in Ukraine and to ensure effective supervision, using all the social and political resources to ensure fair elections in 2012," he said. Mr. Nalyvaichenko stressed that Our Ukraine does not claim a monopoly in this process. Delegates from nine political parties took part in the first working meeting. Mr. Nalyvaichenko explained that before September 12, when the second meeting of the current and new members of the initiative is scheduled, a committee for the protection of fair elections, including representatives of opposition parties and non-governmental organizations, is to be organized. In addition, the opposition intends to establish working

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Correction

In the story "Saints and Sinners' concert presented at Ukrainian Institute of America" (July 3), a technical error resulted in the deletion of the date of the event. The concert took place on March 27.

NEWS ANALYSIS: Could elections in Ukraine be democratic without Tymoshenko?

by Taras Kuzio

Speaking to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on June 21, Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich defended the criminal cases launched against former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and 12 ministers from her 2007-2010 government.

Together with nine leaders of the fall 2010 anti-tax code protests and ten nationalists who admitted to beheading the monument to Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin (a crime of 'hooliganism') although they have been charged with blowing it up (which is a charge of "terrorism") the list of Ukrainians persecuted for political beliefs is now over 30 – and growing.

Negotiations are moving fast for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), which both sides optimistically predict will be signed between Ukraine and the European Union in December. During the same period of negotiations for a DCFTA, democracy in Ukraine has regressed across all indicators and the country has been downgraded by Freedom House from free to partly free – that is, semi-authoritarian.

Should the EU bring in Ukraine regardless of democratic regression hoping that once inside the EU could influence the state of democracy for the better? Or, should the EU set clearer red lines of impermissible behavior before Ukraine joins a DCFTA?

In an April report on the state of

democracy in Ukraine, Freedom House proposed to: "Underscore that progress on Ukraine's agenda with the EU is directly linked to Ukraine's progress on meeting European democratic standards." And to "Finalize agreements on free trade and association as quickly as possible and then ensure the adherence of Ukraine and its government to the values enshrined in those agreements."

The Ukrainian authorities have until now wanted to have their cake and eat it too – rolling back democracy in Kyiv, while claiming to sign up to "European values" in Brussels. Western and Ukrainian experts signed a detailed and critical open letter calling on the EU to begin using 'sticks' as well as 'carrots' [3] in its dealings with Kyiv.

Every international organization has reported a lack of progress in the Yanukovich administration toward fulfilling Ukraine's declared political objectives for 2010. Meanwhile, the July 2010 of the International Monetary Fund program has been suspended after Ukraine halted the implementation of key IMF demands: a second round of raising household utility prices and raising women's pension age from 55 to 60. The EU's May report on Ukraine's implementation of the 2010 Action Plan concluded that few of its reform goals were met by Kyiv.

There are two reasons for the virtual nature of the West's dialogue with Ukraine.

The first is institutional. The EU has until now only been willing to use carrots

and sticks in "enlargement-heavy" (i.e. full membership) case whereas it has only used carrots, but not sticks, in "enlargement-lite" (i.e., the DCFTA).

As European Council on Foreign Relations Senior Fellows Nicu Popescu and Andrew Wilson argue, the EU should be more willing to use both carrots and sticks; that is, integrate its soft and hard power.

The second is a disconnect between the West and Kyiv over definitions of democracy. Asked by one of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) deputies if elections in Ukraine could be free without Ms. Tymoshenko being permitted to stand, President Yanukovich nonchalantly replied, "It would be premature to speculate on that."

The campaign of criminal charges against Ms. Tymoshenko and members of her 2007-2010 government has escalated throughout Kyiv's negotiations with the EU on the DCFTA. Western governments, international organizations (the latest being a June 9 European Parliament resolution) and human rights NGOs have condemned the use of "selective justice" against Ms. Tymoshenko and her eponymous bloc.

The purpose of the charges are to remove Ms. Tymoshenko and her political force as the main opposition to the Yanukovich administration and to disbar her from being able to stand in the October 2012 parliamentary elections and in the January 2015 presidential elections. This could be undertaken by a court giving her a suspended sentence, which is likely to take place over the summer holiday season to limit damage control in the West. Ukrainian political expert Zorian Shkyriak describes the authorities' policy as the "beheading" of the opposition.

There are informed rumors in Washington and Kyiv suggesting Ms. Tymoshenko could be arrested in August to prevent her from participating in the 2012 elections. If the arrest takes place it would come a month ahead of the Eastern Partnership summit in Warsaw. Would Mr. Yanukovich be so brazen a second time at the summit if the arrest were to transpire?

Regardless of wishful thinking in Kyiv, the Organization for Security and

Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and Western governments would find it difficult (if not impossible) to recognize the 2012 and 2015 elections as having been held in accordance with democratic practices if Ms. Tymoshenko is disbarred. If Ukraine were to join the DCTA in December, such a denunciation of undemocratic election practices would come less than a year later and prove embarrassing to the EU's Eastern Partnership of which Ukraine's DCFTA and Association Agreement are the flagship.

One reason the October 2010 local elections failed to meet democratic standards was because the authorities had disbarred Batkivshchyna from running in its two strongholds of Kyiv and Lviv. In addition, the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities reported that "Voting was not of a standard we would wish to see, namely, fully in line with the requirements of the European standards for fair, transparent and professionally organised elections."

The writing is already on the wall for the Yanukovich administration ahead of next year's elections. PACE in late June, following an earlier European Parliament resolution of June 9, issued a stern resolution condemning political persecution and the activities of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) against the opposition, civil society and journalists. "In a democratic society authorities and the opposition should be able to freely express their position at both the national and international levels. Restrictions on movement imposed on a large number of leading opposition figures on dubious grounds is unacceptable for a truly democratic society," PACE stated.

True democracies and countries claiming allegiance to European values do not disbar opposition leaders from standing in elections.

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Belarus seeks Azerbaijani oil via Odesa-Brody pipeline

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

President Alyaksandr Lukashenka is "caught in a vice, which will only continue to tighten," between democratically motivated Western pressures and Russia's "interest in acquiring attractive Belarusian assets from a vulnerable Lukashenka," according to David Kramer and Wess Mitchell (www.charter97.org, July 9).

If so, Western sanctions exacerbating that vulnerability can only pave the way for Russian state-controlled corporations to take over the economy of Belarus. It is not simply the head of state, but the country's economy and the Belarusian state as such which is caught in that tightening vice. The sanctions are not linked with any Western strategy and look like a substitute for one. Russia, however, pursues a strategy of capturing Belarus eco-

nomic in a first stage and politically thereafter. The oil and gas sector is a priority target for Russia in Belarus.

Belarus is reacting as any government would to avoid Russian capture, seeking alternative suppliers of energy and credits. By mid-July, the Mozyr refinery in Belarus is scheduled to start processing significant volumes of oil from Azerbaijan on a regular basis. Test shipments of Azerbaijani oil have been ongoing since February through Ukraine's Odesa-Brody pipeline and the Brody-Mozyr section of the Druzhba pipeline (www.news.az, Trend, July 8).

For the first time since its completion in 2002, the Odesa-Brody line is being used as originally intended, in the south-north direction, to deliver Caspian oil to Central Europe. This had been a rhetorical policy objective of Brussels and Washington for some years, with a view to reducing dependence on Russian oil supplies in the region. Moscow blocked this solution by having that pipeline used in reverse, north-south to Odesa, until the end of 2009. Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Belarus are now finally achieving the original purpose on their own, through trilateral cooperation (instead of isolating Belarus).

Apart from the volumes going to Mozyr, Azerbaijan also delivers oil to two refineries in western Ukraine from the Brody junction. Each of the three countries involved pursues specific interests with the Odesa-Brody route. Azerbaijan's motivation is strictly commercial, avoiding any political connotations. As a supplier country, Azerbaijan can clearly separate the business from the politics. With Ukraine and Belarus, economic and political strategies overlap.

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Quotable notes

"...today, here in Lithuania and across most of Europe, democracy is thriving. Protesters who helped bring down Communism went on to raise up strong democratic institutions and civil society. ...this region has become a model for the world, and its experiences – both the struggles and the successes – have taken on new relevance in recent days, because the world is once again holding its breath.

"This year we have seen citizens across the Middle East and North Africa demand the same universal rights, dignity, and opportunity that Eastern and Central Europeans claimed two decades ago. ...

"Unfortunately, there is no playbook that we can pass on to those struggling to form their own democracies with a clear outline of the steps that can be taken and the results that will be assured, like a recipe in the kitchen. Every transition in every country in every era is unique. ...

"... as we look forward to help those [new democracies] who are emerging, let us also be clear that we must prevent any setbacks to democracy in our own countries and regions. We should speak out when countries like Belarus brutally repress the rights of its citizens, or where we see opposition figures facing politically motivated prosecution, or governments refusing to register political parties. ..."

– U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, speaking on July 1 at the Community of Democracies ministerial conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. (The full text of her speech can be found on the U.S. State Department website at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2011/07/167479.htm>.) As reported by the Associated Press, "Without mentioning either country by name, Clinton also expressed concerns about the political motivations behind Ukraine's legal proceedings against former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, and Russia's refusal to allow a new opposition party to participate in upcoming elections."

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Green card hopefuls see dreams shattered by computer glitch

by Nikola Krastev
RFE/RL

NEW YORK – On May 1, Ilya Smirnov learned that he was one of the lucky ones.

The 26-year-old Siberian native was residing in the United States on a temporary visa and had applied to the State Department's Diversity Lottery, a program that each year provides up to 50,000 applicants the opportunity to settle in the United States and receive a green card.

When he learned that he had been selected, Mr. Smirnov says, he and his 20-year-old Ukrainian wife, Olga Leonova, could not believe their good fortune.

"We were wild with joy. We didn't sleep all night," Mr. Smirnov says. "The next morning, I went to work red-eyed but megahappy. My wife did the same. We were so happy, [we] couldn't sleep for two nights."

Mr. Smirnov had always dreamed of settling in America. He called his mother in Russia and told her to sell his car and put his Moscow apartment on the market. But his joy was short-lived.

Two weeks later, the following message appeared on the State Department's website: "We regret to inform you that because of a computer programming error... the results of the 2012 Diversity Visa Lottery (DV 2012) have been voided."

Mr. Smirnov was not alone. He was one of 22,000 people who'd been informed that they won green cards only to find out that the notification was the result of a computer glitch. They include a civil servant in Moscow, a lawyer in rural

Ukraine, an aspiring technician in Africa, a Harvard graduate from Bulgaria and a teacher from Uzbekistan.

Mr. Smirnov is the main plaintiff in a potential class-action lawsuit initiated in a federal court in Washington on June 16 against the State Department on behalf of voided Diversity Lottery applicants. Along with 35 other plaintiffs, Mr. Smirnov is seeking reinstatement of their "selectee" status and prompt processing of their applications.

"There are 36 named plaintiffs from 20

In addition to the emotional rollercoaster, some of those affected say the incident has disrupted their lives. Mr. Smirnov managed to take his Moscow apartment off the market, but he claims to have sold his car at a considerable discount.

Irina Voropaeva, a 33-year-old civil servant from Moscow who visited the U.S. West Coast and "completely" fell in love with the country, says she was "giggling" and "swept by a wave of happiness" when she learned that she was selected for a green card.

22,000 people were informed by the U.S. State Department that they had won green cards only to find out that the notification was the result of a computer glitch and that the results of the 2012 Diversity Visa Lottery have been voided.

different countries," says Kenneth White, an attorney handling the lawsuit. If the court grants the case class-action status, he says, tens of thousands of others become parties to the suit.

The State Department, which plans to hold a new lottery on July 15, declined to comment other than to say it is "investigating" what happened.

Mr. White says he has filed for an injunction against the new lottery "to assure that the interests of the class of 22,000 are protected." He is seeking to "accelerate the hearing of our arguments in court."

Now, since finding out about the annulled results "on the evening of Friday, May 13," Ms. Voropaeva says she worries she won't even be able to get a tourist visa.

"It was a shock," Ms. Voropaeva says. "I took sick leave from work because I can't think of anything else. Sometimes I cry because I don't know how all this is going to end; I am afraid that it may end up even worse for us. By filing the application forms, we disclosed our intention to immigrate and now we probably wouldn't qualify anymore even for a tourist visa."

To qualify for a U.S. non-immigrant visa, an applicant must demonstrate that he or she does not intend to immigrate. If consular officials determine that an applicant is an immigration risk, that constitutes grounds for denial.

Mr. White argues that by notifying the selectees on May 1, the State Department actually entered into contractual agreement with them that it must honor.

"As you know, there is a lottery fee, there's an immigrant visa fee, there's travel expenses that he has to pay, there's courier expenses, medical exam and obviously moving to the United States," Mr. White says. "So when the Department of State is saying, 'Well, people shouldn't be doing anything radical in preparing to move to the United States,' well, some of it was necessary as soon as you found out that you won."

Some of those affected have taken their case to social media.

Anna Guniya, a 23-year-old native of Abkhazia who lives in Moscow, is the administrator of the Facebook group 22 Thousand Tears. She says setting things right is simply a matter of fairness and honor.

"Immediately I thought about Facebook and other social networks," Mr. Guniya says. "I found this group on Facebook on the first day it was created by some guy from Germany. He saw that I actively write and comment on it and offered me to become a system administrator. So from that moment on I have become a system administrator and we are perpetually busy. We are constantly on the phone calling the politicians, [U.S. Senate] committees, reaching all imaginable media outlets in Europe and the U.S. I spent the whole day calling everybody everywhere."

Not all of the voided selectees are so upset. Iva Zafirova, a Harvard graduate from Bulgaria who has lived in the United States for the last 10 years, says that although she's disappointed and has decided to participate in the lawsuit, she is already on track for a green card in two years through an employer-sponsorship program.

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Demjanjuk will remain free pending appeal

BERLIN – Prosecutors in Germany said on July 8 that they have dropped their objection to the court-ordered release of John Demjanjuk while he appeals his conviction on Nazi war crimes charges.

The Associated Press noted that spokeswoman Barbara Stockinger said Mr. Demjanjuk has been living in a Bavarian nursing home and shows no signs of being a flight risk, therefore, prosecutors saw no chance of succeeding with an appeal against the court's decision to allow Mr. Demjanjuk to remain free.

Mr. Demjanjuk, 91, was convicted on May 12 of being an accessory to the murder of 28,060 people at the Nazi death camp in Sobibor, Poland, after an 18-month trial in Munich. He was released pending appeal, which his lawyer, Ulrich Busch, has said could take as long as two years.

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THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Attacks on the diaspora

"During the course of many years, people from abroad – who left Ukraine during various periods – have been trying to teach Ukraine. Representatives of the American and Canadian diaspora are used to employing an especially mentoring tone in addressing our current government authorities. Some of them were not even born in Ukraine, but consider it entirely acceptable to tell us how to live, what to do and whom to elect based only on the fact that their parents trace their roots to Ukraine." That is the highlighted lead-in to a Ukrainian-language commentary titled "Don't teach Ukraine how it should live" by an Oleksander Romasiuk that appeared on May 6 on the official website of the Party of Regions of Ukraine. (That website, it should be noted, contains various materials in Russian, Ukrainian and English – but few materials appear in all three languages.)

The author, who is not identified in any way, tells readers that, although there are Ukrainian diaspora communities in many countries around the globe – he enumerates "Germany, Moldova, Israel, Spain, Russia, Poland, Portugal, the U.S.A. and Canada..." – "only the latter two have usurped the right to speak out in the name of all Ukrainians abroad." He goes on to excoriate the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) for demanding that President Viktor Yanukovich veto the law on the display of the Soviet-era Flag of Victory. (Mr. Yanukovich signed the law, but it was ultimately overruled by the Constitutional Court.) "For some reason, people who live thousands of kilometers from Ukraine think they know better what is good for Ukraine's citizens, and what is bad," the writer notes.

Mr. Romasiuk then proceeds to slander the entire Ukrainian North American diaspora by writing: "It so happens that it is in precisely these countries that those who shot at the backs of the Soviet armies which liberated Ukraine from the German yoke, those who served the Gestapo in the concentration camps, those who sent prisoners to Babyn Yar in Kyiv found themselves after World War II." Thus, this unknown author has used the well-known Soviet mode of attack against the patriotic Ukrainian diaspora: he depicts the diaspora's members as Nazi collaborators.

Not exempt from the writer's vitriol are patriotic forces in Ukraine, which he refers to as "marginal Ukrainian parties that have already found themselves on the political trash heap of history." He portrays pro-Ukrainian forces as bent on destroying the moral values of Ukraine's people and not allowing alternate views of history.

Mr. Romasiuk goes on to attack UCC President Paul Grod for arguing that the Soviet-era red flag is a symbol of Soviet repression by stating that under this same flag occurred, "not only Stalin's repressions, but the liberation of European countries from Nazism." He adds that Ukraine was "rebuilt" under this flag during the post-war years. "Why should the views of [residents of Halychyn] prevail over those of others, who consider Victory Day to be a great holiday?" he asks. "...where did you detect that using the Victory Flag during ceremonies connected to Victory Day would be negatively received in the world?"

He concludes by advising: "...don't tell me, and Ukraine in general, which holidays are acceptable and how they should be celebrated. We Ukrainians will figure that out on our own. ... we will manage our household. ...Don't help those political forces that are ready to tear Ukraine to shreds for the sake of power. Ukraine will be strong and prosperous, and this will happen all the more quickly when marginal parties armed with neo-Nazi slogans cease to exist."

An obvious provocation, this article on the official website of the ruling party in Ukraine – the party of which President Yanukovich is honorary chair – is yet another low in current Ukrainian leaders' relations with the Ukrainian diaspora, a diaspora that also includes many recent émigrés from Ukraine. It is a diaspora that cares deeply about Ukraine and is greatly concerned about the direction in which the country is headed under the Yanukovich administration. It is a diaspora that through the years has supported Ukraine and Ukrainians in countless ways; a diaspora that for decades cherished and provided protection for the Ukrainian culture, that nurtured organizations transplanted from Ukrainian soil – a number of which have been re-established in independent Ukraine. It is a diaspora that continues to want to assist its ancestral homeland.

Therefore, it is doubtful that the words written by someone of the ilk of Mr. Romasiuk will stop the Ukrainian diaspora from "meddling" in Ukraine by expressing concern about developments there or by lobbying the countries of our settlement to promote Ukraine's democratization and integration into the world community. The diaspora's actions, after all, are motivated by a sincere and abiding love for Ukraine that has survived for well over a century.

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Turning the pages back...

Twenty-one years ago, on July 16, 1990, Ukraine's Supreme Soviet (Verkhovna Rada) of the Ukrainian SSR issued the Declaration on State Sovereignty, which was overwhelmingly approved with 355 for and four against.

The Ukrainian-language text was received by The Ukrainian Weekly via fax from the Kyiv offices of Rukh, the

Popular Movement of Ukraine for Perebudova. The declaration outlined areas of: self-determination, rule of the people, state authority, citizenship, territorial delineation, economy, ecology, culture, internal and foreign security, and international relations.

Some 5,000 to 10,000 Kyiv residents celebrated in the evening on July 16, 1990, on October Revolution Square. National Deputy Bohdan Horyn made the suggestion during the celebrations to rename the location Independence Square, and noted that the declaration of sovereignty was the first step towards full independence.

National Deputy Oles Shevchenko proclaimed, "from today our children will be born in a free country and not in a colony belonging to Moscow," the Ukrainian Press Agency reported.

Source: "Ukraine proclaims sovereignty," *The Ukrainian Weekly*, July 22, 1990.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigrants a boon to this country

Dear Editor:

In the current anti-immigrant climate in the United States, I would like to remind Americans that the four waves of Ukrainian immigration have and continue to greatly benefit this country.

Ukrainian immigrants realize how fortunate they are to be here. They work hard and learn English while still maintaining their own customs and language. They become American patriots, many militarily serving their adopted country; I do not know of a single Ukrainian draft dodger.

I personally emigrated to America after World War II, and both my son and I proudly served for years in the U.S. armed forces. Ninety-seven members of the Ukrainian Orthodox parish in my hometown of Trenton, N.J., served in World War II.

Besides being hard workers, Ukrainians also believe in the importance of education, a cultural mindset that has produced an abundance of engineers,

inventors and other professionals for America. The light-emitting diode (LED), one of the foundations of our current-day technology, was invented by Nicholas Holonyak, a Ukrainian. Stanley Switlik (and later also his son, Richard) founded a Trenton-based factory that supplied U.S. forces with parachutes during World War II and went on to make many improvements to the technology.

Our fourth and latest wave of immigrants is no less driven than the immigrants before them: they continue to contribute in singular ways to this country. A recent example is that of young Mykola Lupak, who saved the life of a drowning 2-year-old while working as a lifeguard in Ewing, N.J.

Mr. Lupak earned commendations at the local and state level for his bravery, Mr. Holonyak was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2008, and elementary schools in Florida and New Jersey are named after Mr. Switlik. It is wonderful to see their accomplishments recognized on such a scale – it tells the real story of the benefit of Ukrainian immigration to this country.

Roman Kuzyk
Trenton, N.J.



Mykola Lupak, a lifeguard who saved a drowning 2-year-old, as he was featured in the local newspaper *The Trentonian*.

Give credit where it's due

Dear Editor:

Re: "Spirit Lake internment center to open to the general public," June 5:

While the Quebec Provincial Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress was supportive of the development of an interpretive center at Spirit Lake, the site of a World War I era internment camp, a major portion of the funding for this project came from the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (www.internmentcanada.ca).

In fact, the Spirit Lake project was afforded the largest multi-year grant

made by the Endowment Council to date, without which they would not have been able to proceed. The council has also helped the SLCC prepare texts for its exhibits.

While Montreal's UCC has extended moral support it has not, insofar as I am aware, made any financial contribution to the development or operational costs of this new center. Credit should be given where it is due and what it is due for should be honestly reported.

Lubomyr Luciuk, Ph.D.
Kingston, Ontario

EDITOR'S NOTE: The information in the story referred to above came from the Montreal branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee.

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The things we do...

by Orysia Paszczak Tracz

Enjoying the Karpaty

So you've done all that damage to your wallet and filled your tummy in Lviv – now it's time to head south. Destination: Carpathian Mountains. A few detours to Ternopil and Kamianets Podilskyi will add to the fun.

Ivano-Frankivsk is a lovely city. Your grandparents still refer to it as Stanyslaviv, right? The Ivan Franko Theater and the Nadiya Hotel are on one of the main streets, vulytsia Nezalezhnosti (yes, there is an Independence Street or boulevard in every city and town).

The theater is a gem in itself, and the two-story ceramic wall in the main hall made of individual story bas relief tiles is fascinating. There are folk tale characters, animals, song images, and even some sight gags re Soviet officials (there was one called Baran, and there he is, cast in clay). Truly a memorable work of art. It would be good to see an album about the wall and the stories of the individual tiles. The best folk artists of the region worked on the wooden furniture, the woven drapery, the glass lighting, the ornate staircase and the tiles.

The Nadiya Hotel has been completely renovated, with shops, a nice restaurant and a nightclub. The breakfast spread sometimes includes onion "pliatsky" – "tsybulianyky" – not to be missed. The park behind the hotel and theater was once a cemetery, until being bulldozed during Soviet times. Some graves were spared; all were renewed, including some of the Sichovi Striltsi, and two or three art nouveau monuments.

If you continue along Independent Street you will enter the pedestrian mall. For about five or six blocks, you can stroll down this beautiful promenade at your leisure. There are shops of all varieties along the sides, as well as many outdoor cafes. Book, jewelry, clothing, souvenir and children's shops, and banks, abound. Then there is the popular ice cream vendor and the stationery store that also has a good selection of Ukrainian stamps. When you need a rest, the Slovan restaurant and café on Shukhevych Street, a cross-street, is the perfect spot for refreshment.

I still do not understand what has happened to the city name. Ivano-Frankivsk is so awkward, with that hard ending. And it was not always so. The original – Ivano-Frankivske – makes grammatical sense, but the previous regime's mentality had warped everything, including language.

In Kolomyia (which is actually in Pokuttia and not really the Hutsul region), there are two museums that should not be missed: the Pysanka Museum and the National Museum of Hutsulschyna and Pokuttia Folk Art. You won't want to leave! Of course, there are gift shops in each. You can tell that the curators – who are also the guides – really know and love their museum.

Hanna Vintoniak's shop is across the street from the Hutsul and Pokuttia museum, chock full of antique and contemporary costumes, embroidery, weaving, fine tapestries, woodcarving – all the Hutsul stuff. She is the nationally acclaimed master weaver who creates fine woven clothing with folk costume inspiration.

Almost hidden next door to the Vintoniak shop is Skrynina, which is full of Hutsul antiques. I found some Venetian beads, traditional in Hutsul necklaces, and a strand of dukaty.

And a bit further down the same street, at the end of the block, is Vyshyvanka, a great shop for embroidered shirts, as well as embroidery fabric. The owners have a mill where the latter is woven, in various gauges and colors. If you're looking for embroidery fabric for a tablecloth, or rushnyk widths, or shirt fabric in cotton or linen, this is the place.

A few blocks away is the bazaar and, if you are lucky, you will come across the weavers who come in from the mountain villages on weekends with their textiles.

And now you're in Kosiv. Start out at the Kosiv branch of the Museum of Hutsul Art at 55 Independence St., – a truly elegant museum. In the summer, it is a treat to see these works by the graduates of the Kosiv State Institute of Applied and Decorative Arts. It is amazing how the students incorporate traditional folk motifs and methods into contemporary works.

A floor below is the not-to-be-missed museum of the UPA (Ukrainian Insurgent Army) of the Carpathian region. Not to be missed. They have done a remarkable job in depicting the life, work, and battles of the UPA soldiers – there is even a reproduction of a "kryivka," a hideout underground dwelling. This museum gratefully accepts donations of funds and of books on the UPA from the West.

For some serious selective shopping, go down the steep lane behind the museums to Stepan Bandera Street. Here you'll find very many shops and kiosks with the actual folk artists selling their works – reproductions of zgardy, unique pottery (lovely tiles) and other fine pieces. Buy here before going to the Yaremche bazaar, which has turned into a generic thing, with each kiosk selling the same items (including some from China!), although once in a while you'll find something unique.

The Kombinat is an artists' cooperative where carvers, weavers, and potters work. It is fascinating to watch a clump of local clay transformed into a Hutsul vase or pot. If the kilns are not full and firing, you can even walk into the room-sized ovens. The selection of Hutsul pottery is wonderful – and you buy directly from the potters. Just remember that the pottery is porous, i.e., fragile, and heavy (especially the larger tiles).

And don't forget to visit the Kosiv Bazaar, actually in the nearby village of Smodna, on Thursdays and Saturdays. Just follow the pedestrians, cars, and horse-drawn carts. You can find everything from sunflower seeds and books to live pigs and sheep, from machine parts to exquisite pottery and woodcarving. The folk artists have their own fenced-in enclave within the bazaar. I suggest you first walk around the whole folk art market once or twice, and then start buying – right from the masters.

You will find Vasyl Shvets and his family (all recognized potters), Mykola Hrepiniak and his son (master woodcarvers who do fine inlaid work), Roman Mytskan (pottery and fine clay/stone bead necklaces that can pass for "koral"), and so many others.

The Vodohray restaurant, on the banks of the Huk river, is elegantly decorated in Hutsul folk art and serves local dishes, including banush (kulesha and bryndzia), which takes a few spoonfuls to get used to – and then you love it!

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CROSSCURRENTS

by Andrew Sorokowski

Ten naive questions on economics

When economists discuss Ukraine, they customarily speak of foreign investment, balance of trade, gross domestic product, tariffs, quotas, wages, taxes and so on. The assumption seems to be that the rules of global capitalism are natural and immutable, and there is no reason to question them. Developing countries should just play along.

But the defeat of communism is not a green light for a revival of liberal capitalism, no longer threatened by the angry masses of the dispossessed. One must remember the conditions that made Marxist socialism so popular in the first place – and continue to do so in some countries. When the USSR fell in 1991, one astute observer commented:

"The Marxist solution has failed, but the realities of marginalization and exploitation remain in the world, especially the Third World, as does the reality of human alienation, especially in the more advanced countries. ...Vast multitudes are still living in conditions of great material and moral poverty. The collapse of the Communist system in so many countries certainly removes an obstacle to facing these problems in an appropriate and realistic way, but it is not enough to bring about their solution. Indeed, there is a risk that a radical capitalistic ideology could spread which refuses even to consider these problems, in the a priori belief that any attempt to solve them is doomed to failure, and which blindly entrusts their solution to the free development of market forces."

These are not the words of some lefty socialist. They are from Soviet Communism's arch-enemy – Pope John Paul II (Centesimus Annus, No. 42).

Today, the "free development of market forces" continues to aggravate economic inequality, contributing to mass migration, cultural dislocation and political extremism. If the alienated masses no longer find an outlet in communism, now they turn to Islamism and other radical movements. As in Europe in 1848, the string of revolutions in the Islamic world reveals the pent-up discontent of the dispossessed. To Americans, the threat of communism has been replaced by the menace of "global terrorism." But these phenomena have some common roots, which have never been adequately addressed.

Ukrainians are not immune to these processes. They are sometimes told that the only alternative to a Russian-style state-managed economy, or a robber-baron oligarchy, is Western-style free-market capitalism. Yet an economy dominated by corporate interests with weak international regulation, which squeeze out the individual producer (whether a family farmer or a small business entrepreneur), is hardly free. America's consumerist economy may suit us, but it is not a rational prescription for the world. As Leo Horrigan of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future has put it, "American consumerism is about buying things we don't need, with money we don't have, to impress friends we don't have time for."

Yet that is the kind of economy that neo-liberal Western advisors are prescribing for Ukraine. It may be the best existing alternative, but is it adequate? Before we attempt an answer, we should ask some preliminary questions about eco-

nomics – naive questions, perhaps – that rarely enter the public discussion.

First, what is a just wage? Is it a family wage, that is, a wage sufficient to sustain the worker and his family? Or is it the market rate, established by the law of supply and demand, even if it is insufficient to sustain one person?

In advanced countries, women are free to enter the work force on an equal basis with men. But what if a woman prefers to stay at home and care for her children and her household? Should the economic system support this option? Should she be compensated for her domestic work?

Does a private corporation only have a duty to enrich its stockholders – or does it also have duties to its employees, the local community and the general public?

Privatization of state-owned enterprises is a major issue in post-Soviet countries. Western advisers rightly insist that it be transparent. Some Ukrainians are alarmed when these enterprises fall into the hands of domestic oligarchs or Russian investors. What kinds of restrictions on privatization are legitimate? Is privatization always desirable?

Which is a better socio-economic principle, competition or cooperation? In the 1920s and 1930s, the cooperative movement thrived in Polish-ruled western Ukraine and spread to Canada. Cooperatives remain popular in many countries. Why not in Ukraine?

Poverty is a fact of life in developed countries as varied as Ukraine and the United States. Is it enough to plug the gaps in the economy through taxation, social benefits and charity, or must it be fundamentally reformed? As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

Must society be divided horizontally into warring classes, or can it be organized vertically through cooperating bodies? The "corporatist" school of economic thought, popular in the inter-war period, held that class conflict could be overcome if associations of workers, employers and professionals participated directly in government. Is this model worth noting today?

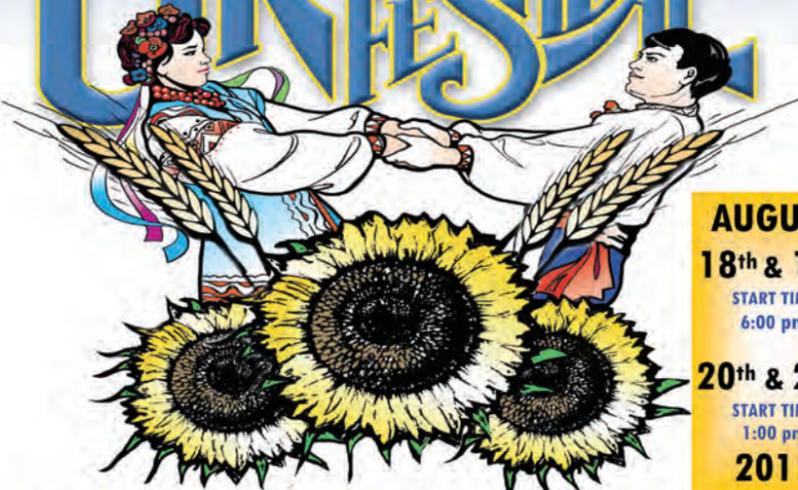
Must capital and the means of production be separate from labor? Does the independent producer, such as the individual farmer and the small entrepreneur, have a future? Must workers serve entities they neither own nor control? Even large enterprises can be owned and managed by their workers, through employee stockholding plans (as in some U.S. companies) and co-determination, where workers participate in management (as in Germany).

As a participant in the global economic system, does Ukraine work towards a just order in which poor nations are allowed to develop balanced, sustainable economies? Or does it collaborate in their systematic exploitation?

Finally, what is the purpose of economic activity? To get as rich as possible? To produce as much as possible? Or something else? A national economic policy that does not begin by answering such questions is not likely to succeed.

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Ron Kostyniuk's "Relief Structure, Oblique Series," 1972.

by Oksana Fedoruk-Terleckyj

CHICAGO – The opening of an exhibit by world-renowned Ukrainian Canadian artist Ron Kostyniuk took place on Friday, June 17, here at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art.



Artist Ron Kostyniuk.



Ron Kostyniuk's "Relief Structure, Winged Form Series," 1972.

The exhibition, which is on view through August 14, presented Mr. Kostyniuk's "Relief Structure Series" of geometric compositions created with sprayed enamel paint on a substrate of either polyvinyl chloride, or Plexiglas.

Works by Mr. Kostyniuk can be described as "neo-constructivist's interpretations" of natural forms generated by the personal associations of the artist's consciousness. In fact, all his "Relief Structure" compositions act as a complement to simple geometric forms; they also may exist in the form of a hidden symbol. An important feature of Mr. Kostyniuk's works is the interlocking of horizontal and vertical lines that create a living and dynamic vibration. In addition, a significant role is played by the contrasting bright colors that highlight Mr. Kostyniuk's artistic language.

Mr. Kostyniuk has exhibited his art in Greece, Germany, India, Holland, the United States, Canada and other countries. Many of his works are in museums and private collections.

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Kolomayets retrospective exhibit continues through July 24

CHICAGO – Anatole Kolomayets, an artist well established in Chicago and within the international community, presents a selection of oil paintings in "Anatole Kolomayets: A Retrospective" which opened on July 1 here at the Ukrainian National Museum.

Viewers have an opportunity to see the complex, influential and deeply moving body of work shown in this exhibit. Mr. Kolomayets's style blends both his Ukrainian heritage and his artistic training in Europe.

Mr. Kolomayets was born in Ukraine in 1927. He received his training at St. Luke's Institute (1948-1952) and at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts (1952-1953), both in Leige, Belgium. Since coming to the United States in 1953, he has resided in Chicago. More than 400 of the artist's works are in numerous private collections and galleries in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, England, France, the United States, Canada and Ukraine. He was awarded the prestigious title of Merited Artist of Ukraine in 2007.

The artist has had one-man exhibits in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia, Toronto, New York, Los Angeles and Denver. He was one of the



"Kaleidoscope" by Anatole Kolomayets.

co-founders in 1954 of the Ukrainian Artist's Group Monolith of Chicago. This is the artist's 38th solo exhibition.

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Ukrainian dancers perform at festival on National Mall

by Francesca Licari

WASHINGTON – The 45th annual Smithsonian Folk Life Festival this year welcomed the Opika Performance Group from Ukraine to the National Mall in Washington. The festival is an annual event to showcase different cultures and regions of the world. The mall is divided into three to five sections, each offering music, dancing, crafts, food and more from a featured region, culture, or organization.

This year's festival began June 30 and featured: the Peace Corps, Columbia, and Rhythm and Blues. The Peace Corps was honored at the festival this year to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The designated area of the festival included representatives and performances from many countries where Peace Corps volunteers are sent, including Ukraine, Georgia, Guatemala, the Philippines and others.

The Ukrainian dancers were invited to be part of the Peace Corps section of the festival since Ukraine is one of the largest recipients of Peace Corps volunteers. The members included nine performers ranging in age from 18 to 30 from Perchyn, Ukraine, a small town near the border with Slovakia.

The performances at the World Stage opened with the Czardash, a Hungarian folk dance, and a skit to introduce Shelia Slem, the Peace Corps volunteer who lived in their town for three years and escorted the group to the U.S. The group sang mul-



The Opika troupe from the Zakarpattia region of Ukraine performs at the Folk Life Festival in Washington, which this year celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

tiple songs and switched between Ukrainian, Russian and Roma to highlight some of the cultures found in the Zakarpattia region.

Two of the songs they sang were: "Misyats Na Nebi" (Moon in the Sky) and "Vysyt Yabluko" (Hanging Apple). Two of the members provided most of the music on bayan (an accordion) and guitar.

The show concluded with lively Romani (gypsy) dancing and some audience participation.

All the performers were adorned in beautiful costumes thanks to support from the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council. The USUBC organized a fund-raiser that



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received generous donations to make new costumes for the performers. A total of \$2,500 was raised with contributions from the Chadbourne & Parke Ukraine law firm, The Washington Group Cultural Fund, the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council and the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council.

The Opika Performance Group, a part of the Opika Charitable Foundation, was founded in 2000 by Iryna Sydakova, a music teacher at the Perechyn orphanage. Opika, which means "guardianship" in Ukrainian, is an appropriate name for the foundation as it supports orphans, children of boarding schools and children with difficult home lives in the area.

The members of the group include

young people from both the orphanage and the community, brought together to share in and uphold their heritage. All the participants hold, or are pursuing, college degrees – a first in the history of the group – and two are working on their masters. Two members have also started their own non-profits to preserve Roma culture and help street children.

The group completed its engagement with the Folk Life Festival on July 11, the last day of the festival, but not before giving a special performance for Ambassador Olexander Motsyk at the Ukrainian Embassy. After Washington, the group was to visit New York City for a few days before returning to Ukraine.



Yaro Bihun

Members of the Ukrainian group present a cooking demonstration.



Yaro Bihun

Children at the festival enjoy Opika's performance.

Enjoying...

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In Yaremche, a meal at the Hutsulschyna restaurant is a must. It's like dining in a Hutsul museum. The wild mushroom dishes are delicious. Afterwards, walk carefully down the stone staircase and across the wooden bridge over the very young and boisterous Prut River to the market.

There are many kiosks full of embroidery, woodcarving and all kinds of souvenirs from the ridiculous to the sublime. Inspect carefully before you buy. I always get the hand-carved spatulas made from local wood. They are inexpensive and very useful (really "gourmet"). Necklaces in various natural shades of local wood, from off-white through yellow and green to brown and grey are pretty, but just be careful the beads are natural and not dyed.

Yablunysia, on the continental divide (Zakarpattia begins at the downward slope

of the road) is one of the places for wool items, including "lizhnyky" (those shaggy blankets). A new thing is saucy wool pillows, shaped like breasts. Sheepskins in natural shades are abundant, but do be careful of "eau de mutton" – some are not always cured properly. I know from experience, when my hotel room reeked of mutton for the rest of my tour.

Go to Polianytsia and the Bukovel ski resort even in summer – the place is amazing. Few of us could afford the skiing and the accommodations, but a ride on the ski lift to view the mountains is within our reach. They really are the syni Karpaty (blue Carpathians), as the song lyrics note.

Ternopil is not on the same route, but the drive through Pokuttia and Podillia is beautiful. There is a fairly new delightful Ukrainian-style Gaudi-esque restaurant, Stary Mlyn (Old Mill), on Brodivska Street. This is a three-story building on the site of a real old water mill. It is folk-tale fantasy with a twist – humor, exaggeration, and fine food and entertainment. And the

"zakuska" of garlic and "salo" is something else. The establishment does not take itself seriously – at least that's the premise.

The restaurant in the Ternopil Hotel (on the lake) serves good food, and their baking is delicious.

The small two-block promenade near the hotel is a patio delight, with restaurants on either side – great for dining and people-watching. But if you don't get there early, you'll be disappointed.

A few hours' drive through the beautiful countryside to the southeast will get you to Kamianets'-Podilsky, a very historic and geologically and architecturally fascinating city. The fortress is something else. Do take the tour. The gift shop within the fortress carries unique pottery, art and the traditional Ukrainian dolls called "motanky."

The Pid Bramoyu restaurant should not be missed – you sit either within the three-meter walls or on the "balcony" of the precipice, with the Smotrych River so far below. They serve both Ukrainian and Armenian dishes.

The Ksenia Hotel and Restaurant is a

block or so away from the fortress, and is a hub of activity, especially on weekends during wedding season. It's fun to watch the bridal parties from the city stroll through the fortress for photos (of course, the brides are in their stilettos).

The owner of Ksenia surprised me a few years ago by telling me that it was because of me that they expanded their little restaurant back in the mid-1990s. We had stopped there for lunch, and I had mentioned that they should have a hotel here, because it is too far to drive from Ternopil. Well, they listened, and the place is very large and successful. She showed me a newspaper interview, in which she credits "Orysia from Canada" for their establishment.

This is a quick tour – I know I missed many places. But now you have something to start with. The rest of the journey is up to you.

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A golden cross is erected on the site of the soon-to-be built church.



Clergy (from left) during the service: the Revs. Taras Svirchuk, Roman Mirchuk and Leo Goldade.

Roma Hadzewycz

Whippany parish breaks ground for new church



Parishioners hold flags and church banners during the blessing of the site for the new St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church.



Children line up for their turn to break ground at the site of the new church.

WHIPPANY, N.J. – Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrated the groundbreaking for their new church on Sunday, June 26, their parish feast day.

After the 11 a.m. divine liturgy, clergy and faithful processed from the parish’s temporary church, located inside the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey (UACCNJ), to the site of the future church, designed by architect Taras Dobusz.

Three priests – the Rt. Rev. Mitred Protopresbyter Roman Mirchuk (pastor), the Rev. Leo Goldade, OSBM (of Glen Cove, N.Y.) and the Rev. Taras Svirchuk, CSsR (of Newark, N.J.) – officiated at the blessing of the site, where a golden cross was erected to mark the spot where construction of the new church is scheduled to begin in September.

The Rev. Mirchuk underscored during the ceremonies

that “because of the devotion of our parishioners, our dream will become reality.”

Children of the parish were invited to turn the first shovels of earth in a symbolic act that spoke of the future of this 220-member parish.

After the groundbreaking, parishioners entered the main hall of the UACCNJ, where they enjoyed a luncheon that was dedicated to two special anniversaries: the 90th anniversary of St. John’s Parish and the 35th anniversary of their pastor’s ordination into the priesthood.

Entertainment was provided by pianist Laryssa Krupa Slobodyanik, the Iskra Ukrainian Dance Academy, the parish choir and cantor Oksana Telepko, as well as several children of the parish who recited poems. In addition, there was a slide show presenting the history of the parish and honoring the Rev. Mirchuk on his anniversary.

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In other news from the parish, on Sunday, July 3, the parish bulletin announced the names of new parish trustees and committee members.

Dr. Roksolana Leshchuk and Taras Sochan were selected to replace parish trustees Orest Kucyna and Ihor Lodziuk, who left their positions after many years of service.

The new members of the Parish Council are: Alex Danyluk, Vasyl Gavrysh, Andrew Lysiak, Olha Maryn, Jaroslava Mulyk and Marta Popovich.

The members of the Building Committee are: Ihor Mandicz, Richard Arturi, Myron Bytz, Mr. Kucyna and Serhiy Parfenyuk.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church is located at 60 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981; telephone, 973-887-3616



Parishioners carry the golden cross that was installed on the building site. In the foreground, Roksolana Leshchuk, a parish trustee, holds the Gospel.



Faithful during the service at the site of the new church. Seen in the background is a portion of the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey.

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FC Connection-Ukraina gives chase.



FC Connection-Ukraina, Men's Over-35 division winners.

FC Connection-Ukraina wins 16th Great Lakes Cup



FC Connection-Ukraina follows up for the winning goal.



A Chicago rivalry: FC Connection-Ukraina versus Chicago Lions SC in the final.

by Taras Jaworsky

YORKVILLE, Ill. – The 16th annual Great Lakes Cup (GLC) soccer tournament was held in the tiny western Chicago suburb of Yorkville on May 28-29. This year the event was hosted by Football Club (FC) Connection-Ukraina, founded in 1997.

Opening ceremonies for the GLC were held Saturday at 1 p.m., following morning group play. Roman Tretyak, president of FC Connection-Ukraina, greeted and thanked the teams and their supporters for traveling to Chicago. Blessings were given by the Rev. Ivan Boyarchuk, followed by greetings from Kostiantyn Kudryk, the Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago; Irenaueus Isajiw, president of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK); Vitali Kutnyk of Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union; and Bohdan Lypka, one of the founding members of the Great Lakes Cup.

The second half of the day's soccer began after the opening ceremonies. The tournament lived up to its title "Great Lakes" as heavy rains soaked the fields, creating small lakes for the remainder of the day and well into Sunday.

Though the rains were dampening, the Ukrainian spirit was sunny and the games went on with a few delays due to lightning in the area.

The spirits couldn't have been any sunnier for Chicago at the end of the tournament as the finalists for both groups were hometown teams.

This year's tournament comprised 16 teams competing in two divisions: Men's Open and Men's Over-35.

The Men's Open division included soccer teams from: Buffalo FC Ukraina, Chicago FC Connection-Ukraina, Chicago UAYA (Ukrainian American Youth Association) Wings SC (Sports Club), Chicago Lions SC, Cleveland SC Nova, Detroit USC (Ukrainian Sports Club) Chernyk, Toronto Diaspora, Toronto Ukraina SA (Sports Association), and Toronto United.

The championship game of the Men's Open, played on Sunday afternoon, was a repeat of the final from five years prior when it was Chicago Wings SC versus FC Chicago Connection-Ukraina. Then, the victory went to Chicago Wings SC. This time, FC Connection-Ukraina emerged as the champion with a 2-1 victory.

The Men's Over-35 division included teams from: Chicago Connection-Ukraina, Chicago Lions, Chicago Ukraina, Cleveland Nova, Detroit Hoverla, Toronto Slavutych and Toronto Ukraina.

In the final game of the Men's Over-35 division, the Chicago Connection-Ukraina defeated the Chicago Lions 3-1.

Chicago FC Connection-Ukraina now joins an elite group, having won both men's divisions at the same tournament.

This year's outstanding players of the Great Lakes Cup were:

- Men's Open – Nick Kulas (Chicago Wings SC)
- Outstanding Goalie Men's Open – Stepan Dehot (FC Connection-Ukraina)
- Men's Over-35 – Robert Stein (FC Connection-Ukraina)

This year marked the third time the city of Chicago has hosted the Great Lakes Cup in the cup's 16-year his-

tory. Prior Chicago-area host teams included Wings SC and Lions SC.

The Great Lakes Cup committee, chaired by Mr. Tretyak, met weekly for three months in preparing for this tournament and did an outstanding job as hosts, once again showing Chicago's hospitality.

The Great Lakes Cup originated in 1995 when Vlodko Hnatiuk of Detroit's USC Chernyk proposed the idea of a soccer tournament to Lev Holubec of Cleveland's Ukrainian American Sports Club Lviv and Mr. Lypka from Toronto's Ukraina SA. These three men became the founders of the Great Lakes Cup, which invites all North American Ukrainian clubs to participate in a soccer tournament during the Memorial Day weekend.

The host committee, Chicago FC Connection-Ukraina, under the leadership of Mr. Tretyak, extended a special thank-you to all the sponsors of the 2011 Great Lakes Cup. Thanks and best wishes were also extended to all the players, participants, match officials, volunteers and family members who worked so hard in making the 2011 Great Lakes Cup soccer tournament so successful.

Special thanks were extended to USCAK President Isajiw, who attended the tournament – the first time in the history of the GLC that an USCAK president attended – and to USCAK for donating two permanent trophies for the tournament. (For 15 years the GLC had featured traveling trophies for the winning teams in each division.)

The 17th Great Lakes Cup will be held next year in Buffalo, N.Y., hosted by FC Ukraina. For more information, readers should contact Yuri Darmograi, 716-830-4567 or yutiinter@hotmail.com.



Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago Konstantyn Kudryk (left) greets the players; with him are Taras Jaworsky (center), vice-president for the Midwest U.S. of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK), and Irenaueus Isajiw, president of the USCAK.



FC Connection-Ukraina players celebrate with champagne.

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groups to draft a law on elections on a proportional basis with open lists, to monitor the electoral process and oppose falsifications. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine support group in EuroParliament

KYIV – A group to support Ukraine's Eurointegration was set up in the European Parliament; it includes representatives of all the factions of European parties. European Deputy Pawel Zalewski of Poland was appointed as group coordinator, said Ukrainian National Deputy Anatolii Kinakh, who in March initiated the creation of the interfaction deputies' association in the Verkhovna Rada called European Choice. As the deputy's press service notes, the constituent meeting of

the group took place in Strasbourg, France, on July 5 and priorities of inter-parliamentary cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union were determined. According to Mr. Kinakh, European Choice and a group of parliamentarians will cooperate in adapting Ukrainian legislation and standards of living to EU requirements, as well as work toward the completion of negotiations on an association agreement and free trade area between Ukraine and the EU. Within the framework of interparliamentary cooperation, a joint experts' group will be also set up to work on the development and realization of the National Program on Ukraine's preparation for EU associate membership, and harmonization of Ukrainian economic, political and legal systems with European norms. The next joint meeting of European Choice with a group of European deputies will be held this autumn in Kyiv. (Ukrinform)

Cabinet approves EU integration plan

KYIV – The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved a plan of priority measures for 2011 regarding Ukraine's integration into the European Union, the government's press service reported on July 4. The document was drafted in order to systematize the work of executive government agencies on the implementation of reforms in Ukraine to deepen the country's cooperation with the European Union. The plan foresees the continuation of talks on the creation of a free trade area between Ukraine and the EU, taking into account national interests; the drafting of a number of legal acts, including a draft government resolution on an action plan for the implementation in 2011 of a national program for bringing Ukrainian legislation into line with EU standards; a bill of amendments to the law of Ukraine on the judicial system and the status of judges, taking into account the conclusions of the Venice Commission; a bill on the ratification of a memorandum of understanding between Ukraine and the EU; and a loan agreement between Ukraine (as a borrower), the National Bank of Ukraine (as an agent of the borrower) and the EU (as a creditor) on the receipt by Ukraine of macro-financial assistance from the EU; as well as a bill on the protection of economic information and several other documents. The government hopes that adoption of the plan will ensure continuity of work in the field of European integration and create prerequisites for the implementation of the future association agreement between Ukraine and the EU. In June, while speaking to deputies of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), President Viktor Yanukovich said that European integration remains an unchanged priority in Ukraine's foreign policy. (Ukrinform)

condition. The cause of the fire is being investigated. According to initial reports, the tragedy could have been triggered because of the careless handling of fire. The Cabinet of Ministers has set up a commission to investigate the cause of the tragedy; the commission is headed by Vice Prime Minister and Social Policy Minister Serhey Tigipko. (Ukrinform)

RFE/RL journalists in Belarus arrested

MINSK, Belarus – One journalist for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty was arrested and another had her video camera confiscated as security forces in Belarus conducted what an RFE/RL journalist described as an "unprecedented" crackdown on July 3 while hundreds took to the streets in nationwide protests against President Alyaksandr Lukashenka's government. "I've never witnessed anything like this in Minsk in all the demonstrations I've covered," said Halina Abakunchyk, a journalist for RFE/RL's Belarus Service, Radio Svaboda, whose camera was taken by police before she swiped it back. She reported that protesters were being "snatched up by unknown people in plain clothes," forced into riot police vehicles and taken away. Other Radio Svaboda freelancers and stringers, one of whom had her camera lens smashed during a scuffle with riot police, were detained during the sweep. Radio Svaboda correspondent Mikhal Karnievich was detained in Hrodna, then released. He stood trial on July 11, was found guilty of taking part in an illegal protest and fined the equivalent of about \$200. According to Mr. Karnievich, the testimony against him at the trial was presented by a policeman whom he had never seen before. "He wasn't sure if he had detained me; he only said that my face was familiar," Mr. Karnievich said after the verdict. "He couldn't recall, however, what I was dressed in or where it was precisely that he had arrested me. Nor could he explain when and how he issued the arrest report." Mr. Karnievich is appealing his sentence. Rights activists said that Belarus has convicted at least 140 people in Minsk and other cities. Some protesters were given sentences of between two and 15 days of imprisonment for "hooliganism" and "participation in an unsanctioned demonstration," while others escaped jail but received fines. About 200 more cases are pending throughout the country. The protests were initiated by the Internet-based opposition group Revolution Through the Social Network, which called on people to take part in peaceful hand-clapping gatherings on July 3 to mark Belarus's Independence Day. At the same time that Radio Svaboda was posting protest coverage to its website, it and all RFE/RL websites were affected by a suspected distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack, although service was quickly restored. In 2008, Radio Svaboda's and RFE/RL's websites were targets of a similar attack during coverage of an opposition protest in Belarus. "We can't say definitively who was responsible for the attack on our website, but this is the second time our site has been targeted while we were providing coverage of protests," said Radio Svaboda Director Alexander Lukashuk. (RFE/RL)

Children poisoned in Bulgaria

KYIV – According to information received from the Embassy of Ukraine to the Republic of Bulgaria, on July 11 this year nearly 40 children – including 10 from Ukraine – were taken to the infectious diseases ward of the Burgas central regional hospital with symptoms of gastroenterocolitis syndrome. The Department of Information Policy of Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that doctors said the children brought to the hospital received the necessary medical care and their health was stable. Local services of sanitary and epidemic control admit that the poisoning occurred due to the poor state of potable water in the hotel Kiten, where about 500 guests from various countries were staying. Examinations were being carried out to find and identify the pathogens. By July 12 all the Ukrainian children were discharged from the hospital, said Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman Oleksander Dykusharov. "The Ukrainian Embassy [in Bulgaria] is continuing to check reports about whether the competent services in Bulgaria are conducting a comprehensive inspection of living conditions, nutrition, including sanitary and epidemiological conditions, at a hotel complex in the city of Kiten," he added. (Ukrinform, Interfax-Ukraine)

Fire at home for elderly kills 16

KYIV – Sixteen people died in the village of Bile, Dubrovytsia district of the Rivne region, early on Sunday, July 10, after a fire broke out in a state facility for the elderly, the press service of the Ukrainian Emergencies Ministry reported. Twenty-five elderly people and two staff members were in the building when the fire broke out. Firefighters contained the fire within 40 minutes and then extinguished the blaze. Three victims, including two staff members, were in serious

OSCE concerned about violence in Belarus

VILNIUS, Lithuania – OSCE Chairperson-in-Office Audronius Ažubalis, who is Lithuania's foreign minister, on July 5 expressed strong concern and regret over continued violence by the Belarusian authorities against their fellow citizens who intended to exercise their civil liberties and hold peaceful public demonstrations. "I urge the Belarusian government to release those detained, and

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further refrain from using violence against peaceful citizens and ensure respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms," Mr. Ažubalis said. (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)

Yanukovych greets Obama on July 4

KYIV – President Viktor Yanukovych of Ukraine on July 4 congratulated U.S. President Barack Obama on Independence Day. "I am convinced that the friendly relations between Ukraine and the United States will continue fruitfully developing in the spirit of mutual understanding, constructive cooperation and strategic partnership," reads the message of greetings posted on the official website of the Ukrainian president. "We appreciate the significant contribution of your country to overcoming the Chernobyl accident consequences," Mr. Yanukovych said. The Ukrainian president also wished the U.S. president good health and success in his responsible state activities, and he wished the people of the United States peace, wealth and prosperity. (Ukrinform)

PACE: Ukraine needs unified election code

KYIV – The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has called on Ukraine to adopt a unified election code as soon as possible and strengthen the role of parliamentary oversight over the activities of the executive. This was stated in a PACE resolution on the results of monitoring by member-countries of their commitments to the Council of Europe, which was passed in Strasbourg, France, on June 22. The monitoring was conducted from June 2010 to May of this year, PACE's website reported. With respect to elections and political pluralism, PACE urged the Ukrainian Parliament "to adopt, without further delay, a unified election code in accordance with the political commitment undertaken by the authorities." The resolution says that the Ukrainian president should enact the document. With a view to strengthening the role of Parliament and the opposition, PACE called on Ukraine's authorities to introduce amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine to strengthen the supervisory function of the Verkhovna Rada regarding the executive branch. (Ukrinform)

Chernivtsi landmark on World Heritage List

KYIV – During the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO, which took place on June 28, the residence of Bukovynian and Dalmatian metropolitans in Chernivtsi was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Built between 1864 and 1882 by Czech architect Josef Hlavka, the residence represents a masterful synergy of architectural styles. The property includes a seminary and monastery, and is an outstanding example of 19th century architecture. The property is dominated by the domed, cruciform Seminary Church, which is surrounded by a park and orchard with rare species of trees. The complex unites architectural and cultural influences from many eras, beginning with the Byzantium period and encompassing the presence of the Orthodox Church during Habsburg rule, symbolizing the Austro-Hungarian Empire's policy of religious tolerance. According to the website of the Theology Department of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate, today the central building of the Yurii Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University is located in the residence. The residence also houses the university museum and exhibition rooms. Other

Ukrainian sites on UNESCO's World Heritage List are the St. Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv, the Kyivan Caves Monastery and Lviv's historic center. (Ukrinform)

Orlyk monument unveiled in Kyiv

KYIV – A monument to Hetman Pylyp Orlyk, the author of the first Ukrainian Constitution of 1710, was unveiled in Kyiv on June 24. The unveiling of the monument is the dedicated to the 15th anniversary of the Constitution of Ukraine. The monument consists of the figure of hetman signing the Constitution and a vertical decorative heraldic composition depicting the elements of weapons, art, and nationhood. (Ukrinform)

Pylyp Orlyk monument in Sweden

KYIV – A monument to Hetman Pylyp Orlyk, author of the first Ukrainian Constitution of 1710, was unveiled in Sweden on June 29 in observance of the 15th anniversary of the Constitution of Ukraine. Orlyk (1672-1742) had knowledge of history, philosophy, poetry, rhetoric and theological sciences. In addition to the Ukrainian language, he had a good command of the Bulgarian, Polish, German, Latin and Swedish languages. "Pacts and the Constitution of Rights and Freedoms of Zaporizhia Forces," or the so-called Orlyk Constitution is a unique document, that is cited by researchers as one of the world's first democratic constitutions. (Ukrinform)

Constitutional Assembly needs three years

KYIV – The Constitutional Assembly will need about three years for the preparation of amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine. This opinion was expressed at a press conference on June 21 by chairman of the experts' group on preparation of the concept of the Constitutional Assembly, Leonid Kravchuk. "We can write the Constitution in a short period. But its coordination will take much time. I believe no less than two, two and a half or perhaps three years," said the former president of Ukraine. He said that provisions of the new wording of the fundamental law, which concern the state order, human rights and freedoms, and distribution of power among branches of government, will be submitted for public discussion. In addition, the Constitutional Assembly will initiate an all-Ukrainian referendum for approval of amendments to the Constitution. (Ukrinform)

Akhmetov's doubts on being deputy

KYIV – A national deputy from the Party of Regions, Ukraine's wealthiest citizen, Rinat Akhmetov, has said that he will decide whether it is worth it for him to run for the Verkhovna Rada during next parliamentary elections of 2012. President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych shared this information on June 29 in an interview with the Ukrainian mass media. "I have for the first time heard from Rinat Leonidovych that he is seriously thinking about whether it makes sense to become a national deputy during the next elections. I asked what worries him. And he answered me: I am not going to leave the party. I will remain a party member and will occupy an active position. But as concerns the deputy's position, I am not sure that it is necessary for me. I have not yet made a final decision," Mr. Yanukovych related. The president denied rumors about threats to Mr. Akhmetov that he could share the fate of Russian oligarch Mikhail Khodorkovsky. "Certainly, these are always anecdotes. I treat them with humor," the president noted. According to Korrespondent magazine's rating of the wealthiest Ukrainians, published in June, Mr. Akhmetov ranked first with assets of \$25.6 billion (U.S.). (Ukrinform)



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing into eternity on July 2, 2011, at the age of 87 of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

Feodosja Neboshynsky neé Velykodna

She was born June 9, 1924 in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Funeral Services were held on July 9, 2011 at St. Andrew's Memorial Church in S. Bound Brook, NJ, followed by internment at St. Andrew's Memorial Cemetery. She was the loving wife of the late Serge Neboshynsky.

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Son-in-law – Joseph Laraia

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Вічна Йому пам'ять!

D.C. think tanks...

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While the United States and the West have not been as actively engaged as they should have been, Mr. Kramer said, the Yanukovich government was reversing constitutional reforms, concentrating governmental power and moving toward “greater autocracy and greater kleptocracy,” and thus destroying any prospect for a real democratic future for itself and its acceptance into the European community.

Oleh Rybachuk, former President Viktor Yushchenko’s chief of staff, who now heads the United Action Center in Kyiv, agreed with much of Mr. Kramer’s critical assessment. The Ukrainian government has built a strong “vertical” of power, similar to that of Russia, and has even begun meddling with election laws on the very eve of elections.

Panelist Adrian Karatnycky, senior fellow at the Atlantic Council in New York, agreed with critics who insist that the Tymoshenko trial should be stopped as should the harassment of the media. On the other hand, he added, the Yanukovich government has introduced a measure of political stability in Ukraine – at least on the national level – and is making headway in some reforms, among them the health care and pension systems.

Two of the panelists focused on problems dealing with freedom of the press and other media issues in Ukraine. Viktoria Siumar, who heads the Institute of Mass Information in Kyiv, pointed to some of the administration actions against the workings of a free media and instances of beatings as well as the killing of journalists, as well as working against the establishment of independent media outlets.

Independent talk show host Andriy Kulykov agreed, noting that journalism can be a dangerous profession in Ukraine. One does not have to be an opposition journalist to experience this, he said – simply a journalist. To work as an independent journalist, he added, “you have to make that choice every day.”

Impact of governance problems

Participating in the second panel discussion, moderated by Ambassador Pifer, were President Yanukovich’s foreign policy advisor Andriy Fialko; James Sherr of London’s Royal Institute for International Affairs; Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, a visiting scholar from Brussels at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Damon Wilson, the Atlantic Council’s executive vice president; and Jorge Zukoski, president of the



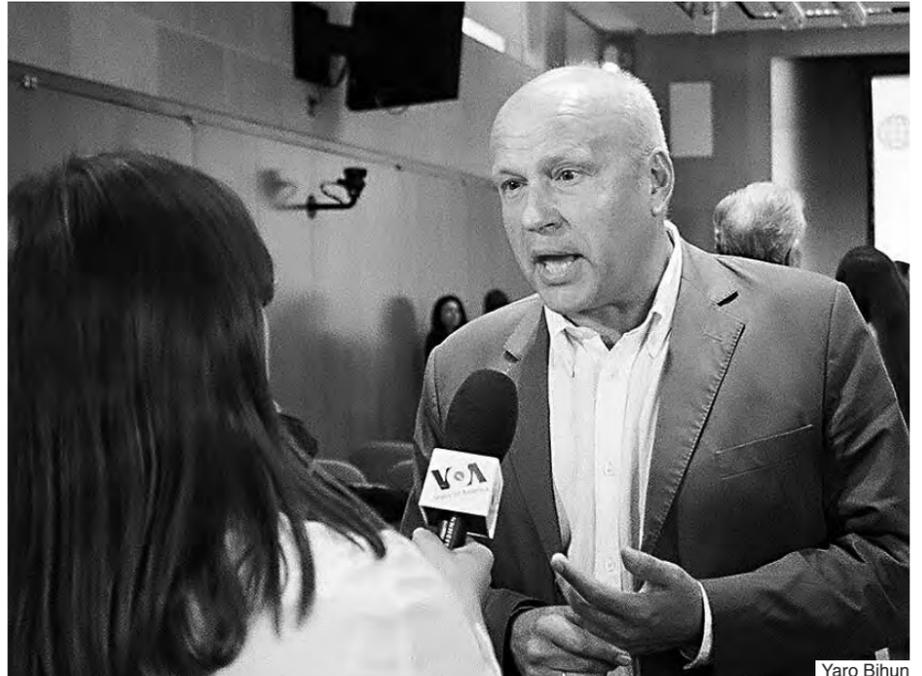
Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pavlo Klimkin explains the Yanukovich government’s political and economic reform efforts in Ukraine.

American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine.

Assessing the impact of Ukraine’s governance problems on the economy, Ms. Shumylo-Tapiola said the situation is neither black nor white, but gray. She pointed out that Ukraine has been listed as the world’s fifth worst economy and that disillusionment now is growing even in Mr. Yanukovich’s power base in the eastern regions of Ukraine.

“When you go back or report back to your government, tell them to stop [the criminal investigations of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko]. 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.”

– Freedom House President David Kramer, addressing representatives of the Ukrainian government attending the Washington conference titled “Ukraine’s Future: The Challenges and Impact of Governance in Ukraine,” as reported by Interfax-Ukraine.



Oleh Rybachuk, former President Viktor Yushchenko’s chief of staff, shares his views about the present Ukrainian government in an interview with Voice of America TV during a conference recess.

Mr. Zukoski called Ukraine “a success story.” After a pregnant pause, he added: “...that’s waiting to happen.” He noted that some economic reforms are moving forward, but not as fast as foreign investors and he would like. But he remains “cautiously optimistic,” he said.

Presidential advisor Mr. Fialko said that Ukraine’s relations with Europe, the United States and Russia are proceeding “positively.” Ukraine cannot achieve its

major economic goal – energy independence – without large Western investments, which will not come without some major reforms in Ukraine, he said, adding that he remains “cautiously optimistic.”

Focusing on the European vs. Russian future for Ukraine, Mr. Sherr said that President Yanukovich “does not seem to understand what European integration is all about. Nor does he seem to know how Ukraine’s ‘starshyi brat’ [older brother – Russia] will react if and when it happens.”

In his presentation, Mr. Wilson of the Atlantic Council noted that there is a perception in Ukraine that the West has lost interest in its future, and it must be changed. Also, democracy must be high on the Western agenda in Ukraine, he added. The West must engage Ukraine on these and other issues; Washington must sustain and expand its assistance and exchange programs and, most importantly, work with the European Union on Ukraine.

Summary by Brzezinski

In his summary discussion, moderated by Peterson Institute Director Fred Bergsten, Dr. Brzezinski described Ukraine’s 20 years since independence as being “pretty good.” And this may have a paradoxical effect on Russia, he said.

“Ukraine will affect Russian understanding of its own future,” he said, adding an observation about the relationship between those two countries that undermines the one commonly and uncritically accepted by Ukraine’s northern neighbors: “Historically, Ukraine, the ancient Rus’, is Russia’s older brother.” Russians may have thought otherwise, he said, “but historically, that’s not the case.” He added:

“But also when one speaks politically, it’s not the case, because the performance of independent Ukraine politically over the last 20 years has been more mature than the Russian performance. And in that sense, Ukrainians are also the older brothers of the nascent democracy in Russia.

“[Ukraine] provided an example that in the post-Soviet context – in which there hasn’t been for a very long time, if ever, an institutionalized democratic tradition, it is possible to nurture democracy and to consistently practice it. And that’s something of which Ukrainians ought to be very proud of. And as part of it, they ought to be especially alert to the negative consequences of political repression.”

Dr. Brzezinski concluded his remarks with a word of praise for the role played by the Ukrainian diaspora in the achievement of Ukraine’s independence.

“For one thing, the whole doctrine of a Ukrainian independent statehood was nurtured for decades outside Ukraine – in the diaspora,” he stated.



James Sherr (center) of London’s Royal Institute for International Affairs focuses on the Yanukovich administration’s lack of understanding of what it would take to be accepted into the European community during a panel discussion about the challenges and impacts of governance in Ukraine. The other panelists (from left) are: former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Steven Pifer (moderator), Mr. Yanukovich’s foreign policy advisor Andriy Fialko, Olga Shumylo-Tapiola of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Damon Wilson of the Atlantic Council.

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Belarus seeks...

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For Minsk in particular, reducing its dependence on Russian oil is a vital national-political objective, one shared with many countries in Belarus' direct and wider neighborhood.

While the Odesa-Brody pipeline is reconfigured from reverse to averse use, the Mozyr-Brody line is now being used in reverse for Azerbaijani oil. That line is a section of the east-west Druzhba pipeline which carries Russian oil to Central Europe via Belarus and Ukraine. With Russia gradually reducing the volumes delivered through that pipeline, spare capacity now exists in one of the two parallel lines on the Mozyr-Brody section. That capacity can presently accommodate Azerbaijani oil deliveries to Belarus at a minimum rate of 3 million tons per year, reverse-using the Druzhba line on that section.

On July 8 in Baku, Belarusian Prime Minister Mikhail Myasnikovych solicited an increase in the volume of oil supplies, as well as a currency-stabilization loan from Azerbaijan. Received by President Ilham Aliyev and other Azerbaijani officials, Mr. Myasnikovych discussed possibilities of stabilizing oil deliveries at 3.5 million tons per year via Odesa-Brody-Mozyr. According to Azerbaijan's industry and energy minister, Natig Aliyev, that and even higher supply volumes are possible, subject to commercial negotiations between the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) and BelNaftakhim. The Azerbaijani side also expects reli-

able, long-term transportation through the Odesa-Brody-Mozyr pipelines. Baku rules out any political criteria from the commercial negotiations.

Apparently, Baku seeks direct access to the retail market for oil products in Belarus through joint enterprises, on the model it recently introduced in Ukraine. There, SOCAR Energy Ukraine is rapidly developing a network of gasoline supply stations, marketing products refined from Azerbaijani crude. On July 8 it inaugurated the 11th station in this growing network (www.1news.az, July 8).

In Baku, Mr. Myasnikovych also offered one of the Belarusian banks for full or partial sale to Azerbaijan. The bank, and the amount of the hoped-for loan, is not publicly specified (Interfax, July 8). Azerbaijan had loaned \$200 million to Minsk last year to enable Belarus to pay the bill for Russian natural gas. That loan had a repayment term of only 12 days, which Belarus was able to meet on time. At present, Belarus is eligible for a \$3 billion loan from Russia, ostensibly via the Eurasian Economic Community's (EurAsEc) Anti-Crisis Fund. A first tranche of \$800 million has been authorized for Belarus in May.

However, Minsk is trying hard to limit its indebtedness to Moscow and to diversify its debt portfolio. Minsk is concerned that Moscow would demand to take over industrial enterprises and infrastructure in Belarus as repayment for Russian loans, if Western credits remain frozen.

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NOTES ON PEOPLE

Earns Ph.D. in English literature

STONY BROOK, N.Y. – Dr. Liliana Naydan, the daughter of Roksolana Robak Naydan and Dr. Michael Naydan of State College, Pa., received her Ph.D. in English literature from Stony Brook University on May 25.

Her dissertation, directed by Prof. Stacey Olster, is titled "Faith in Fiction: American Literature, Religion and the Millennium."

On May 23 she received the President's Award to Distinguished Doctoral Students – an award that is conferred on the top five dissertations at the university.

While at Stony Brook, Dr. Naydan served as president of the Graduate Student Organization, as assistant director of Stony Brook's Writing Center, as founding editor of SBGradMag, and as a member of the University's Presidential Search Committee.

A chapter of her dissertation has been revised and will appear shortly in the inaugural issue of The John Updike Review.



Dr. Liliana Naydan

Dr. Naydan has accepted a teaching position at the University of Michigan's Sweetland Center for Writing and will be moving to Ann Arbor with her husband James McAsey for the fall 2011 semester.

She is a member of Branch 172 of the Ukrainian National Association.

Graduates from law school

SAN DIEGO – Inia Marie Yevich received her law degree from Thomas Jefferson Law School in San Diego on May 21.

She received her B.A. in 2005 from the University of Virginia at Wise; her Major was history with a minor in business.

After graduating, Ms. Yevich set out to discover how her career path would develop. First, she worked as a manager of a car rental agency in Charlottesville, N.C. However, she loves the ocean and the following year moved to Miami. There, she learned about both business and law, while working as a property manager.

She was most fascinated by the legal aspects of contracts in property management, and decided that law school was her next goal. She began her law studies in August 2008.

She has always loved all aspects of nature, and especially water sports. She is an expert scuba diver, wind surfer and ocean surfer. While in law school, she discovered maritime law as a subspecialty. Because of this interest, Ms. Yevich attended two summer semesters in Rhodes, Greece, studying maritime law in a program sponsored by Tulane Law School.

Afterwards, she stayed in Rhodes for the rest of the summer, teaching wind surfing and enjoying the opportunity to



Inia Marie Yevich in her surfing gear.

meet people from all over Europe, including newfound friends from Ukraine.

Ms. Yevich graduated from Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies in Washington. To further improve her Ukrainian language skills and knowledge, she also attended Harvard University's Ukrainian summer courses in 2002.

She is a parishioner of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of the Silver Spring, Md. Growing up, she enjoyed summer vacations at Soyuzivka and is a member of the Ukrainian National Association Branch 15.

Professor wins Fulbright grant

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Dr. Leanna Pupchek, associate professor at the Knight School of Communication of Queens University of Charlotte, has been awarded a Fulbright scholar grant for Lviv, during the 2011-2012 academic year. She is the first sitting Queens faculty member to ever win the prestigious award.

Dr. Pupchek will teach at the Ukrainian Catholic University and perform research on the visual vocabulary of persuasive messages designed for and about the Euro-2012 soccer championship. She is one of approximately 1,100 faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar program in 2011-2012.

Dr. Pupchek is married to Bill Pupchek, a grandson of Ukrainian immigrants. She applied to go to Ukraine because their two adopted sons, Zachary, 13, and Adam, 17, were born there.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity as much for them as me," Dr. Pupchek told the Charlotte Observer. "I hope when they mature they'll understand why this was such a wonderful opportunity." She and her family will leave for Ukraine on September 1.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

"This is quite an accomplishment for Dr. Pupchek, a long-time leader in the Knight School," said Dean Van King. "She always makes a difference wherever she is, and will have a great year in Ukraine, enjoying both her teaching and research. We're really proud of her and proud for Queens."

The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropri-



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Dr. Leanna Pupchek

ation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support.

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The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, a division of the Institute of International Education.

Financial advisor receives award

MUNSTER, Ind. – Marta N. Shuya received the 2010 "Protect. Grow. Give" award from RiverSource Life Insurance Company on June 3.

Ameriprise Financial awards this to financial advisors who advance in their work and "help clients protect income, grow assets and give a legacy by implementing RiverSource life and disability income insurance policies."

Ms. Shuya received a B.A. in Russian language and Russian literature from the University of Pittsburgh, and an M.A. in Soviet affairs and international business from Indiana University.

Ms. Shuya has been with Ameriprise Financial, where she does financial planning with areas of focus in retirement, tax and estate planning strategies and asset management, for over 20 years. In 2004,

she earned membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table, attained only by those who have demonstrated exceptional professional knowledge, expertise and client service.

She is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

Ms. Shuya is a first-generation Ukrainian who was born and raised in the Chicago Ukrainian community, where she attended Ukrainian school and completed her "matura." She belongs to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Munster, Ind. She is active in Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization as a senior scout advisor and belongs to the Plast sorority Ti Scho Hrebli Rvut. Her children are all members of Plast, and she is always volunteering at Plast events.

She is a member of the Ukrainian National Association and her mother, Natalka Shuya, is a secretary of UNA Branch 452.

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The Tymoshenko trial...

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absolutely clearly state that there is no legal basis for the continued persecution of Yulia Tymoshenko," said Serhiy Vlasenko, a member of Ms. Tymoshenko's legal team. "Like the charges over the use of Kyoto money and the purchase of vehicles for rural health care, these charges are clearly politically motivated."

Beginning of court hearings

Thousands of protesters have demonstrated outside the Pechersk District Court since preliminary court hearings started there on June 24.

Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira, the European Union's ambassador to Ukraine, who attended the pre-trial hearing on June 24, criticized the crowded and stiflingly hot courtroom in Kyiv, saying "the conditions of this trial are inhumane."

Lawyers for Ms. Tymoshenko first unsuccessfully attempted to have the case thrown out on insufficient legal grounds for prosecution. They've also filed numerous motions to have the 31-year-old judge presiding over the case remove himself for lack of experience. The presiding Pechersk District Court judge, Mr. Kiriyeu, has sat behind the bench since 2009 mostly in the rural areas of Kyiv Oblast over cases involving petty hooliganism and alimony payments.

When that failed, Ms. Tymoshenko started changing lawyers, extending judicial proceedings to give her new lawyer time to review and prepare for her defense. The trial has been postponed several times since it began on July 4 and was most recently postponed on July 11 after Mr. Tytarenko said he was unable to properly represent Ms. Tymoshenko because of the court's actions. (The Ukrainian Weekly went to press on the eve of Yulia Tymoshenko's next scheduled court appearance is on July 15.)

Meanwhile, on July 5 the Security Service of Ukraine, known by its Ukrainian acronym as the SBU, opened a criminal case that alleges Ms. Tymoshenko participated in embezzling \$405 mil-

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PROFILE: Judge Rodion Kiriyeu



Judge Rodion Kiriyeu of the Pechersk District Court in Kyiv.

KYIV – Rodion Kiriyeu, a 31-year-old judge who less than one year ago was punishing bicycle thieves and wife-beating drunkards in Berezan, a city of 17,000 residents in Kyiv Oblast, now is presiding over Ukraine's most high-profile court case. His court is hearing the case against ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko who is accused of abusing office when concluding the 2009 gas deal with Russia.

Mr. Kiriyeu became a judge when ex-President Viktor Yushchenko appointed him to the Berezan City Court on May 13, 2009. Mr. Kiriyeu ruled on alimony payments and fined residents for petty hooliganism, according to the publicly accessible electronic registry of court rulings.

His 2010 income declaration states that Mr. Kiriyeu earned \$7,695, owns a 57-square-meter apartment in Kyiv, as well as two cars – a Russian-made VAZ and Hyundai Tucson.

On April 20 of this year, his career took off.

President Viktor Yanukovich appointed him as a judge on Kyiv's Pechersk District Court, known as the nation's top political court. Judge Kiriyeu managed to preside over 63 cases in his first two months there.

Some of these cases were sent to the Procurator General's Office for further investigation, while others involved disclosing confidential bank information of legal entities, according to the electronic registry of court rulings.

Ms. Tymoshenko's case came before Judge Kiriyeu's court on June 24. Although judges are supposedly chosen for trials based on random computerized drawings, observers have noted this judge's young age and lack of experience for such a highly charged, complicated case.

"His only assignment is to carry out the orders of those in power," said Serhiy Taran, director of the International Democracy Institute, a Kyiv think tank. "The powers that be can control him more because of his dearth of experience and young age."

Mr. Taran noted that judges are allowed to remove themselves from trials, and citing lack of experience is a valid reason. Judge Kiriyeu has refused to withdraw himself from the case, despite numerous motions filed by Ms. Tymoshenko's lawyers.

A longtime human rights observer in Ukraine, Johannes Andersen of Denmark, said political motivation could be at play since the judge in the Tymoshenko trial hasn't served on the bench for five years, a term after which judges are given life tenure if approved by Parliament.

Another think tank, the Western-funded Democratic Initiatives, said on July 10 that Judge Kiriyeu is "not competent, and is considered controversial... these are grounds pointing to the customized nature of the [judicial] proceedings."

Pechersk District Court officials, meanwhile, have pointed to Judge Kiriyeu's age as proof that he was chosen randomly and that his selection confirms the court's impartiality.

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The Tymoshenko trial...

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lion when she headed United Energy Systems of Ukraine. She denies the accusations and dismisses them as politically motivated.

“Selective justice”

Ms. Tymoshenko’s supporters – and, with increasing frequency, U.S. and European Union officials – say she is a victim of “selective justice.” At least 10 high-ranking officials of her former government are either in pre-trial detention or face criminal charges.

One official, former Minister of the Economy Bohdan Danylyshyn, has already been granted political asylum in the Czech Republic.

“This is an unprecedented high number [of high-ranking officials] for any post-Soviet country,” said Johannes Andersen, a longtime human rights observer in Ukraine from Denmark.

“I also expressed once more my deep concern at the recent developments in the cases of Mrs. Tymoshenko and other members of the former government of Ukraine,” said Stefan Fuele on July 5, the European Union’s commissioner for enlargement and neighborhood policy, following a meeting with Ukraine’s Foreign Affairs Minister Kostyantyn Gryshchenko.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland on June 24 said there are concerns that the trial appears to be a “politically motivated” prosecution of an opposition figure.

“I’d like to take this opportunity to reiterate the United States’ concern about the appearance of politically motivated prosecutions of opposition figures in Ukraine,” Ms. Nuland said. “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.”

U.S. democracy watchdog Freedom House, U.S. Sen. John McCain, U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden, the Ukrainian World Congress and the EU’s largest political party, the European People’s Party, have also criticized the cases against Ms. Tymoshenko and officials of her former government.

The cases against her have also highlighted the flaws in Ukraine’s judicial system and calls into question whether it can deliver justice impartially and independently, without political interference.

Ukraine’s High Council of Justice, which has the job of hiring and firing the nation’s 8,000 judges, is controlled by people who are loyal to Mr. Yanukovich, who narrowly defeated Ms. Tymoshenko’s in the 2010 presidential election. They were bitter rivals in the 2004 Orange Revolution that overturned a rigged presidential election.

“Judges are vulnerable, they are weak, and prosecutors usually control judges,” said Mr. Andersen, the Danish human rights observer.

Ms. Tymoshenko’s defense teams have had a distinct disadvantage. Observers noted that her lawyers often aren’t given ample time to prepare for trial. Her lawyers also haven’t been given the full cases as required by law.

Mr. Andersen said that judges are often kept under control or “on the hook” because of pending criminal cases against them.

Preserving the principle of presumption of innocence has also been called into question. Authorities have frozen the opposition figure’s assets and have banned her from travelling abroad or in country.

More alarming is the fact that President Yanukovich has repeatedly used language suggesting that Ms. Tymoshenko has already been found guilty.

“I hope Yulia Tymoshenko will prove her innocence,” Ukraine’s president has said more than once, most recently during an official June 17 visit to Slovakia, apparently forgetting that the burden of proof is on the plaintiff.

“The presumption of guilt has currently become the main principle in the judicial system in Ukraine,” commented Arseniy Yatsenyuk, an opposition politician but a rival of Ms. Tymoshenko.

But the overall goal, political scientists said, is to keep Ms. Tymoshenko out of the political spotlight and from running for the Verkhovna Rada in next year’s election to the country’s legislature.

“This is de jure what could happen in Tymoshenko’s case,” said Serhiy Taran, director of the International Democracy Institute, a Kyiv-based policy center.

Most importantly, the appearance of selective justice could negatively impact Ukraine’s Euro-integration aspirations. Ukraine is currently in talks with the EU on brokering a free-trade agreement.

A group of leading Western and Ukrainian scholars recently called on the EU to use “more sticks with carrots,” writing in the Kyiv Post newspaper that “economic integration should include strict adherence to standards of democracy and rule of law by Ukraine.”

But not everyone is so sure that the European Union will strongly rebuke Ukraine in the Tymoshenko case, lest stronger treatment is administered against her.

“Everyone understands that this is selective justice, as corruption in Ukraine spreads well beyond one party or political figure,” said Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, an analyst at the Carnegie Europe think tank in Brussels. “But the EU has to think longer-term.”

Another think tank, the Western-funded Democratic Initiatives, was more restrained in its assessment: “Irrespective of the court’s ruling, a conclusion can be made... that Tymoshenko’s case will dearly cost the state of Ukraine since the government is demonstrating devotion to European values only in words, [while] putting into practice selective justice...”

Ukraine hasn’t gone past the point of no return, but the anxiety level of Western politicians concerning the situation in Ukraine is growing.”

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Performers from across Canada to appear at Toronto Ukrainian Festival



The Verkhovyna Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble from Edmonton.

TORONTO – The 15th annual Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival has been awarded grants from Celebrate Ontario and the Buduchnist Credit Union that will allow for Canadian performers of Ukrainian heritage from across Canada to entertain the audience.

In addition to performers from the Toronto area, Ukraine and the United States, the following performers and artists will participate in the festival.

- The Verkhovyna Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble from Edmonton, made up of the Verkhovyna Choir and Dunai Dancers – a total of 45 performers – will showcase “The Letter,” an emotional and colorful musical and dance journey through the pages of Ukrainian Canadian history. The piece is dedicated to

Ukrainians who helped develop the young country of Canada. This performance is made possible by an additional generous contribution by lead corporate sponsor Buduchnist.

- The Accord Men’s Choir from Ottawa embodies the richness of Ukrainian choral tradition through the melodious synergy of a four-part choir. Chorister perform a broad repertoire that highlights various Ukrainian choral masters.

- Roman Brytan, host of CKER radio Edmonton, has been a guest MC at Festivals throughout North America.

- Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn, acclaimed visual artist from Edmonton, combines reflections of relevant historical moments, environmental beauty, cultural influences and identities with poignant

social statements. She has just launched four artworks dedicated to the commemoration of the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada.

- Roman Danylo, star of Comedy Inc. from Vancouver, is a top Canadian improviser, a TV and film actor, and traditional theater actor.

- Canadian baritone Chris Dunham, who is of Scottish heritage, will showcase the Ukrainian pioneers’ song, “Edna Star,” with lyrics written by Steve Andrusiak and music composed by Igor Zhylyak. Mr. Dunham, a student working toward a master’s degree in music who has appeared with the Halifax Summer Opera, the UWOpera and the Canadian Operatic Arts Academy, was approached by his professor with a request to interpret the

newly composed song. (For more about this song, see The Ukrainian Weekly’s June 12 issue. The song is available on iTunes.)

- The Harmonia Trio comprises three vocalists from Montreal who together popularize Ukrainian classical, folk and contemporary songs. They will be featuring their Lemko repertoire.

- The Kule Folklore Center Exhibit, University of Alberta, premieres the “Pioneer Experience Exhibit,” celebrating 120 years of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. The exhibit chronicles Ukrainians’ life before migration, the ocean voyage, arrival on the prairies, and finding a homestead prior to 1900.

- The Lyra Trio, based in Winnipeg, has been entertaining audiences across Canada with several styles of traditional Ukrainian folk music. These three female vocalists and musicians play various instruments, including the bandura, cello, violin and guitar.

- The Suzirya Ukrainian Dance Theater from Calgary, under the direction of Serguei Makarov, is well-known for its eloquent fusion of ballet and tradition Ukrainian folk dance. Suzirya, meaning constellation, has entertained audiences worldwide with countless choreographic compositions embodying the culture and spirit of Ukraine.

- The Tyt i Tam Band from Saskatoon performs a unique and progressive style of Ukrainian zabava (dance-party) music. The five-piece band, including a fiddle and accordion, presents a unique synthesis of tradition folk songs and contemporary flavor.

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INSTRUCTORS

ROMAN HURKO - composer / conductor / producer

Today's leading composer of Ukrainian sacred music, Mr. Hurko is a graduate of The Yale Institute of Sacred Music and The University of Toronto. Mr. Hurko has composed and recorded five major pieces of sacred music: *Liturgy 2000*, *Panachyda/Requiem for the Victims of Chernobyl*, *Liturgy No.2*, *Vespers*, and *Liturgy No.3*. Mr. Hurko also has a career in opera stage direction as well as being a producer in *The Ukrainian Art Song Project*. At USM, Mr. Hurko will lead the ensemble in his compositions and share insights into the creative process.

BOHDAN HERYAVENKO - conductor

Maestro Heryavenko is the current Artistic Director and Conductor of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus. Mr. Heryavenko is a graduate of the Lviv Musical Pedagogical College and completed his Choirmaster education as well as Opera and Symphonic Conducting at the Lviv State Conservatory. Prior to immigrating to the United States, Mr. Heryavenko was the Chief Choirmaster of the Lviv Opera and Ballet Theatre. Maestro Heryavenko is recognized for his expertise in sacred music, working with church choirs in Ukraine and the United States.

INSTRUCTORS

OLEH MAHLAY - conductor / composer

The Artistic Director of the Kobzarska Sich Music Programs, Maestro Mahlay holds a bachelor of arts degree in music history and literature from Case Western Reserve University. During his tenure as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, the UBC performed in seven countries and released six recordings, including the critically acclaimed *Golden Echoes of Kyiv: The Divine Liturgy*. Prior to his post with the UBC, Mr. Mahlay was the conductor of the St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral choir in Parma, Ohio.

PROTODEACON IHOR MAHLAY - lecturer

A graduate of St. Stephen's Course of Theology, Rev. Deacon Ihor Mahlay has actively served in various capacities within the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, most notably as an assistant conductor, music instructor, lecturer in Sacred Arts, and coordinator of charitable and educational outreach programs. He was ordained into the Diaconate in 1997 and is attached to and plays an active role in the pastoral staff at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma, Ohio. Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay founded the Kobzarska Sich Bandura Camp in 1979.

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Dauphin, MB | Canada's Ukrainian National Festival, Selo Ukraina, 204-622-4600 or www.cnuf.ca | | |
| July 29-
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Chicago | Art exhibit, featuring works by Oleksa Kovalenko and Walter Monastyretsky, Ukrainian National Museum, 312-421-8020 or www.ukrainiannationalmuseum.org | | |
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Edmonton, AB | Heritage Festival, featuring a Ukraine pavilion, Hawrelak Park, www.heritage-festival.com | | |

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JOIN US IN HONORING THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF TARAS SHEVCHENKO

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In September 2009, the Governing Board of the Shevchenko Scientific Society, USA launched a major Shevchenko Jubilee Project comprising three fundamental scholarly publications as well as a series of scholarly conferences dedicated to Taras Shevchenko.

The Project is headed by Dr. George G. Grabowicz, the Dmytro Chyzhevsky Professor of Ukrainian Literature at Harvard University.

The proposed publications are:

1. A comprehensive and annotated collection of the critical reception of Taras Shevchenko published in the years 1839-1861 in 2 volumes. The first volume (*of over 800 pages*), comprising the critical reception during Shevchenko's lifetime, will appear in early 2012.
2. A scholarly monograph on Shevchenko, in English.
3. A collection of scholarly articles on Shevchenko and his time, also in English.

The first of the scholarly conferences dedicated to Shevchenko was held in March 2011; further conferences are planned.

Given the perilous state of the humanities, and particularly of Ukrainian studies, in Ukraine today, the hostile statements relating to Ukrainian history and culture by high government officials, the general indifference to Ukrainian studies and the lack of any normal government policy in this area, it is hard to expect that the official establishment will adequately mark the Shevchenko Anniversary in Ukraine.

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July 24 - August 6 - Dance Camp session 1
July 30, 9:30 pm - Zabava

July 31 - August 6 - Sports Camp session 2
August 6, 3 pm - Dance Camp Recital
9:30 pm - Zabava - Na Zdorvya
August 7 - August 20 - Dance Camp session 2
August 13, 9:30 pm - Miss Soyuzivka - Zabava - Svitanok
August 20, 3 pm - Dance Camp Recital
9:30 pm - Zabava - Fata Morgana

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: St. Vladimir's Senior and Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapters are hosting the 64th annual UOL convention and 50th anniversary of the Junior UOL at the DoubleTree Hotel in Philadelphia. Convention highlights include: business sessions; a Ukrainian cultural room; Thursday evening's "A Night at the Franklin Institute"; Friday evening's "Night at the Ostaps" (Ukrainian "Academy" Awards); Saturday evening's grand banquet and ball with music provided by the Paul Kauriga Orchestra. On Sunday morning there will be a hierarchical divine liturgy at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir the Great, 6740 N. Fifth St., followed by a farewell brunch in the cathedral hall. For more information contact Daria Danyo, 856-334-5010, e-mail: scarlet_1958@yahoo.com, or log on to www.uol.orthodoxws.com.

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 festival 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 zabava-dance 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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