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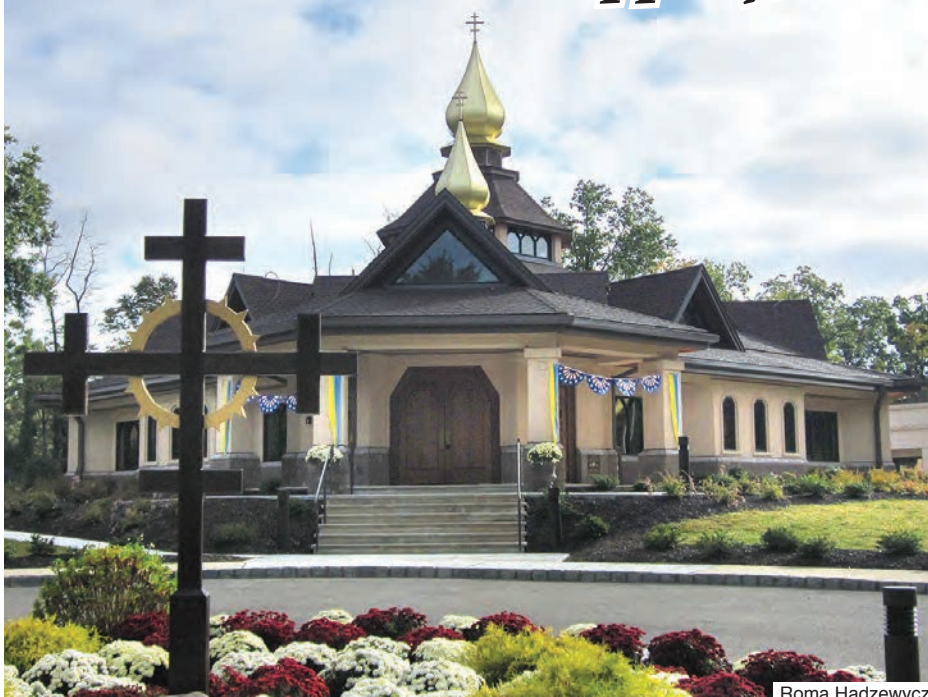
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New St. John the Baptist Church is consecrated in Whippany, N.J.



Roma Hadzewycz

The newly consecrated St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whippany, N.J.

WHIPPANY, N.J. – The solemn consecration of the new St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church took place here on Saturday, September 21, with hundreds of parishioners and clergy in attendance.

Officiating at the consecration was Archbishop Stefan Soroka, metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in the United States. Also participating were Bishops Paul Chomnycky and Basil Losten (emeritus) of the Stamford Eparchy, as well as the Rt. Rev. Mitred Protospresbyter Roman Mirchuk, pastor of St. John's, and visiting clergy.

The occasion was marked by three days of services and ceremonies with the faithful attending en masse in their Ukrainian embroidered finery. Also present at various times during the celebrations were a num-

ber of elected officials, among them U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, New Jersey State Assemblyman Michael Carroll, Hanover Township Mayor Ronald F. Francioli and Township Committee Member John L. Ferramosca.

On Friday evening, September 20, the new church's cornerstone was blessed after a vesper service next door, in the temporary church housed in the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey. The new church's consecration and a gala banquet at the UACCNJ took place the next day. On Sunday, a pontifical divine liturgy was celebrated in the new church and was followed by a community banquet at the cultural center.

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Christine Syzonenko

Faithful inside the new church during the first liturgy.

EU sets, then resets, deadline for approval of Association Agreement with Ukraine

by Zenon Zawada

KYIV – The deadline had been set. Then it was moved five days later.

November 18 is now the day when the EU Foreign Affairs Council will meet to decide on whether the European Union should sign an Association Agreement with Ukraine, reported European Member of Parliament Pawel Zaleski on his Facebook page on September 25.

That's just 10 days before the Eastern Partnership summit in Vilnius, where the agreement is supposed to be signed. The Council was originally set to decide on October 21, reported the Kommersant-Ukraine newspaper on September 20, citing anonymous high-ranking EU sources.

The postponement of the Foreign Affairs Council decision means that the EU, President Viktor Yanukovich and imprisoned former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko didn't reach a compromise in time for the October 21 deadline, political experts said. Some view that as a bad omen, but others see a silver lining.

"It's a positive signal that indicates that the EU is ready for serious flexibility in regard to Ukraine," said Petro Oleshchuk, a political science lecturer at Taras Shevchenko State University in Kyiv.

"Postponing the deadline, the EU is hinting to the Ukrainian government that it can choose its path in resolving the Tymoshenko issue. At least in the EU's case, they've done everything and offered the maximum concessions."

A key factor that could have led to its postponement was several foreign affairs ministers on the EU Foreign Affairs Council stating they won't approve the agreement if Ms. Tymoshenko remained incarcerated, high-ranking EU sources told Kommersant.

At the same time, several reports surfaced in the Ukrainian media in the last two months indicating the EU would be willing to sign the Association Agreement, even with Ms. Tymoshenko imprisoned. Mr. Oleshchuk didn't rule out that possibility.

"One possible scenario is Tymoshenko isn't released and the agreement is signed," he said. "For that, an information campaign unfolds that is supposed to demonstrate that Tymoshenko will soon be released, but there are technical moments. Maybe Parliament will approve legislation that allows her to get treatment abroad. The EU makes the appearance that it believes this, but the ratification is held up until Tymoshenko is released and left hanging in the wind."

Party of Regions National Deputy Ivan Popescu said he became convinced the EU will sign the Association Agreement, even with Ms. Tymoshenko imprisoned, in June



Yalta European Strategy

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich told the Yalta European Strategy conference that arranging for former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's release depends on Ms. Tymoshenko herself.

when the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe removed from its resolution "On Differentiating Political and Criminal Responsibility" mention of any particular country, thereby removing Ms. Tymoshenko's case from the text.

A draft of the resolution had suggested this principle was violated in Ms. Tymoshenko's case.

"That means that the Tymoshenko issue is not the main thing for Europe," Mr. Popescu, the chair of Ukraine's permanent delegation to PACE, wrote in a column for forbes.ua on September 26.

It's apparent that Mr. Yanukovich is going to wait until the very last minute to make a decision on Ms. Tymoshenko, which now means mid-November.

"Yulia Volodymyrivna remains a trump card in Yanukovich's sleeve, and he has the intention of pulling it out in his most critical moment, when he won't have any space left to maneuver," said Denys Denysenko of Kyiv's Center for Political Consulting.

Last weekend's 10th Yalta European Strategy (YES) summit – an annual gathering where Ukraine's most influential political players mingle with world leaders like former U.S. President Bill Clinton and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton – offered some hints of where things stand now.

Striking an urgent tone in his speech, former Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski indicated the solution proposed months ago by him and former European Parliament President Pat Cox,

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ANALYSIS

Armenia's choice stirs competition between Moscow, European Union

by Robert Coalson
RFE/RL

Armenian President Serzh Sarkisian generated shockwaves with his announcement on September 3 that Yerevan is reversing months of work negotiating an Association Agreement with the European Union and will instead work to join the Moscow-led Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia.

Armenia – like fellow former Soviet republics Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia – seemed on track to initial the Association Agreement at the EU's Eastern Partnership summit in Vilnius in November after concluding negotiations on the pact just over a month ago. (Belarus and Azerbaijan are also partnership countries but don't have the same European ambitions.)

However, all those countries have come under intense pressure from Moscow not to sign on with the EU, but instead to join the Customs Union, which Russian President Vladimir Putin intends to transform into a Eurasian Union to rival the EU.

Mr. Sarkisian's announcement, following talks in Moscow with Mr. Putin, is far from final, and Armenia's Parliament would have to approve entry into the Customs Union. Opposition politicians have declared such a move would be unconstitutional and are prepared to resist it politically and through the courts.

Just one day after the president's statement, a social-media-driven demonstration against the Eurasian Customs Union was held in Yerevan and police detained at least nine people.

Bottom line

But the bottom line for Armenia may be security. The isolated country depends on Russia in its decades-long standoff with Azerbaijan over its breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh. In making his announcement, Mr. Sarkisian said that since Armenia is a part of the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), it cannot be isolated from "the corresponding economic space."

Charles Tannock, a British member of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, has noted that Yerevan has been under "enormous pressure" from Moscow, including in the realm of security.

"I know that this was a subject of heated debate and the Armenian government would have liked to sign [the Association Agreement], but obviously their main concern has to be a security one," he said. "I know that Putin has been to Baku and has offered to sell up-to-date arms to Azerbaijan. So I can see what it is all about – it is about putting pressure on Yerevan to do Moscow's bidding and, sadly, it succeeded."

Earlier this year, Moscow began delivery of \$1 billion in weaponry to Baku, which has stated repeatedly that it would not rule out settling the Karabakh dispute militarily if efforts to reach a negotiated settlement fail.

'Abrupt change'

Sergei Minasian, deputy head of the Caucasus Institute in Yerevan, agrees that Armenia's security issues – which are not addressed at all by the Eastern Partnership – give Moscow "major leverage" over Yerevan.

Hovannes Igitian, the former head of Armenia's delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, told RFE/RL that Mr. Sarkisian's statement was an "abrupt change" for the country that is difficult to explain.

"In the morning before Sarkisian's meeting with Putin, senior members of the ruling Republican Party confirmed that European integration was the way for Armenia to proceed," he said. "I don't know what happened afterward – even they do not know. Only Serzh Sarkisian can say whether there was pressure on him as a person or as president."

Naturally, Armenia's decision has focused attention on the other Eastern Partnership countries, and the big prize is Ukraine. When Mr. Sarkisian was meeting Mr. Putin in Moscow on September 3, Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich on the same day urged his country's Parliament to quickly adopt the necessary legislation to ensure "success at the Vilnius summit."

Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Anatoliy Kinakh told RFE/RL that Kyiv understood Armenia's unique geopolitical situation and the role it played in Sarkisian's thinking. "I am convinced there are many interests of Armenia in play here, starting from its complex geographic location, its access to the outside world, and ending with the very difficult question of Karabakh," he said. "I am convinced this had an impact on the Armenian president's statement regarding customs union entry."

Georgia has also made rapid progress within the EU's Eastern Partnership. On September 4, Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili shocked journalists in Tbilisi by saying his government was "studying" the Eurasian Customs Union and so far "we have no position."

Foreign Affairs Minister Maja Panhikidze immediately clarified Mr. Ivanishvili's remark by saying Tbilisi was only observing the customs union in the same way that the EU and the rest of the world is and that "becoming a member is not an option for Georgia."

Tidal wave of reforms

Moldova – which has its own Transnistria separatist region that is entirely dependent on Moscow and protected by Russian troops – has also made considerable progress toward an EU Association Agreement under its pro-Western ruling coalition.

However, Socialist lawmaker Igor Dodon – formerly a leader of the Moldovan Communist Party – notes that at least half the public opposes the government's pro-EU course, meaning it will be increasingly hard for the ruling alliance to continue, especially under political and economic pressure from Russia.

The Communist Party forms the largest single faction in Moldova's Parliament and it opposes EU integration. Communist lawmaker Eduard Musuc told RFE/RL he supported Mr. Sarkisian's decision. "I think this decision is the right one," he said. "But I don't know the conditions under which Armenia will join the Customs Union and, in this case, the conditions are very important."

The difference in "conditions" is also a

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NEWSBRIEFS

AA's provisional application okayed

BRUSSELS – The Council of the European Union on September 23 agreed on the scope of the provisional application of the provisions of the Association Agreement (AA) with Ukraine, which will be possible immediately after the signing of the document, i.e. without ratification by the national parliaments of member countries. The press service of the EU Council announced this in Brussels following a meeting of the council's working body, the Committee of Permanent Representatives in the European Union (COREPER). "On Monday, the COREPER agreed on the scope of the provisional application of the Association Agreement, which includes the DCFTA [Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area]," the EU Council said. According to the council, this decision means that, if the EU were to sign the agreement, which is subject to the conditions set out in the Foreign Affairs Council conclusions of December 2012, the EU would offer to provisionally apply parts of the agreement (before the completion of the ratification procedure by the national parliaments of member countries). "But this offer does not alter the conditions that the EU has set in December 2012 for the signing of the Association Agreement," the EU Council said. Ukraine and the European Union had expressed their intention to start applying the provisions of the economic part of the Association Agreement after the signing of the document, without waiting for the completion of the ratification procedure by the member states, which may last several years. The European Commission, in particular, expressed hope that the free trade agreement between the two sides could start working in 2014, after the signed agreement is ratified by the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

October 21 is EU deadline

KYIV – The final decision on the European Union's association with Ukraine will be made on October 21 at a meeting of EU foreign affairs ministers, political analyst Ihor Kohut said at a news conference at Ukrinform on September 24. According to him, before this date Ukraine has to pass all the bills that are required by the EU, and to

decide the fate of Yulia Tymoshenko. "Before Yalta [the Yalta European Strategy annual meeting], we might have imagined that just the first reading would suffice or just tabling of the bills on the Procurator's General Office and the electoral law, but in Yalta we were clearly told, in particular, by the president of Lithuania, that we have to adopt these laws as a whole. It was clearly pointed out: neither the first reading, nor introducing the bills into the Verkhovna Rada [will do], these laws have to be adopted before the Vilnius summit," Mr. Kohut emphasized. (Ukrinform)

Yefremov: no release for Yulia now

KYIV – Oleksander Yefremov, the head of the Party of Regions parliamentary faction, sees no possibility for the release of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. Speaking with Glavcom online edition on September 23, he said, "Is there any legal framework in which we can solve this issue? I do not see such opportunity today." Mr. Yefremov also noted that, in addition to a single bill, which was written a few years ago on the elimination of Article 365 of the Criminal Code, under which Ms. Tymoshenko was condemned, there are no other proposals. "Now let's see what it means to liquidate these articles? It means the removal of senior officials' responsibility for violation of laws from the Criminal Code. Let's imagine that tomorrow we will vote for the bill. Any normal person who will then analyze it will ask the question: so wait, stealing for the higher-ups is permitted, and at the grassroots level it isn't? What sort of laws are these?" the MP said. Speaking of another way to address the Tymoshenko case, for example, to release her for treatment under the guarantee of any of the European leaders, Mr. Yefremov said: "I do not see such a mechanism today. I do not know legal ways to solve this problem in any country in the world – that a prisoner is sent for treatment abroad." (Ukrinform)

Fule notes Ukraine's progress

KYIV – Ukraine in recent weeks has made great progress in meeting the conditions required to sign the Association Agreement with the European Union, EU

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Oligarchs give Ukraine's president crucial support in drive toward EU

by Robert Coalson
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As Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich forges ahead with his bid to bring his divided country closer to the European Union, he is getting support from a surprising source – many of the country's leading oligarchs.

According to Borys Kolesnikov, a lawmaker from Mr. Yanukovich's Party of Regions and one of the 50 richest Ukrainians according to Forbes magazine, support for EU integration is almost universal among the country's economic elite.

"There can't be any groups that don't support European integration...," he says. "The stronger the competition is, the more quickly Ukrainian enterprises will develop [and] if there hadn't been the Kyiv Dynamo [soccer team] in the 1990s, then [Donetsk] Shaktar wouldn't have been so good. Competition stimulates quality."

Kyiv is expected to sign an Association Agreement and a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with the EU in the coming months despite heavy pressure from Moscow for it to join the Moscow-led Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia instead. Ironically, that pressure – coming largely in the form of trade embargoes and other economic moves – is playing a key role in pushing the oligarchs away from Moscow.

Rinat Akhmetov, Ukraine's richest and most powerful oligarch, told RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service that "the situation on the border" is making people in the business elite think.

"This situation on the border will make Ukraine, Ukrainian business and every Ukrainian stronger," he said. "From this we must gain experience and look at ourselves –

what we have done correctly and what we have done incorrectly. If we analyze correctly, this will only make us stronger in the future."

Winds of change

The economic winds in Ukraine have been shifting westward, slowly but steadily, for several years now, according to U.S. economist Judy Shelton.

"The drivers of economic growth are certainly changing as countries modernize and develop," she says. "But I would just point out that, right now, Ukraine exports to Russia about 12.3 billion euros worth of goods. They export more to the European Union – about 12.9 billion euros worth. Those are last year's figures. And, as far as Russia being their energy supplier [is concerned] and that suggesting some kind of natural alliance, that has not really been a happy experience for these countries."

With these extensive and growing business connections to the EU, Ukraine's oligarchs need to legitimize their position and secure themselves after the country's 2015 presidential election, former Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko told RFE/RL.

Mr. Yushchenko says it is a fortunate coincidence that the private interests of the oligarchs coincide with the interests of the country.

"The European policy doesn't only bring economic advantages to the clans," he says. "The policy also brings them recognition. Or, to repeat that non-Ukrainian word, legitimacy. And, in my view, that is the key point now. It doesn't mean they will suddenly become Europeans and embrace a European identity. It is a matter of pressure – including social pressure. But the main driving force is their corporate and private interests, which luckily in this case correspond to Ukraine's national interests."

To be sure, Ukraine's oligarchs have benefited in the past from the country's Soviet-style, opaque politics. But analysts now say they are ready to sacrifice some of that to EU regulation in order to be able to use their established economic might to stave off domestic competition – and competition from Russia's politically connected oligarchs.

That does not mean, however, that Kyiv's European-integration policy is assured or that Russia does not continue to lobby powerfully for the Customs Union. Thomas de Waal, a Caucasus analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, says Armenian President Serzh Sarkisian's recent announcement that his country will join the Customs Union will bolster Moscow's efforts to pressure Ukraine.

"Armenia is only of medium importance, shall we say, to Russia," he says. "A much bigger prize – in fact, the kind of central element for Russia in this Customs Union project – is the participation of Ukraine. This is sending a message. This is obviously doing a deal with Armenia, but it's also sending a strong message to Ukraine that 'You're next, and we will do everything in our power to persuade you to join the Customs Union.'"

Opponents forced underground

And Moscow has powerful levers. Despite growing Ukrainian exports to Europe, key industries such as steel, chemicals and agriculture still export predominantly to the former Soviet Union, including the Customs Union countries.

The head of the aviation firm Motor Sich told Interfax recently during a visit to Moscow that for "technology enterprises" signing the EU Association Agreement means "instant death."

The owners and managers of many aging, noncompetitive plants also see their best interests in close relations with Moscow. Likewise, the Ukrainian Communist Party opposes European integration, as do some deputies within Mr. Yanukovich's Party of Regions.

The former head of Ukraine's state security agency (SBU), Valentyn Nalyvaichenko, told RFE/RL that the Ukrainian-Russian interparliamentary group is the most popular assignment among Ukrainian lawmakers, although he quickly adds that "not all" deputies in the group are working against Ukraine's national interests.

Ukrainian political analyst Volodymyr Fesenko says these deputies for now seem to have been forced underground by Mr. Yanukovich and the pro-European lobby.

"They will support the official position, but when they are whispering in the smoking areas, they will say that it would be better for us to deal with Russia," he says. "There is such a lobby, but it is hidden. It is for now neutralized because people are simply afraid to go against Yanukovich."

On September 5, lawmakers duly passed the first package of reforms demanded by the EU accords.

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Ukraine's Parliament hurries to pass laws needed for integration into European Union

by Oleg Varfolomeyev
Jamestown Foundation Blog

Ukraine is making strides toward signing an association and free trade agreement with the European Union. Chances are high that it will be signed in Vilnius in November as scheduled, even if former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko is not allowed to receive medical treatment in Germany, as she and the EU wants – let alone being freed from prison, where she has been kept for two years.

The recent last-ditch efforts made by Russia to derail the Ukraine-EU deal have produced the opposite effect (see Eurasia Daily Monitor, September 3, August 15). A blockade of Ukrainian imports by Russia in the middle of August pushed President Viktor Yanukovich to order his party in Parliament to hurry and pass the bills needed for integration into the EU. Ukraine, thus far, has been behind schedule in this, raising doubts within the EU as to Kyiv's determination to qualify for the association deal.

Around August 13-15, the Russian Customs Service nearly paralyzed Ukrainian exports to Russia with overzealous customs checks. Russia accounts for about a quarter of Ukrainian exports, so exporting companies immediately complained to the government, which protested to the Kremlin. Vladimir Putin's advisor Sergei Glazyev explained the situation on

August 18, saying that the checks were only "prophylactic," to show what would happen if Ukraine signed the free trade agreement with the EU (Interfax, August 18).

He elaborated in an interview later that Russia would step up customs, veterinary and sanitary controls, as well as revise joint projects in the defense, nuclear and aerospace industries, and possibly also terminate its own free trade agreement with Ukraine. If Ukraine opted out of integration with the EU, it would enjoy cheap gas and oil from Russia, as well as billions in investment, he said (Vesti, August 21).

Mr. Putin, speaking in Rostov-on-Don on August 22, confirmed that protective measures against Ukraine would be stepped up if it proceeded with integration into the EU because, he said, Ukrainian goods would be squeezed from the Ukrainian market by cheap goods from Europe and flow to Russia (Interfax, August 22).

The "prophylactic" checks by the Russian customs lasted for about a week. Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov flew to Moscow on August 26 to try to persuade Russia to change its tone. He met with his Russian counterpart, Dmitry Medvedev, but no compromise was apparently found. Mr. Medvedev's deputy, Igor Shuvalov, insisted that Russia would have to protect its market if Ukraine signed the deal with the EU (UNIAN, August 27).

Russia's threats must have scared and angered Mr. Yanukovich, but the effect was

the opposite to that intended. Mr. Yanukovich told national TV on August 29 that Ukraine would meet all the EU conditions to sign the Association Agreement. The EU, for its part, visibly warmed to Ukraine after the customs spat.

After a meeting between Ukraine's opposition leaders and EU Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Fule, the business daily Kommersant-Ukraine reported on August 30 that the EU no longer insisted on

the adoption of new election laws. The EU wants Ukraine to release Ms. Tymoshenko from prison, but this is not a must-do. Brussels also warned Moscow against threatening Ukraine (UNIAN, August 23).

On September 4, President Yanukovich gathered lawmakers from his Party of Regions (PRU), who control a comfortable majority in Ukraine's unicameral

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Quotable notes

"...Europe, Ukraine and Russia all share the blame for creating the current conflict, but... it's in their interest to defuse tensions and seek a way out before it threatens the well-being of all involved. To resolve this problem, Europe, Russia and Ukraine must alter their policies. For Ukraine, this means putting its own house in order. In the political sphere, Ukraine must reform its justice system, stop suppressing political dissent and end the selective prosecution of opposition leaders, notably former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. In the economic sphere, Ukraine needs to reduce its budget expenditures, liberalize regulations, let its exchange rate float and raise energy prices. It should enlist the help of the WTO to block Russia's trade sanctions."

"The European Union, meanwhile, should welcome Ukraine and intensify its interaction with Ukraine but also demand that it implement political and economic reforms. The United States can back Ukraine and the European Union in these efforts and organize a top-level visit to Kiev [sic] before the Vilnius summit. Russia should reconsider its economic warfare ploy, observe its obligations to the WTO and recognize Ukraine's right to independence..."

– Anders Aslund, writing in the September 2013 Policy Brief of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, "Ukraine's Choice: European Association Agreement or Eurasian Union?" (<http://www.iie.com/publications/pb/pb13-22.pdf>).

Freeland captures Liberal Party nomination for member of Parliament for Toronto Center

by Oksana Zakydalsky
Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

TORONTO – On Sunday, September 15, Chrystia Freeland was nominated as what the Toronto Star called “the Liberals’ new star candidate in the upcoming Toronto Center by-election” for Parliament.

Ms. Freeland’s candidacy was backed by many powerful members of the Liberal Party, but she still had to fight two other candidates to win the nomination. Two days later Ms. Freeland was named co-chair of the party’s Economic Council of Advisors by the party’s leader, Justin Trudeau.

Only a few months ago Ms. Freeland was senior editor at Thomson Reuters and living in New York with her husband and three children. Now, back in her native Canada, she has plunged into politics. Ms. Freeland’s main rival for the seat in Parliament is another business journalist, NDP candidate Linda McQuaig. Born and raised in Canada, and a long-time resident of Toronto Center, Ms. McQuaig is a Toronto Star columnist and the author of seven best selling books, the last of which was “The Trouble with Billionaires.”

Ms. Freeland is the prize-winning author of “Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else” (2012), as well as of “Sale of the Century” (2000), which chronicled Russia’s transition from communism to capitalism.

“Figuring out how to make today’s vast economic transformation work for the middle class is the central political issue of our time,” Ms. Freeland wrote in The Globe and Mail, Canada’s national newspaper.

The Toronto Center riding is considered the heart of downtown Toronto. It has both the wealthiest enclave in Canada, Rosedale, and the largest social housing area, Regent’s Park. It was vacated by former interim Liberal leader Bob Rae and has been a safe Liberal seat since 1993. In the last election in 2011, the Liberals won 41 percent of the vote, the NDP won 30 percent (the Conservatives are off the stage here).



Chrystia Freeland

Currently the opposition party, the NDP is weak in Toronto, so it needs to win an urban riding if it has ambitions to become the governing party. It is expected that the party will throw most of its resources into the fight, with some pundits even predicting these will include negative ads aimed at Ms. Freeland and the Liberal leader, Mr. Trudeau.

The coming by-election in Toronto Center is seen by some as a bellwether for the next general election, slated for 2015. More than one pundit has written that it “will be one of the country’s most highly anticipated by-elections.”

Armenia’s choice..

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key factor for the governments in these countries as they make the choice between the EU and the Moscow-led Customs Union.

An EU Association Agreement and eventual EU membership entail a tidal wave of political and legal reforms that challenge entrenched elites in many ways. It also means making hard decisions to reduce economic and energy dependence on Russia.

On the contrary, joining Russia’s Customs Union carries none of that baggage, as the membership of Belarus and Kazakhstan clearly demonstrates.

U.S. economist Judy Shelton, vice chairwoman of the National Endowment for Democracy, has warned, however, that this should be a red flag to former Soviet states. “Countries should be very suspicious of the fact that Russia is making it so easy to join, with no legal or political reforms and no request that a country concentrate on increasing the rule of law or reducing corruption,” she says. “Basically, to say ‘come with us, we have no standards, no values’ – that is not a great enticement.”

Some politicians in the Eastern Partnership countries have argued the need to resist this temptation.

“Regarding the Armenian statement, I think that those who seek cheap natural gas instead of advanced technologies will live in the 20th century, while all the civilized world will go into the 21st century,” said Serhiy Sobolev, a Ukrainian Parliament member and deputy head of the opposition Batkivshchyna faction. “I think the Armenian people will make their choice, when they understand, as the people of Kazakhstan and Belarus have already understood, what Russia pulled them into.”

This report is based on reporting from RFE/RL’s Armenian, Azerbaijan, Georgian, Moldovan, and Ukrainian services as well as RFE/RL correspondents Charles Recknagel and Rikard Jozwiak

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Sourcebook on the Holodomor

The solemn 80th anniversary commemorations of the Holodomor have already begun, with the major event in the United States – a requiem service at the landmark St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City – scheduled for November 23. Meanwhile, many of our communities also will be remembering this genocide of the Ukrainian nation with their own events, exhibits, presentations, services, etc.

The anniversary commemorations are an opportunity to inform the world around us about this premeditated act of mass murder by Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin and his henchmen. As materials about the Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 became available in the years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, there have been various scholarly publications, government resolutions, etc. A recently published book, "The Holodomor Reader: A Sourcebook on the Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine," compiled and edited by Bohdan Klid and Alexander J. Motyl, brings together a wealth of materials – research findings, legal assessments, eyewitness accounts and survivor testimonies, documents and excerpts of literary works – in what is surely the most comprehensive source on the subject.

Dr. Klid, a historian and assistant director of the Canadian Institute of Ukraine Studies, University of Alberta, and Dr. Motyl, professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark, note in the book's introduction that their goal was "to compile a book of readings... that would be of value both to students and scholars, who may not be familiar with the full extent of writings on the Holodomor and related events, and to nonspecialists, who need a thorough reference work on the Ukrainian genocide." They certainly have succeeded, as we can attest, having spent hours perusing the volume, which, significantly, is dedicated to a fellow scholar, the late Dr. James E. Mace, "whose pioneering work on the Holodomor brought the famine-genocide to the world's attention."

As noted in press releases about the book, "Besides turning a spotlight on this human catastrophe, whose magnitude did not become generally apparent until the Soviet collapse, this book presents ample evidence that the Holodomor was a genocide..." Indeed, the evidence begins with statements by the very person who coined the term "genocide," Raphael Lemkin, and proceeds to present-day scholarly research.

In an extensive review published earlier this year (subscribers to our online edition can read the article in the April 7 edition), Lana Babij wrote: "This is a book that belongs in every medium to large public or academic library. It belongs in every Ukrainian school. It is recommended for the personal library of any individual who wishes to speak with some authority on the subject, or simply wants to learn more about this immense tragedy for the Ukrainian people."

In short, this is a book to be used, not merely placed on a shelf. It can be used as source material for teachers in their classes, for teachers' seminars on the subject of genocide, for comparative studies of genocide, for students writing papers on the Holodomor, for all manner of presentations on a topic that remains widely unfamiliar, misrepresented, misunderstood – the result of decades of cover-ups and denials.

Drs. Klid and Motyl have done a great service to the cause of informing the world about Ukraine's genocide. Now it is up to us to build on their success in disseminating the truth about the Holodomor. (The book is available from CIUS Press, www.ciuspress.com or 780-492-2973, and at www.amazon.com.)

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Turning the pages back...

Last year, on October 2, 2012, Dunja Mijatovic, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) representative on Freedom of the Media, commended the decision by Ukraine's Parliament to reject the re-criminalization of defamation. Legislators scrapped the proposed bill (Draft Law No. 11013) after days of protests by journalists and media activists. Of the

Parliament's 450 members, 349 voted to withdraw the draft law.

"I welcome the fact that Ukrainian legislators took note of the concerns of civil society and the media community, and decided not to adopt the amendment to re-establish criminal liability for defamation," said Ms. Mijatovic, while visiting Moscow.

"I have always urged OSCE participating states to decriminalize defamation and protect journalists from criminal prosecution. It is inspiring that journalists and bloggers in Ukraine will not face the threat of criminal prosecution for voicing their thoughts. This threat has a chilling effect on media freedom and freedom of expression," she said.

The bill's author, Vitali Zhuravskiy of the Party of Regions, introduced the legislation following Russia's approval of a similar law on July 13, 2012. Mr. Zhuravskiy announced on September 25, 2012, that he wanted to withdraw the initiative "in order to take account of the circumstances and in the state's interest." The following day President Viktor Yanukovich said the bill's approval on first reading on September 18, 2012, with 244 votes was an "error" and that the country should "adopt European standards in all areas."

The international group Reporters Without Borders (RWB) hailed the rejection by the Verkhovna Rada of the draft law. In a letter to members of Ukraine's Parliament, the group noted the regression Ukraine would experience under the proposed law and pointed out that it violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, overseen by the United Nations. RWB also criticized the lack of clarity in the definition of defamation, which the bill described as "disseminating false information, insulting the honor and dignity of a person or damaging his or her reputation" as arousing fears of abuse resulting from varying interpretations.

Source: "OSCE hails decision rejecting re-criminalization of libel," (OSCE), *The Ukrainian Weekly*, October 7, 2012.

Remembering the Holodomor by sharing survivors' stories

OTTAWA – The Ukrainian Famine-Genocide 1932-1933 – known as the Holodomor – was a deliberate act to eliminate a nation. Eighty survivors of the Holodomor are telling their stories via the Internet at www.sharethestory.ca, thanks to a new project initiated by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC).

Survivors will share their experiences during that horrific time in history with the hope of bringing readers closer to understanding this often forgotten atrocity, the UCC and UWC noted in a press release. "They share their experiences with the hope that they are contributing to a better world. All are invited to join in sharing the story of the Holodomor at www.sharethestory.ca."

This site will highlight the stories of 80 survivors of the Holodomor – 80 stories for the 80th anniversary. These 80 stories, as told by survivors living around the world, are representative of the stories of the many millions who experienced the wrath of a genocidal policy deliberately implemented with the goal of destroying the Ukrainian nation.

A survivor's story will be added to this site daily leading up to International Holodomor Memorial Day on November 23 of this year.

The project sponsors – the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (www.ucc.ca) and the Ukrainian World Congress (www.ukrainianworldcongress.org) – expressed gratitude to the survivors for courageously sharing that which has been so difficult to relive.



Wheat is the symbol of life, prosperity, spiritual wealth. The logo selected for the 80th commemorative year of the Holodomor was designed by Ukrainian Canadian artist Oleh Lesiuk; it depicts five stalks of wheat delicately bound with a black ribbon.

"They help us understand this terrible period in Ukraine's history, and we hope that better understanding of the Holodomor of 1932-1933 will contribute to a better future," they noted in a news release.

The Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Center (<http://www.ucrdc.org>) is a project partner. The project has been made possible with the generous financial support of Ulana and Marko Suprun.

UCCA seeks Holodomor survivors for 80th anniversary commemoration

NEW YORK – This year, to mark the 80th anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933, the Holodomor, the UCCA will be hosting and co-hosting a series of events to commemorate this horrific page of the Ukrainian nation's history and to honor those who perished as a result of this tragedy, as well as those who survived to tell their stories.

One such event will be an international conference titled "Taking Measure of the Holodomor," which will take place at Princeton Club in New York City on November 5-6. This two-day conference will bring together the world's leading scholars on the Holodomor. As part of the conference, the UCCA will pay tribute to survivors of the Holodomor with a special

ceremony in their honor at the Ukrainian Institute of America on the evening of November 6.

The UCCA is reaching out to Ukrainian communities within the U.S. to help locate Holodomor survivors around the country who would be able to attend the ceremony, or, if that is not possible, who would be able to provide information about their experiences so that the UCCA may honor them at this ceremony.

Please contact the UCCA National Office if you are a Holodomor survivor or know of one with whom we can get in touch regarding this upcoming commemorative event. The UCCA can be contacted via telephone at 212-228-6840 or by e-mail at ucca@ucca.org.

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COMMENTARY

Channeling outrage to combat trafficking

by Alexander B. Kuzma

Americans' ability to sustain outrage over any issue tends to be very short-lived. When we first heard the news of three teenage girls in Cleveland who were abducted and held in bondage for 10 years, we were duly appalled. It seemed inconceivable that this kind of crime could occur in a heavily populated area where neighbors and the brothers of the accused sexual predator could be ignorant of the horrors that went on in the boarded-up house. After Ariel Castro's suicide, we would rather put this sordid episode out of our minds.

But for Ukrainian Americans, this story should remain a painful reminder. In Ukraine, brazen abductions like these are commonplace. They occur in broad daylight, often in collusion with the powers that be.

Not long ago, a group of men arrived at a Ukrainian orphanage for girls. They walked through the dormitory and nonchalantly pointed fingers at the girls that were of interest to them. Two nights later, these girls simply disappeared. We can guess their fate. Stripped of their passports, these girls were likely trafficked into brothels in any number of countries: Italy, Turkey, Canada, Israel – any country where organized crime syndicates can keep these victims out of sight.

In the 16th thru 18th centuries, guarding civilian outposts against marauding armies was a matter of honor for the Zaporozhian Kozaks. Protecting women and children against rape and pillage was one reason why young men risked everything to leave home and join a frontier cavalry large and fleet enough to deter the Turks and Tatars from preying on Ukrainian settlements. They fought to avenge atrocities, to punish those who would violate Ukrainian women.

The plight of captive girls and boys marched into slavery in Turkey is part of the heritage of Ukraine – the subject of countless epic songs and kobzars' laments – an important strand of our cultural DNA. We are fascinated by the story of Roksolana – the Ukrainian slave-girl who so thoroughly beguiled her captor, Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent, that he allowed her to wield considerable power in his imperial court.

Roksolana's feat is a tribute to the intelligence and dignity of Ukrainian women. But there is little doubt that modern sex slaves are subjected to barbaric conditions more comparable to the squalid house in Cleveland than the splendors of a sultan's palace.

Ukraine has become ground zero for the global trafficking industry. Experts believe that thousands of women and girls have been kidnapped from Ukraine and sent to dungeons every bit as grotesque as the house of horrors created by Ariel Castro.

What are these women subjected to? They face years of daily, multiple rapes by monsters and sociopaths who make handsome profits at their expense, maintaining complete control over their lives and personhood.

Anyone who doubts the horror of slave

trafficking should take a stiff drink and read the story of Somali Mam – a brave, diminutive Cambodian woman who suffered years of rape until she summoned the courage to kill her master, leading her fellow victims to freedom. For graphic descriptions of the plight of sex slaves in India, Congo and Thailand, one should read Ashley Judd's searing memoir "All things Bitter and Sweet."

Tragically, many Ukrainian girls are brutalized right in their own country. In a recent edition of Southwest Airlines in-flight magazine, the cover story featured a lovely Ukrainian athlete – Oksana Masterson, an orphan adopted by a kind-hearted woman from Kentucky. As a child, Oksana experienced unspeakable brutality. Her best friend was repeatedly raped until she resisted and was murdered. Oksana's injuries were so severe that she had to have both legs amputated. A fiercely resilient survivor, Oksana became a champion rower, partnering with a young American veteran who lost both legs to a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

Before we pass judgment on the brothers of Ariel Castro and the neighbors who ignored the screams and the sight of naked women chained in a backyard in Cleveland, we might ask ourselves: What have we done to stop the scourge of slave trafficking in our ancestral homeland? What say our churches, our youth organizations, our leaders, our lawyers?

As a Ukrainian American community, how can we allow such outrages to continue?

After all, these girls are our sisters. Our nieces. Our daughters. Our kith and kin. Modern-day Roksolana "serve" in these hellholes until they are spent, then thrown out on the street, or sent home where they are ostracized in their communities.

We cannot claim to uphold Christian social ethics or sexual morals unless we find a way to combat the sexual predators and organized crime syndicates that flourish around the world, taking full advantage of the cowardice and moral bankruptcy of the government and police that should be protecting these women and children.

To their credit, the Ukrainian National Women's League of America and the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations have taken on this challenge. Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churches have begun to improve conditions in some orphanages, creating a safer environment for children at risk of homelessness, abduction and poverty.

But this is just the start. Religious and political leaders need to speak out against the epidemic of trafficking, domestic violence and sexual harassment that has been tolerated in Ukraine for too long. We should support innovative programs like La Strada and battered women's shelters that protect women and children in Ukraine from sexual predators and their filthy "business." Ukrainian universities need to develop think tanks, public policy initiatives and social service projects to combat the sexual enslavement of women. Socially responsible corporations can create employment opportunities to help victims heal from their horrible ordeals... And we need new strategies for prosecuting the monsters that have been allowed to operate with impunity, so that in Ukraine, atrocities committed by the likes of Ariel Castro will no longer be routine.

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BORDER CROSSINGS

A view from Ukrainian Canada

by Jars Balan

Ukraine in the crosshairs between East and West

While the world's attention has understandably been focused on Syria and the struggles throughout the Middle East, another battle has been taking place in Eastern Europe that has equally significant repercussions for international stability as well as the immediate future of the democratic West. In November the European Community and Ukraine will meet in Vilnius, Lithuania, and either enter into an agreement that will draw Kyiv closer to Europe, or else leave Ukraine with virtually no option but to submit to Moscow's re-subjugation of a key component of Soviet space.

Although some European governments, partly out of fear of offending Moscow, are either indifferent or uninterested in signing a deal that would begin Ukraine's gradual integration into EU structures, for Ukraine the results of the summit are of critical importance for a whole host of reasons. That is because for Ukrainians the Vilnius outcome represents a broad civilizational choice, determining whether their country takes an evolutionary course towards Western-style democracy, or regresses into a colony of an aggressively imperial and increasingly autocratic Russia.

The latter scenario would have especially unfortunate consequences for the citizens of Ukraine, who after a brief taste of freedom and empowerment during the Orange Revolution saw their hopes dashed by the failures of their political elites to deliver on promised reforms and to rise above their bitter squabbling over the spoils of power. Even though many Ukrainians still hold true to the values that overturned the results of the stolen presidential vote in 2004, they have been frustrated and disheartened by the turn of events since then, especially the current government's attempts to roll back many of the gains the Orange Revolution had achieved.

No small part in creating the difficult situation that Ukraine now finds itself in has been played by Vladimir Putin's Russia, which since 2004 has waged an undeclared war whose goal it is to undermine Ukrainian independence and to reduce Kyiv – Moscow's much older "little brother" – to an obedient junior partner of the

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Kremlin. Indeed, Mr. Putin has spared no effort or expense in trying to bring Ukraine to heel politically, economically, culturally and psychologically.

Unabashedly describing himself as a proud "Chekist," or heir to the ruthless legacy of the Soviet secret police, and bemoaning the collapse of the totalitarian Soviet state as the greatest catastrophe of the 20th century, Mr. Putin has made it his mission to hobble Ukraine and to thwart the democratic aspirations of the majority of its people. Even though in his latest feeble attempt to use charm to achieve these goals Mr. Putin claims to be "fascinated by Ukrainian culture, language, dance and music," on numerous prior occasions he has unequivocally revealed himself to be an unapologetic Russian chauvinist who is openly contemptuous of independent Ukraine and its leaders.

That is precisely why Ukraine's "civilizational choice" is important to Europe, for if Brussels balks at this opportunity to pull Ukraine toward the West, it will inevitably have to contend with an emboldened neo-Soviet Kremlin, possibly for decades to come. Worse still, would be the regional instability that would likely result from Ukraine being reduced once again to a puppet of Muscovy.

Over the past few months Moscow has unleashed a Katiusha barrage of propaganda targeting Ukraine, while simultaneously pummeling it with an escalating campaign of trade sanctions and punitive economic measures intended to convince Ukrainians to join a Eurasian Customs Union that everyone understands is a euphemistic term for a revived Soviet Union.

Although it is true that Ukraine's current government hasn't helped the cause of European association by adopting many Putinist measures to prevent a repeat of another Orange Revolution, it is crucial to recognize that, despite all of its setbacks, "Ukraine is not Russia," as former President Leonid Kuchma famously titled his 2003 book.

What is crucial is that both Ukraine and Europe take a long view of the historical juncture they're at, and that they make a decision that will fundamentally alter the geopolitical architecture and cultural dynamics of post-Communist Europe for the betterment of everyone concerned, including Russia.

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Parliament, and instructed them to approve all the bills that the EU deemed necessary for the signing of the agreement in November. He reportedly made it clear that dissenters would be expelled (Ukrayinska Pravda, September 5, 6; Zerkalo Nedeli, September 7).

On September 5, the Verkhovna Rada approved all five bills needed for EU integration that were on the agenda. These included amendments to laws on the enforcement of court decisions and to the criminal procedure code, bills to amend the

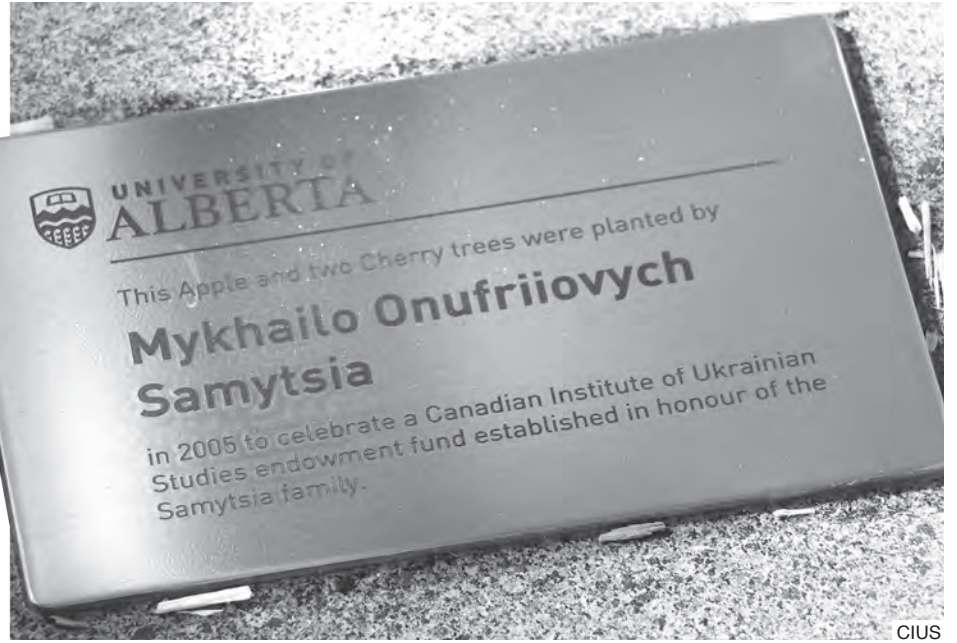
customs tariff and increase the independence of judges, as well as the decision to hold on December 15 repeat elections in the five constituencies where parliamentary election results were invalidated last year due to violations.

Several more bills need to be passed by November, yet the September 5 voting showed that there is consensus in the Ukrainian legislature on the need to comply with EU conditions despite Russia's threats.

The article above is reprinted from the Jamestown Foundation Blog published by the Jamestown Foundation, www.jamestown.org.



An apple tree planted by Mykhailo Samytsia in 2005.



Memorial plaque honoring Mykhailo Samytsia in front of Pembina Hall.

Memorial plaque honoring CIUS donor unveiled on campus



Participants in the ceremony in the CIUS main office (from left): George Kotovych; Daryl, Nestor, Orest, Wendy and Marion Samytsia; and Peter Savaryn.

EDMONTON, Alberta – A special ceremony took place on the University of Alberta campus on September 17 to honor Mykhailo Samytsia (1920-2009), who established an endowment fund at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) in memory of his wife and parents. A memorial plaque was unveiled at the site where three fruit trees donated by Mr. Samytsia grace the campus grounds in front of Pembina Hall. The trees serve as a fitting legacy from a man known for his generosity, kindness and

remarkable work ethic.

Family and community members, along with university and CIUS staff, were in attendance. In his opening remarks, the director of CIUS, Dr. Volodymyr Kravchenko, praised the late Mr. Samytsia, whose generous endowment has helped countless students and scholars in their research. Among them was Olena Hankivsky, now a professor in the School of Public Policy at Simon Fraser University.

In 2010 Dr. Hankivsky received a research grant from

the Samytsia fund to help with the publication of a collection of essays by leading Western and Ukrainian scholars who examined how political, social and economic transitions in post-communist Ukraine were transforming gender roles and relations there. The book, "Gender, Politics, and Society in Ukraine," edited by Dr. Hankivsky and Anastasiya Salnykova, was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2012 and is considered the latest and most authoritative study in the field.

Wendy Samytsia, whose father was a cousin to Mykhailo, gave a moving tribute. Mykhailo Samytsia was born in 1920 in western Ukraine, and some members of his family left for Canada in 1929. However, owing to illness and the outbreak of war, along with the annexation of western Ukraine to the Soviet Union, Mykhailo and his wife, Maria, were not reunited with his Canadian family until 1963. Mr. Samytsia became an accomplished tailor, along with developing a passion for the cultivation of fruit trees. Starting a small orchard in his backyard, he became renowned for developing fruit trees adapted to Alberta's harsh winters.

Over the years, he planted many cherry and apple trees for friends and neighbors. The apple tree in front of Pembina Hall bears a remarkable five varieties of fruit, and its planting was supervised by Mr. Samytsia. "And so a man looking for a solution to his apple tree problem found a wonderful cause that will benefit so many to come," concluded Wendy Samytsia.

Dr. Bohdan Klid, assistant director of CIUS, shared reminiscences about his friendship with Mr. Samytsia and their mutual interest in fruit horticulture. He learned the fine art of grafting from his thoughtful friend.

The Rev. Deacon Roman Shiyan led the group in the concluding traditional hymn "Vichnaya Pamiat'" (Eternal Memory) honoring Mr. Samytsia.

Appointments announced at Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies

EDMONTON, Alberta – Dr. Roman I. Shiyan has been appointed assistant director for administration at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), and Dr. Taras Kuzio has been appointed a research associate of the Center for Political and Regional Studies at CIUS.

Dr. Shiyan, who continues to work as coordinator of the institute's Kowalsky Program for the Study of Eastern Ukraine, has been with CIUS for 12 years and possesses extensive research and administrative experience. As the new assistant director for administration, he joins the institute's senior management team and is responsible for providing administrative leadership and coordination of internal operations and public events, as well as facilitating the work of the Council of Directors of Research Programs (CDRP) at CIUS.

Dr. Shiyan earned his M.A. in History at Arkansas State University (1995) and his Ph.D. in Ukrainian folklore at the University of Alberta (2006). His scholarly interests



Dr. Roman Shiyan



Dr. Taras Kuzio

involve topics related to the history and culture of early modern Ukrainian society during the period of "Ruin" (1650s-1670s), as well as social and other dynamics on the southern Ukrainian frontier in the 18th century.

Dr. Kuzio received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Sussex, an M.A. in Soviet and Eastern European studies from the University of London, and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Birmingham, England. He is a top specialist in contemporary Ukrainian and post-communist politics.

Dr. Kuzio is a member of the editorial advisory board of the academic journal Geopolitics, History, and International Relations, as well as of Demokratizatsiya, the international journal on post-Soviet democratization. He is the author and editor of 14 books, five think-tank monographs, and many book chapters and scholarly articles on post-Communist and

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who have made 21 visits to Ukraine, totaling 90 days, since launching their diplomatic mission in June 2012.

"Tymoshenko is sick. She needs an operation, afterwards therapy, afterwards rehabilitation," Mr. Kwasniewski told YES on September 21, as reported by the Ukrayinska Pravda website.

"We hope that she will go abroad," he added, stressing that Ms. Tymoshenko doesn't trust Ukrainian doctors to treat her. "We hope the Ukrainian government accepts the proposal that was prepared many months ago."

The proposal of "an operation, therapy and rehabilitation" indicates a significant period of time, which is Mr. Kwasniewski's way of saying that she won't have to return from Germany before the February 2015 presidential election, which ought to satisfy Mr. Yanukovych, said Borys Kushniruk, an economist and member of the People's Rukh of Ukraine party.

Ukraine's president could very well be satisfied with what has been suggested by the Cox-Kwasniewski mission because he told the YES conference that the outcome of the conflict actually rests with Ms. Tymoshenko.

"There need to be answers to those matters that are currently in the courts," he said on September 20. "An answer can only be given by a court, or a voluntary decision from Tymoshenko. Therefore, the answer to this question involves a compromise or answer with Tymoshenko's participation. The court and Tymoshenko can very quickly offer an answer to this question."

Mr. Yanukovych has a history of offering vague, contorted responses to pointed questions. Observers interpreted his remarks as referring to other criminal charges that the opposition leader faces, but commented that he was really just dodging the questions. Perhaps the clearest answer he offered that day was, "So far, we haven't said yes or no."

What observers believe to be the fault line is not whether Ms. Tymoshenko can be

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Ukrainian politics and European studies. He has guest-edited six special issues of Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, East European Politics and Society, Nationalities Papers, and the Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics.

Dr. Kuzio's new book, "Commissars into Oligarchs: A Contemporary History of Ukraine," which will be published by the University of Toronto Press in the autumn of 2014, was written when he was a visiting fellow at the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan, and at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington.

Dr. Kuzio's affiliation with CIUS as a research associate for the next three years has been made possible by a grant from the Ukrainian Studies Fund. It is expected that Dr. Kuzio will take an active role in the Center for Political and Regional Studies and will enhance the institute's research on contemporary Ukraine. His new research project focuses on the Donetsk clan in the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Ukraine, its political culture, and sources of public support for the Party of Regions.

The two new appointments were announced on September 4.



Former Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, who has been trying to convince Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych to arrange for Yulia Tymoshenko's release since June 2012, said she needs an operation, therapy and rehabilitation.

allowed to travel abroad for treatment, but whether she can return to Ukrainian political life.

Ms. Tymoshenko believes that's her right, which is why she refuses to ask for a pardon from President Yanukovych, which would be admitting that she committed a crime, which she still insists she didn't do.

Ms. Tymoshenko was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in August 2011 for abuse of authority as prime minister.

The European Court of Human Rights ruled on April 30 that the Ukrainian government violated her rights during her arrest, including illegally detaining her on bail. A second ruling on whether her conviction was illegal is expected in the coming months.

EU officials also agree it's Ms. Tymoshenko's right to return to Ukrainian politics, having stated repeatedly that they can't prohibit her from returning to Ukraine after treatment and exercising her rights as a citizen.

"I can't even imagine and don't allow for the EU, or EU representatives, becoming participants of an agreement that allows Tymoshenko to travel abroad to receive medical treatment, while at the same time prevents her return to her homeland after completing treatment," EU Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Fule told

Kommersant-Ukraine in an interview published on September 19.

Yet it's Ms. Tymoshenko's return to politics that Mr. Yanukovych will try to avoid at all costs, observers said. She can't compete for the presidency, having a criminal conviction. Yet she has charisma and the trust of enough Ukrainians to mobilize the opposition to defeat Mr. Yanukovych in the February 2015 presidential vote.

The Kyiv political establishment is largely convinced that the EU will sign the Association Agreement regardless of Ms. Tymoshenko's fate because not signing it would mean the collapse of the Eastern Partnership program, particularly after Armenia announced this month that it will join the Customs Union instead.

Georgia and Moldova are expected to follow Ukraine's lead at the November 28-29 summit.

"After the events in Ukrainian-Russian relations in August, after the Armenian precedent, the motivation has strengthened in the European Parliament and the European Commission to sign," said Volodymyr Fesenko, board chairman of the Penta Center of Applied Political Research. "Currently, more European politicians believe that the fate of this agreement can't be dependent on the political fate of a single person, even someone like Yulia Tymoshenko."

The Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Fund released a poll on September 24 that revealed 27 out of 32 political experts in Ukraine expect the EU will sign the Association Agreement. Only two believe it won't be signed, with three experts unable to offer a prediction. The poll was conducted September 13-18.

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CONTEST FOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

It is the end of September, and here we are planning our Christmas Card Project. A little early, you may think, but this year we have a new idea for the project. The Ukrainian National Association will hold a contest to select young artists to participate in the Christmas Card Project. We wish to inspire young artists to use their creative talents in a meaningful way. This year's Christmas card theme will be "Ukrainian Christmas." Please check details below:

Group 1, children ages 6-12, and Group 2, ages 13-18, are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Card Project. Each child is encouraged to enter the contest by creating one original color artwork to be considered by our judges. The artists should depict their idea of a Ukrainian Christmas. The winning designs will be reproduced and used by the UNA in its annual Christmas Card Project fundraiser. Over 150,000 cards are mailed each year to members in the community. The proceeds from the sale of these cards will support the renaissance of Soyuzivka, the cultural center of our community. Over the years the community has been very supportive; the funds received from this project were assigned to Soyuzivka, with other donations to the UNA publications Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, and to the Ukrainian National Foundation general fund. The cards will be reproduced in both Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly.

To enter the contest, please read the contest rules listed below:

1. The artwork selected will best reflect the theme of the Ukrainian Christmas.
2. The winning designs will be published as Christmas cards; each young artist's name, age, city and state will be printed on the reverse of the card.
3. One original artwork may be entered per artist. Artwork must be no larger than 8.5x11 inches. When printed, the artwork will be reduced to card size.
4. Art pieces must be properly labeled on the reverse side: Name of artist, full address, telephone, e-mail (please attach completed entry form).
5. Artists may use any medium: watercolors, markers, oils, crayons, on white paper. Bold colors reproduce best in the printing process.
6. Entries will not be returned to the artists, they will become the property of the UNA.
7. Artists must be advised that entry into this contest constitutes (1) a waiver of all copyrights artists have for their entries, and (2) permission to republish entries without compensation.
8. Winners will be notified by October 28, 2013.
9. All entries must be received by October 15, 2013. Late entries will not be considered. Send entries to: Ukrainian National Association, 2200 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054, Att'n O. Trytjak; for information: oksana.trytjak@verizon.net, tel. 973-292-9800 x 3071. www.UkrainianNationalAssociation.org/ChildrensChristmasCardContest/
10. Judges' decisions will be final.
11. All proceeds are earmarked for educational and cultural programs for children at Soyuzivka.
12. Donations are tax-exempt as permitted by law.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of birth _____ Name of school _____

New St. John the Baptist...

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The consecration of the new St. John the Baptist Church took place nearly seven years after the grand opening on November 10-12, 2006, of the UACCNJ, which is affiliated with St. John's Parish; indeed, it housed the congregation's temporary church when the parish moved from its old church on the corner of Route 10 and South Jefferson Road to the center on North Jefferson Road.

The three-day event in 2006 encompassed the blessing of the parish rectory, the dedication of the cultural center followed by a grand opening banquet, and the blessing of the temporary church and the first liturgy there.

The continuity of parish life is perhaps best symbolized by the iconostasis, the work of Christine Dochwat, that was moved from the old church to the temporary church and now into the new St. John the Baptist Church.

The new church, designed by architect Taras Dobusz of Bridgewater, N.J., stands on land between the UACCNJ and



Young men of the parish carry the tabernacle in the procession to the new church.

Oksana Stanko



Lev Khmelkovsky

Hierarchs and clergy following the consecration services.

the rectory. It is a contemporary design with features of the traditional Hutsul style seen in Ukraine's Carpathian Mountains. On consecration day, two of the church's golden domes were in place; three were yet to be erected. Nonetheless, the new church, both its exterior and its spacious interior, won high praise from parishioners and guests alike.

On the day of the consecration, Saturday, September 21, the church hierarchs, clergy and faithful processed from the temporary church to the new church, circling it thrice. Metropolitan Soroka blessed the church's exterior.

Once inside, the consecration rites continued in the sanctuary, as the altar was established, washed and consecrated, and relics of saints were placed inside its four corners. The faithful were able to see these unique proceedings as they took place behind the iconostasis on two large TV screens inside the church.

The foundation charter of the new church was then

read in the Ukrainian and English languages.

Some 370 people attended the grand banquet that evening which featured a photographic history of the 92-year-old parish; performances by the Iskra Ukrainian Dance Ensemble – including an original dance choreographed for the occasion by Natalia Ejova; pianist Laryssa Krupa Slobodyanik; baritone Oleh Chmyr; and a song by children of the parish. The Rev. Mirchuk spoke to thank all who had made the day of the church's consecration possible.

Sunday's afternoon banquet – held after the first liturgy to be celebrated in the new St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church – featured Iskra, pianist Ms. Krupa Slobodyanik and violinist Andriy Gavrysh (who performed individually and as a duo), the Buniak Trio of singers, the parish choir directed by cantor Oksana Telepko, as well Ms. Telepko accompanied by children of the parish in a vocal performance. Also part of the program were videotaped reflections of St. John's parishioners.

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The procession to the new church for the first liturgy on Sunday, September 22.



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Metropolitan Stefan Soroka and Father Roman Mirchuk lead the faithful in prayer at the conclusion of Sunday's services.



Christine Syzonenko

The faithful and the choir are seen inside the new St. John's Church during the pontifical divine liturgy on Sunday.



Christine Syzonenko

Parish Trustees Taras Sochan and Roksolana Vaskul Leshchuk, and Building Committee Chairman Ihor Mandicz welcome the metropolitan.



Paul Hadzewycz

A crane lifts the main cupola for placement atop the church on Friday, September 20.



Lev Khmelkovsky

The procession into the church on the day of its consecration, Saturday, September 21.



Christine Syzonenko

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka signs the foundation charter before the blessing of the cornerstone on Friday, September 20.



Christine Syzonenko

Seen during the vespers service on Friday are Father Roman Mirchuk (left), pastor, and U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (fourth from left).



Christine Syzonenko

Building Committee members (from left) Ihor Mandicz, Myron Bytz, Taras Sochan and Orest Kucyna prepare to carry the cornerstone and time capsule to the new church.

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Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy Stefan Fule said in an interview with Kommersant-Ukraine. "Significant progress has been achieved in the reform of the electoral law in the last few weeks. The Justice Ministry organized a series of roundtables, which greatly helped reach a consensus between the elites on how to reform the law in this area. A bill on the prosecutor's office was drafted, and it depoliticizes this body and helps ensure its independence – this is unprecedented progress, and we waited for such a step from Ukraine for many years," he said, according to September 19 news reports. He added that the debate on how to address the problem of "politically motivated justice and how to prevent the recurrence of such incidents" was continuing as part of the European Parliament's mission comprising former Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and former European Parliament President Pat Cox. "But even in this area I feel that the sides have a consensus as to what can be done in the remaining time," Mr. Fule said. He also noted that some experts, arguing that Ukraine is very far from the expected level of meeting the criteria, are apparently guided by the full fulfillment of the tasks on 11 criteria. However, he said, the Foreign Affairs Council's requirements to Ukraine point only to "decisive action and tangible

results." Mr. Fule explained: "Finally, the EU member states will have to assess whether Ukraine's actions are 'decisive' and the results 'tangible.' The grounds for this assessment will be a report to be prepared by the European Commission along with EU High Representative Catherine Ashton." At the same time, according to Mr. Fule, the decision on whether Ukraine has reached the level required for signing the Association Agreement should be taken by the EU Foreign Affairs Council, which is due to meet on October 21. Mr. Fule said he was optimistic about the signing of the EU-Ukraine association deal. "I have grounds for such optimism, because I'm following what is happening in recent months. First, we had to debate [with Kyiv] on 'what to do' and we spent a lot of time on that. Then we moved to the dialogue about 'how to do.' Now we're not arguing on the topic of 'what' and 'how,' and the only question is when this or that reform will be conducted, and how much will be done by the time of the Vilnius summit," he said. "And we note that European reforms in the Verkhovna Rada are supported not only by the authorities, but also the opposition," Mr. Fule said. (Ukrinform)

Medvedev threatens Kyiv with restrictions

KYIV – If the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement takes effect, Ukraine will lose privileges in trade with Russia. There may even be restrictions, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said at the Council of Federation on September 23.

"For Ukraine, a special regime, so to speak, a partnership regime that has operated until now, will end. Yeah, we will be friends, we will trade, but it will be the trade we maintain with our other partners – without any privileges, on the contrary, probably even with restrictions," he said. Earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin also had repeatedly stated that Russia, while respecting Ukraine's decision, at the same time will have to take measures to protect its own economic interests. (Ukrinform)

Kyiv wants threats to be discussed

KYIV – The Ukrainian side is ready to discuss in a trilateral format, with the European Union and Russia, all warnings from Moscow related to the possible signing of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU, according to the director of the Information Policy Department of the Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Ministry, Yevhen Perebyinis. Speaking at a briefing in Kyiv on September 24, he said, "We pay attention to the warnings and issues that are raised by the Russian side with respect to the signing of the Association Agreement. Ukraine's leadership has repeatedly expressed its readiness to substantively discuss these issues with the Russian side, including in a trilateral format involving the EU." He also said that Ukraine continues to be a party to the agreement on the creation of a free trade area within the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and that there is no reason for the termination of this participation. "Ukraine is

currently a party to the agreement on the CIS free trade area and the agreement remains in force. Obviously, when the issue concerned Ukraine's benefits, this agreement was the one most likely being referred to. We see no reason to terminate the effect of this agreement with respect to Ukraine," Mr. Perebyinis said, while commenting on a statement made by Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev that Ukraine will lose its benefits in trade with Russia if the Association Agreement with the EU comes into force. (Ukrinform)

Azarov debunks Russian experts' remarks

KYIV – A default is not threatening Ukraine and the hryvnia will not fall, despite the forecasts of Russian experts, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov told Russia 24 on September 23. "What is most surprising is that domestic experts do not exaggerate these risks and consider them small, but outside experts, especially Russian so-called experts have been activated. And a number of statements were put on my table that Ukraine faces default, easing. But I can upset these Russian experts a little bit – nothing will fall off, nothing will fall apart," he said. According to Mr. Azarov, Ukraine will pursue prudent monetary and financial policies, and the stability of the national currency will be provided. The prime minister also noted that people in Ukraine don't react sharply to such expert opinions and do not rush for

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Our beloved daughter, sister, and aunt Larysa was laid to eternal rest on October 6, 2012, at St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. She is greatly missed and will always be remembered..

During our time of overwhelming grief, we were comforted by many expressions of sympathy, support, and compassion from family members, friends, and acquaintances. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part in the funeral proceedings, who expressed condolences, in person or in writing, and whose acts of kindness and words of comfort helped us through those most difficult days.

We are especially grateful to Rev. Bernard Panchuk of St. George's parish in New York for leading the Panakhyda (visitation service), the funeral Mass, and the burial, and particularly for his moving eulogy.

Masses in Larysa's memory were celebrated in Lviv, Lutsk, and Kyiv, for which we sincerely thank our family and friends in Ukraine and the "Pershi Stezhi" Plast (scouting) sorority, which had a Mass said at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. We are equally thankful to everyone who sponsored Masses in the U.S.: I. Czernyk and family, Orest and Lidia Glut, L. and Ya. Fedun, O. and B. Kuzyshyn, T. and A. Lastovetski, Oresta and Maria Woicziczki, O. and O. Lopatynsky, S. Woicziczki, N. and S. Woicziczki, Titus and Sophia Hewryk, N. and N. Shust, Ya. and L. Magun.

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We are particularly thankful to Larysa's aunts Nadia Ciolka, Natalka Tytla, Sophia Hewryk, and Vera Hrycenko and

CARD OF THANKS Dr. Larysa Pevny May 25, 1965 - September 30, 2012

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students Whitney Heavner and Daniela Matsushima; Professor Yaroslav Fedun; Professor Taras Hunczak; and cousin Nestor Tytla. We were touched by their words, which we will remember and cherish forever.

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Our thanks to everyone for their prayers and donations to charitable causes. May the good Lord bless and keep all of you.

From the bottom of our hearts,
Mother -Chrystyna
Sister - Olenka
Brother - Taras, with his wife Maria and daughter Sofyika

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the currency exchange offices. "From their experience they have finally learned that... they should learn to trust their government," he stressed. (Ukrinform)

EU for trilateral consortium on GTS

KYIV – The European Commission continues to support the idea of creating a trilateral consortium to manage Ukraine's gas transit system (GTS), involving the European Union, Ukraine and Russia, but no specific proposals have been presented yet. A Brussels-based Ukrinform reporter learned this from Marlene Holzner, a spokesperson for the European Commission for Energy, commenting on a statement by Ukraine's Prime Minister Mykola Azarov in which he urged the European and Russian sides to decide on the volumes of gas to be transported via the Ukrainian gas transit system. "The idea of creating some form of a trilateral consortium to manage gas transit through Ukraine has been around for some years, but no specific proposals have been presented. The EU has consistently emphasized that it is up to Ukraine to decide how to manage its gas transit system and, should Ukraine and other parties be willing to move in the direction of a consortium, including the EU gas industry, the European Commission is ready to play a facilitating role, provided that the application of EU and international law, including as enshrined in the Energy Community Treaty, is guaranteed. The EU continues to offer a trilateral dialogue on energy, notably on the transmission system, with Ukraine and Russia." On September 21 Prime Minister Mykola Azarov called on the Russian Federation, as the importer of natural gas, and the European Union, as a consumer, to finally decide on the volume of gas to be transported by the Ukrainian GTS. He also noted that in recent years the pumping of hydrocarbons to Europe via Ukraine's pipelines has decreased. He said the domestic GTS now operates at 60 percent of its capacity, and maintaining its operation is costly enough for Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

EBRD provides loan for solar power

KYIV – The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has decided to provide a 5.4 million euro loan to Teplodar PiVi LLC (Odesa region) for the development, construction and operation of a 4.2 megawatt solar power plant, the bank's press service announced on September 24. "The financing arranged by the bank will include an eight-year EBRD loan of 3.9 million euros and a 15-year loan of 1.5 million euros from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF)," reads the statement. Upon completion, the solar power plant will be connected to the grid and will benefit from Ukraine's green tariff law, under which the government guarantees the purchase at a fixed rate until 2030 of all electricity produced by local renewable power plants. The new solar energy project is part of the EBRD Ukraine Sustainable Energy Lending Facility (USELF), an investment program of 70 million euros (50 million euros from the EBRD and 20 million euros from the CTF) designed to provide financing to private local enterprises wishing to invest in renewable energy projects in Ukraine. Technical assistance for project preparation and for regulatory and environmental assessment is funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). The CTF was established in 2008 to support middle-income countries with their adoption of renewable and energy efficiency technolo-

gies that have high potential for minimizing long-term greenhouse gas emissions. The fund already finances programs in 15 countries and one region, and is the largest multilateral climate-finance instrument in operation. The EBRD is the largest financial investor in Ukraine. As of August 1, the bank had committed over 8.55 billion euros (\$11.4 billion U.S.) across 327 projects in Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

Polish Ukrainians condemn Moscow pressure

KYIV – The Association of Ukrainians in Poland (AUP) has condemned Russia's pressure on Ukraine aimed to prevent the signing of the Association Agreement. A statement released by the association's General Council read: "The application of economic mechanisms, attacks on the Ukrainian authorities and a propaganda campaign to discredit Ukraine in the international arena – all this is the evidence of a neo-imperial policy, which is carried out by the Russian government." At the same time, Ukrainians in Poland are grateful to the European Parliament and EU member states, especially Poland, for their support of Ukraine's European policy, it was reported on September 23. The AUP General Council also appealed to the entire Ukrainian community in Poland urging it to be active at the final stage of preparation for the signing of the Association Agreement. "Let's support the president, government and Parliament in their work on fulfilling all EU requirements to Ukraine. Let's send letters and appeals from both organizations and organizational structures, as well as individuals and families. Let's organize meetings with Ukrainian diplomats, turn to sister cities, districts and regions of local governments, call on our families and friends to organize in Ukraine a campaign to support the European policy of Ukraine," the organization's statement read. The AUP also asked Ukrainians to intensify efforts in Poland. "Let's encourage the authorities of the Polish state and Polish MEPs [members of the European Parliament] to be more active over the European future of Ukraine. Our special task is to explain the historical significance of the Association Agreement, involve the widest possible circles of Polish society to its promotion," the document said. (Ukrinform)

Polish visa center opens in Uzhhorod

KYIV – A center for receiving visa applications to the Republic of Poland opened in Uzhhorod, it was reported on August 28. The opening ceremony was attended by Consul General of Poland in Lviv Jaroslav Drozd, Consul General of Hungary in Uzhhorod Jozsef Bachkai, Consul General of Slovakia in Uzhhorod Janka Buryanova, Uzhhorod Mayor Viktor Pohorelov, officials of the Zakarpattia Oblast State Administration and regional councils, as well as representatives of the Polish Culture Society of Zakarpattia. "The opening of a center for receiving visa applications to the Republic of Poland in Uzhhorod is dictated by time, because until now residents of Zakarpattia, in order to obtain a Schengen visa, had to go to Lviv or Ivano-Frankivsk, where there are Polish consular offices. This took a lot of time and money. Now, provided that you have all the necessary documents, a Schengen visa can be issued at the center within seven days," Consul General Drozd noted. He also said that in 2012 the Polish Consulate in Lviv issued more than 330,000 visas to Ukrainians; 7,000 of them were for residents of the Zakarpattia region. "We are interested in intensifying cooperation with your region. Therefore, it is important to open the pedestrian and cycling border crossing at Lubna-Volosate, on the Polish-Ukrainian border," Mr. Drozd said. (Ukrinform)



It is with great sorrow that we announce
the passing of my beloved
HUSBAND AND FRIEND

ANDRIJ PASCHUK

Born in Luck, Ukraine, he was the son of an elected representative from the Volyn region to the Parliament in Warsaw. After receiving his diploma in civil engineering from the University of Munich, he went on to hold many managerial positions in engineering in several reputable engineering firms in the United States and abroad.

Andrij Paschuk was a fervent Ukrainian patriot, and worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Ukrainian community and for furthering the Ukrainian cause.

In the 1960's, he took a very active role in raising funds for Ukrainian studies at Harvard University, which he considered to be a great accomplishment for the Ukrainian community in the U.S.

For almost 50 years, Andrij Paschuk was an active member of the Ukrainian Institute of America, as well as a member of the Institute's board of directors, and at one time, its vice-president. He was also a founder of the acclaimed classical music series, MATI, at the Institute, and supported a number of accomplished Ukrainian musicians in their endeavors.

An avid collector of Ukrainian art, he was an enthusiastic supporter of Ukrainian artists. The advancement of higher education in Ukraine was also of vital importance to him, and he was a great supporter of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv.

Memorial services were held on Friday September 13th at Lytwyn and Lytwyn Funeral Home in New Jersey. Funeral services were held at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church in South Bound Brook, N.J.

Вічна Йому пам'ять!

Left in deep sorrow are:

wife - Larisa Paschuk, with her children, Larko, Ruta and Kalyna, and their families
cousins - Oksana Babiuk and family
- Jurij Macyk with wife, Alla, and family
Relatives and friends

Donations in memory of the deceased can be sent to:
Ukrainian Institute of America or Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.



It is with great sadness
that we announce the passing on
September 15, 2013 of

Svitlana Hrybinsky

at the age of 86 at Humber River Regional
Hospital in Toronto.



Svitlana was born Sept. 19, 1926 in Ukraine's Chernihiv region. She was educated in the Poltava region of Ukraine and in Regensburg, Germany. In 1948, she emigrated to Canada, where she married the Ukrainian writer Borys Hrybinsky, who wrote lyrical poetry under the pen name Borys Oleksandriv and numerous short stories under the pen name Swyryd Lomachka.

Svitlana was an accomplished writer of poetry, short stories and children's literature. Her work, published under the pen name Svitlana Kuzmenko, has appeared in book form and in numerous journals and periodicals.

She studied library sciences at what was then known as Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, and worked for many years as a library technician at the University of Toronto. After her retirement, she enjoyed her summers at the cottage she built on Georgian Bay near Honey Harbour, next to the cottage of her beloved brother and his family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Borys, and by her brother, Vadim.

Left to cherish her memory are her two sons, Boris and Alexander, grandchildren Adrian, Daniel, Matthew and William, daughters-in-law Angela and Debbie, her sister-in law, her nieces, nephews and cousins and their families, her extended family and many friends in North America and Ukraine.

Funeral Service was held in the Turner & Porter Yorke Chapel in Toronto on Friday, September 20, 2013. Interment Park Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca

Sitch overwhelms competition at USCAK swim championships

by Omelan Twardowsky
and Matthew Dubas

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – More than 50 athletes competed in the annual tennis and swim championships, hosted by the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK), at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center on August 31 through September 1.

The official opening ceremonies were led by George Sawchak, director of tennis for USCAK, with English translation by Roman Hirniak, and greeting by Irenaeus Isajiw, president of USCAK. Also present at the opening ceremonies were representatives of the Ukrainian National Association, Soyuzivka and leaders of the participating organizations, including Chornomorska Sitch, Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA). (The tennis story will appear in the next issue of The Ukrainian Weekly.)

Following are the results of the swim meet.

Individual medley

100-meter individual medley: girls 13-14 – Alexandra Kay (Sitch); boys 15 and over – 1.) Pavlo Kozak (Sitch), 2.) Stefan



Competitors of the annual USCAK Swimming Championships held at Soyuzivka during Labor Day weekend.

Olesnyckyj (Sitch) and 3.) Markian Kovaliuk (Plast); girls 15-and-over, Kateryna Nozhenko (Sitch); boys 15-and-over – 1.) Pavlo Kozak (Sitch), 2.) Stefan Olesnyckyj (Sitch); girls 15-and-over – 1.) Alexandra Kay (Sitch).

Maya Naumenko (Plast), 2.) Sofia Kocur (UAYA), 3.) Alexandra Nozhenko (Sitch).

In the 50-meter butterfly stroke: boys 15-and-over – 1.) Markian Kovaluk (Plast); girls 15-and-over – 1.) Kateryna Nozhenko (Sitch).

Breaststroke

25-meter breaststroke: boys 10-and-under – 1.) Sean Kay (Sitch), 2.) Zachary Shmotolocha Nepogoda (Sitch); girls 10-and-under – 1.) Cecilia Kay (Sitch), 2.) Maria Tkachenko (UAYA), 3.) Daria Fursik (Sitch); boys 11-12 – 1.) Aiden Kay (Sitch), 2.) Mykola Tkachenko (UAYA); girls 11-12 – 1.) Maya Naumenko (Plast), 2.) Natalia Kay (Sitch), 3.) Alexandra Nozhenko (Sitch).

50-meter breaststroke: girls 13-14 – 1.) Adranna Szpynda (UAYA), 2.) Emily Szpynda (UAYA); boys 15-and-over – 1.) Markian Kovaluk (Plast), 2.) Pavlo Kozak (Sitch); girls 15-and-over – 1.) Kateryna Nozhenko (Sitch).

Relays

In the girls 10-and-under 4 x 25-meter freestyle relay, Sitch won first place with Daria Fursik, Cecilia Kay, Natalia Kay and Alexandra Nozhenko; the combined other team of Sitch, Plast and the UAYA, came in second place.

In the boys 11-12 4 x 25-meter freestyle relay, the Sitch team, including Aiden Kay, Sean Kay, Zachary Shmotolocha Nepogoda and Mykola Tkachenko (UAYA), won first place.

In the 4 x 50-meter freestyle relay for girls 13-14, the UAYA team won first place, with Olena Kocur, Sofia Kocur, Adrianna Szpynda and Emily Szpynda.

In the boys 15-and-over medley relay, the combined Sitch-Plast team won first place, including Pavlo Kozak and Stefan Olesnyckyj (Sitch), and Markian Kovaluk (Plast). In the girls 15-and-over medley relay, Alexandra Kay and Kateryna Nozhenko (Sitch), and Maya Naumenko (Plast) won first place.

With a landslide victory in team points, Chornomorska Sitch won the swim meet with 142 points, followed by Plast with 61 points and UAYA with 57 points.

Taissa Bokalo, director of swimming for USCAK, officiated the event, with assistance from Christine Peters, Mr. Hirniak, Nicholas Prociuk, Marina Nozhenko, Luba Humeniuk, Angelina Kozak, Peter Prociuk, Yuri Humeniuk, Myron Olesnyckyj, Stefan Fursik and Lesia Naumenko.

The next swimming championship is scheduled be held at Soyuzivka during Labor Day Weekend 2014. For more information, readers can visit www.soyuzivka.com or www.uscak.org.

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Freestyle

25-meter freestyle: girls 10-and-under – 1.) Alexa Kovaluk (Plast), 2.) Cecilia Kay (Sitch), 3.) Maria Tkachenko (UAYA), 4.) Marianna Kay (Sitch); boys 11-12 – Mykola Tkachenko (UAYA); girls 11-12 – 1.) Maya Naumenko (Plast), 2.) Sofia Kocur (UAYA), 3.) Alexandra Nozhenko (Sitch).

50-meter freestyle: boys 10-and-under – 1.) Sean Kay (Sitch) set a new record with a time of 33.95 seconds, 2.) Zachary Shmotolocha Nepogoda (Sitch); girls 10-and-under – 1.) Eva Kovaluk (Plast), 2.) Natalia Kay (Sitch), 3.) Daria Fursik (Sitch); boys 11-12 – 1.) Aiden Kay (Sitch); girls 13-14 – 1.) Emily Szpynda (UAYA), 2.) Adrianna Szpynda (UAYA), 3.) Olena Kocur (UAYA).

The 100-meter freestyle: girls 13-14 – 1.) Olena Kocur (UAYA).

Backstroke

25-meter backstroke: girls 10-and-under – 1.) Eva Kovaluk (Plast), 2.) Alexia Kovaluk (Plast), 3.) Marianna Kay (Sitch); boys 11-12 – 1.) Mykola Tkachenko (UAYA); girls 11-12 – 1.) Sofia Kocur (UAYA), 2.) Cecilia Kay (Sitch), 3.) Daria Fursik (Sitch).

50-meter backstroke: girls 13-14 – 1.) Adrianna Szpynda (UAYA), 2.) Alexandra Kay (Sitch), 3.) Emily Szpynda (UAYA); boys 15-and-over – 1.) Stefan Olesnyckyj (Sitch).

Butterfly

25-meter butterfly stroke: boys 10-and-under – 1.) Sean Kay (Sitch), 2.) Zachary Shmotolocha Nepogoda (Sitch); girls 10-and-under – 1.) Eva Kovaluk, 2.) Natalia Kay, 3.) Alexia Kovaluk (Plast); boys 11-12 – 1.) Aiden Kay (Sitch); girls 11-12 – 1.)

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The Ukrainian Weekly's website (www.ukrweekly.com) includes a Community Events calendar. A clickable link to the section appears on the bottom left of The Weekly's home page. The aim of this online listing is to help community activists keep track of what is going on when and where, and thus assist them in planning so that their events do not conflict with others that might be attended by the same audiences. As well, it is meant to help community members make plans to attend such major events well in advance. (Therefore, please do not send info to this listing about strictly local events that do not have broad appeal.)

To have an event listed on this long-term calendar please e-mail info on type of event, venue and date (for example: XYZ Debutante Ball, Hromada Hotel, West Town, NJ, January 1, 2013) to community@ukrweekly.com. NB: The listings have color-coded labels for five categories of events: cultural, educational, political, religious and social.



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Ukrainian pro sports update: basketball

by Ihor Stelmach

Hoop dreams realized for two Ukrainians at NBA draft

Len to Phoenix with fifth pick

The Phoenix Suns did not think Ukrainian Alex Len was the best center in this year's NBA draft. They thought he was the best player in the draft. The Suns didn't win the NBA draft lottery on May 21. They felt like they won it on June 27 when they found Len available at No. 5.

Len, who celebrated his 20th birthday on June 16, is mobile enough to cover pick-and-rolls and run in transition, yet big enough with his 7-foot-3-and-½-inch wingspan to assist immediately on defense. He declared in May that he thinks he will be the best player from this year's draft in a decade. The Phoenix organization agreed with him.

"I was really excited," Len said of being the Suns' selection in a draft night interview. "I'm blessed that Phoenix selected me. I just can't wait to go to the city and meet my new team and coaches and be part of the Phoenix family."

When the Cleveland Cavaliers shocked everyone by selecting Anthony Bennett as its first overall pick in the 2013 NBA draft, the Suns war room enjoyed a rush of excitement. The Cavs' selection began a wild first round, defying mock draft boards everywhere and ensuring plenty of top talent would be available by the time Phoenix was on the clock with their fifth overall pick.

While top prospects like Nerlens Noel and Ben McLemore were there for the taking, the Suns didn't need the full five minutes to make its pick. Alex Len was the guy the Suns wanted all along, and they got their man.

GM McDonough comments

"We feel like Alex was one of the top players in this draft," Suns General Manager Ryan McDonough said in a press conference late on draft night. "He's a guy who just turned 20 years old, he's seven-foot-one, he's extremely skilled, he's had good success at the college level, but we think he's just scratching the surface of his potential as a player. We were thrilled to get him at five."

"When Alex was there, the decision was clear," McDonough went on to say. "The draft was very unpredictable, and I think everybody, starting at number one with Cleveland, nobody seemed to be really sure what they were doing, even when they were on the clock. So it didn't give us a whole lot of time to prepare – frankly, I thought Alex would be gone in the first four picks, because we had

him ranked higher than where he was picked at five."

The young Ukrainian looked dapper in an Italian wool suit handcrafted by a Grand Central Station tailor. His suit jacket revealed a silky lining of blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag which he unbuttoned and flashed to the ESPN cameras while walking to the stage. His red tie represented his Maryland Terrapins pride.

Len has become the seventh player from Ukraine to play in the NBA. He was equally thrilled to be joining the Suns as the club was in swooping him up at No. 5.

Injury status

In April Len was diagnosed with a partial stress fracture in his left ankle and decided to undergo surgery. The injury will cause the Ukrainian to miss this year's NBA Summer League, but he should return to the court by October in time for training camp. The Suns' medical staff checked him out in Chicago at the NBA combine and again in early June when Len came out to meet the Suns. He was expected to travel to Phoenix right after the draft for a follow-up visit with the organization's medical people.

Celtics trade up to get Olynyk

The number-one need for the Boston Celtics coming into the 2013 NBA Draft was a big man. The selection of Gonzaga center Kelly Olynyk with the 13th pick in the first round achieved their need.

Olynyk averaged 17.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game for one of the top seeds in the NCAA tournament last season. The 22-year-old Ukrainian Canadian will compete for a job in the depleted Celtics frontcourt with the trade of Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce to the Brooklyn Nets. Olynyk was selected to be a main part of the rebuild in Boston.

"We watched him play a lot this year," Celtics President Danny Ainge said on draft night. "He's a 7-footer who can shoot, pass and think. He has a great feel for the game. We think he is a good complementary player. He's a good character kid."

The Celtics started draft night with one pick – the 16th – but moved up in a trade with Dallas when Oklahoma City took 7-footer Steven Adams with the 12th selection. The Celtics traded their 16th pick with two 2014 second-round picks to the Mavericks for the 13th selection of the first round. The Celtics had interest in Adams – when he went off the board at 12, they felt compelled to trade up for the next big man on the board, Olynyk.

Boston had Olynyk in for a workout prior to draft day and were impressed with his size and his shooting range

from the outside. Here are 10 things to know about one of the newest Boston Celtics:

1) He's from a hoops family: His mother, Arlene, was a college referee and a scorekeeper for the Toronto Raptors; his Ukrainian father, Ken, is athletic director at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C., and coached the Canadian junior national team.

2) He's a loyal Canadian: Olynyk opted to stay in Canada for his high school years rather than play at a U.S. prep high school like many Canadian-born basketball players.

3) Two-sport athlete: He played quarterback for his high school team until his junior year when he broke his arm during a playoff game.

4) Point guard? Olynyk developed his skills in high school as a point guard, which he played until 11th grade when a growth spurt added seven inches to his then 6-foot-3 frame.

5) Junior redshirt season: Most college athletes who want to develop their bodies without losing a year of eligibility do so as freshmen. Unhappy with his progress through his first two years at Gonzaga, Olynyk redshirted as a junior. He spent the year adding muscle, transforming himself from a lanky 7-footer into a low-post presence with an outside shooting touch.

6) He's efficient: His 1.13 points/possession last season were the highest among draft prospects at his position. He's great on the pick-and-roll and a 70 percent finisher at the rim.

7) He's somewhat of a mystery: Olynyk is unorthodox, but got it done at a high level for Gonzaga. Boston knows he can play and the Celtics did not draft him for his "potential."

8) He can shoot: The league is changing – NBA teams are playing small forwards on the block and mobile forwards as centers. Olynyk can step out and shoot, but he also has the height and post moves to be a traditional big man.

9) Danny Ainge likes him: The organization's top man felt so strongly about Olynyk he traded up to get him. He also felt so strongly about Rajon Rondo, Avery Bradley and Jared Sullinger when not many others did.

10) Step one in the rebuild: Olynyk is viewed as a major asset, a power forward of the future in the grand scheme of things. With Boston having traded Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce, Olynyk becomes a key building block of the Celtics' future foundation.

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Coach Gene Chyzowych is set to retire after 50th soccer season

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Coach Gene Chyzowych, known by most as simply "Coach C," announced on September 5 that after 50 seasons at Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J., this would be his last year coaching soccer before his retirement.

Mr. Chyzowych, 78, credits his longevity in the sport to his passion and working with younger players to help refine their skills. "I don't feel 78 years old, even 58 years old," Coach C told The Star-Ledger newspaper.

His retirement caps off a career as both a coach and as a phys-ed teacher at Columbia H.S., having coached 5-year-olds, the U.S. Men's National Team, professional clubs and every level of soccer in between. His coaching record is marked by 757 victories – second in New Jersey (behind Pingry's Miller Bugliari with 781 wins), and third in the country on the all-time list – and four state titles, 13 Essex County championships and numerous awards recognizing his impact on the sport.

Mr. Chyzowych was born in Ukraine, and he and his family, including brothers Ihor and Walter, moved to Philadelphia when Gene was 13 years old. The three brothers didn't know English, but thanks to soccer were able to earn college scholarships – Gene and Walter at Temple University and Ihor at Penn State University.

"All three of us, without soccer we would have been sweeping floors," said Mr. Chyzowych. "We loved the game and we spent so much time [playing]. The fact that the game provided us to be educated, it was a special gift from God for us."

Mr. Chyzowych, with his brother, Walter, who died in 1994, are credited as pioneers of the grassroots soccer programs. Gene Chyzowych's creation of the Cougar Soccer



Gene Chyzowych (center), with two of his younger players.

Club not only provided youth programs for the children of South Orange and Maplewood, N.J., but served as the basis for the feeder systems seen in virtually every town in the state.

Many kids had never played soccer before being recruited by Mr. Chyzowych to try the sport at a free clinic on Saturday mornings. Marty Berman, who is soccer coach at Seton Hall Prep and a member of Columbia H.S.'s first state playoff team in 1967, noted that, after his teammates had finished a match and were leaving the field, Mr. Chyzowych

stayed to coach third and fourth graders.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Mr. Chyzowych hosted the Saturday clinics, then drove to Philadelphia to coach the Ukrainian Nationals, the city's professional team. Both Gene and his brother Walter were each head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team, when the U.S. soccer program was a shell of what it has become today. Both brothers were also instrumental in creating coaching clinics to bring the sport to the American mainstream.

"They did an incredible job of teaching soccer at a higher level," said Dr. Dave Masur, who has been head coach of soccer at St. John's University since 1991. "They were bringing advanced teaching to the sport when it was in its infancy."

Mr. Chyzowych's coaching continues to influence his former players, who have become some of the area's most prominent coaches, including David Donovan of Delbarton, Jack Weber of Montclair and Drew University's Lenny Armuth. Others, like Tony Bednarsky at Gill St. Bernard's, got their start through Mr. Chyzowych's All-American Soccer Camp. He still directs Coach C's Soccer Camp during July and August, (www.coachcsoccercamp.com.)

Mr. Chyzowych is co-director of soccer for the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK), which organizes tournaments for Ukrainian clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Previously, a three-time National Coach of the Year, and three-time New Jersey Coach of the Year, he was named Winningest High School Soccer Coach in the Country, was inducted into the U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame in 2009, and served as former director of the player development program and chairman of the advisory board for the N.Y. MetroStars, now known as the N.Y. Red Bulls.

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ADU continues support for teachers of English in Ukraine

by Julianne Shepelavy

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. – Americans for Democracy in Ukraine (ADU), an Albany, N.Y.-based not-for-profit organization in cooperation with Siena College of Loudonville, N.Y., is continuing its support of eight teacher resource centers in Buchach, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad, Kovel, Myrhorod, Odesa, Okhtyrka and Uzhhorod.

For the past 22 years, ADU has provided funds to each center for operations at the center including Internet services, fees for conferences/workshops and general maintenance of the centers.

For the past two years, ADU has also sponsored a conference in Ukraine in order to bring together association presidents and teacher representatives from each center. In 2012, 24 participants from the ADU centers met in Odesa for three days of exchanging ideas, successes and resources.

In June of this year, eight association presidents and 24 teachers from the various centers met in Uzhhorod for the second conference. Teachers gave presentations to their peers on such varied topics as using Google in teaching English, Using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for teaching English as part of the national Open World project, Welcome to the Global Teenager Project Virtual School, International Videoconferencing, Twenty Ideas for Using Mobile Phones in the English Language Classroom and Working with Computer Technology in the English classroom.

Liliya Yavtushenko, a young teacher from Myrhorod, wrote of her experience at the conference: "I'm very grateful to ADU for helping us, English teachers, to develop, to grow, to gain experience. For me it's a big honor to be a part of the association of teachers sponsored by ADU."

The conference received publicity in the local newspapers, Slovo Vchytelya and Staryi Zamok.

Another highlight of the conference was a Skype session with Dr. Lydia Tarnavsky of Siena College, who founded the program in 1992. Teachers overwhelmingly expressed their appreciation for the support, both pedagogical and financial, that ADU has been able to provide over the years.

ADU thanked its generous donors who have supported the cause of English language education in Ukraine. The organization is not accepting donations, but will continue its support of the programs as finances allow. For further information readers may contact ADU at adu@nycap.rr.com.



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GENDER, POLITICS, AND SOCIETY IN UKRAINE

Book presentation by author Olena Hankivsky, professor in the School of Public Policy at Simon Fraser University. Admission (incl. reception) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students.

Saturday, October 12, 7 p.m.

"A LITERARY EVENING"

An evening of poetry by Vasyl Makhno, Gloria Mindock, Dzvinia Orlovsky, and Dmytro Pavlychko (presented by Gloria Mindock); prose by Genia Blum, Askold Melnyczuk, and Alexander Motyl; and a special "Letters" segment featuring Miki Fedun and Anatoly Antonovitch Orlovskyj (presented by Maria Chicha Sestina). Admission (incl. reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students.

Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m.

Exhibition openings

GIVE UP YOUR DAILY BREAD... HOLODOMOR: THE TOTALITARIAN SOLUTION, an exhibition commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Holodomor, the Ukrainian genocide of 1932-33. Ray Gamache, assistant professor of journalism in the department of Mass Communications at King's College, will present his book *Gareth Jones: Eyewitness to the Holodomor* about one of the first journalists to reveal the horror of the Holodomor.

EVOCATIONS, an exhibition of works by artist Lydia Bodnar-Balahutruk. The artist will lead the audience through a gallery talk about her works. Find out what inspired this talented Ukrainian American artist to interpret various dark periods in Ukraine's history, including the Holodomor.

Saturday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

"SONGS OF TRUTH: THE ART OF THE KOBZARI"

Concert with bandurist Julian Kytasty, whose performance will be a tribute to the art of the *kobzar*, Ukraine's blind epic singer, a tradition largely destroyed in the Holodomor and the Stalinist repressions of the 1930s. Admission (incl. reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students.

Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m.

HOLODOMOR. TECHNOLOGY OF GENOCIDE

Film presentation by Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, sponsored by the Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University. This 2-part documentary (58 min. & 53 min., 2005, Ukraine, Ukr. w/Eng. subtitles; Eng. voice-over and subtitles) is a detailed step-by-step factual account of how the artificial famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine was conceived, executed, covered up; who its masterminds, perpetrators, and apologists were; and against whom it was directed. Admission (incl. reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students.

Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m.

Exhibition opening

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Join us for a gallery talk titled "Poster Politics in Ukraine" with the exhibition curator Dr. Myroslav Shkandrij, professor of Slavic Studies at the University of Manitoba.

Friday, November 15, 7 p.m.

"FROM HENS TO THE HOLODOMOR. The Lessons in Animal Farm that your high school teacher never taught you," a presentation by author Andrea Chalupa on her book *Orwell and the Refugees: The Untold Story of Animal Farm*. Admission (incl. reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students.

Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Shoppers will have a huge selection of baked goods, crafts, books, holiday decorations, bric-a-brac, and much, much more, at this annual sale organized by the Museum's "Wednesday Volunteers." FREE admission!

Saturday, December 7, 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Chorus "DUMKA" of New York under the direction of Maestro Vasyl Hrechynsky. Admission (incl. reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students. **Limited seating! Order tickets in advance at 212.228.0110.**

Educational Programs

GERDANY (BEAD-STRUNG NECKLACES)

Open to adults and children over 12 years of age. **Saturdays, October 19 - November 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Course fee: adults - \$40; students over 16 & seniors - \$35; children 12-16 - \$15 (member discount - 10%).

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Bake traditional Ukrainian Christmas breads; learn about the customs, traditions, and rituals. For adults and students over 16 years of age. **Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Workshop fee: adults - \$25; students over 16 & seniors - \$20 (member discount - 10%).

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

Make traditional Ukrainian Christmas tree ornaments such as spiders, cradles, stars, mobiles, and garlands. For adults and children over 7 years of age. **Saturday, December 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. or Sunday, December 15, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Fee per workshop: adults - \$15; students over 12 & seniors - \$10; children 7-12 - \$5 (member discount - 10%).



The Museum's traditional folk arts program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



The Museum's film and traditional arts program is supported in part, by public funds from the New York City Dept. of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

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CIUS to hold conference on Ukraine-EU relations

EDMONTON, Alberta - The future of Ukraine is being decided at a critical summit of the European Union this November at which an Association Agreement is to be signed. In advance of the summit, the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS), in cooperation with the Ukrainian Resource and Development Center at Grant MacEwan University, is sponsoring a conference titled "Ukraine within Europe: Opportunities and Obstacles," to be held at the University of Alberta on October 3-4. A morning session will take place at Grant MacEwan University. This will be a forum for informed analysis of the significance of the EU summit and its likely implications.

The conference will feature experts in the field such as Yevhen Bystrytsky (International Renaissance Foundation, Kyiv), Joan DeBardeleben (Carleton University, Ottawa), Valerii Chalyj (Razumkov Center, Kyiv, formerly vice minister of foreign affairs of Ukraine), Oleksiy Haran (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy), David Marples (CIUS, History and Classics Department, University of Alberta), Taras Kuzio (Center for Political and Regional Studies, CIUS), Lori Thorlakson (European Union Center of Excellence, Political Science Department, University of Alberta) and Lyubov Zhiznomirska (St. Mary's University, Halifax).

The ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, Vadym Prystaiko, and Canada's former ambassador to Ukraine, Derek Fraser, will also be in attendance.

Another event to follow the conference will be held at the Munk School of Global

Affairs, University of Toronto, on October 7, with the participation of the visitors from Ukraine.

This conference on Ukraine-EU relations will be the second significant event organized by the newly created Center for Political and Regional Studies (CPRS) at CIUS, following the highly successful forum on "Trafficking of Women in Ukraine: Governmental and Nongovernmental Responses," held in March. The center's main task is to stimulate research in political and social sciences and encourage interdisciplinary and comparative approaches to post-1991 Ukraine. Its acting coordinator is Dr. Bohdan Harasymiw, professor emeritus of political science, University of Calgary.

The center's activities will consist of a program of grants, scholarships, conferences, seminars, guest speakers and publications. The long-term objective is to evolve into a leading, internationally recognized center of research in the social sciences exploring the developmental path of today's Ukraine, which is full of political uncertainty yet so needful of explanation and analysis.

A fund-raising drive is being launched to establish a solid financial basis for the center's multifaceted activities. Besides smaller donations to support the center's ongoing projects, a solid endowment is needed to secure its future in Ukrainian studies programs. Those interested in supporting this highly important initiative may contact CIUS at 780-492-2972; cius@ualberta.ca; 430 Pembina Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada T6G 2H8.

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New York | Book presentation by Diana Howansky Reilly, "Scattered: The Forced Relocation of Poland's Ukrainians After World War II," Columbia University, ma2634@columbia.edu or 212-854-4697 | October 6
Washington | 50th anniversary celebration, Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 78, Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, 301-840-1713 |
| October 3
Somerville, MA | Concert, DakhaBrakha, Johnny D's Restaurant & Music Club, 617-876-4275 or www.WorldMusic.org | October 6
Chicago | Book presentation by Diana Howansky Reilly, "Scattered: The Forced Relocation of Poland's Ukrainians after World War II," Chicago Business and Professional Group, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, 773-227-5522 |
| October 3
Cambridge, MA | Lecture by Iryna Vushko, "Nationalism, Communism and Democracy: Ukrainian Socialists between Imperial Austria, Poland and Soviet Ukraine," Harvard University, 617-495-4053 | October 7
Cambridge, MA | Bohdan and Neonila Krawciw Memorial Lecture by George Grabowicz, Bohdan Krawciw (1904-1975); The Poet's Predicament," Harvard University, 617-495-4053 |
| October 4
Montreal | Book presentation by Andrea Chalupa, "Orwell and the Refugees: The Untold Story of Animal Farm," McGill University, 514-481-5871 or musa@ssmu.mcgill.ca | October 10
New York | Lecture by Frank Sysyn, "A Hetman Worthy of the Name: Bohdan Khmelnytsky and Early 18th-Century Ukrainian Historiography," Columbia University, ma2634@columbia.edu or 212-854-4697 |
| October 4-6
Cheektowaga/
Buffalo, NY | 75th annual convention, League of Ukrainian Catholics of America, Niagara Frontier Council of LUC, Holiday Inn Airport, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 716-825-8169 or 716-839-3016 | October 10
Warren, MI | Fashion show, celebrating the 40th anniversary Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 53, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 586-939-8166 |
| October 4-
December 1
Chicago | Holodomor art exhibit, "Artists Respond to Genocide," Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, 773-227-5522 or www.uima-chicago.org | October 11
New York | Book presentation by Peter Fedynsky, "The Complete Kobzar: The Poetry of Taras Shevchenko," Ukrainian Institute of America, 212-288-8660 |
| October 5
Whippany, NJ | Ukrainian Festival, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 201-317-8518 or www.uaccnj.org | October 12
New York | Literary evening, The Ukrainian Museum, www.ukrainianmuseum.org or 212-228-0110 |
| October 5
New York | Concert, Music at the Institute, Ukrainian Institute of America, music@ukrainianinstitute.org | October 12
Jenkintown, PA | Philadelphia Ukrainian Fest, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 215-663-1166 or www.ukifest.com |
| October 5
Scranton, PA | Varenyky sale, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 570-346-4164 | October 19
Palatine, IL | Fall fund-raiser, Latin Night cocktail hour and dance, Ukrainian American Youth Association, Palatine UAYA Center, www.cym.org/ua-palatine |
| October 5
Jenkintown, PA | Award reception honoring Bishop Borys Gudziak, Ukrainian Federation of America, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 215-782-1075 | | |
| October 5
New York | Lecture by Olesya Bondarenko, "Poetry as a Form of Social and Political Criticism," Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130 | | |

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 5

WHIPPANY, N.J.: The Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey hosts its fourth annual Ukrainian Festival at 11:30 am.-7 p.m. on its grounds at 60 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Admission is free. The festival includes two stage shows (12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.) featuring fabulous entertainment by singer Olya Fryz; the Iskra, Babarocin, Barvinok, Kazka and Tsvitka dance ensembles; and other artists; as well as a special guest appearance by 2008 Olympic boxing bronze medalist Vyacheslav Glazkov of Ukraine. Come enjoy delicious Ukrainian foods, a pig roast and scrumptious home-made pastries. Also featured: an international beer garden with live music, vendors galore, and games for children. A "zabava" (dance) begins at 8 p.m.; free admission for all under age 21, \$5 for those 21 and over. All proceeds benefit the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey. For more information call 908-759-1771 or 201-317-9518.

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a lecture "Poetry as a Form of Social and Political Criticism in American literature in 1960-2000s" by Olesya Bondarenko, 2013-2014 Fulbright recipient at Columbia University. Olesya Bondarenko works at Kyiv National Linguistic University and is a researcher of American literature. In 2012 she was a visiting scholar at the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies in Berlin. Ms. Bondarenko's scholarly articles and translations of philosophical and fictional materials were published in various Ukrainian journals. The event will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5

p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Sunday, October 6

CHICAGO: The Chicago Business and Professional Group (CBPG) invites members and the community to a presentation and book signing by Diana Howansky Reilly, who will discuss her new book "Scattered: The Forced Relocation of Poland's Ukrainians after World War II." The presentation will be held at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, 2320 W. Chicago Ave., at 1 p.m., followed by a brunch reception. Admission: \$10 for CBPG members; \$15 for non-members and guests.

WASHINGTON: The Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Branch 78 in Washington, invites all to its 50th jubilee to be held at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family at 4250 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC, 20017. The festivities will start at 2 p.m. with a program followed by dinner. Donations at the door can be made to the UNWLA Endowment Fund for Women's Studies at the Ukrainian Catholic University. For information and reservations call 301-840-1713.

Saturday, October 12

JENKINTOWN, Pa.: The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center is sponsoring an outdoor festival featuring Ukrainian dance performances, delicious home-made Ukrainian food, a Ukrainian beer garden, vendors, Ukrainian folk art exhibits and demonstrations by master craftsmen in pysanky, gerdany, weaving, and wood-carving, and activities for the children, including a moon bounce, games, face-painting and much more, as well as live music throughout the event by the Cheremosh Band. The

Philadelphia Ukrainian Fest will be held at 700 Cedar Road in Jenkintown at 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 215-663-1166 or visit www.ukifest.com.

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27

CHICAGO: The Ukrainian Veterans and the Conservative Veterans of America invite the members of the community, patriots and veterans to two presentations by Peter J. Potichnyj. Prof. Potichnyj is known as the youngest member of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), in whose ranks he fought the Germans and Russians at age 14. At age 24, he had completed three years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps, including duty in Korea during the Korean conflict. He received a Ph.D. from Columbia University

and taught political science at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. There will be two presentations: on Saturday, at 6 p.m. the meeting will be held at the Ukrainian Center, 136 E. Illinois Ave. (at the intersection of Benton and Illinois); the presentation will be in English; on Sunday, at 1 p.m. the meeting will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, located on the corner of Chicago and Oakley avenues. The Sunday presentation will be in Ukrainian. In both presentations, Prof. Potichnyj will review the military history of the UPA and honor the memories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. There is no charge for these events. Col. Roman G. Golash (ret.) will moderate the sessions. For more information call 847-910-3532.

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NOV 3 2013	New York Friends of UCU Fundraising Banquet <i>Sunday, November 3, 2013</i> Ukrainian National Home, 140 Second Avenue
NOV 8 2013	"Jazz it up for UCU, Chicago" - Cocktails and Music <i>Friday, November 8, 2013</i> Ukrainian Cultural Center, 2247 West Chicago Avenue
NOV 10 2013	Chicago Friends of UCU Fundraising Banquet <i>Sunday, November 10, 2013</i> Ukrainian Cultural Center, 2247 West Chicago Avenue
NOV 16 2013	Calgary Friends of UCU Fundraising Banquet <i>Saturday, November 16, 2013</i> St. Stephen Protomartyr UCC, Cultural Center, 4903, 45th Street
DEC 1 2013	Toronto Friends of UCU Fundraising Banquet <i>Sunday, December 1, 2013</i> UNF Trident Hall, 145 Evans Avenue



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