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# Pop star MP firmly backs Orange

By LENA PLEKHANOVA

**R**uslana Lyzhychko, who rose to fame after winning the 2004 Eurovision Song Contest, has confirmed her trust in embattled Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko. Lyzhychko, who supported Yushchenko's fight for the presidency in 2004, during the Orange Revolution, was elected to the country's parliament during the March 26 general elections on the ticket of the pro-presidential Our Ukraine party. In an Aug. 22 interview to the Post, from the roof of Kyiv's Mandarin Plaza, Ruslana said that despite her busy career as a performer she is committed to her duties as a member of parliament.

**KP:** How have you managed to juggle your responsibilities as a Ukrainian pop star and a national lawmaker?

**RL:** Frankly, some things became even simpler for me when I became an MP ... When I visited different events where I was invited [as an MP] – forums, business exhibitions, the European Council, the European Parliament – I often had to improvise. But as an energetic person, I could see the areas where I could do my best. Primarily, these are social issues and charity. One social issue is human trafficking ... Therefore, it is very natural to be in politics, to see who pronounces all the patriotic messages, and be able to turn to them with these issues. Regarding my presence in politics in general – I feel very uncomfortable there...

**KP:** You were a vocal supporter of the Orange Revolution. With the Orange coalition now in pieces, who do you support now – BYUT opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko or President Viktor Yushchenko?

**RL:** Probably no one would want to be in Yushchenko's place now. There are



Ukrainian pop singer and parliament deputy Ruslana Lyzhychko, above, says that despite the breakup of the Orange coalition, she still stands solidly behind President Viktor Yushchenko, regardless of what awaits Ukraine in the future. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

a lot of critics, but there are only a few of them who can resolve the situation. I think that the situation we had after Maidan [reference to Orange Revolution] is everyone's fault. I always was and I will continue to be with Viktor Andriyovych [Yushchenko]. I came to politics with certain convictions. And no matter what awaits us in his future or Ukraine's future, I will stay with him, because I trust him as a person...

**KP:** What was your role during the recent coalition-forming turmoil following the March 2006 elections?

**RL:** The people wanted an Orange coalition, at least such people as myself wanted it ... Everyone understood that it was the pro-Ukrainian democratic way. I couldn't participate in the talks. I don't think I would have been able to have a great influence then. The talks were on a different level, and they didn't need any PR. But everyone tried to speak what they thought in public then. I stayed away from this during the entire time. When journalists asked me about politics during the presentation of my Wild Energy video, I said that they didn't really need my comments.

During the talks, everything was too critically significant and difficult, without adding my comments ... I was not really able to influence the results of those talks. I haven't been in politics for that long...

**KP:** Can you name any specific bills that you have taken any part in creating or getting passed?

**RL:** We want to do two things today. In the Committee for European Integration, we created a subcommittee

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# Ukrainians taxed with numbers

By OLGA GNATIV

Ukrainians who have refused to accept tax identification numbers on religious grounds or due to confidentiality concerns continue to face bureaucratic and financial obstacles, provoking criticism from human rights activists and church groups.

In the mean time, the state has moved closer to its goal of issuing the 10-digit numbers to all Ukrainian citizens by making it possible for hold-outs to change their minds.

The State Tax Administration (STA) began issuing obligatory tax I.D. numbers and maintaining a register of taxpayers in 1995 in the face of resistance from Ukrainian Orthodox Christians, who called the practice dehumanizing. Others argued that the numbers would not safeguard their personal financial information from breaches of confidentiality.

In October 2004, the tax administration removed its requirement that tax I.D. numbers be obligatory, and instead implemented an alternative identification system based on individuals' internal passport information for those who did not want a tax identification number.

Under that system, an individual receives a stamp in his passport from the STA, which gives him the right to conduct financial activities normally requiring a tax number.

Now, starting on Aug. 3, when a new STA resolution came into effect, Ukrainians will have the option of

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# Ukraine awaiting next hike in price paid for gas from Russia

By ORYSIA KULICK

Although Ukraine's new government has moved toward reinvigorating relations with Russia, the two countries are expected to clash ferociously over control of Ukraine's gas pipeline system in the coming months, with the price which Ukraine pays for Russian gas in the future playing a decisive role in the pipeline's fate.

Both the Ukrainian prime minister and the country's fuel and energy minister have visited Russia in the last week to hold talks with Russian leaders and officials of state-owned Gazprom. It was Viktor Yanukovich's first foreign visit as the new premier and, naturally, the price at which Russia sells gas to Ukraine topped the agenda.

Though pro-Russian in many respects, Yanukovich returned after

two days of meetings in Sochi with no firm guarantees that the price will not rise dramatically as Ukraine approaches another winter season. He told journalists Aug. 16 that he and Russian counterpart Mikhail Fradkov had reached an agreement to boost Ukraine's natural gas reserves and "had roughly determined the price parameters for the rest of this year and next year."

In addition, Fuel and Energy Minister Yuriy Boyko headed to Moscow for talks with Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller on Aug. 22, just days before the 15th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence.

Russian news agency ITAR-TASS reported that day that a source in the Ukrainian delegation had said that "the attention is focused on finalizing Ukraine's gas balance, on measures to

build up gas reserves, and on preparations for the autumn-winter season," adding that "no epoch-making decisions at this meeting will be made, because the talks are purely technical."

Nonetheless, Dragon Capital, a Kyiv-based investment bank, reported on Aug. 21 that Yanukovich had "expressed readiness to accept a 16 percent gas price hike to \$110 per 1,000 cubic meters," but added that that this estimate is preliminary because both sides cannot establish firm bids until negotiations with Turkmenistan are over.

In January 2006, the government of Yuriy Yekhanurov accepted a twofold increase in the price of gas imported from or through Russia after a bitter dispute with Gazprom, which prompted the company to shut off natural gas supplies for several days in the dead of winter.

A deal was eventually struck where-by Ukraine agreed to pay \$95 per 1,000 cubic meters for a mixture of Russian, Uzbek and Turkmen gas, rather than the \$230 initially proposed by Gazprom from the intermediary company RosUkrEnerg – a joint venture between Gazprom and two Ukrainian owners whose shady identity was finally disclosed earlier this year.

The question remains how high Gazprom will further raise the price paid by Ukraine for natural gas this winter, and what the Ukrainian government may have to give up to keep it low.

Industry experts have noted the fact that Yanukovich's return from Moscow with no confirmed figures, and only estimates for the price Ukraine could pay for gas in 2007, is a sign that while he may be pro-Russian

in terms of support for Russian language or Ukraine's closer integration into the Single Economic Space (a Moscow sponsored economic bloc), he is not ready to cede control over Ukraine's pipelines as a tradeoff for lower gas prices.

But Hryhoriy Nemyria, deputy head of the opposition Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, cautioned that "We know the name of the game and it's not about market prices per se, it's about leverage that Russia still wants to preserve, namely energy, as an instrument of foreign policy, globally and especially in the near abroad."

Nemyria has serious reservations as to whether Boyko will act in the interests of Ukrainian energy security, pointing to unanswered questions

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## CORRECTION

In the Aug. 17 issue of the Post, in the article entitled "Insurance market gets new buyer," we wrote: "The first foreign player to enter the Ukrainian insurance market was Polish insurance giant PZU Insurance Group, which has been operating in Ukraine for the last 12 years through its Ukrainian branch, PZU Ukraine Insurance Group." More precisely, according to the company, PZU Insurance Group was the first foreign "risk" insurance company in Ukraine, and the Lviv-based insurance company that it bought, Skide West, had been in Ukraine for 12 years.

## Major foreign bank gives Ukraine road repair loan

By IHOR EROS

Ukraine has received a much-needed credit line of 300 million euros (\$384 million) from Citibank N.A. London to help the country upgrade its dilapidated motorways.

Questions remain, however, on how the money will be used, following accusations by a major international lending institution that Ukraine's road service had misappropriated funds provided earlier for similar work.

Heorhii Hlynskiy, deputy chairman of Ukravtodor, Ukraine's state road service, announced on July 20 that Citibank had provided the first 82-million-euro (\$105 million) tranche of the \$384 million loan for the construction, reconstruction and repair of Ukrainian roads, adding that the second of the loan's three tranches would not be received earlier than September.

Neither Citibank London, its subsidiary Citibank (Ukraine), nor Ukravtodor would disclose the period or other details of the loan upon requests from the Post.

Hlynskiy said that Citibank won the tender to provide the loan in May, with Ukraine's Cabinet of Minister giving Ukravtodor the go-ahead to receive the funds from the loan in July.

Ukravtodor said that it plans to invest the funds from the loan into the reconstruction of a number of major Ukrainian roadways this year.

The loan was attracted in line with the 2006 state budget bill, which provides that funds from the loan be used for major repairs along the Kyiv-Odessa highway, minor improvements of the Kharkiv-Simferopol-Sevastopol road, and reconstruction along the Kyiv-Kharkiv road, Hlynskiy said.

Differentiating the loan that Ukravtodor received from Citibank and other similar loans received in the past, Hlynskiy said that the Citibank loan was earmarked for more than just road repair work.

"Citibank N.A. London is, for now, the only organization to provide Ukravtodor with a credit not only for repairing, but also for constructing new roads. New tenders could be announced later, but this will depend on the decisions that the government makes," Hlynskiy told the Post Aug. 15.



A map of Ukraine shows the highways that are slated for major repair and reconstruction work this year, funded by a 300-million-euro credit line from Citibank N.A. London to Ukravtodor, Ukraine's state road service.

According to Ukravtodor's website, it was founded in 2001 as the central agency to operate Ukraine's general purpose automobile roads, excluding city streets and thoroughfares in populated areas. The agency is accountable to Ukraine's president and Cabinet of Ministers.

However, following earlier road development loans to Ukravtodor by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the EBRD has put that accountability to question.

The EBRD granted Ukravtodor a credit line of \$100 million in February 2005 to reconstruct a portion of the 824-kilometer Kyiv-Chop highway near Lviv, which links Ukraine with Western Europe.

"The project builds on the cooperation between the Bank and Ukravtodor, which began in 2000 with a 75-million-euro EBRD loan to rehabilitate the M06 section between Chop and Striy [a city south of Lviv], and which led to significant improvements in road sector financing," the EBRD

said in a statement at the time of the loan.

The EBRD also said that the \$100 million loan was its first credit line to the new administration of President Viktor Yushchenko, who had been sworn in just weeks earlier.

"This project shows EBRD's clear commitment to supporting Ukraine, and to reforms in the transport sector in particular," said Olivier Deschamps, EBRD Business Group Director for Ukraine and South East Europe.

"We hope to build on this positive example of cooperation with the new government and to implement similar infrastructure projects in the near future," he added.

However, according to an EBRD project summary document published on the Bank's website May 8, 2006, the EBRD said that "auditors of [Ukraine's] Audit Chamber revealed that, in violation of legislation and state construction standards, Ukravtodor was reconstructing the Kyiv-Odessa motor road during 2003-

2004 without having one general reconstruction project and design estimates approved in keeping with procedures provided for by the law."

The EBRD said that instead of one work plan, through its orders, Ukravtodor approved 136 contractor designs for separate sections of the road from 0.5 km to 4.6 km in length. According to the bank, Ukravtodor did so in order to take the road reconstruction process out of the government's control and avoid examinations by state authorities.

As a result, the bank said, Ukravtodor was able to approve the maximum estimated cost of the work and increase that cost continuously, resulting in the estimated cost of the work increasing from an initial Hr 2.5 billion (\$500 million) by an additional Hr 1 billion (\$200 million).

The EBRD declined to comment further on its May 8, 2006 statement upon requests from the Post. Ukravtodor's Hlynskiy said he was not familiar with the project summary document.

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## Ukraine rules out ceding control of gas transit system to Russia



Ukraine's Fuel and Energy Minister Yuriy Boyko, pictured above, headed for Moscow on Aug. 22 for talks with Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller to discuss the price of Russian gas for Ukraine ahead of the autumn-winter heating season. (Andriy Porokhnenko)

**GAS**, continued from page 3 regarding the role played by Boyko (then former chairman of state oil and gas company Naftogaz Ukrayiny) in brokering the controversial Jan. 2006 gas deal that introduced RosUkrEnergo as the single intermediary supplier to Ukraine of gas coming from or through Russia. Nemyria also questioned Boyko's instrumental role in reversing the flow of oil through the Odessa-Brody pipeline "from Brody to Odessa, a politically motivated decision strongly pressured by the Russian Federation." The pipeline was originally intended to pump Caspian oil to Europe around Russia.

A report entitled "It's a Gas" by the NGO Global Witness said Boyko had a role in RosUkrEnergo's operations in 2004 whilst occupying the post of chair of Naftogaz Ukrayiny, which it called a "blatant conflict of interest."

Energy Minister Boyko did publicly rule out on Aug. 21 the option of ceding any managerial control over Ukraine's gas transportation system to Russia because the issue is "so politicized."

Ilya Bourtmann, Eurasia specialist at the Washington-based consultancy

firm PFC Energy, said that although Ukraine has averted a crisis with Russia in the short-term there are larger underlying structural problems that indicate that "The period we are in now can best be described as a ceasefire, rather than a long-term cessation to the fighting."

The January 2006 agreement fixed the price of natural gas at \$95 dollars for the first six months of this year, and Russia did not increase the price on July 1.

Bourtmann said that the fact that state-owned Naftogaz Ukrayiny is struggling to pay its debts (it only paid back \$49.6 million of the \$372 million it owes to RosUkrEnergo) "is of course a worrying signal."

Indeed, even though Boyko has underscored that control over Ukraine's pipelines is at the moment non-negotiable, the "pay or pump" solution proposed by Gazprom is one where Ukraine either cedes control over the pipelines or pays market prices for gas.

Analysts stress that this year we'll see Russia move to secure a monopoly over the pipelines transporting gas to

Western Europe.

Julia Nanay, Senior Director of the Russia and Caspian Service at PFC Energy, said that "Russia wants Ukraine to cede control of its natural gas pipelines and will raise Ukraine's gas price to a level this winter that will eventually achieve this." Her colleague Bourtmann agreed, adding "it's clear that Russia is making a play at Ukraine's 38,000 km pipeline network. Expect Ukraine to fight tooth-and-nail to retain control."

Nemyria concluded that "Gazprom has acquired a monopoly over gas, and what they are now lacking is a monopoly on the routes."

"In the context of the January 2006 gas crisis, the Russians pressed Ukraine to cede control over its pipelines in exchange for lower natural gas prices... they said the Belarusians did this, and asked why Ukraine does not do the same. That was their offer," he said, adding that nothing has changed since then. This search for what Nemyria referred to as a "double monopoly" could mean Ukrainian consumers pay more for natural gas this winter.

## President unveils Kyiv monument to Chornovil

KYIV (AP) - President Viktor Yushchenko unveiled a new monument to late opposition leader Vyacheslav Chornovil in Kyiv on Aug. 23, and ordered a new investigation into the 1999 automobile crash that killed the popular nationalist.

Authorities said the March 25, 1999, incident - in which the car Chornovil was riding in slammed into the side of a truck - was an accident, but doubts grew when the government refused to investigate other theories and quickly granted amnesty to the truck driver.

The crash occurred as Chornovil, who was expected to enter the 1999 presidential race, was returning from a campaign trip. A video-recorded confession of alleged police involvement surfaced, but then was mysteriously misplaced.

Former President Leonid Kuchma's government long dismissed allegations that Chornovil's death was a political killing aimed at removing a potential presidential rival.

Yushchenko called for the new probe

as he unveiled a life-sized bronze monument to Chornovil in the center of Kyiv.

"For the people in power and law enforcement bodies, solving the case is an issue of professional conscience and civic dignity," Yushchenko said.

"I am sure that we must come to a totally different conclusion ... which is likely to lead us to the fact that this wasn't just a mere accident," he said.

Yushchenko came into office in 2004 and the investigation was reopened after numerous requests from former party colleagues and Chornovil's son Taras, a member of parliament.

Last fall, police said they suspected Chornovil's death was a political killing, but the case again stalled.

"It is obvious that it was not a usual car accident," Chornovil's widow, Olena Pashko, said.

Chornovil was a dissident during the Soviet period, who spent time in jail for his political views, and he was instrumental in fostering Ukraine's independence amid the Soviet collapse.



Ukrainian dissident and nationalist Vyacheslav Chornovil is pictured at right during a memorial service in his memory after his death in a car crash in 1999. President Viktor Yushchenko ordered a new probe into Chornovil's death on Aug. 23. (Post file photo)

### Independent trio



President Viktor Yushchenko flanked by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, left, and Rada speaker Oleksandr Moroz, after laying flowers at the monument to Mykhailo Hrushevsky on Aug. 23, the eve of Ukraine's 15th Independence Day anniversary. (AP)

## Who's in Ukraine's new Cabinet of Ministers

The new Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers, formed at the start of August after the election of Viktor Yanukovich as premier, is based on a coalition of leftist and pro-Russian parties.

After four months of political maneuvering, Yanukovich's Party of Regions formed a parliamentary majority with the Socialists and the Communists. A part of the pro-presidential Our Ukraine faction supported the coalition majority vote but didn't sign on officially.

As the force with the biggest number of votes at the March election, the Regions have the lion's share of Cabinet posts. The Donetsk-based party will control some major portfolios concerning the country's economy.

Yanukovich will have four deputies. Mykola Azarov will serve as both first deputy prime minister and finance minister, while Andriy Klyuyev will be in charge of the fuel and energy sector, Dmytro Tabachnyk will oversee humanitarian and social issues, and Volodymyr Rybak will head the Construction Ministry.

Azarov and Klyuyev are among Yanukovich's oldest and staunchest allies. Azarov is generally seen as a technocrat, and Klyuyev is a wealthy businessman who led Yanukovich's campaign in the 2004 presidential election. Tabachnyk is a hangover from the days of former President Leonid Kuchma.

The Regions' quota of posts also includes Environment Minister Vasyl Dzharty, Coal Industry Minister Serhiy Tulub and Fuel and Energy Minister Yuriy Boyko.

Virtually all of the Regions' ministers have experience in senior government posts.

The Ukrainian president's quota, the defense and foreign ministers, is filled by Anatoliy Hrytsenko and Boris Tarysuk, respectively. Both are strongly supportive of Ukraine's integration into Euro-Atlantic structures and delegated by President Viktor Yushchenko to assure the public that Ukraine's pro-Western course will not undergo any big change under Yanukovich.

Interior Minister Yuriy Lutsenko, a former Socialist Party member who is now independent, is also seen as a Yushchenko man.

Our Ukraine is also represented by several ministers, including Justice Minister Roman Zvarych, Emergency Situations Minister Viktor Baloha and Health Minister Yuriy Polyachenko.

However, according to the country's Constitution, all three of these ministers can be easily dismissed by the parliament.

The Socialist Party is represented by Education Minister Stanislav Nikolayenko and Transport Minister Mykola Rudkovskyy.

The affiliation of Agro-industrial Complex Minister Yuriy Melnyk and Industrial Policy Minister Anatoliy Holovko is unclear, but they have been linked to the Communists.

One issue of concern is that in Yanukovich's Cabinet - as in virtually all former Ukrainian Cabinets - there is no clear separation between politics and business. Many Cabinet members have vested interests in different business spheres, and this could become a source of conflict in the coalition.

# Korrespondent publishes TOP-100 influential people list

By STEPHAN LADANAJ

*Korrespondent*, a leading Ukrainian news magazine, has announced its rating of the Top 100 most influential people in the country, an annual poll conducted by the editorial staff of the Russian-language weekly that attempts to reflect the changing fortunes of Ukraine's power elite against a background of shifting public opinion.

This year's rating results were presented by *Korrespondent* editors during an Aug. 17 press conference held at UNIAN news agency in Kyiv.

With the 2006 Top 100 list, the magazine's fourth since it launched the poll in 2003, "*Korrespondent* wanted to offer its readers its own view of just how much the country's landscape of personal influence has changed following the recent political shakeup," chief editor, Vitaly Sych, said during the news conference.

The change in those positions compared with last year's poll has indeed been significant, with some individuals "losing unlimited influence and power, and others, gaining it," reads a statement released by the magazine.

Ukrainians reappraised their and the country's priorities following the 2004 Orange Revolution and the March 2006 parliamentary elections, which both had a significant impact on the distribution of power among the elite in Ukraine, according to *Korrespondent*.

"While the political battles this year [the protracted fight over the formation of a parliamentary coalition and government following the March 26 elections] were not as pitched as the social unrest of the Orange Revolution in 2004, the consequences of those battles for the most influential people in the country were no less significant," the statement continues.

A total of 44 new individuals made the rating this year – nearly as many as



*Korrespondent* editors answer questions at a news conference Aug. 17 on the magazine's Top-100 issue. Pictured from left, Business Editor Aleksandr Pashover, Life Editor Anna Moroz, Chief Editor Vitaly Sych and Nation Editor Olha Kryzhanovska. (Natalia Kravchuk)

last year, following the 2004 presidential elections.

"The creation of a parliamentary coalition has truly changed the face of the elite," according to the Russian-language weekly. "While the rating last year included only several members of the elite from Donetsk Region, this year they form the backbone of the list."

This year, a businessman replaced the Ukrainian president in the top spot on the list for the first time in the list's four-year history.

Considered to be the wealthiest man in Ukraine, Donetsk tycoon and parliament deputy Rinat Akhmetov moved into first spot on the list from fifth position last year. He replaced President Viktor Yushchenko, who moved to second place in 2006 because "his [Yushchenko's] ideas are no longer as popular as they were two years ago and he also has fewer levers of influence over events in the country,"

*Korrespondent* said.

The magazine named Akhmetov Ukraine's most influential person due to his enormous wealth and sprawling business holdings, as well as the key role that he plays within the Party of Regions – the pro-Russian bloc that recently wrested power from the shattered Orange forces in parliament, forming a coalition of its own.

Vadim Karasyov, the director of the Institute of Global Strategies, a political think tank, told the *Post*, *Korrespondent's* sister publication, that the list not only documents the rise and fall of Ukraine's powerbrokers, but also shows the large extent to which big business – and big businessmen – have come to dominate and exert great influence on Ukrainian politics within the last year.

He said that in this sense, the fact that Akhmetov heads this year's list, followed by a large number of other power-

ful businessmen, many of whom are also closely linked with Akhmetov, was very significant.

"Since the Orange Revolution, Ukraine has become the Republic of Businessmen, the Republic of Big Business," Karasyov said. "Business has taken political power into its hands."

Viktor Luhovyk, the head of communications at Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital, said that the rating introduces a civilizing factor into the political life of Ukraine, since it not only reflects which individuals played the most important role in charting the country's political and economic course over the last year, but also helps make Ukrainian politics more transparent.

"It helps remind politicians that they are in the public eye and being scrutinized by the mass media, as well as other observers," Luhovyk said in an interview to the *Post*.

## THE TOP 10 OF KORRESPONDENT'S 2006 TOP-100 LIST OF UKRAINE'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

Position	Name	Description	Dynamic
1	Rinat Akhmetov	Businessman, Member of Parliament	+4
2	Viktor Yushchenko	President of Ukraine	-1
3	Yulia Tymoshenko	BYuT opposition leader, former prime minister	-1
4	Viktor Yanukovich	Prime Minister, Party of Regions leader	+21
5	Oleksandr Moroz	Parliament Speaker, Socialist Party leader	+8
6	Ihor Kolomoyskiy	Businessman	+2
7	Petro Poroshenko	Businessman, Member of Parliament	-4
8	Serhiy Taruta	Businessman	+14
9	Mykola Azarov	First Deputy Prime Minister, Finance Minister	New position
10	Leonid Chernovetskiy	Mayor of Kyiv	+83

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## Singer denies conflict with lawmaking

**RUSLANA**, cont'd from page 3  
for implementing the ideas of European integration in Ukraine. I'm the head of this sub-committee ... When integrating with Europe, we don't know much about the standards that we want to reach, even on a daily, social level. We want to implement the popularization of world-accepted practices in Ukraine. This program is our main priority now. This is with respect to international work.

Regarding domestic activities, this involves the law on patronage of the arts, even though some people frighten me by saying that this law would be very difficult for Ukraine, meaning there could be abuses – the emergence of new schemes to conceal money. This should be taken into account. However, this law would boost the development of charity and culture [in Ukraine]...

In September, we will begin implementing this.

**KP:** You are currently featured in an anti-human-trafficking project. Are you paid for your work on this project?

**RL:** This is a completely charitable activity. There are many activities, charitable concerts. I want to dedicate my future tour to two very critical social problems, one of which is human trafficking. This tour would not be commercial, but will aim to attract people's attention to social problems. We would be happy to help – not only through public relations. This should be done on a governmental level, and

we are going to do it...

**KP:** Recently, the Ukrainian press widely reported the comments of Aleksandra Kuzhel, president of the analytical center *Academis*, who noted that it would be good for you to clarify yourself – whether you want to devote yourself to a parliamentary job or to concerts.

**RL:** This is an illogical, groundless and senseless statement. This message brought nothing constructive either to me or to the person who made it ... I am completely convinced that this person knows nothing about my activities, reads neither my creative nor political websites, which describe all of my steps, my activity, work, political program, and so on.

At certain moments, it became a tradition to try to find some hot buttons [to press] regarding the president or his team and see if it would have some sort of an effect. This will never work out with me. They can beat me or shoot me with a gun, but I will just continue going my way and will not react to this.

**KP:** Do you think you have enough "wild" energy to continue to combine your political and entertainment interests?

**RL:** Absolutely. My advice for this person [myself] is to concentrate on her activities and worry about how much she can do for Ukraine.

If we begin to confuse each other [Ruslana and herself] we'll never start doing anything...

**KP:** On the first day that the new parliament began work you said you wouldn't miss a single session. Did you manage to keep your promise?

**RL:** I missed not more than three, or a maximum of four sessions during the World Soccer Championship. The fact of the matter is that when I came to politics, I already had contracts. Part of those contracts couldn't be canceled. And we received the invitation from the World Soccer Championship beforehand and couldn't cancel this arrangement, especially since we did a lot of things for Ukraine's good image there...

**KP:** You recently presented your new video project together with the Ukrainian writing duet, Maryna and Serhiy Dyachenko. Both the Dyachenkos' book and your new video are filled with the mood of Maidan. What did you want to say with this project? Was it a way of somehow encouraging Ukrainians disappointed with the events that followed the Orange Revolution? Or was it, as some say, a way of promoting Orange power, which failed to justify the hopes of those who stood on the Maidan?

**RL:** I think a pessimistic mood is everyone's personal problem. We fell under the influence of PR technologies [during the Orange Revolution] like a bunch of monkeys. So where is our independence if after hearing something on TV, we just repeat all that stuff? A person must be logical in his decisions – [determining] what is good

and what is bad. If one is pessimistic, one cannot create anything. I think it's important to remain optimistic under any circumstances, just as [it is] to remain faithful. Even if one is disappointed with some specific things or individuals, his faith must, anyway, remain with Ukraine...

Regarding this book, the idea and the plot belong to Serhiy and Maryna. I don't think they thought about the political part in this. I want everyone to rise above the political part and understand "Wild Energy" as a philosophy, as a lifestyle.

**KP:** Won't that be difficult in the context of current events?

**RL:** I think it would be absolutely normal. I think everything is much more global. Wherever you live – in Ukraine, the U.S., Denmark or China – everyone has the same problem of the confrontation between the natural and the artificial. We became used to saying black and white, grey and colorful, positive and negative...

**KP:** Orange and blue?

**RL:** ...Yes. And so on. So we decided to say wild and synthetic. And the Dyachenkos simply wrote this philosophy down in this way. I share this philosophy, and my part in it is wild...

**KP:** Does the book have good sales?

**RL:** It's number three in Ukraine now in terms of sales... And I think that there is virtually no political aspect there. If there are some analogies, I'm

not going to insist on my opinion. Everyone makes his own associations. But I know that both I and they [the Dyachenkos] had nothing but philosophy in mind...

**KP:** What is your attitude toward lobbyists working with Ukrainian MPs in pursuit of specific business interests? Have you been approached by any lobby groups?

**RL:** I would rather lobby youth initiatives; I would lobby civic organizations, a number of separate projects in those spheres in which I am a professional.

**KP:** So you mean you would lobby, or you do lobby?

**RL:** I will lobby. I mean if the question was what to promote, I would lobby these kinds of things. And people come to me with such initiatives. Youth organizations come to me with different propositions starting with the creation of martial arts schools, for example. They also turn to me with proposals to create an archive of all ethnic music of Ukraine. And this is the kind of initiatives I will lobby, I will speak about them.

The matter is that I don't want to be taken only as a PR instrument. I want to begin looking for possibilities to have an influence in politics ... I need to learn how to knock on the doors of different officials, breaking into their offices and do wild dancing there – and use all kinds of ways to move these initiatives forward.

## State tax administration gives ID holdouts chance to join system

**TAX**, cont'd from page 3  
switching from the passport-based system to the 10-digit code.

According to Natalia Kalinichenko, the head of the taxpayer registration depart-

ment at the State Tax Administration, soon after the alternative tax identification system had been implemented, individuals under that system began encountering problems that they would have

been able to avoid with a real tax I.D. number, prompting them to rethink their views, religious or otherwise.

"After taking this step in 2004, we ran into situations, where people changed their minds and wanted to receive a real tax number," Kalinichenko said, "but there was no procedure available for them to do that."

Kalinichenko said that among the problems faced by those under the passport-based system were difficulties in obtaining income statements reflecting their revenue histories.

According to Kalinichenko, those without tax numbers must gather their revenue histories themselves, while the tax administration can provide this information upon request to those who have a tax I.D. number, starting with revenues made in 1998.

In addition, she said, banks typically don't provide large loans to individuals without a tax I.D. number, while some countries require a tax number in order to issue a visa.

Under the STA's Aug. 3 resolution, a Ukrainian citizen who had refused to accept a tax I.D. number can now get the stamp in his passport annulled by the STA, and fill out an application for a regular tax number, after the individual has been entered into the single state register of taxpayers.

For those concerned with confidentiality issues, Kalinichenko said "the state list of taxpayer identification numbers and the income information it includes is maintained by the STA and is confidential."

She said that under Ukrainian legislation, the STA can verify individuals' income information for some state institutions, but it can't provide them with actual income figures. She added that among such institutions are the State Pension Fund, which verifies income information in order to calculate pen-

sions, and law-enforcement authorities, which need income verification for court decisions.

Kalinichenko said that Ukrainian citizens can request income information about themselves, but only after presenting tax administration officials with their passports.

Volodymyr Yavorsky, the executive director of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, said that a letter he sent to the State Tax Administration requesting information confirmed for him that the Administration did not manage people's personal income data with the degree of confidentiality that it professed to employ.

"I requested income data under my name and tax identification number and

in the regions not aware of the passport-based tax identification system could refuse to hire someone without a regular tax number, or not pay him his salary.

In 2006, the government issued a resolution that allows those who refused the tax identification number to get a foreign passport if they have the required stamp in their internal passports. However, Kalinichenko acknowledged, the resolution is still not being enforced.

Yavorsky said that since Ukrainian legislation requires a tax identification number for tax calculation purposes only, it could not be considered an issue affecting religious matters. "It is really more a question regarding the human right of confidentiality."



Volodymyr Yavorsky, the executive director of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, pictured above, says that the tax identification issue has less to do with religious matters, and is more a question regarding tax numbers as an infringement of the human right of confidentiality. (Konstantin Klimenko)

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– Natalia Kalinichenko, State Tax Administration

soon received all [of my income] information for the last four years by mail, without passport verification," he said.

"In a country with an unstable democracy, the accessibility of personal income data is unacceptable," he added.

According to Yavorsky, Ukrainian citizens who have refused the tax identification numbers face many problems.

For example, he said that a tax I.D. number is strictly required if a citizen wants to obtain a passport to travel abroad.

He also said that in some instances, people have been unable to obtain their inheritances without tax I.D. numbers. In other instances, employers

Nevertheless, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate has been the fiercest critic of the state tax I.D. numbers.

"In essence, a person's appropriation of a dehumanizing code that can be used in all legal relationships between the state and a citizen, and also between citizens, conflicts with the Christian understanding of the value of a name," Archbishop of Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky Myrofan said during a parliamentary hearing on the issue held in June 2005.

In Ukraine, the tax I.D. can be used to find out information about an individual's payments on loans, public utilities, mobile phones, etc.

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## Film industry still looking abroad

By LENA PLEKHANOVA

Although the film production business in Ukraine is coming into its own, with local outfits taking on domestic and international projects, market insiders say the country's poor industry infrastructure is holding back larger orders from abroad. In the mean time, the movies shown at the country's cinemas and on television are largely distributed in Ukraine by Russian-based companies.

Oleksandr Tkachenko, head of Odessa film studio and co-owner of the small Kyiv cinema network Liniya Kino, thinks the country's film industry is looking up.

Odessa film studio, established in 1919, is 51 percent owned by the state and handles state as well as commercial projects from Ukrainian and foreign film production companies.

"The production market has grown twofold in the last year, both in terms of the amount of production and turnover," he said.

"Annual turnover for television production – films, series and commercials – is more than \$20 million. Ukrainian widescreen production, I believe, is even more.

Box office turnover, including DVD rentals, can be up to \$50 million," he added.

As an example of some of the more recent films produced in Ukraine for Ukrainian audiences, Tkachenko named "Shtolnya" (The Mine – 2006), which has been billed as Ukraine's first thriller in the Ukrainian language; and "Pomarancheve Nebo" (Orange Sky – 2005), a drama which deals with events from the country's 2004 Orange Revolution.

According to Tkachenko, "Hollywood movies of the same level earn from one hundred to five hundred thousand dollars at cinemas. I think these two movies didn't do much worse," said Tkachenko.

Compared to the West, Ukraine's film production market is much less stable and systematized, lacking an advanced infrastructure, multiple studios and highly qualified staff.

"Foreign film production companies have more resources to finance their projects. Foreign banks give them

credits to produce films. Our banks have only started to provide this service," he said.

The country's underdeveloped infrastructure is one of the main reasons why Ukraine's film production market cannot attract more foreign investors and projects, according to Iryna Kostyuk, the CEO and co-founder of Kyiv-based Media Resource Management, which has been providing consultancy and research services for media-market players in Ukraine since February 2006.

Kostyuk previously worked six years for one of Ukraine's top two television channels, purchasing films from international studios.

"In Ukraine we have cheap labor. This could attract foreign companies to film in Ukraine. But we can offer them neither good film studios nor laboratories ... Some Ukrainian series have been filmed in hangars or warehouses," she said.

**"FOREIGN FILM PRODUCTION COMPANIES HAVE MORE RESOURCES TO FINANCE THEIR PROJECTS. FOREIGN BANKS GIVE THEM CREDITS TO PRODUCE FILMS. OUR BANKS HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE."**

– Oleksandr Tkachenko, head of Odessa film studio

Although the country's film production infrastructure is poor, according to Kostyuk Ukrainian production companies still manage to make about 1,000 hours of films a year.

For example, she cited a Ukrainian made series called "Za vse tebya blagodaryu" which was a hit on Russian television last year.

The series was made by the Ukrainian production company Pro-TV, headed by Viktor Prykhodko, the former director of the Kyiv-based Dovzhenko film studios.

The series' co-producer was Film UA production company, the former production arm of the Inter TV channel.

According to Kostyuk, the cost of making a film in Ukraine is cheaper than in the West.

"The production of a movie for a cinema costs about \$1.5 million. The expenses for making a television film can range from \$70,000 to \$400,000. The shooting of a series costs \$50,000 for each episode," she said.

According to Kostyuk, the primary and biggest market for Ukrainian producers is TV channels. More often than not Ukrainian and Russian TV channels order films and series directly from Ukrainian production companies. In other less common cases, production companies create films and then sell the rights to distributors. In either case, the main source of revenue is Russian TV channels, because selling the film only in Ukraine is not profitable.

"The Ukrainian market and prices for the final product are about eight times smaller than those in Russia," said Kostyuk, "Ukrainian TV channels pay from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for a television film. And as for series, the price ranges from \$3,000 to \$20,000 for each episode. Russian channels pay up to eight or even 10 times more. The production companies also sell their films to other CIS countries, Israel, the Baltic States, as well as Canada, the United States and China."

According to Kostyuk, "in most countries, big TV channels create their own production branches ... but the structures our channels have now are not strong enough ... so I think that independent production companies prevail in the production area."

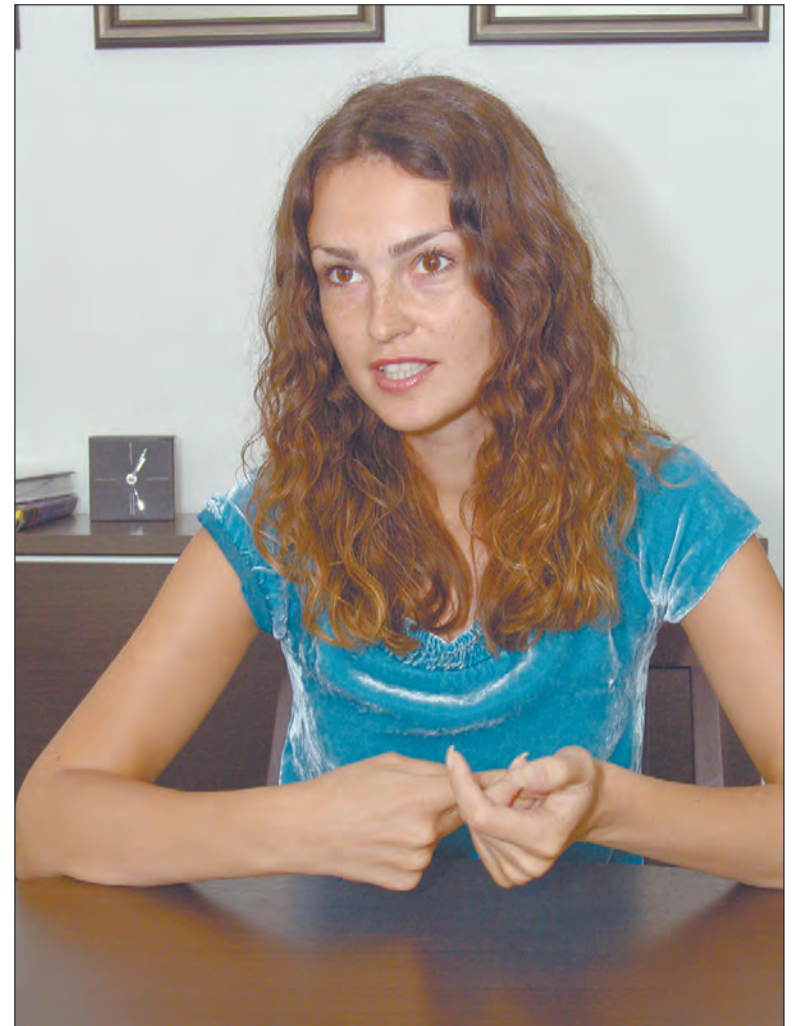
The main trend being observed on Ukraine's market is localization, or a growth in demand for locally produced films, she said.

"Foreign series are disappearing from prime-time television. Ukrainian films are becoming more popular, the demand for them is growing."

Regarding the distribution of foreign films in Ukraine, Kostyuk said that the business is dominated by Russian-based companies.

"Russian distributors open big offices here. Recently Russian Central Partnership opened an office in Ukraine," she said.

Russian Central Distributors, a producer and distributor of film and television products founded in 1997,



Iryna Kostyuk, the CEO and co-founder of Kyiv-based Media Resource Management, a Ukrainian media market consultancy, says that Ukraine's film production industry is hampered by a lack of infrastructure and trained personnel. (Konstantin Kliemenko)

opened its International Sales Division in 2005, according to the company's website.

While Ukrainian cinemas show mostly American and, to a lesser extent, Russian films, television channels take movies and series from Europe, Latin America and even further afield.

According to Kostyuk, there is no set price paid by distributors for the rights to a movie.

"The prices for the right to show a film in a cinema may range from \$100,000 to millions of dollars," she said.

Kostyuk said that some television channels have their own film dubbing studios, but there are also companies that provide dubbing or subtitling services, for example, to Ukraine's television stations, which show a lot of foreign films and series dubbed or voiced over into Russian or Ukrainian.

Most of Ukraine's production and distribution and dubbing companies are concentrated in Kyiv.

"About 40 percent of modern, well equipped cinema halls are in Kyiv... All the production companies operate mostly in Kyiv," she said.

Last winter, a Kyiv-based business group announced a bold investment project to create a modern film production facility on the outskirts of the nation's capital with the help of a major Hollywood studio.

Kiev-Donbass, a group of companies that includes the capital's CarteBlanche restaurant group and Puzata Khata restaurants, as well as other high-profile commercial entities, pledged to invest \$100 million over the next few years in what is set to be called Studio City Kyiv.

Oleksandr Konstantinovskiy, a vice president at Kiev-Donbass, said this money would go toward creation of the studio, as well as subsequent production of films. However, he declined to specify how much it would cost in total to build the studio itself.

"The financial model has not been

completed yet," he told the Post in February.

To get a return on their investment, Kiev-Donbass hopes the studio will get contracts for everything from adverts and animation to soundtracks and dubbing. The most lucrative work, of course, will come from moviemaking.

Konstantinovskiy, who works with his twin brother Vyacheslav, calls Ukraine's current film-industry earnings "miserly."

Cash-strapped state studios like Kyiv's Dovzhenko are overpriced and poorly equipped, the Ukrainian businessman said.

"They [Dovzhenko] are currently a monopolist, because there is no alternative on the Ukrainian market," said Oleksandr.

However, besides financing an independent Ukrainian film about the Orange Revolution called Orange Love, Kiev-Donbass doesn't have any film experience.

"The group has a lot of practice financing a wide variety of projects," said Konstantinovskiy, but for this one they made sure to hire industry specialists.

Kiev-Donbass's main specialist is California-based Culver Studios, which was purchased by Pacifica Ventures in 2004.

According to Culver's web site, "Pacifica Ventures was founded four years ago to create a worldwide network of technologically-advanced, first-class production facilities that would enable media professionals to produce their projects in key locations around the world as easily as they do in Los Angeles while enjoying the highest levels of customer service.

Culver will provide consulting, training and management, said Konstantinovskiy. It also might buy a stake in the project somewhere down the road, he added. Pacifica Ventures CEO Dana Arnold was in Kyiv on Jan 21-22 to announce the launching of the project.



Oleksandr Tkachenko, the head of Odessa film studio and co-owner of the small Kyiv cinema network Liniya Kino, believes that Ukraine's film industry is looking up, with the production market growing twofold in the last year. (Post file photo)

# Film Production and Distribution

By DMYTRO LYTVYNKO

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## FILM PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

Companies listed by total hours of films produced and distributed

COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS, E-MAIL, WEBSITE	TEL./FAX	TOP EXECUTIVE	YEAR ESTABLISHED IN UKRAINE	OWNERSHIP, UKRAINIAN / FOREIGN, %	SPECIALIZATION	NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	TOTAL LENGTH OF FILMS PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED IN 2005 / Q1-3 2006 (HOURS)	KINDS OF FILMS DISTRIBUTED	NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN UKRAINE / ABROAD	2005 BOX OFFICE
Cinema & Television	7 / 9 Artyleriysky lane info@kino-tv.com.ua www.kino-tv.com.ua	458-2877 458-0881	Nina Berezhkova	2000	100 / 0	Television rights distribution and film postscoring	12	More than 15,000	Feature, animation, documentary, series, TV programs	1 (New York)	WND
ArtHouse Traffic	19 Kostyantynivska, #27 press@arthousetraffic.com www.arthousetraffic.com	233-4557 235-6718	Denys Ivanov	2003	100 / 0	Film production and distribution	10	3,500	Feature, short, animation, documentary	1 (Odessa)	WND
Inter Film Concern	4 Topoleva kirienco@cp.org.ua www.interfilm.com.ua	492-7575 492-7576	Oleg Golovashkin	2000	100 / 0	Home video production and distribution	32	About 770	Feature	3 (Moldova, Belarus, Kazakhstan)	WND
Saga TV Market	58 Lenina Avenue, #608 (Kharkiv) saga@vk.kh.ua distribution@saga.kharkov.ua www.sagatv.net	8(057) 717-5576 717-5579 719-5596	Iryna Marchenko	1996	100 / 0	Film production and distribution, advertising	WND	400	Feature, documentary, series, cartoons	1 (Kyiv)	WND
B&H Film Distribution Company	1 Instytutska bohdan.b@bhcons.com oksana.y@bhcons.com www.bhcons.com	490-7067 490-7024	Bohdan Batruch	1995	100 / 0	Film distribution	59	100	Feature	No branches	Hr 68,341 million
IntWestDistribution	55Z Horevaya tv@intwest.com.ua www.intwest.com.ua	492-8884 492-8606	Oleg Stepanenko	2001	100 / 0	Film production and distribution, film festival organization	46	73	Feature	No branches	WND
JRC Film	14 Solomenska nikolay.p@jrc.kiev.ua www.jrc.ua	270-4204	Ivan Kryvosheyev	2006	100 / 0	Film distribution	10	17.5	Feature	No branches	WND
Prime Time	24V Myhaylivska www.primetime.com.ua	244-9180 244-9199	Anatol Tyshkevich	1995	100 / 0	Documentary, video clips, TV and radio programs production and distribution	WND	WND	Documentary, video clips, TV and radio programs	WND	WND
Salmon Distribution	2 / 37 Leypyzyska, #77 marina@direction.com.ua oleg@direction.com.ua	280-1175	Valery Serkutiev	2000	100 / 0	Television and video rights distribution	WND	WND	Feature, series, animation	WND	WND
Sonar Company	36 Bilostotskoho, #73 (Dnipropetrovsk) sonar@a-teleport.com	8(0562) 35-7139	Olexiy Pigin	2002	100 / 0	Television rights distribution, advertising	14	WND	All kinds of video	No branches	WND

Source: Media Resources Management, film producers and distributors, public information and Kyiv Post staff. WND means *Would Not Disclose*. N/A means *Not applicable*. This chart is not meant to be all-inclusive. The KP makes every effort to contact industry participants while compiling our Top List. If you would like to have your company included in our list, please contact [stephan@kyivpost.com](mailto:stephan@kyivpost.com).



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# Russian airliner crashes near Donetsk

**CRASH, cont'd from page 1**

many returning home from their summer vacation.

The flight recorders, or so-called black boxes, have been recovered from the site, where Russian and Ukrainian cleanup crews numbering almost 500 were deployed.

"Right now, it is difficult to determine the cause of the accident," Ukraine's Transport Minister Mykola Rudkovsky said in televised remarks. He noted, however, that weather had been severe, and suggested the plane might have flown into a cyclone.

Ukrainian officials said a storm with heavy winds, driving rain and flashes of lightning was raging through the region at the time. Russian Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Irina Andrianova, citing information from her Ukrainian counterparts, said the plane was likely hit by lightning.

The pilot asked to make an emergency landing before disappearing from the

radar screens at around 2:30 p.m. (1130GMT), said Mykhaylo Korsakov, an Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman in Donetsk. Rudkovsky said the pilot was given permission to change course by about 20 kilometers (12 miles) to the east.

The wreckage was found about an hour after the plane disappeared from radar screens in Sukha Balka, a village about 400 miles (640 kilometers) east of Kyiv.

Under sunny skies Aug. 23, fragments of the plane – its engines, parts of the landing gear, the nose and chunks of the fuselage – were scattered around fields and a small forest. Authorities had stretched red tape around a 700 square meters (7,500 square feet) area as investigators hunted for the recorders.

Vadim Seryogin, head of the team from the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry, said Russian investigators, prosecutors and security service officials were at the site. Authorities planned to begin

collecting the bodies later Aug. 23, and at least 50 relatives were expected to visit the crash scene, said Vasily Nalyotenko, deputy general director of Pulkovo Airlines.

Of the 170 people on board, 45 were children, Pulkovo Airlines deputy director Anatoly Samoshin told reporters at the St. Petersburg airport. The list of passengers, most of whom were from St. Petersburg, appeared to include many families. Preliminary information indicated a citizen of Netherlands, France, Finland and two Germans were among those who died, Nalyotenko said.

He said the 39-year-old captain of the crew was an experienced pilot who had flown 11,900 hours.

The crash was the third major incident involving Russia's aviation industry this year. It came less than two months after an Airbus A-310 of the Russian airline S7 skidded off a runway and burst into flames on July 9 in

the Siberian city of Irkutsk, killing 124 people.

On May 3, an A-320 of the Armenian airline Armavia crashed into the Black Sea while trying to land in the Russian resort city of Sochi in rough weather, killing all 113 people aboard.

Russian-made Tu-154s are widely used by Russian airlines for many regional flights.

Ukraine is also no stranger to air tragedy.

In late July 2002, Ukraine was the scene of the world's worst air-show disaster near Lviv when a fighter jet crashed into a crowd of spectators, killing almost 80 people.

In October 2001, a Tu-154, flying from Tel-Aviv (Israel) to Novosibirsk (Russia) with 78 people on board, crashed in the Black Sea on Oct. 4, 2001, after being shot down by a stray anti-aircraft missile launched during a Ukrainian military exercise.

As with the earlier disasters,

Ukraine's Prosecutor General's Office has opened a criminal case into the Aug. 22 Donetsk crash.

Aug. 23 was declared a day of mourning, with festive events planned to mark the country's Independence Day celebrations in the center of Kyiv put off until Aug. 26.

The air tragedy sends a dark cloud over Donbass, whose leaders have been triumphant since taking control over most seats in the government and parliament earlier this summer in a surprise comeback from their routing during the 2004 Orange Revolution.

A bilateral commission has been set up to investigate the disaster with top officials from Russia and Ukraine taking part.

The Russian Cabinet of Ministers has promised assistance to the families of the victims.

St. Petersburg governor Valentin Matvienko announced on Aug. 22 that the city would pay compensation to the victims' families.

## Gas price caps bring Ukraine's oil firms together for talks

By **ORYSIA KULICK**

Gasoline price caps introduced by the Ukrainian government last week brought the country's largest oil companies to the negotiating table, where they signed a memorandum of cooperation on Aug. 21 with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich aimed at bringing stability and transparency to the gasoline market. The document has been tentatively welcomed as a positive step towards resolving issues like administrative meddling and price collusion that have traditionally flared up between the government and private oil companies.

Nonetheless, there are no guarantees that the agreement will have the desired effect, especially because Ukraine continues to depend on imports from abroad, and major oil companies operating in Ukraine, if pressed, could still easily collude to further their interests.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yanukovich and new Fuel and Energy Minister Yuriy Boyko sent a strong message Aug. 14 to oil refineries and retailers saying that they were ready to take measures to slow down the spiking prices of oil and gasoline.

Citing a dramatic 10 percent increase in the price of gasoline sold in the first two weeks of August, Boyko introduced a week-long cap on gasoline (4.7 hryvnia per liter) and diesel prices (4.1 hryvnia per liter) to which oil companies agreed – stoking fears that administrative interference in the market could spark yet another series of shortages.

Boyko also stressed that if retailers did not comply with the cap they would be barred from receiving shipments of gasoline from refineries, although with only two of Ukraine's six refineries currently operational, it was unclear whether this sanction was enforceable. Many stations reportedly ignored Boyko's directives, and shortages were almost immediately reported for a brief time in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhya regions, where some stations reportedly sold gasoline only to customers who had purchased special vouchers in advance.

The new government's administrative measures are reminiscent of those taken by former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko in 2005, when she set a price ceiling significantly lower than the market price and threatened oil companies with lawsuits in the event of non-compliance.

Her policies set off nationwide shortages leading to a full blown gas crisis in May 2005, leading some experts to attribute Ukraine's recent spike in gas prices to her "easy solutions."

Kostiantyn Borodin, an analyst from the Center of Energy Research, noted that "After Tymoshenko partly provoked an oil crisis in May 2005; there was a major change in the petrol market. Prior to Tymoshenko's crisis, the market was supplied by six refineries. What Tymoshenko did was to open Ukraine's borders to imported products, which put Ukrainian refineries in a very uncompetitive economic position as compared with Belarusian and Russian refineries, and so they [Ukrainian refineries] had to lower output and the market became more dependent on imported ready products rather than crude oil."

He said this was evidenced by the fact that in the first half of 2006 imports accounted for 16.7 percent of the gasoline market, while previously imports had accounted for 5 percent of gasoline sales.

Three of six Ukrainian refineries were forced to close after the May 2005 gas crisis, and 40 Ukrainian retailers then had to shift to importing refined oil products – or gasoline that is ready to be sold to consumers – every two to three days, which Borodin said leaves the Ukrainian market vulnerable to international prices, adding that the country will be recovering for at least the next three to four years as the market stabilizes.

This time, Yanukovich and representatives of major oil companies appeared to have come to a workable agreement.

Sixty percent of oil companies, some of which are Russian owned, promised to stabilize the supply of gasoline and revamp Ukraine's refineries so that by 2010 the country's oil products meet European Union standards. Yanukovich pledged to avoid heavy-handed measures like price controls, which regularly threaten to lead to gas shortages and energy crises.

Notably present at the meeting were Lukoil president Vahyt Alekperov, the Alliance Group's president Musa Bazhaev, Ukratnafta board chairman Serhiy Hlushko, Donbasantoproduct director general Oleksandr Demianenko, a co-founder of the Continuum group, Ihor Yermeyev and Ukratnafta supervisory board member Ihor Kolomoyskiy.

Borodin noted that "During the ceremony, when the memorandum was



Pictured from left, the president of Russia's Lukoil Vagit Alekperov, Ukrainian Energy Minister Yuriy Boyko, Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and acting director of oil giant TNK-BP German Khan are shown meeting in Kyiv for gas talks on Aug. 21. (UNIAN)

signed, all the major players were there. I've been working in this market as an analyst since 1994 and I never saw such a quorum... The real owners were there ... like Mr. Yermeyev and Mr. Kolomoyskiy. This was the first time that Mr. Kolomoyskiy, who controls three refineries and [whose companies have a 42 percent stake in oil extraction company] Ukratnafta, has ever taken part in such meetings. This is important."

However, other analysts have suggested the Ukrainian gasoline market is not just vulnerable due to its increased dependence on imports, but because domestic players can collude to artificially raise the price of gas, as was seen this month in the Donbass industrial heartland, Kyiv and Crimea.

The highest gas prices were recorded in Crimea at 5.20 hryvnia per liter, which experts say is due to the fact that most vacationers converge on the peninsula in August. Aside from Donetsk and Kyiv, where prices reached around 5 hryvnia per liter for the popular A-95 grade, prices in the rest of the country were, on average, lower than the price cap set by the Yanukovich government.

Olena Viter, an expert from the Council of Energy Security of Ukraine, suggested that it's not just the spike in

world oil prices, but Ukraine's reliance on Russian crude oil supplies that will keep Ukraine's gas prices high in the near term (about a dollar per liter).

"Although world oil prices have already begun falling, Ukraine will feel the effects only in September or October, because Russia [on which Ukraine is largely dependent for its oil supply] sets its price once every two to three months," she said.

Moreover, Viter added that although the negotiations "on the surface appeared to mirror the technique employed by [former Prime Minister Yuriy] Yekhanurov's government – to find a compromise, to resolve the issue in a peaceful and open manner – the Yanukovich government has still not distanced itself from blackmail and other pressure behind the scenes...and in terms of the memorandum, even though it appears that an agreement has been reached, if one of the companies breaks away and stops supplying gasoline, we can anticipate administrative methods, which have had, and will continue to have, negative results." Even if the government withdraws from administrative measures, the memorandum might remain on paper, as it includes no binding statements, she added.

Borodin countered that the message sent by the Yanukovich government was strong, but also showed that the government was aware of the difficulties facing oil and gasoline suppliers. In Borodin's view, this reasonable price cap remained in line with market prices, indicating that Yanukovich's government will allow companies to maintain their profitability within reason and that the underlying logic of the memorandum was to revive Ukraine's six refineries.

Viter noted that external factors like international prices for gasoline and crude oil aside, Ukraine's domestic market has three major players – the government, oil refineries, and retailers of gasoline.

"If oil companies, under conditions of blackmail and pressure, begin operating unprofitably, if the Yanukovich government leverages pressure in the future, these companies will recede into the shadows... they'll recover their profits any way they can, by withholding supply or not operating at all," she said, adding that if oil companies are nonetheless left to operate profitably, regardless of the conditions, the supply of gasoline will remain more or less stable.



## Cultural diversity, acceptance meet as inter-race marriages grow

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the Middle East, China and Africa, who have mostly been coming here to study," said Kyiv native Heorhiy Holovkov, 33, who thinks that the number of interracial marriages will only grow.

Holovkov himself has been married to a Chinese woman and does not regard his family as unique or very unusual.

"When I got to the point when I realized that Yuan was the right woman for me, I didn't look at her as Chinese anymore," said Holovkov, who met his wife in Kyiv's central post office, where he helped her to send a letter to her parents in China. Yuan was then a first-year student at one of the capital's universities.

The two had known each other for six years before they tied the knot.

Holovkov admits that studying Chinese and mingling with Chinese people before meeting his future wife helped their relations. For her part, Yuan made a great effort to understand Ukrainian culture and people. She was also very quick at picking up the Russian language, Holovkov said.

Holovkov sounds at ease when talking about the behavioral characteristics that make his wife culturally different from his previous Ukrainian girlfriends.

"For instance, Yuan would never tell me if she is upset about something I've done. She would show it instead with the way she acts and looks at me," Holovkov said, adding that he knows his wife well enough to manage such moments to his advantage.

Holovkov said there are fewer couples with Ukrainian men and Chinese women because "those Chinese girls who come to Ukraine to study tend to mingle within their Chinese circle and have Chinese boyfriends here."

"I think our relationship worked because Yuan was different from a typical Chinese woman and was very eager to adjust to life in Ukraine," he said.

Vira Faleeva, chief psychologist at the Kyiv-based psychological center Gran-Veresk, calls women like Ukrainian Vira Fryndak and Chinese Yuan "wise."

Faleeva said that when a woman gets married, she typically enters her husband's family and culture, and not vice versa.

Families where the men assimilate into their wives' cultures are typically weaker, she said, adding that this also has a negative affect on the couple's children.

"Archetypically, in all cultures, the man is the head of the family," said Faleeva.

"The children are the offspring of the family created by the man, so ideally, they should be brought up in his culture."

Vira and Hussam are bringing up their two sons, Abdurrahman, three, and Muhammad, one-and-a-half, according to Muslim tradition. They have sorted out the language issue, too, speaking with each other and to their children only in Arabic at home.

"We have read that in families like ours, it's better to speak at home the language which our kids will not hear on the streets or in kindergarten," Hussam said, adding that his children are learning Ukrainian and Russian anyway.

"Our kids go to a Ukrainian kindergarten, all the relatives here speak Ukrainian, and on the streets they socialize in Russian," he said.

Heorhiy and Yuan say that as they have decided to live in Ukraine, their children will be brought up as Ukrainians.

"We realize that for a child to be Chinese, he would have to be brought up in China, among those rituals that the Chinese culture is built on," explained Heorhiy. He said that his children would speak both languages - Ukrainian and Chinese.

Faleeva said that the most important components of a successful interethnic family are respect and a total acceptance of each other's ethnic attributes, adding, however, that "full acceptance of your



**Vira Fryndak and her Syrian husband Hussam are just one of the many interracial couples to have married over the last decade in Ukraine. Fryndak, pictured here with her husband and child, says times are changing as Ukrainians now know more about Islam.** (Konstantin Klimentenko)

partner's family is often a challenge within the same culture, let alone when he or she is of a different ethnicity."

For Titi, a Congolese who has lived in Ukraine for over a decade, the experience of marriage to a Ukrainian woman featured some cultural misunderstandings.

Titi said his wife didn't like his frequent invitation of many friends to their apartment for long and loud socializing after he came home from work.

"It's in our culture - we rest through socializing with our relatives and friends, but she found it difficult to understand," said Titi, who divorced his wife this summer after a five-year marriage.

The reason for the divorce, Titi explained, was that his wife cheated on him with another African whom he had invited to stay in his apartment.

"I was ready to kill her when I learned she got pregnant from another man," Titi said angrily before switching easily to admissions of his own extramarital affairs.

"African men are more polygamous than men of other ethnicities. It's in our blood," said Titi unpretentiously, adding that he's always had relations with other women on the side, but would always do so "nicely, so that his wife wouldn't know about it."

But even if interethnic couples do find common ground on which to build their relations, Ukrainian society is not yet ready to accept them, Faleeva said.

"Ukrainian society is still very homogenous, so attitudes toward interracial relations are more negative than positive," she said, adding that these prejudices come from fear of the unknown, which

originates from a lack of knowledge.

Titi said his Ukrainian wife's parents refused to talk to her and closed the door of their home to them, when they married and she had his child.

Vira Fryndak said her parents were more opposed to her conversion to Islam than her marriage to Hussam.

But now they are okay with it, seeing her happy family, she said.

"We created a new culture of our own by taking the best from the Ukrainian and Arab cultures and fusing them together," Hussam said proudly about his interethnic family.

"I love it when my wife reads books in Ukrainian with our sons and sings Ukrainian songs to them."

"But Islam for us is the plate where our cultures mix," he added.

## Magnate ready to challenge mill reprivatization in Euro court



**MP and tycoon Rinat Akhmetov, shown speaking at his Victoria Hotel in Donetsk during celebrations Aug. 12 marking the 70th anniversary of the Shakhtar football club, which he owns. Akhmetov recently told a Ukrainian daily that the European Court of Human Rights will consider the legality of the reprivatization of Kryvorizhstal.** (Ihor Eros)

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Russian coalition in the Verkhovna Rada late last month.

During the first privatization of Kryvorizhstal in June 2004, companies controlled by Akhmetov and Viktor Pinchuk, son-in-law of then-President

Leonid Kuchma, acquired a 93 percent stake in the mill for \$800 million. Considerably larger bids by foreign steel interests were rejected under controversial tender conditions.

Mittal Steel, the current owner of Kryvorizhstal, had offered \$1.5 billion for

the mill in the 2004 tender.

After Viktor Yushchenko was elected president in late 2004 on a wave of mass protests against fraud-marred voting in favor of Regions candidate Viktor Yanukovich, the new government under Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko made overturning the controversial sale of Kryvorizhstal a priority.

A series of court decisions in 2005 ruled the auction for Kryvorizhstal illegal, opening the way for the mill's resale to Mittal Steel in October the same year for more than any investor had ever paid for a single Ukrainian asset.

Mittal Steel renamed the mill Mittal Steel Kryviy Rih earlier this year.

Now, with the political tables turned in favor of the Party of Regions, Akhmetov has indicated that he would be taking his case abroad, not long after Yanukovich was confirmed as Ukraine's new premier on Aug. 4.

"There are no similar cases in the history of Ukraine, and Akhmetov has a chance of gaining the support of the European court. To be honest, the state of Ukraine is guilty of not allowing the owners [of Kryvorizhstal, Akhmetov and Pinchuk,] to defend their proprietary rights," Oleksandr Ryabchenko, the director of the Kyiv-based International Institute for Privatization, Asset Management and Investments, told the *Post* Aug. 14.

"The European Court of Human Rights cannot make a decision to give Kryvorizhstal back to the previous own-

ers. It's beyond their competence," Ryabchenko said. "But what they can decide, should they rule in favor of the appeal, is either to set a fine to be paid by Ukraine's government to Akhmetov and Pinchuk, or order that the case be reconsidered."

Referring to Akhmetov's comments to *Kommersant*, Frank Pannier, chief of human resources and public affairs at Mittal Steel Kryviy Rih, told the *Post* Aug. 16 that his company's "acquisition of Krivorozhstal couldn't have been more transparent and fair. It was televised in the country and even worldwide. I don't see any way that anyone could possibly take the complex away from its current owner."

The \$4.8 billion that Mittal Steel paid for the plant was "almost the limit of what we could possibly pay," the *Post* quoted Mittal Steel Kryviy Rih General Director Narendra Choderi as saying in a June 15 article.

Despite being dubbed as independent Ukraine's most successful and transparent privatization, Mittal Steel's repurchase of the mill came under threat earlier this year from Ukraine's State Property Fund (SPF), the privatization body that oversaw the repeat tender in October 2005.

The SPF accused Mittal Steel in January 2006 of not fulfilling its part of the purchase agreement for Kryvorizhstal by not raising wages at the plant. Mittal Steel has refuted the claims.

On May 15, SPF chief Valentyna

Semeniuk set a deadline for Mittal to fulfill its obligations to raise salaries by early June, threatening to strip the Ukrainian metallurgical plant from its new foreign owner should they fail to do so.

Semeniuk stated publicly that other companies have offered to buy the plant for more money.

Mittal Steel responded on May 16 that it had fulfilled all its investment and social obligations, which included pegging salaries at the plant to the minimum wage set by the government. On May 25, the plant's management inked an agreement with its own labor union, pledging to raise workers salaries further.

However, as the *Post* reported in June, the head of the plant's trade union, Yuriy Bobchenko, said the plant's new owners would not continue to follow up on their obligations, unless they were pressured by the SPF.

"If [Mittal Steel] could save on the air that we breathe, they would do so immediately," he said.

Mittal Steel has operations in 16 countries on four continents. In 2004, the company shipped 42.1 million tons of steel and generated revenues of \$22.2 billion.

Kryvorizhstal controls 20 percent of the metallurgy market in Ukraine, which is currently ranked as the world's seventh largest steel-producing country.

Ukraine additionally boasts large reserves of ore and coal, key raw materials used in steel production. Ukraine's steel industry is largely dominated by Ukrainian and Russian business groups.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Agriculture

Ukrainian agricultural enterprises had gathered 27.0 million tons of grain as of August 16. A total of 10.6 million hectares had been threshed, which is 87% of the planned area. The harvest includes 13.6 million tons of wheat and 11.7 million tons of barley.

## Automotive

Exports of cord fabric rose in June by 58.6% or by 327 tons compared to June 2005, to 885 tons, and earnings from exports of cord fabric rose by 69.8%, or by \$1.2 million to \$2.9 million. Exports of cord fabric fell in June by 1.4% or 13 tons compared to May. However, imports of cord fabric rose by 1%, or 4 tons, compared with June 2005, to 399 tons. Imports of cord fabric rose by 8.7% or 32 tons in June compared with May. However, imports of cord fabric fell by 7.2% in January-June on the same period last year to 2,240 tons for \$7.8 million. Cord fabric is used in the production of automobile and aviation tires.

## Aviation

Ukraine has proposed to Russia that the two countries complete production of the An-70 military transport plane project together. Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich said this Aug. 16, commenting on talks he had with Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov in Sochi, Russia. He said that the An-70 is likely to pass full certification in 2007, adding that the project is 98% ready and orders have been already placed. The Ukrainian Defense Ministry said in July that Ukraine was in a position to manufacture the aircraft by itself after Russia announced it was withdrawing from the joint program.

## Banking

The European Business Association is calling on the National Bank of Ukraine to simplify the procedure for registering new banks. This follows a report by it on obstacles to investment in Ukraine that was critical of the length of time and the number of documents required by the NBU to register a new bank. The EBA concluded that this approach to registration creates significant difficulties for foreign investors who plan to found banks in Ukraine. The EBA is urging the NBU to set clear rules on creating new commercial banks and to give up its formal approach during registration and licensing of financial establishments. The EBA represents the interests of about 500 Ukrainian and foreign companies and was founded at the initiative of the European Commission.

## Construction

Cement production rose by 10.7% in July compared with July 2005, to 1,527,000 tons, the State Statistics Committee has announced. In July, cement production rose by 9.8% to 1,527,000 compared with June. In January-July, it rose by 8.8% compared with January-July 2005, to 7,223,000 tons. Cement production rose by 6.7% in June compared with June 2005, to 1,391,000 tons. In 2005, cement production rose by 14.6% compared with 2004, to 12,183,000 tons. Total annual cement production capacity is more than 20 million tons.

## Economy

Real GDP rose by 7.7% year on year in July, bringing growth in the first seven months to 5.5% year on year, up from 5.0% in the first half of 2006 and 3.7% in the first seven months of 2005. The wholesale and retail trade was the main contributor to the economic upturn in the first seven months of this year with a year on year rise of 11% in value added, up from 8.6% in the first half of 2006. Growth in the transport sector also accelerated in July.

The Economy Ministry has upgraded its 2006 growth forecast of real GDP to 6.0% year on year from 2.8% and revised the full-year inflation estimate to 10% year-on-year from 11.4-11.6%.

Total foreign direct investment in Ukraine in the first half of 2006 leapt by 232% year on year to \$1.8 billion, with net foreign direct investment coming to \$1.7 billion (up 246% year on year). The data was revealed by the State Statistics Committee.

Industrial output grew by 11.4% in July compared to July 2005 and by 4.3% compared to June. In January-July, industrial output rose by 4.8% against the same period in 2005. In June industrial output grew by 9.6% compared to June 2005. It fell by 0.2% compared to May. In January-June, industrial output rose by 3.6% against the same period in 2005.

Ukraine posted a trade surplus in services of \$1.9 billion, or 4.7% of GDP in the first half of 2006, as compared with a \$1.6 billion (4.7% of GDP) surplus in the first half of 2005. This partly offsets the \$2.9 billion (7.2% of GDP) merchandise trade deficit, bringing the overall trade deficit to \$1.0 billion, or 2.4% of GDP.

## Electricity

Exports of energy from Ukraine rose in July by 110% year on year, to 813 GWh, bringing exports for the seven months of 2006 to 5,479 GWh (down 5.6% year on year).

## Metals

Ukrainian pipe producers increased production by 19% year on year in July, to 246,000 tons, bringing pipe output for the first seven months of 2006 to 1,446,000 tons, up 8.5% year on year.

Production of ferroalloys rose in July by 10.3% or 12,730 tons compared to June, to 136,530 tons. In the same month production of silicomanganese rose by 5.2% or 4,400 tons on June, to 89,700 tons. Production of ferromanganese rose by 12.3% or 3,530 tons to 32,230 tons, while production of ferrosilicon rose by 49.5% to 14,500 tons. The major producer of ferroalloys, the Nikopol ferroalloys plant, increased production in July by 14.8% or 9,720 tons compared to June, to 75,390 tons. In the January-July 2006 period, production of ferroalloys fell by 1.4% or 13,010 tons compared to January-July 2005, to 904,640 tons. Production of ferroalloys rose in June by 3.1% compared with May, to 123,800 tons.

## Mining

Production of bulk coke rose by 3.3% or 53,200 tons in July compared with June, to 1,656,300 tons. The Avdiyivka coke chemical plant increased bulk coke production by 16.6% to 275,900 tons, though the Mittal Steel Kryviy Rih mining and metals plant reduced production by 8.3%, compared with June to 240,600 tons. In January-July 2006, total production of bulk coke fell by 3.8% or 432,200 tons, compared with January-July 2005, to 10,911,000 tons.

## Oil and gas

Ukrainian oil refineries cut processing in July by 28% year on year, to 9.2 million bbl (compared with a 31% fall in June), bringing crude throughput for the first seven months of 2006 to 60.3 million bbl, down 26% year on year. The industry's capacity utilization in the first seven months of 2006 was down 2.4 percentage points year on year, to 34.9%. Domestic output of

## Dragon Capital Market Watch

### MARKET COMMENTARY

The Ukrainian market dropped by 1.4% on Friday, August 18 (and was down 1.3% week-on-week), driven primarily by a 12.5% slide in Bank Aval, which released worse than expected 2005 IFRS financial results. However, growth in Ukrnafta and Nyzhnyodniprovskiy Pipe, which added around 1.5% each, prevented a steeper fall. Overall, last week was rather volatile, with the total stock trading volume reaching nearly USD 20 million. The three working days of this week in the runup to Independence Day on August 24, are likely to be uneventful but activity should start picking after the holiday.

MARKET INDICATORS	August 18	Chg 1w	Chg YTD
KP-Dragon Index	3 827	-1.3%	18.0%
Market Capitalization <sup>1)</sup>	\$18.0 bil.		
PFTS Stock Trading Volume	\$19.9 mil. (Aug. 14-18)		
UAH/USD <sup>2)</sup>	5,050	0,0%	0,0%
UAH/EUR <sup>2)</sup>	6,504	0,2%	9,2%
<b>Ukrainian Eurobond Yields to Maturity<sup>3)</sup></b>			
Ukraine (11/6.875% USD)	6,39%	-22	26
Ukraine (13/7.65% USD)	6,50%	-11	21
Ukraine (09/6-m Lib.+3.375%)	6,42%	-13	66
<b>Inter-bank Market Interest Rates<sup>4)</sup></b>			
Overnight Bid	0,4%	0,0%	-0,4%
1-month Bid	4,7%	0,3%	-0,3%

#### KP-DRAGON INDEX

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#### INTER-BANK INTEREST RATES (%; UAH)

Notes: 1) Total capitalization of 10 component stocks of KP-Dragon Index: Azovstal, Bank Aval, Centrenergo, Dniroenergo, Dnirooblenergo, Dniroshyna, Donbasenergo, Kyivenergo, LuAZ, MZVM, Nyzhnyodniprovskiy Pipe, Poltavskiy HOK, Stirol, Ukrnafta, Ukrsofsbank, Ukrtelecom, Zakhidenergo, Zaporizhkoks, Zaporizhstal, Zhytomyroblenergo; 2) official NBU rates; positive value indicates hryvnia depreciation; 3) yield change in basis points; 4) change in percentage points.

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### MARKET COMMENTARY

Kyiv's retail market and Ukraine's retail market in general is maintaining its investment attractiveness at a high level. According to the list of the most promising expansion retail markets (GRDI-Global Retail Development Index), developed by the international consulting company A.T.Kearney, Ukraine changed its ranking from # 3 in 2005 to #4 in 2006.

Large Russian retail chains Pyaterochka and Paterson have entered the Ukrainian market. Russian Perekrystok announced its expansion plans in 2006. Metro Cash and Carry continues to expand its presence in Ukraine. With the opening of Metro stores in Lugansk in May and in Kriviy Rig in July, the number of Metro stores in Ukraine reached 10 (3 in Kyiv and 7 in the regions). IKEA plans to construct a 300 million Euro MEGA Shopping Mall with 130,000 sq.m. of GLA (Gross Lettable Area) on the outskirts of Kyiv. However, the scheduled date of opening of the MEGA Shopping Mall has still not been set due to the situation with acquiring a land plot for construction. OBI opened its representative office in Kyiv this year and is actively seeking land plots for big box retail construction. Other big international retailers such as WalMart, Auchan, Tengelmann and Marks and Spencer are also believed to be seriously considering entering the Ukrainian market.

Kyiv's retail market is substantially undersupplied both in shopping centres and in the segment of free standing buildings. The Komod Shopping centre (14,000 sq.m. of GLA) on the left bank of Kyiv will be the biggest project. It is scheduled to open this year.

The period of low development in Kyiv's retail market is forecast to end in 2007-2008, when milestone projects are expected to be delivered onto the market. The Troitskiy (40,000 sq.m. of GLA), Esplanada (55,000 sq.m. of GLA), Power Centre (50,000 sq.m. of GLA), Kvadrat on Perova (35,000 sq.m. of GLA), Kvadrat na Lesnom (50,000 sq.m. of GLA), Kvadrat na Viriltse (50,000 sq.m. of GLA) shopping centres are all scheduled to open in 2007-2008.

#### TOTAL STOCK OF GROSS LETTABLE AREA WITHIN KYIV'S SHOPPING CENTERS

\* Forecast

BASIC RENTS IN KYIV'S SHOPPING CENTERS (per sq.m. per month)		
Profile	City center	Non-central areas
Anchors (including entertainment)	10-15	9-13
Apparel	50-150	30-100
Books	20-30	10-25
Multimedia	30-70	25-60
Souvenirs and presents	50-100	35-60
Jewelry	60-200	40-100

gasoline declined by 11% year on year, to 2.7 million tons, diesel fuel by 23% year on year, to 3.3 million tons, and fuel oil by 40%, to 3.9 million tons, in the first seven months of 2006.

Fuel Minister Yuriy Boyko intends to decide on RosUkrEnergo's participation in the scheme for supplying gas to Ukraine no earlier than November 2006. Boyko said that intermediary RosUkrEnergo currently provides a reasonably low gas price for Ukraine, and in order to decide whether or not to keep the price, alternative options for gas supplies have to be worked out. The controversial intermediary is Ukrainian-Russian owned and is the exclusive gas supplier to Ukraine.

Ukraine and Tatarstan (Russia) are likely to conclude an agreement to supply 200,000 tons of diesel fuel to

Ukrainian farmers for autumn field works. The news was announced by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich after he held talks Aug. 11 with the President of Tatarstan, Mintimer Shaimiev, on supplying oil products.

The Cabinet of Ministers has set up a special working group for control over the work of the fuel and energy complex, Deputy Prime Minister For Fuel and Energy, Andriy Kluyev, has announced. He said there is no sense in forming separate working groups for individual sectors like municipal heating companies and that is why a joint working group was formed. It will include representatives of all ministries and aims to keep overall control of the fuel and energy sector. "We must know how much gas and oil is consumed, how much is being supplied and will be sold... We must keep the

process under control," Kluyev said. As of June 2006 the indebtedness of fuel and energy companies was Hr 17.73 billion (\$3.51 billion).

## Telecommunications

Internet use in Ukraine in July (the number of unique users who visited more than one webpage during a month, and users who got on the Internet this and last month) remained at June's level, or at 2.772 million persons. The average weekly audience of the Ukrainian Internet was 1.313 million users in July, a fall of 2.6% on June. The average daily audience of the Ukrainian Internet was 490,710 million users in July, a fall of 3.3% on June. The largest Internet audience was recorded in Kyiv, which accounted for 51.04% of all users, a slight fall on June's figure of 50.61%.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

### Agriculture

**Lustdorf**, a large dairy producer based in Illintsi, Vinnytsya Region, increased output in comparable prices by 28.54%, or Hr 2.78 million (\$0.55 million) in July compared with July 2005 to Hr 12.495 million (\$2.38 million). Compared with June, Lustdorf increased output in July by 16.53%. In the January-July 2006 period, the company made products to the value of Hr 79.56 million (\$15.6 million), a rise of 27.83% on the same period in 2005.

### Aviation

**Antonov Airlines** and the Russian Volga Dnepr company have created the Ruslan International Company to fly the An-124-100 Ruslan and An-225 Mriya aircraft, the Antonov Scientific and Technical Complex has reported. Ruslan International was registered in the UK, with Russian and Ukrainian companies having 50% stakes each. The new company began operating in July. Ruslan International has 17 An-124-100 planes, better known as the Ruslan, of which seven are owned by Antonov Airlines and 10 by Volga Dnepr. The new company was created to provide a joint network of planes to optimize the work of the two airlines. The Kyiv-based Antonov Scientific and Technical Complex is the only plane designer in Ukraine. Antonov Airlines specializes in charter air transportation of large dimension, super heavy and other cargoes.

### Banking & Finance

**Bank Aval** has released its 2005 results in line with International Financial Reporting Standards. The bank posted strong growth in assets, up 73% year on year, to \$3.706 billion, as its customer loans rose by 57% year on year, to \$2.354 billion, inter-bank loans advanced by 89%, to \$337 million, and the securities portfolio expanded by 199%, to \$173 million, over the period. At the same time, Aval's lending growth was funded by customer deposits, which rose by 78% year on year, to \$2.83 billion, in 2005. Aval, which is one of Ukraine's largest banks, plans to grant consumer loans to individuals through shops. It decided to hold talks on cooperation with a number of the largest trade networks as currently the bank grants loans only through its branches.

**The Antimonopoly Committee** has given the go-ahead to Hungary's OTP Bank to buy Raiffeisenbank (Ukraine). In early June, the OTP Bank announced that it reached agreement with the Austrian owners of Raiffeisenbank (Ukraine) on its purchase. The value of the contact was EUR 650 million (\$505 million). The deal will be completed after it has been approved by the Commission for Financial Markets of Austria, the National Bank of Ukraine and antitrust agencies of Ukraine and Hungary. The OTP Bank is planning to complete the deal before October, Laslo Wolf, deputy chairman of the management board at OTP Bank, has said. He noted that once the deal is complete, the OTP Bank will rename the Ukrainian bank. Wolf also said that OTP Bank aims to double the number of branches which Raiffeisenbank (Ukraine) has in Ukraine. The OTP Bank will develop the bank's corporate and retail services.

**Rodovid Bank**, a medium-sized bank based in Kyiv, has attracted a credit of EURO 3.8 million (\$3.04) from Cargill Financial Services Inc (U.S.). The bank intends to channel the loan into financing the export and import operations of its clients. Cargill Financial Services International Inc (U.S.) provides credits and performs other trade and financial activity. The

bank earned a net profit of Hr 11.2 million (\$2.2 million) in 2005.

**Russian Standard**, a Moscow-based bank, has received permission from the Antimonopoly Committee to buy over 50% of the shares in AIS Bank, a small Kyiv-based bank. The National Bank of Ukraine registered AIS Bank at the beginning of March. Analysts link the bank to the owners of AIS Corporation and Ukrainian MP Dmytro Svyatash is said to be a co-owner. Russian Standard is one of the biggest banks in Russia. The Antimonopoly Committee has also given the go-ahead to a co-owner of the Russian Standard bank, Russian Standard CJSC, to buy over 50% of the shares in the Kyiv-based Dovira Ta Harantia insurance company.

**Commercial banks** issued 1.03 million cards of the Visa and MasterCard payment systems in July, thereby increasing the total volume of the issue by 3.4% from 30.44 million cards (as of July 1) to 31.48 million cards (as of July 31), according to the Ukrainian inter-bank association of members of Europay International. Ukrainian commercial banks issued 8.358 million cards of the two payment systems in 2005.

### Beverages

**The Morshyn mineral water plant** has postponed the launch of a line for bottling mineral water from August to October. The plant, which is based in Morshyn, Lviv Region, ended 2005 with a net profit of Hr 1.15 million (\$230,000), according to the Top-100 rating carried out by the InvestGazeta publication. In 2005, the plant increased production by 47%, while the Ukrainian mineral water market increased by 24% in the same year.

### Entertainment

**Makrocap Development Ukraine**, a Kharkiv-based construction and investment company intends to construct the Joker trade and entertainment center in Kharkiv by 2007. There are plans to sell computers, office materials and art works in the center. "Joker's policy will be to introduce quite exclusive goods with a select assortment and well selected links between the groups of goods. This will provide very comfortable conditions for retail operators and buyers", Makrocap Development Ukraine director Dmytro Kutoviy has said investment in building the Joker center will total \$6 million and it will be put into operation in 2007. The complex will be over 5,700 square meters in area. Makrocap Development Ukraine operates on Kharkiv's real estate market by providing construction and management of real estate facilities.

### Mining

**Swiss Ferrexpo AG**, which owns a controlling stake in Ukraine's biggest producer of pellets, the Poltava ore mining and enrichment plant, has signed a three-year contract to supply pellets produced by the latter in Chinese company Fujian San Steel. Ferrexpo AG is not disclosing the value of the contract or volumes of supplies but it is known that the contract is for three years. This latest contract comes after a similar deal which saw Ferrexpo supplying China with pellets with 62% iron content in 2005. POME ended 2005 with a net profit of Hr 260 million (\$52 million). In late 2005, Ferrexpo AG bought over 60% of shares in POME.

### Oil and gas

**Ukrnafta** ended April-June 2006 with a net profit of Hr 189 million (\$37.4 million). In April-June, the oil extraction company increased net revenues by 81.79% to Hr 2.15 billion (\$430 million). Ukrnafta made a net profit of Hr 945.1 million (\$187 mil-



Oleksandr Orekhov, right, head of the department for software development of Microsoft Ukraine, shown speaking at a meeting of the SoftServe press club in Kyiv held jointly with SoftServe Aug. 22. The press club discussed the results of the Microsoft Worldwide Partner Conference 2006. Serhiy Khartynov, vice president of the SoftServe company, centre, spoke about his personal views of the conference. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

## Conference discussion



The launch of Emerging Ukraine 2006, a new investment publication, gathered over 300 key government officials, members of the local and international business community and diplomatic corps Aug. 21. The speakers included, left to right, Oleh Rybachuk, chief of staff to the president of Ukraine, Michael Benson-Colpi, Chairman of the Oxford Business Group, Thomas Fialka, Managing Director of Dragon Capital, a project partner, and Paulius Kuncinas, Regional Editor, Oxford Business Group. (Konstantin Klimentko)

## Publication launch

lion) in the first quarter of 2006, having made a net profit of Hr 1.87 billion (\$370 million) in 2005. State oil and gas company Naftohaz Ukrainy owns a 50%+1 share stake in Ukrnafta, with almost 42% belonging to firms affiliated to Pryvatbank.

### Telecommunications

**Ukrainian Radiosystems (URS)**, a mobile communications operator providing services under the Beeline brand, saw the number of subscribers using its services rise by 19.2%, or 110,000, in July to 682,000 users. The operator's network covers territory on which more than 50% of Ukraine's population live. The number of subscribers using its services rose in June by 27% on May, to 572,000 users. URS launched a network in the GSM 1800 standard in June, which should enable the company to significantly increase the capacity of its network, particularly in major cities.

**Kyivstar**, a leading Ukrainian mobile operator, ended April-June

2006 with a net profit of \$133.14 million, a rise of 149% on the figure for April-June 2005, when its net profit was \$53.5 million. Net income grew by 58.2% on the same period last year, to \$408.5 million. The number of subscribers rose by 71.5% on the same period last year. Kyivstar ended the first quarter of 2006 with a net profit of \$110.8 million after making a net profit of \$323.0 million in 2005.

**TeleSystems of Ukraine** company, which licenses CDMA standard mobile communication in the 800 MHz frequency band, has launched a test operation for 3G mobile communications in Kyiv. The company's director general, Vitaliy Vorozhbit, said Kyiv currently has about 10 base stations. He confirmed the company is holding talks with several 3G mobile phone suppliers. It intends to launch provision of 3G 1xEV-DO mobile communication services by the end of this year and aims to invest \$180 million into network construction by the end of 2007.

### Transport

**The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development** is likely to allocate \$27 million for Sevastopol-based Pivdenreftransflot (Crimea) to build five dry cargo vessels with deadweight of 5,000 tons, the EBRD has reported. It said the total value of the project is \$57 million, with the EBRD providing \$27 million within the framework of two credit lines. The bank's board plans to discuss Oct. 3 the allocation of the credit. Pivdenreftransflot specializes in international transportation of refrigerator cargoes and the production and processing of seafood and ended 2004 with a loss of Hr 1.7 million (\$340,000). As of the end of 2005, the EBRD had invested EUR 1.9 billion (\$1.52 billion) in Ukraine since 1993.

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## Transdnistrian telecom company seeks to expand into Ukraine



**Boris Akulov, pictured above, left his post as information and communications minister of Transdnistria, an unrecognized pariah republic located between Ukraine and Moldova, in 2002, to become CEO of Intertelekom, a company with Transdnistrian roots currently providing wireless telephony services in the CDMA standard in Ukraine's Odessa Region.** (Konstantin Klimenko)

**AKULOV**, cont'd from page 1

ministry he headed at the time. It launched its operations in Odessa in 2001.

According to Akulov, Intertelekom is owned by Ukrainian citizen Viktor Gusan and Russian citizen Ilya Kazmaly, the owners and top executives of a Transdnistrian-based holding called Sheriff, which encompasses a wide range of business activities in the unrecognized state.

The Bucharest-based Romanian Center for Investigative Journalism reported on July 19 that "almost nothing

moves in Transdnistria without Sheriff, both legal and illegal activities," as it is a structure that almost completely "controls the local economy, producing benefits for private individuals using official support."

As the Transdnistrian information and communications minister, Akulov had also been behind the idea to establish in 1998 a telecommunications company in Transdnistria called Interdnestrkom, which would eliminate the secessionist region's dependence on Moldova for telecommunications services.

The authorities in Transdnistria's capital of Tiraspol have been in a cold war with Moldova's recognized government in Chisinau since the country's civil war in the early 1990s.

Akulov said that he chose to work with the CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) standard of wireless communications because such a network was cheaper and faster to build, despite being a novelty at the time. The first CDMA network was launched in Hong Kong in 1995.

CDMA provides high quality transmission but fewer services than the GSM standard used by Ukraine's mainline mobile communications operators.

Akulov, who claims citizenship in both Russia and Transdnistria, admitted that he couldn't run Transdnistrian-based Interdnestrkom, since he was a state employee in charge of ideological and information wars with Moldova. Instead, he used the secessionist sliver of territory on Ukraine's southwestern border, which has a population of around 300,000, to test out the new CDMA technology with an eye to launching a business in Ukraine.

He said that establishing a company in Ukraine was the next logical step, since the Moldovan authorities categorically refused to allow Interdnestrkom to expand operations into Moldova.

Akulov said relations between Chisinau and Tiraspol were at one point so bad that Moldovan telecommunications companies and Interdnestrkom resorted to trying to damage each other's equipment using signals.

"It was a constantly extreme situation – a constant war, whether real, electronic or ideological," he said.

Finally, in 2002, Akulov quit his government job to fully devote himself to Intertelekom's operations in Odessa. As Akulov said curtly, "We started there, because it is almost a home region for us."

Transdnistria borders Ukraine's Odessa Region.

Regarding the investments that Sheriff owners Gusan and Kazmaly made into Intertelekom, Akulov said it was operational efficiency that mattered, not the size of the investment.

According to the former unrecognized minister, the strategy used to develop Intertelekom in Odessa Region was similar to the one implemented in Transdnistria. "We take a given region and try to cover it completely."

He said that Odessa was the only Ukrainian Region for which Intertelekom received a license to operate back in 2001, adding that the company had been "harshly refused," by Ukraine's Telecommunications Commission when it applied to operate in Mykolayiv and Kherson regions, located to the east of Odessa.

So Intertelekom decided to take full advantage of its possibilities in Odessa, which boasts a population of 2.4 million.

"I won't say that we now cover 100 percent of Odessa Region, but we are almost there. In some areas, we are the only company providing coverage."

Akulov said that although Odessa is less politically charged than Transdnistria, the local bureaucracy presents other challenges.

To grow, Intertelekom relied on nostalgic, Soviet-era advertising images and attracted a number of high-level government clients, who according to Akulov include: the Odessa Regional state administration, its police, the road patrol, security service, tax administration, prosecutor's office and the border guards.

Akulov said that his company's lower connection fees won over the local authorities, who in turn have been helpful to the company in other ways.

Another subscriber of Akulov's company is the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine, which is tasked with advising and assisting Moldovan and Ukrainian border guards and customs officials on managing border problems like smuggling from Transdnistria.

Rosemary Thomas, a spokesperson for the Border Assistance Mission's press office in Odessa, said the decision to subscribe to Intertelekom was based on necessity.

"During the establishment of our first five field offices last December, it proved impossible to install landlines in two of them. Mobile phone coverage was also patchy in the location of the two offices. Hence we choose a solution which is a radio-wireless system which was offered only by Inter-telecom. Hence our decision to undertake a contract with the local branch of Intertelekom, which is based in Odessa. It is a legally recognized economic entity in Ukraine operating in conformity with Ukrainian law," she told the *Post*.

Vsevolod Volovyk, marketing director of ITC, a Kyiv-based CDMA operator, said that when his company enters a new region, it also tries to attract important corporate clients, and regional state agencies are at the top of its list.

Akulov said that Intertelekom had sold all 30,000 direct numbers that it had permission to sell in the city of Odessa and has begun connecting an additional 63,000 numbers in the region, with the eventual goal of selling CDMA phones with direct numbers in most of the region's smaller towns and villages. He said that on average, Intertelekom's subscribers pay \$25 a month.

The company has recently obtained a mobile CDMA license and the right to work in several other Ukrainian regions. However, without permission from Ukrtelecom, the country's state-owned fixed-line monopoly, national expansion is severely limited.

"At the moment, we keep expanding our network in the regions where we have gotten licenses, regardless of problems with Ukrtelecom," said Akulov.

Anatoliy Rusinskiy, Ukrtelecom's acting board chairman, told the *Post* Aug. 16 that the networks built by Intertelekom do not correspond to existing standards. As a result, he said, Ukrtelecom "has temporarily refused to connect the operator to its network in Ukraine."

Rusinskiy also said that Ukrtelecom has sent a request to the country's Telecommunications Commission for further clarification on how to proceed.

ITC's Volovyk, however, said that he found Intertelekom's difficulties in getting connected surprising, given the fact that ITC has never experienced similar problems in any of the 21 regions where the company has a license to operate.

Volovyk said that Intertelekom's current strategy of receiving licenses and hurrying to build its network, whether it is connected to Ukrtelecom or not, may be a way of increasing the company's liquidity before a possible sale.

"It just looks too much like what [GSM operator] Wellcom was doing prior to being bought by [Russia's] Beeline," he said.

Ukraine's two leading mobile communications operators are UMC and Kyivstar, both foreign owned.

## Unnerving politics pushes confidence to lowest point since 2001

By **OLGA GNATIV**

Rattled by the country's protracted political crisis in the wake of the March 26 parliamentary elections, Ukraine's Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) for May-June dropped to its lowest point since 2001.

According to a survey-based bimonthly study conducted by GfK Ukraine (the Ukrainian affiliate of the international market research firm GfK-Group) and Kyiv-based International Center for Policy Studies (ICPS), Ukraine's CCI plunged despite major indicators reflecting stable economic growth during the two-month period.

The results of the study were released earlier this month, just as the political crisis was coming to a resolution with the formation of a pro-Russian parliamentary majority and the appointment of a new government dominated by the Donetsk-based Regions party.

In May-June 2006, confidence deteriorated significantly among Ukrainian consumers, dropping to 84.9, 12.2 points below the value registered in the previous poll in April 2006.

Economic expectations among consumers also worsened, with that index falling to 80 points, its lowest since 2000.

The CCI is estimated according to a 100-point scale, with 100 being the median above or below which the CCI can be said to be positive or negative.

Late 2000 and early 2001 were also periods of intense political turmoil in Ukraine, as high-profile murders of journalists sparked off mass street protests against the administration of then President Leonid Kuchma.

This year has also been fraught with uncertainty, with rising fuel and tariff prices against a background of parliamentary brinkmanship.

However, the economy appears to be solid, according to official statistics.

Indicators provided by the State Statistics Committee (STA) for the second quarter of 2006 show the official average salary in Ukraine finally reaching Hr 1,000 (\$200) a month. Official unemployment was 2.9 percent of the able-bodied population, compared with 3.1 percent in the same period last year, while real incomes rose by 20 percent.

Ukraine also showed strong results in attracting foreign direct investments, which totaled \$1.7 billion in the second quarter of 2006, 3.5 times more than in the same period last year, the STA reported.

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) said in its monetary report for the second quarter that Ukraine's gross domestic product saw 5 percent growth and could increase to 7 percent by the end of the year.

The GfK survey said that despite a serious drop in economic expectations among consumers, the overwhelming majority of Ukrainians continue to purchase large household items.

The NBU's quarterly report recorded a 46.4 percent increase in the number of bank loans issued to private individuals, as well as 19 percent growth in loans to businesses.

Specialists agree that the worsening of economic expectations among Ukrainian consumers is not so much related to economics, as it is to the country's politics.

"It is important to notice that economic growth was the result of an

increase in industrial output. Heavy industry showed a strong performance, and that may not be noticed by regular consumers," said Eddie Segura, chief economist of United States based investment fund Sigma Bleyzer.

"Moreover, people hear more about tariff hikes than positive economic results," he added.

Segura said that, generally speaking, confidence is a subjective issue, which may have no direct connection to Ukraine's economic situation, but it certainly is dependent on the political situation in the country.

According to Aleksander Paskhaver, the director of the Center of Economic Development, and an advisor to President Viktor Yushchenko, consumer confidence dropped because the coalition battle that took place following the March elections, and continuing through the bimonthly survey period, revealed to the public the true essence of Ukraine's political wars.

"May and June 2006 was a period when the public could observe the dirtiest aspects of public transparent politics, and obviously, it hit consumer

confidence," Paskhaver said, adding that he assumed the public's mood became very sensitive to open political fights.

"If similar wars don't take place, people will feel much more secure," he said.

"The [political] compromise achieved does not completely satisfy anyone, so Ukrainians will now see checks and balances in action," he added.

"My personal mood is cautiously optimistic, and I think that within three months, consumer confidence will strengthen."

The CCI survey concluded that the number of Ukrainians expressing pessimism toward short-term expectations for the development of the economy grew the most.

According to the results of the research, the most negative consumer moods were recorded among Ukrainians with average to below-average incomes, while better-off consumers showed no significant drop in confidence.

The survey's experts predicted a slight improvement in people's moods by the end of the year, with the CCI remaining in the negative register.

## REGIONAL BRIEFS

### Suspects held after fatal Moscow blast

MOSCOW (AP) – A bomb blast tore through a Moscow market on Aug. 21, killing at least 10 people, including 2 children, and injuring scores. Officials said initial evidence indicated a commercial or criminal dispute was behind the blast, but didn't rule out terrorism. Two suspects have been detained.

Deputy Mayor Vladimir Resin said a homemade bomb caused the blast, which hit part of the Cherkizovsky market.

Preliminary information shows five of the dead were Chinese and one was Vietnamese. Moscow Prosecutor Yuriy Syomin said Aug. 22 that the attack was motivated by hatred for ethnic minorities. However, Russian prosecutor Yuriy Chayka said Aug. 22 that "now there are two working theories – it could be a terrorist act or a criminal dispute." Many traders from Asia and the Caucasus work at the market.

### Turkmen-China pipeline open by 2009

ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan (AP) – Turkmen President Saparmurat Niyazov said Aug. 21 that a pipeline designed to deliver natural gas from Turkmenistan to China would be opened by Jan. 1, 2009. Niyazov made the statement after talks in the Turkmen capital, Ashgabat, with China's First Deputy Commerce Minister Yu Guangzhou.

Under a deal signed in April, China will buy 30 billion cubic meters of natural gas annually from Turkmenistan over 30 years. Yu said he and Niyazov had discussed funding of the projects that the April deal would involve and volumes of future Turkmen gas deliveries. Turkmenistan has the second biggest gas reserves of any former Soviet republic. China is eager to secure deals to receive oil and gas from neighboring Central Asian countries and Russia.

### Russia pays off debt to Paris Club

MOSCOW (AP) – Russia's Finance Ministry announced Aug. 21 that it has paid off the last of its Soviet-era debt to the Paris Club of creditors, a move that highlights the effect oil and gas rev-

enues have had on Russia's finances. The ministry said it had transferred the last tranche – \$21.6 billion – to the club's 17 members.

As a result, Russia stands to save a total of \$7.7 billion from the early retirement of the debt, which the government plans to spend on infrastructure projects. In May 2005, Russia paid back \$15 billion.

The ministry noted that Russia was running a budget surplus and that its hard currency reserves were the third largest in the world.

### Israel complains over Russian missiles

JERUSALEM (AP) – Israel has complained to Russia that Russian-made anti-tank missiles have reached Hezbollah guerrillas who used them against Israeli troops in south Lebanon, government officials said Aug. 18. An Israeli delegation traveled to Moscow earlier this week to deliver the complaint, said Asaf Shariv, a senior adviser to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

The anti-tank missiles have proved to be one of Hezbollah's most effective weapons in combat against Israeli soldiers in Lebanon.

Israel does not accuse Russia of directly arming Hezbollah, but complains that Russia sold the weapons to Iran and Syria, known supporters of Hezbollah, who then passed them on.

### Case opened against Yukos managers

MOSCOW (AP) – Four former Yukos managers, including a former president, are being investigated for allegedly stripping the bankrupt company of its foreign assets, Russian prosecutors said Aug. 17.

The move appears to be an attempt to prevent assets from being sold outside Russian liquidation proceedings, which are widely expected to see the company's property sold to state-controlled energy firms.

Ex-President Steven Theede; former financial director Bruce Misamore; former special adviser David Godfrey; and Tim Osborne, a director with holding company GML, which controls 60 per-



People restrain an unidentified protester during the celebration of the Day of the State Flag holiday in downtown Moscow, Aug. 22. The national holiday was introduced in 1994 by President Boris Yeltsin to mark the failure of the hard line Communist coup attempt in August 1991. (AP)

cent of the company's shares, are under investigation. The group is accused of transferring foreign assets held by Yukos worth some \$10 billion to two Dutch-registered companies. However, Osborne refuted the allegations.

Yukos spokeswoman Claire Davidson said the news coincides with a Dutch ruling on Aug. 17 rejecting an appeal by Yukos's Russian liquidator Eduard Rebgun to require his approval of any sales of the company's foreign assets. The court said Rebgun had no jurisdiction over the assets since they were owned by Dutch companies.

### Uzbek authorities annul mining license

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) – Uzbek authorities have stripped Oxus Gold PLC, a British mining company, of a license for developing gold and other metal deposits in Uzbekistan.

President Islam Karimov decreed last week to cancel Oxus's exclusive license for the Khandiza deposit and transferred it to state-owned Almalik Mining and Metals Plant.

Oxus has been working to develop a high-grade zinc, silver, copper, lead, and gold deposit in Khandiza. Oxus has also been developing the Amantaitau gold mine since 2004 in a venture with the Uzbek government, but Karimov's order didn't mention the mine.

### Option used in Rosneft IPO

MOSCOW (AP) – The Western banks that organized an initial public offering for state-controlled Russian oil company Rosneft have exercised an overallotment option to buy shares that will raise an additional \$232 million, the company said Aug. 21.

Rosneft said it had received notice Aug. 18 that ABN Amro Rothschild, Dresdner Kleinwort, J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. and Morgan Stanley & Co. International Ltd. would exercise their "greenshoe" option in respect of about 31.2 million of the company's shares, or nearly 60 percent of the total permitted.

The option permits underwriters to sell additional shares if demand is high, meaning the banks buy the shares at the original offer price of \$7.55, earning the company a further \$232 million and increasing the total value of the IPO to \$10.6 billion.

### Trans-Dniester says blast unrelated to crime

CHISINAU, Moldova (AP) – Pro-Russian separatist authorities control-

ling the Trans-Dniester province in eastern Moldova said August 17 that a suspect detained in connection with a fatal weekend bus blast allegedly organized the attack for "personal reasons" not related to criminal groups.

The 49-year-old suspect is a man who lives near the region's capital, Tiraspol, where the explosion on Aug. 13 of two grenades on a bus killed two and seriously injured 10 people.

Though Trans-Dniester security chief Vladimir Antyufeyev said the suspect was not connected to criminal groups, he refused to give the reasons for the bombing.

### Threat to privileges if WTO deal not struck

MOSCOW (AP) – Russia will revoke import privileges on meat imports if Washington does not open the way for Russia to join the World Trade Organization by October, the economics ministry said Aug. 17.

A statement posted on its website read that Economics Minister German Gref had sent a letter warning his counterparts in Washington that beneficial terms for importing meat that were adopted before Russia's expected WTO accession could be dropped if October talks in Geneva collapse.

A bilateral agreement had widely been expected to be announced in July but the talks collapsed, with Russia's chief negotiator expressing pessimism earlier this month, saying it may not even happen in 2007.

### Hermitage director apologizes for thefts

MOSCOW (AP) – The director of Russia's State Hermitage Museum, Mikhail Piotrovsky, apologized August 21 for the theft of \$5 million worth of jewelry, icons and other precious items, as police recovered more items.

The head of the federal culture agency, Mikhail Shvydkoi, warned that the reputation of all of Russia's cultural institutions would depend on the outcome of nationwide inspections.

Russia's most famous museum announced last month that 221 items had been stolen over a period of time. Piotrovsky also told a meeting of the Russian Union of Museums that he hoped the intense scrutiny would help improve security procedures.

Shvydkoi formally reprimanded Piotrovsky last week but said there would be no resignation or firings in the wake of the scandal. A total of four people have been detained on charges of involvement in the thefts.

## Flag Day marred

### Uzbek officials warn tabloid

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) – The Uzbek government issued a warning Aug. 21 to a weekly tabloid, saying its sex-related articles had offended national sensibilities.

The State Agency for the Press and Information said in a statement that the editors of the weekly *Tasvir* had "crossed the line of ethical standards" by frequently running articles not complying with "the mentality of Uzbek people."

It said a profile of Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky hinting at homosexuality were among the stories the tabloid had published that violated Uzbek media law. "This is not an attempt to limit press freedom," it said.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the warning could be followed by the authorities' moves to close the paper, which is one of the most popular Uzbek-language publications.

Uzbek President Islam Karimov has stepped up pressure on both local and international media after suppressing an uprising in Andijan in May 2005.

Despite an official ban on censorship, the Uzbek media is strictly monitored.

### Schroeder adopts second Russian child

BERLIN (AP) – Former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and his wife have adopted a second child from Russia, a spokeswoman for Schroeder's political party has confirmed.

A German newspaper reported the adoption and the report was duly confirmed by a spokesman. The paper said the infant boy came from St. Petersburg, as did their daughter Viktoria, now 5, whom the couple adopted in 2004.

### Milosevic's son blames court for father's death

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) – In a letter published Aug. 17, Slobodan Milosevic's son reiterated accusations that the U.N. war crimes tribunal was responsible for his father's death.

Marko Milosevic said in the letter published by a daily that the U.N. court "had a monopoly over my father's health" during his detention at The Hague.

Milosevic died of a heart attack in March whilst being tried for genocide for his role in the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s. After his death his family and allies in Serbia accused the tribunal of driving him to death by not granting proper medical care. The Hague rejected the allegations.

## Water rescue



A helicopter gathering water on the territory of the 275th ammunition store in Novobohdanivka, Zaporizhzhya Region, on Aug. 19. All workers and residents from nearby villages were evacuated from the army unit after a long series of explosions. Residents of Bohdanivka are demanding the status of participants of a war as well as compensation and free medical treatment. (UNIAN)

## EDITORIAL

## Growing pains

As Ukraine prepares to celebrate Independence Day it finds itself no longer at the infancy stage but firmly in its teens, though full adulthood is still at least a few years away. That is probably an accurate assessment of the last 15 years. Ukraine had a rocky, unsure start as it began the 1990s with two Leonids - Kravchuk followed by Kuchma - at the helm. It sees in the start of its 16th with two Viktor - Yushchenko and Yanukovich - steering the country. At the beginning of independence many ordinary folk were confident, buoyed by the feeling that resources-rich Ukraine would do better as an independent state as the Soviet Union imploded and the referendum on independence received the unanimous support of people in December 1991. Kravchuk experienced huge inflation and Kuchma, promising reforms, found that, like many other politicians, it is easier to promise than deliver. He brought Ukraine some stability but was too busy playing off the European Union and Russia on the foreign front and magnates and businesses on the home front. Viktor Yushchenko fought Viktor Yanukovich for the presidency and won only for the latter to complete a remarkable return by returning as prime minister with more powers than the president. Fifteen years on, and less than two years after the Orange Revolution, people's expectations have been tempered and, unfortunately, a level of realism and sense of "stability", a word used unsparingly during the Kuchma era, have set in. However, there is no doubt that Ukraine has made progress in many respects. Economically, much needs to be done but the mass media is now freer and the political system is moving, albeit slowly, towards greater responsibility. There is a plethora of political forces out there, giving the voter a wide choice of ideology, even if the majority of the main players hail from the Communist era and these forces do not resemble apparent counterparts in the West.

Perhaps more importantly a responsive civil society is being formed, thanks in part to the Orange Revolution. People now feel more confident about standing up for their rights. Many thrifty business people, working mainly in small and medium-sized companies created from scratch, are thriving. However, it has to be said that progress by entrepreneurs has largely been despite and not due to the efforts of the authorities over 15 years. Many people have been weaned off looking to the state to provide for them from "the cradle to the grave", as was the case in Soviet times. A middle class is forming and as society becomes more stratified the danger exists that unless an adequate social security system is put into place society will be divided even more into "the haves and have nots". Such social protection is vital during the lengthy transition from a command economy to one based on free market lines. Though it can be said that Ukrainian society is now more meritocratic than before much still needs to be done to give people in rural areas the opportunity and means to at least compete on a level playing field. Cosy relationships and arrangements need to be challenged. A start could be made from the very top by ensuring MPs and their relatives declare all their interests, business or otherwise. Business and politics have still not been separated. The countryside has been neglected by all governments and parties of every political color, despite promises to invest in the infrastructure.

Many big problems still exist - ubiquitous corruption and business monopolies are just two. Excessive, pointless bureaucracy is a third. It could be argued that time and opportunities have been squandered by politicians in moving the country ahead.

However, for all that Ukraine is now firmly on the world map. No longer is it known just because of Dynamo Kyiv, Chernobyl or the latest scandal. Now it is known in the world for successful people like Ruslana, the Klitshchko brothers and Andriy Shevchenko. It is known for quality products like its steel, the Ruslan plane and the Kolchuga radar system. It is known for the Carpathian Mountains, Crimea and wildlife reserves like the Aakania-Nova Biosphere Reserve. Perhaps what Ukraine needs more than anything is a new and youthful generation of politicians to move it on over the next 15 years. Perhaps then Ukraine will be able to make a qualitative big step to fulfill the hopes and dreams of those who voted for independence back in 1991.

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## Unusual contest



A participant of the qualifying stages of the All-Ukrainian Championship for speed eating of varenky at a round held in Kyiv Aug. 19. The winner of this stage was Volodymyr Yanko, who will represent Kyiv in the final to be held Aug. 24. (UNIAN)

## Fall of Putin's Russia inevitable

Ukraine may look chaotic, but it is the neo-imperialist and authoritarian Russian petro-state that is headed for a crash. Despite President Vladimir Putin's thin-lipped bravado and the tub-thumping antics of Gazprom, today's Russia is a weak and unstable state. If policymakers and investors were to look beneath the Kremlin's rhetoric at the actual condition of Russia's political institutions, they would know that Putin will go down in history as one of Russia's most incompetent and destructive rulers.

Putin's power looks consolidated and strong. He has successfully muzzled the press, emasculated the parties and parliament, strengthened central control, staffed the government with his cronies from the security services, co-opted the oligarchs, and terrified civil society. Hoping to appeal to Russians angry at the loss of empire and superpower status, Putin has also played on great-power and imperial nostalgia, nationalism, and patriotism, vowing to crush all of Russia's enemies, in particular the Chechens.

But there is far less to Putin's power than meets the eye. By any measure of hard or soft power, Russia is weak. The Russian population is in decline, and its army is a joke. The economy is booming, but only because Russia's vast energy resources happen to enjoy high world prices. In terms of soft power - or the ability to persuade others to do one's bidding - Russia isn't even in contention.

Naturally, Putin hopes to change all that. But the fatal flaw of his vision is that modernizing Russia with authoritarian means will not work. Putin's faith in authoritarianism, although misplaced, is understandable, especially for a KGB officer. There are many instances of successful authoritarian modernizations, ranging from Bismarck's Germany to the Asian "tigers," Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, and Indonesia. Russia's own history - in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as during the Soviet period - suggests that authoritarian regimes can modernize societies. By the same token, Communist China successfully modernized under Deng Tsiao-ping while remaining an authoritarian state ruled by the Communist Party.

But authoritarianism is not a viable option for today's Russia. Like the other Soviet successor states, Russia is a post-totalitarian and post-imperial entity that lacks the institutional preconditions of authoritarianism. Authoritarian rule requires an effective state - which Russia lacks. Instead, the Russian bureaucracy is

bloated, inefficient, and deeply corrupt. Russia's armed forces and police are corrupt and inefficient. The only institution that Putin can rely on is the security services, but no state can survive for long if it rests only on the secret police.

This is not to say that misguided rulers cannot or will not employ authoritarian means to build a state. But they will necessarily fail. Worse, the example of third world states shows that authoritarian state building can all too easily acquire pathological characteristics, especially when institutions are non-existent or weak. State building then trumps all other policy concerns and becomes a source of political patronage. When the state becomes institutionally and numerically bloated, its efficiency invariably declines as lines of command become blurred, elites engage in localized empire building, resources are diverted from their intended uses, and state employees engage in bribe taking and corruption. The state apparatus then becomes an obstacle to modernization.

Russia's ongoing transformation into a petro-state will make things worse. As Russia's oil and gas industries consolidate and expand, their influence on the Russian economy and polity will grow. That may mean a dynamic energy sector, but it will also skew the rest of the economy and produce one-sided development. Moreover, energy-based states with weak political institutions are always deeply corrupt states. They accumulate vast and easy wealth, which corrupt elites invariably misappropriate. And oil states are rarely stable. The misuse by elites of the easy money generated by natural resource extraction tends to generate popular protest, sometimes even revolution. Indeed, it is striking just how closely Putin resembles in vision, policies, and demeanor, Reza Shah Pahlavi.

Russia's turn toward neo-imperialism may be Putin's biggest mistake. Although invocations of Russia's manifest destiny are necessary in order to prop up popular support for an intrinsically weak regime, they force Russia to behave as if it were really endowed with the capacity to be an empire once again. But crummy states incapable of promoting sustainable modernization are not the vehicles for great power behavior. The more that Russia flexes its muscles and attempts to reestablish a sphere of influence among the former states of the Soviet Union, the more it will engage in "imperial overreach" and be less capable of sustaining such adventurism.

If President Putin persists in his authoritarian version of modernization, Russia will eventually go the way of Kenya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and other third world states whose enormous potential services parasitic elites. Unfortunately, there is little reason to expect Putin to change course any time soon. The Russian people support him, and the Russian democrats are too weak to challenge him. The European Union has been quiet. It is dependent on Russia for energy supplies. Developing a common security and defense policy toward Russia is intrinsically difficult as European Union has so many members. And some European states - in particular Germany - are happy to revert to traditional patterns of ignoring Russia's human rights violations and undemocratic behavior in exchange for Realpolitik, Ostpolitik, and Gaspolitik. Last, the U. S. has, thanks to the Bush administration's perceived illegitimacy in much of the world and the ongoing war in Iraq, lost its moral right to lecture the Russians.

This means that Russia's headlong rush toward systemic breakdown is likely to be undeterred. The fall will be messy - especially for its neighbors, such as Ukraine - but the good news is that, when it comes, Russia will finally have no choice but to be a democratic state that pursues amicable relations with its neighbors.

In the meantime, Ukraine, like all of Russia's neighbors, must be prepared for the brittleness of Russia's regime to become especially apparent in the runup to the Russian presidential election in 2008. Successions are invariably times of trouble in all authoritarian states. They are also times that invite competing politicians to resort to rabble-rousing via appeals to national glory and manifest destiny. Kyiv will have to be sensitive to Moscow's impending difficulties and resist the temptation to gloat. Kyiv will also have to resist the temptation to take Russia's great-power rhetoric and chest-beating too seriously and to overreact.

A major domestic realignment is also likely in Ukraine. As Russia's weakness becomes apparent, the Party of Regions will have no choice but to redefine itself exclusively in terms of Ukraine - a process that has already begun. The Russia factor in Ukrainian politics will never go away, but it will become far less important than it seems today.

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## The Comeback Kid

Viktor Yanukovich hasn't stopped smiling since July. He was smiling when the Orange Coalition collapsed thanks to his new buddy Oleksandr Moroz crossing the floor, allowing his Blue Coalition to step in and take over. He was smiling as the heart-wrenched President Yushchenko reluctantly agreed to admit his adversary to the most powerful post in the land.

He was smiling during his swearing-in ceremony in the half-empty parliamentary chamber. And he was smiling as he strutted comfortably beside Russian President Putin at a private Black Sea resort, dressed in matching silver suits like two aging rock stars on a comeback tour. Perhaps they were. The new PM rushed off to patch up "spoiled relations" with Russia, and it seemed remarkable that Putin – a president embroiled in civil war in Chechnya, and coming off a tough meeting with world leaders – would have cleared his schedule and found a whole weekend for such a minor figure as a government leader. The G8 leaders would have wished as much.

Just like the G8 summit, this meeting was all about energy – with Ukraine coming up with the short stick again and the average taxpayer footing the bill. Gas prices will rise, despite Yanukovich's ridiculous campaign promises of 2004. By this time next year, the economy can be expected to slow down as higher gas prices help to depress the economy and drive trade underground and able-bodied workers abroad. Even the most timid of political observers can also venture that gas was not the only topic on the agenda. One can almost smell the burnt rubber from the certain amount of backpedaling on trade issues and other crucial areas of Ukrainian-Russian relations. One can only hope that Yanukovich felt somewhat discomforted being compared in the press with former-PM and rival Yuliya Tymoshenko as to his conduct at the gas talks.

For Orange supporters – those supporting the West-leaning, democratic-oriented political parties – the last two months have been a nightmare. For the average Orange revolutionist, it was a cruel, cruel disappointment to watch Yanukovich sworn in as Ukraine's 13th Prime Minister during the late-summer ceremony. It was a bitter pill for the ordi-

nary men and women, young and old, who awoke from the slumber of lethargic politics after a century, and who – having had their fill of corruption and deceit from public officials – sat in unwashed winter clothing for three weeks eating mass made soup and tried to prove a point. The revolution symbolized a forum to turn all the grumbling and idealism into activity. Unfortunately, this opportunity to give a voice to people power has been wasted. Now the dream is over.

There will not be another colored revolution. Nor will there be any need for a government crackdown. Yanukovich's ascension to the throne ensured that such a huge show of public protest can be peacefully ignored.

The biggest public disenchantment lies with the politicians of the Orange coalition. Nobody can be more disappointed than Orange coalition mover and shaker Yuliya Tymoshenko, who remains in shock and awe at the defection of key coalition members, particularly such morally upstanding politicians as newly-enthroned parliamentary speaker Oleksandr Moroz. Moroz's motives remain an enigma, particularly in light of press rumors of bribery. Although a staunch socialist, Moroz has proven a wily, yet calming influence on the Ukrainian political scene, averting more than one political crisis over two decades, and playing a major role in the Orange revolution. In 20 years, he has earned respect from all quarters of the political pie for being honest and loyal. He showed none of those qualities this summer.

This latest political meltdown of democratic forces should come as no surprise really. In fact, it follows a pattern established back when Soviet leader Gorbachev loosed the reigns on political candidates in the late 1980s. A 'kid-in-the-candy-store' effect resulted quickly in which the very ability to form an alternative party after 70 years of one party politics sparked an explosion of parties and opportunities for personal political gain. Political diversity has now backfired with no unifying vision for the future, too many views of democracy and virtually no leadership material. Until firebrand gas queen Tymoshenko entered politics, Ukraine had a dearth of charismatic and capable leaders in the democratic camp with



Askold Lozynskiy, president of the World Congress of Ukrainians, shown during his address at the opening of the Fourth World Forum of Ukrainians in Kyiv on Aug. 15. The aim of the gathering is to tell the world Ukrainian community of the renewal of the Ukrainian state, explain the work of the president and cabinet and to promote better ties between Ukrainians. (UNIAN)

countrywide appeal. In the end, the country settles for individuals like its current choice of PM – tough guys masquerading as father figures for the nation. But this tough talk and finger-pointing has become a hard sell with the modern, urban under-40 crowd who grew up under independence. They expect more finesse and professionalism.

The parliamentary elections in March were a disaster, and parliament should have been mercifully dissolved three months ago. The interim bickering has allowed Yanukovich and his kinder, gentler Party of Regions to reinvent themselves, aided by a gaggle of U.S. advisors. However, these advisors and Western governments should not make the mistake of thinking that Yanukovich has had a change of heart

or could be even mildly good for Ukrainian politics. He could not even wrestle lower gas prices – his big election promise – out of his new best friend, the Russian president. Yanukovich has simply changed his tactics.

Moreover, the only reason that Yanukovich regained his old Prime Ministerial office was because, for the first time in Ukraine's new history, a president honored his word by following the rule of law and not his heart or the pocketbook of his cronies – and permitted the majority coalition of parties to form a government. The public should not be too angry with Yushchenko, who was left with a terrible choice. It could have been so tempting for a minute to quash his rival, bringing some temporary personal satisfaction and revenge – all at the expense of the country's political stability. But he didn't do it. Now, for the next two years, Yushchenko will battle to keep Yanukovich in check.

This time around, rather than having free reign as was the case in the Kuchma regime, Yanukovich's hands are somewhat bound by the Universal he signed with the president and by the whims of his political financiers. Two years ago the PM hoped to gain power with the strong-arm tactics he learned in the penal system, like making ridiculous statements about his opponents and filling buses with large, leather-coated young men whose chief task was to beat up pensioners who were manning voting boxes. Today, opposition papers are rife with accusations that he has turned to the softer methods of promises and lining bank accounts.

So, what can we expect from the new Prime Minister? More of the same. The West – and more importantly the Ukrainian people – should be under no illusions that Yanukovich has changed and sworn off corruption and bribery. He is still a product of the soviet system raised on a feudal Russian system, and he knows and believes in no other. Although his handlers try to paint a new image, the fine capitalist veneer cannot hide the coarse underlay – the tough, resilient boy from the coal mining regions who had to claw his way to

the top. The ultimate key is power – both political and financial.

Finally, political watchers are wondering what awaits Ukrainian politics next. There are two possible outcomes. First, Yanukovich may enjoy a long run and achieve his goals of running for and winning the presidency, rewarding his friends and hiding behind the umbrella of Russian friendship for 5-10 years. But an even more likely scenario is possible. As even the most casual spectator of Ukrainian politics has observed – prime ministers don't last that long. With an average stay of 8 months, election to the Cabinet means a short but sweet career, although some PM's have lasted up to two years. In a peculiar twist of Ukrainian politics, Yanukovich could be gone in six months for any number of reasons, including the oft-cited presidential favorite "for failing to carry out his obligations as PM". Whether he finds himself banished to the sidelines of politics or at the very heights of power, it is clear that even Yanukovich realizes Ukraine is a sovereign state that can no longer rely on good neighbors for such things as cheaper energy supplies.

Ultimately, a third of the voting public elected Yanukovich. His election is not about one man's popularity, but about what he represents. So, a third of the population is trying to send a message that they cannot cope with the radical changes of the past 15 years and they seek solace in the comfort of familiar bygone days. Runaway inflation, unemployment, high living costs and social changes threaten belief systems and security. The PM is promising a return to the familiar, something closer to the soviet utopia of predictable daily life and basic needs. The Orange revolutionists offered the unknown. Thus, in the future both Western aid agencies and democratic movements must improve the circumstances of these most vulnerable sections of the population. It is on this basis that real democratic reforms can be built.

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### Unity plea

### Parade ground



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### ЖУРНАЛИСТ В АНГЛОЯЗЫЧНОЕ ИЗДАНИЕ

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#### Основные задачи:

- Организация работы редакции, интервью, написание статей на тему моды и красоты.

#### Требования:

- Женщина 23-35 лет.
- Образование высшее законченное (Филология, журналистика).
- Опыт работы в глянцево-женских изданиях желателен.
- Способность генерировать идеи и организовать их воплощение.
- Интерес к темам моды и красоты.
- Грамотный русский, украинский и английский язык.
- Коммуникабельность, умение работать в сжатые сроки, творческий подход к работе, аналитический ум, хорошие организаторские способности.

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- Опыт работы журналистом
- Опыт журналистских расследований
- Знания в области бизнеса
- Знание ПК (MS Office, Internet) и офисной техники;
- Работать в интервью-формате, находить информацию и писать аналитические материалы;
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- Женщина 23-35 лет.
- Образование высшее законченное (Филология, журналистика).
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# Outlet Shopping



## Russian star to host show in Ukraine



By **ALEXANDRA MATOSHKO**

All the fans of the Russian soap opera "Ne Rodis Krasivoy" (Don't Be Born Beautiful) should rejoice – the actress who played the main character Katya Pushkaryova in the famous TV series, Nelli Uvarova, will soon reappear on Ukrainian TV screens, this time hosting a talk show on NTN channel, "The Beauties," which will air in September. The aim of the show is to discuss various problems faced by the fairer sex, including relationships with men, raising children and more. But whatever the program deals with, its success is guaranteed – after all, Uvarova is currently one of the most popular women in the CIS.

Theater actress Uvarova jumped to fame when the series "Ne Rodis Krasivoy" first appeared on television screens across Russia and Ukraine and almost instantly earned top ratings. I myself got interested in the show after accidentally seeing its end titles, which said that it was based on Colombian soap opera "Yo Soy Betty, La Fea (I'm Betty, the Ugly)." I ended up watching the entire series, even though I had to miss quite a few episodes – with my work, it's hard to always be home by eight. Moreover, my mom watched it too, as well as my younger brother, who normally doesn't watch soaps, which means there was something especially enthralling about this one. Even for me, "Ne Rodis Krasivoy" was exceptional. This soap opera was quite different from others in its genre. It avoided typical characters and plotlines like lost children, amnesiacs, crazy villains, and murders. In fact, its only villain was more comic than evil, the episodes were always full of hilarious sequences, and the acting for the most part was really good.

A curious detail – while the series was on the air featuring Uvarova in her "ugly" phase, the actress wasn't allowed to appear in public looking her usual pretty self. She even had to hide her face completely under a veil when she got married.

Special Picks: Two Mexico-themed movies screen in English; Afrika Bambaataa in town

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A Word with ... Indian businessman Sanjeev Bhagat

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(Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

## SPORT



(www.plu.edu)

SATURDAY 26

**Wakeboarding: Ukrainian Open 2006**

The Federation of Water-Ski Sports of Ukraine announces a championship in various extreme water sports in which everyone can take part and win not only souvenirs, but also cash prizes. Participants will compete in open categories without age limits in wakeskating, wakeboarding and slalom. Judges from Kyiv and Moscow will evaluate the stunts of the participants, who will show off all their best tricks in whatever sequence they prefer. The organizers of the competition hope to popularize extreme water sports in Ukraine while offering enthusiasts a chance to showcase their skills.

**Water Area of "Ukraine" Sports Training Club (Trukhaniv Island).** Slalom at 11 a.m., wakeboarding and wakeskating at 2 p.m. Free admission.

SUNDAY 27

**Formula 1 Turkey Grand Prix**

After a short break, the participants of Formula 1 return to the track. This time they are going to try their luck in Turkey. Last year, a lap around the Turkish roads showed that they are ready to host the world's biggest race. Today, various teams confirm that the route to success requires intense concentration.



(www.allsportauto.com)

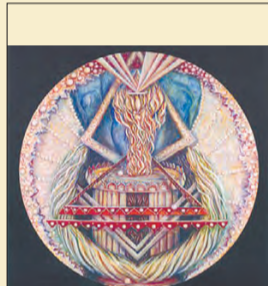
**Megasport channel at 2:45 p.m.**  
**Formula Club (2 Velyka Okruzhna, 476-3820).**

## GALLERY

FRIDAY 25

**"Cosmography. The Writing of the Universe." Paintings by Gilah Yelin Hirsch**

Gilah Yelin Hirsch, an American artist, writer and photographer, debuts her work in Ukraine. A veteran of over 40 personal exhibitions, she has also contributed to more than 150 group shows all over the world. The artist is a Professor of Art at California State University and her work has been published in many books and magazines. Her paintings appear internationally in private collections.



(www.soviart.com.ua)

**Soviart (22A Andriivsky Uzviz, 425-2219).**  
Through August 28. Please call for ticket information.

**"Sunny Sails." Paintings by Dmytro Dobrovolsky**

In this exhibition, Kyiv artist Dmytro Dobrovolsky offers his fans colorful paintings resembling mosaics. The motif can easily be traced back to the years when the artist studied restoration at the Ukrainian Academy of Fine Arts. Dobrovolsky's works have always been full of bright and vivid colors. According to him, color is the essence from which the plot of each picture develops.

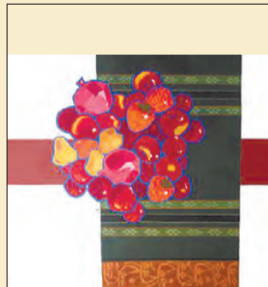


(www.ddobrovolsky.com)

**Tryptykh (34 Andriivsky Uzviz, 279-0759).** Through September 5.

**"Self-Portrait Assimilation." Graphics and photos by Svitlana Fesenko**

Ukrainian artist Svitlana Fesenko invites the audience to explore her psyche through the works presented at her new exhibition "Self-Portrait Assimilation." According to Fesenko, no matter what an artist paints, each work is a self-portrait. Every piece displayed at the exhibition holds a part of its creator and represents a fragment of her personality.



(www.triptych-gallery.org)

**Art-Blues (38 Andriivsky Uzviz, 279-7388).**  
Through September 4.

**"Still Life." Paintings by Roman Laciak**

The dean of the Krakow Academy of Fine Arts Roman Laciak unveils his first personal exhibition in Kyiv. Through his paintings, Laciak interprets his experiences teaching art students in the Faculty of Painting. The simple name of the project prepares the audience for images of a particular genre, but they are surprisingly bright with color and exuberant energy.

**Irena (35 Artema, 484-0010).** Through September 6.

## FILMS

FRIDAY 25

**Premiere: "Lady in the Water"**

Indian-born writer and director M. Night Shyamalan, known for his mystical stories with unexpected endings such as "The Sixth Sense" and "The Village," presents his new film. It stars Bryce Dallas Howard, who skillfully portrayed the blind girl in "The Village" and Paul Giamatti, who rose to stardom in "Sideways" after many years as a supporting actor. In the fairytale "Lady in the Water," he plays a humble building superintendent who rescues a young woman (Howard) from a pool, only to find that she's a magical creature trying to make her way home.



(cinempire.com)

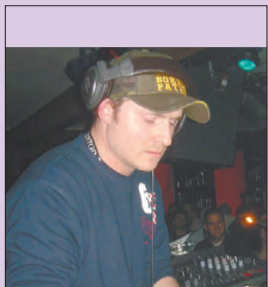
**Various cinemas.** Please, see "movies" for more information.

## CLUBS

SATURDAY 26

**DJ Teebee**

Torgeir Byrknes, aka deejay Teebee, known as the father of Norwegian drum'n'bass music will play his dark and futuristic tracks at the Kyiv club Most. Teebee began his career as a deejay in 1990, and released his first record in 1996. He was one of the first drum'n'bass producers from outside the UK to rise to the scene's A-list.



(http://eecake.com)

**Most (Petrivka metro, Moskovskiy bridge, Park Druzhby Narodiv).** 10 p.m. Tickets Hr 80 (with flyer before midnight – Hr 60, after midnight – Hr 70).

SUNDAY 27

**Mylo**

The Scottish electronic musician Mylo, originally Myles MacInnes, will visit Ukraine as part of his round-the-world tour of music festivals. He gained popularity with the 2004 release of his album "Destroy Rock & Roll" and with his remixes for Scissor Sisters and The Killers. One of his most notable works is a 2004 remix of Kylie Minogue's #2 UK hit "I Believe in You." Mylo's music has can be characterized as rich, varied and well-balanced, as if he had an army of engineers at his side.



(www.db.bbc.co.uk)

**Yevropeyska Ploshcha**  
8 p.m. Free admission.

## LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY 25

**Skay**

The band Skay will come to the Ukrainian capital right after performing in their native city of Ternopil on Independence Day. The pop-rock musicians have gained wide recognition in the last year for their romantic ballad "Tebe Tse Mozhe Vbyty (It Can Kill You)" which enjoyed months of play on FM radio stations.



(www.skay.com.ua)

**Pobeda (2 Bulvar Perova, Darnytsya metro).** 8 p.m.

SATURDAY 26

**Mad Heads XL and Frienzy**

Two Ukrainian bands – Mad Heads XL and Frienzy – will perform their popular hits and new songs at Docker's ABC. Mad Heads XL, which has finally found its niche in the Ukrainian music scene, will play its sunny folk-rock, while Frienzy, a young band of professional musicians steadily gaining in popularity, will add its unique flair to the performance.



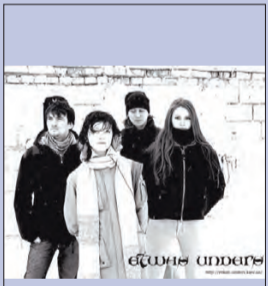
(www.madheads.kiev.ua)

**Docker's ABC (15 Khreshchatyk, 278-1717).**  
8 p.m. Please, call for ticket information.

SUNDAY 27

**Rock Concert**

All the fans of youthful rock music and open air concerts shouldn't miss the gig set to take place at Most skate park. Among the bands taking part in the concert are Dymna Sumish playing hardcore, Etwas Unders playing nu-metal and post grunge, grunge band Scrudg and guests from Moscow Wasabi.



(etwas-unders.kiev.ua)

**Most (Moskovskiy bridge, Park Druzhby Narodiv).**  
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SUNDAY 27

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**SPECIAL PICKS**

## Movies in English: Mexicans rule



By **ALEXANDRA MATOSHO**

**“A Day Without a Mexican”**

I don't know if it should be considered a conspiracy or coincidence, but the fact

and directed in 1998. As a Mexican, he understands the conflict between white America and Hispanic immigrants better than anyone else, and his message is clear. Through the film he reveals one



that the two movies showing in English on Ukraine's wide screens this week both deal with Mexicans is hard to overlook. But as long as both are good – and it certainly looks that way – it's perfectly fine with me.

The story told in “A Day Without a Mexican” may not quite be every American's biggest fear, but it could become one after watching the movie. One day, Californians wake up to find that all the Mexicans in the state have disappeared. It soon becomes clear that a certain “California dream” is being made reality by people who suddenly vanish, leaving only one Mexican journalist, but even she doesn't last long. The first question, “Why?” is soon replaced by another: “What to do?” Because as it turns out, those humble Latin Americans working all sorts of simple jobs for less than minimum wage were the ones who made California what it was. Not only is there no one to clean, cook and pick fruits, but the economy is in danger because of the sudden loss of a considerable portion of the state's consumers. Naturally, the Californians are forced to confess – they want all those Mexicans back.

Mexican-born director Sergio Arau based this absurdist parable on the short film of the same name that he co-wrote

simple truth: being intolerant toward the newcomers is not just an ethical question. It might be a question of survival.

**ZHOVTEN (26 Konstyantynivska, 425-8909).** See “Movies” for more information.

**“Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada”**

The second “Mexican” movie in English this week is not a comedy but a drama, and was made not by a Latin American, but – you'd never guess – actor Tommy Lee Jones. Jones, whose only previous directing experience was “The Good Old Boys” made for TV in 1995, is yet another Hollywood actor who, like Mel Gibson and George Clooney before him, suddenly turned out to also be a skillful director.

Since the movie deals with Mexico and Mexicans, Jones needed a native collaborator. So he chose Mexican scriptwriter Guillermo Arriaga, the author of the screenplays for “21 Grams”

and “Amores Perros” by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu. Judging by the result, Arriaga and Jones make a good team.

In the film that was dubbed “Three Graves” for Ukrainian distribution, Tommy Lee Jones demonstrates his knowledge of Spanish playing a man named Pete whose best friend Melquiades Estrada is accidentally shot to death by a border patrolman. The local sheriff is trying to suppress the incident and Estrada is buried, but Pete, who promised to bury Estrada in his hometown in Mexico, is determined to fulfill his deceased friend's wish. Using a loaded gun as a forcible argument, he makes the border guard guilty of his friend's death help him dig Estrada out of his grave and carry him across the border between Texas and Mexico.

According to imdb.com, prior to filming, which for the most part took place on Jones' own ranch, the debut director gave each cast member a copy of Albert Camus' “The Stranger” to read so that they would better understand alienation – the main theme of the film. So in a way, “Three Burials” is the story of another “stranger,” only the way it would be told by a Hispanic author like Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

**KYIV (19 Chervonoarmyska, 234-7381).** See “Movies” for more information.

**Afrika Bambaataa**

Whether you like or dislike the relatively new Kyiv club Kaif, you can't help but respect that its art director does a good job of bringing the world's top deejays to play there on a regular basis. However, its next guest star is of such magnitude that he makes all of the club's previous musical guests pale in comparison. Afrika Bambaataa, the godfather of hip-hop, father of electro funk, prophet of trip-hop and innovator of R&B is coming to Kyiv to play a full deejay set.

Born in the South Bronx, young Kevin Donovan adopted the name of a Zulu leader he had studied and started an organization called Zulu Nation in 1974 – a group of racially and politically aware rappers, b-boys, graffiti artists and other people now famous in hip-hop culture. Having pursued music from a young age, by 14, Afrika Bambaataa was known as one of the best (and in fact one of the first) deejays and break-dancers. By 1980, Zulu Nation had grown into a strong clan and their parties, involving battles of DJs, break-dancers and MCs, were the most popular in New York. Bambaataa himself was called the Master of the turntables. Though his fame has quieted, Afrika Bambaataa remains a legend of hip-hop music, and therefore, the upcoming party at Kaif is a must for true electronic music fans, beginner deejays, and break-dancers.

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# Sanjeev Bhagat, successful businessman, Indian advocate



(Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

By LARISSA BABIJ

Sanjeev Bhagat greets me from behind a large desk covered with documents, a humming computer and a blinking phone by his side. Clearly a busy man, the president of Konark Intelmed does not let on with his calm, polite demeanor, offering a cup of tea before we begin our conversation.

In 1995, Sanjeev Bhagat's business started supplying Ukraine with medicines.

"We have representatives all over Ukraine," he says, adding that their distribution and marketing network extends to neighboring countries like Poland and Romania. The businessman graduated in 1992 with an engineering degree, but now can claim 11 years of experience in the field of pharmaceuticals.

### Successful supplier

Bhagat first encountered Slavs in his hometown of Bokaro, in eastern India.

"There were more than 300 Russian families staying there" he explained, recalling the time when he was growing up, working for a steel plant. "We used to play football with the Russian kids."

In the early 1990s, some of his friends were working in Russia.

"They came to India and offered me to work with them and supply medicines to them," Sanjeev says. Earlier India had furnished the USSR pharmaceutical prod-

ucts via Moscow. "After 1993, it all stopped and there was a huge vacuum of Indian medicines in all the markets," he continues. So he went to work with his friends and soon struck out on his own, picking up the Ukrainian demand.

Konark Intelmed now boasts over 150 employees. Bhagat travels to India four times a year, where the company has a base in Mumbai and where his parents, brothers, and sister still live. However, he controls all operations from Kyiv.

"Wherever I go, I come back to Ukraine," admits the president.

Bhagat has built his home here. He reveals with a grin, "I found an Indian woman in Ukraine." She had been studying here since 1988, and the couple met in 1997. After getting acquainted, they decided to plan a wedding in India. "Now we have one daughter," says the proud father, holding up a photo of his beautiful 20-month-old.

Sanjeev feels comfortable in Ukraine.

"In the last 10 years, I would say that I am very happy and at the same time very much surprised that Ukrainian[s]... have adapted to change very fast," he admits. Compared to 1995, when it was difficult to even find vegetables for sale, the native Indian proclaims, "I don't think there is anything left that you can't find in Ukraine."

This includes a thriving cricket scene.

"We have more than 10 teams all over Ukraine," from Ternopil to Donetsk,

explains the enthusiast. Sanjeev and fellow players practice every other day during the summer season and play in 2-3 tournaments per year. He lists the countries where most players come from – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the UK, New Zealand, and Australia – adding, "For the local people to play cricket, we need to have more and more cricket... so that people start feeling some interest."

### Indian influx

In addition to being an avid cricket player, Sanjeev is also current president of the India Club. It was instituted in 2001, to give Indians a platform to voice their opinions and to bring Indian culture into the Ukrainian sphere.

"Apart from that," he adds, "this club is an effort to do some charity work for the local Ukrainian people."

Bhagat maintains close ties with members of the Indian diaspora in Ukraine, who represent almost all the regions of their native country. In recent years the number of Indian families in Ukraine has grown from the club's original membership of 20-40. "I'll tell you that we have somewhere around 120 families, but we represent more than 15 languages!" he remarks.

Based on his figures, about 70-80% of Indians working in Ukraine can be found in Kyiv. There are also 3000-4000 Indian students enrolled in universities all over the country, most studying medicine or

engineering. The costs for Indians to study in Ukraine, including travel and living expenses, are still half of what they would be back home, says Sanjeev.

"In the coming years, I would say that India Club is going to expand its functions," says its current president, revealing plans to integrate the interested student population.

### Better than Bollywood

Indian culture has long been popular in Ukraine since it was first introduced through film. Sanjeev Bhagat explains that India Club has developed programs to provide information and live cultural performances to local Ukrainians and native Indians.

For example, on August 26, India Club will host the fourth annual "Bridge to Friendship," a joint celebration of India's and Ukraine's independence days. In addition to invited Ukrainian and Indian artists, the program will feature performances of student groups from all over the country. To my surprise, Sanjeev revealed that there are over 70 clubs all over Ukraine pursuing traditional Indian dance, music, and culture.

On October 21, the club plans to celebrate Diwali, a festival of lights and candles. "All of India celebrates this [festival]," explains Bhagat, adding that Diwali represents good overcoming evil. "In India we have more than 500 religions – did you know that?" he breaks in. "And

languages, more than 700 working languages. It is a country of diversity," he says with pride.

The festival of Holi takes place in March.

"This is a festival of colors. And all of India is busy coloring one billion people" with watercolors, powders, and paste, Bhagat excitedly explains. "Holi represents that all the people in this world are equal. Because after you color everyone, you don't know what color he is having, what dress he is having, so he becomes an equal."

When asked if he has ever faced discrimination in Ukraine, Sanjeev responds with a resounding "no," continuing, "because one way communism told that everyone is equal, the law of equality." He considers this one of the most attractive features about working and living in Ukraine.

With these draws, the Indian population in Ukraine continues to grow, "and definitely it will grow more and more," says Sanjeev confidently, explaining how Ukrainian-Indian business relations are continually strengthening.

He remains equally optimistic about Ukraine: "If you had come in 1995-1996, if you see today's scenario, you would find a big change... the climate has even changed – it seems like that. Everything has changed – the structures, the mentality of people – they have become more professional – it has changed a lot."

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## Embark on a culinary adventure at Exotica restaurant

By LARISSA BABIJ

You have to approach a restaurant named "Exotica" with slightly raised eyebrows. Making my way to Pier 6, off Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska, images flashed through my mind of sushi served on the recumbent bodies of naked women or a smoky Kyiv cabaret. I was relieved when my guest informed me that the "exotica" we were about to experience was Latino-Asian fusion cuisine – not as exciting as I had envisioned, but suitable for all tastes.

A cheerful rainbow-colored sign announces Exotica's presence on the top floor of a floating entertainment complex shared with Chinese restaurant Mandarin and edgy Modabar. Better approach from the left gangplank leading to Modabar, and from there climb a few floors to reach your tropical feeding ground.

The decor is best described as "tiki bar" – with carved wooden columns, primitive-chic lamps made of paper and sticks dangling from the ceiling, Gauguin-style artwork, and live potted palms. Tribal masks and dried flower arrangements adorn walls tiled in bamboo-edged African prints. Neon tubes in various primary colors decorate the center of the room like oversized rainbow sprinkles. Tables ring an equally colorful Pacific-themed bar and floor space that tempts tipsy guests to try out their salsa technique to the catchy Gipsy Kings soundtrack.

A hostess uniformed in a Hawaiian floral shirt paired with zebra-striped skirt led us to a table curtained off with decorative mosquito netting. In spite of the relative privacy offered from other guests, the tables are a bit wide for intimate conversation. They are, however, sturdy enough to hold lots of food, though at around Hr 100 per entree, you might want to practice some restraint.

Diving into our menus, decorated with the same images of bare-breasted Tahitian women and lush jungle greenery as the interior, we decided to forgo a bottle of wine (Hr 300 for a Chilean sauvignon blanc) for pints of Stella Artois (Hr 15). Warsteiner was also available, but the Ukrainian brews were probably not "exotic" enough to make the list.

On par with other upscale restaurants in Kyiv, the menu features a variety of salads, appetizers, soups, meat and fish dishes, shashlyk, potatoes, and the ubiquitous sushi. "The menu reminds me of Noah's Ark," my guest remarked, since it seems to include two of everything in an otherwise diverse assortment. What distinguishes Exotica (which does, in fact, mean "exotic" in Spanish) are details like peanut dressing on the salad with veal medallions and Spanish appetizers like salmon ceviche and paella.

Above each table, a flat-screen television offers a distraction from one's dining companions. Appetizing as it is to watch detailed footage of the savannah food chain in action interspersed with Jacques Cousteau's deep sea explorations, fortunately our food arrived shortly after we ordered. And, I should note, properly sequenced – beer preceding the appetizers, followed by entrees – which is not always guaranteed in this town. Another nice touch reflected Exotica's Asian influences – hot wet towels to wipe our hands with before eating.

Like at any good Ukrainian restaurant, the meal began with a basket of bread and a little pot of dill-seasoned butter. We commenced our examination of Exotica's "Latino" fare with the "tortilla chips and dips" (Hr 39), which scored low marks for their tough, crunchy texture and meager portion size. The three dips arrived in tiny finger bowls. A salsa of tomato, red pepper, and onion barely hit mild on the spice and flavor meter, while the creamy garlic and dill sauce was passable, and we could only speculate that the orange mayonnaise-y liquid in the third bowl was Russian dressing.

Our disappointment didn't last, for the salad with veal medallions (Hr 58) was far more worthy of our attention. With five pieces of well-done meat exuding the rich flavor of the grill nestled between mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, and croutons, with a few red pepper kernel accents, all drizzled in a light, sweet peanut sauce finished with a generous sprinkling of sesame seeds, it caused my companion to burst out: "Twelve thumbs up! Super good!"

Next was the salmon ceviche, which was quite different from the soupy dish my guest had eaten in Costa Rica. Bite-sized morsels of spiced fish were



Exotica restaurant serves a truly exotic mix of Asian, Latin and European dishes, which combine well with its colorful eclectic interior and location on the water. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

arranged around a lemon-sugar sauce in the center of the plate instead of being served like a salad to spread on toast or tortilla chips. The sauce was a superfluous gesture, as the natural flavor of the salmon was already masked by its citrus marinade.

With barely a moment to rest, our seafood and chicken paella (Hr 142) was served in a surprisingly small bowl, not quite meeting our expectations of a large, steaming dish that draws diners closer to the center of the table with its tantalizing aromas. A few rings of squid, shrimps, pieces of chicken, and green peas adorned a dense sea of sticky rice whose flavor resembled a Rice-A-Roni mix.

But another foil to the former flop: pepper steak (Hr 99). A deceptively simple name for a complex array of flavors. A sizable chunk of meat with a

dark pepper-crusted exterior formed the centerpiece of the dish, ringed with potato wedges alternating with tomato quarters, each on a leaf of fresh basil. One slice revealed the meat still pink in places, a soft and tender contrast to the crispy spiced crust. Delicious!

Our waiter also lauded the fish dishes, like oysters on the grill; pike with mushrooms and cocktail sauce; or the grilled trout with chalet sauce. Contrary to the suggestion of its name, our experience found Exotica strongest in more "European-style" meat dishes and salads, which showcase exquisite skill in preparation and innovative flavoring.

We were stuffed, but the fried ice cream – translated as "Morozyvo Fri" – caught our attention. As we waited, our server brought fresh watermelon slices, courtesy of the chef. Then we

continued to wait, for almost as long as the entire former part of our meal, wondering whether the kitchen staff was out milking the cow and churning the ice cream while we watched video of complacent fish drifting over the tiki bar. Finally it appeared: a ball of ice cream encrusted in fried dough swimming in a puddle of custard sauce and garnished with strawberries and mint. Not your common sidewalk scoop, and a delicious culmination of our cross-cultural meal.

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## Save on a new wardrobe shopping at the city's outlet stores

By ALEXANDRA MATOSHKO

The end of summer is usually the season for big sales, and how appropriate! It's just the time to get a new wardrobe, and why not do it without breaking the bank? Yet there are also places that always sell clothes at a considerable discount – outlet stores. And while regular boutiques are likely to lower prices on their spring and summer collections, outlets will have everything you need – as long as you have an eye for quality and the patience to sort through the medley of clothes that prevails at such shops. But why not? It adds an air of adventure to the whole shopping process. So, if you're ready to raid the outlets, let's go!

### Affordable Luxury

As I set out on my own shopping spree, I was most curious about the outlets that sell clothes by world famous designers. Everyone knows that the original prices for such items are usually sky-high, and not only in Ukraine. However, if the store is dubbed an outlet, implying that it offers merchandise at lower prices, the question is – how cheap can it get?

My first destination was Grandi Firme Outlet – a spacious store on the second floor of the Globus 3rd line by the monument at Maidan. At first I was excited to see signs for Moschino, Valentino and other famous designer names over the racks. I rushed to the Moschino section and started eagerly raking through the clothes. I was pleasantly surprised by the prices – a jacket for Hr 800 and jeans for Hr 500 – not too cheap, but more realistic than I had expected. Having sifted through most of the clothes at the store bearing familiar names such as D&G,

Costume National, Miu Miu, DKNY and many others – the selection is really impressive – I got the joke. Most of the stock consisted of things that were either a bit weird in terms of design, or, if they looked suitable, were the wrong size – for me, I mean. But since I am neither exceptionally small nor large, I'd say it might be a problem for any average-sized woman. The black top I tried on was size 42, and though I hoped it would still work, it obviously looked several sizes too big. Same with the cool rocker-style Versace jeans which cost about Hr 400. In the end, I managed to score a beautiful dark denim skirt from Calvin Klein Jeans for Hr 279 and left quite satisfied.

In fact, I was lucky to be at the outlet in time for seasonal discounts. Now the new collection has arrived, providing a better selection of suitable designs and sizes – and much higher prices (Hr 1000 is an average). But there are still many less expensive items on display; beside solid designer names hang more affordable brands like Marella, L'Atra Moda, and Sandro Ferrone. The menswear section of Grandi Firme Outlet is a little less exciting, but its selection of suits, jeans and shirts from Armani, Calvin Klein and Hugo Boss will fill out any gentleman's wardrobe. The most stylish and respectable discount store in town, G.Style, serves as an outlet for the high-end boutique Sanahunt. The selection at G.Style Store is poor in comparison to Grandi Firme Outlet, but the place itself is also much smaller. Here you'll find a variety of shoes and bags, and clothes for men, women and children from Prada, Dolce&Gabbana, Ungaro, Cavalli, Gucci, Dior, Versace and others. If you're a woman who's crazy about shoes, the

assortment of footwear – including the super-stylish high-heeled Prada sandals and Dolce&Gabbana red-and-white checked boots with red satin laces featured in many fashion magazines this summer – might easily take your breath away. Like the aforementioned boots, the clothes mostly belong to the spring-summer 2006 collection, which means they are just a bit dated. Therefore, they should suit you fine, unless you're editor-in-chief of a top fashion magazine like the character in *The Devil Wears Prada* and are obliged to renew your wardrobe every few months. The discounts for all items are usually 40-70% – the new arrivals are naturally the most expensive but lower in price as the season goes on.

Helen Marlen Stock House on Saksahanskoho offers an array of designer bags and shoes and some clothing items suitable for very elegant businesswomen. This is the place to go if you're looking for shoes and bags from the likes of Ferragamo, Liu Jo, Blumarine, Prada, Gucci, Miu Miu and Chloe. The prices vary between Hr 1000 and Hr 3000, and some items from last year's collections may be available for as low as \$100.

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### Trendy and cheap

The outlets above can be real treasure troves for designer accents at prices that still leave you with cash to stock up on the season's trendy items. Dressing in the latest fashion can actually be very



Grandi Firme Outlet located in the center of Kyiv offers an impressive selection of clothes from the world's top designers at considerable discounts. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

affordable – all you need to know is the right place to shop, and that's exactly what I'm about to tell you.

One of the oldest outlets, aptly named Rest of Best, situated above the McDonalds on Leningradska ploshcha, receives its stock from stores of the Argo chain such as Jennyfer, Mango, United Colors of Benetton, Miss Sixty and Reebok. Discounts of up to 70% will allow you to replenish your wardrobe with quality items from decent brands. Not too long

ago, my friend bought an elegant black coat from Mango there for about Hr 300 – it was the beginning of summer, but she knew exactly what she wanted for autumn and didn't want to pay too much. Even if you're not quite sure what you're looking for, you may be able to find something original and appropriate. Just keep in mind that the choice of sizes is usually very limited, and many items have defects.

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At the celebration of Indonesian Independence Day on August 18, the Ambassador of Indonesia to Ukraine Albertus Emanuel Alexander Laturiu (1) drank a toast to his country, and Ira Adityawarm (2, left) posed with the Ambassador of Peru Liliana Torres-Muga and her husband Jose. Some ladies were wearing traditional festive costumes (3), the Ambassador of the Netherlands Ron Keller (4) just kept on smiling, as did the other guests (5). The Venus Vibrance party that took place at Opium's Island Venus on Hydropark on August 18 featured many pretty female guests, while the "three men in white" (6) – musician Fozzy (left) and TV hosts Yuriy Gorbunov (middle) and Yuriy Kot – did their best to entertain them, and the deejay (7) provided the music. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk and Konstantin Klimenko)

This summer's long-awaited Afisha Party took place August 19 at Privilege open-air club and, as always, involved lots of fun and dancing. Some guests took the chance to show off their best dance moves (8), while others just relaxed and posed for photographers (9). (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

## MOVIES IN ENGLISH (at Zhovten)

**A DAY WITHOUT A MEXICAN**  
*Comedy, USA/Spain/Mexico (2004), 100 min.*  
*Directed by Sergio Arau.*

*Starring Caroline Aaron, Tony Abatemarco, Melinda Allen, Frankie J. Allison and Fernando Arau.*  
Mary Jo Quintana wakes up one morning to discover that her husband Roberto has vanished along with their young son. She soon learns that they are among the 14 million Latinos from across the state, who have disappeared seemingly overnight.

## (at Kyiv)

**THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA**  
*Adventure, USA/France (2005), 121 min.*  
*Directed by Tommy Lee Jones.*

*Starring Tommy Lee Jones, Barry Pepper, January Jones, Melissa Leo, Julio Cedillo and Dwight Yoakam.*  
A man is shot and quickly buried in the high desert of west Texas. The body is found and reburied in Van Horn's town cemetery. Pete Perkins, a local ranch foreman, kidnaps a Border Patrolman and forces him to disinter the body. With his captive in tow and the body tied to a mule, Pete undertakes a dangerous and quixotic journey into Mexico.

## PREMIERS

### LADY IN THE WATER

*Fantasy Thriller, USA (2006), 110 min.*

*Directed by M. Night Shyamalan.*  
*Starring Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Freddy Rodriguez, Jeffrey Wright and Bob Balaban.*

Apartment building superintendent Cleveland Heep rescues what he thinks is a young woman from the pool he maintains. When he discovers that she is actually a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the journey back to her home, he works with his tenants to protect his new friend from the creatures that are determined to keep her in our world.

### MAN ABOUT TOWN

*Action, USA (2006), 96 min.*

*Directed by Mike Binder.*  
*Starring Ben Affleck, Rebecca Romijn, John Cleese, Gina Gershon, Bai Ling and Amber Valletta.*

Top Hollywood talent agent Jack Giamoro seems to have it all — until his perfect world starts to unravel when he learns that his wife Nina is cheating on him, and that ambitious journalist Barbi Ling is out to destroy him.

### MONSTER-HOUSE

*Animation, USA (2006), 91 min.*

*Directed by Gil Kenan.*  
Three kids DJ, Chowder and Jenny discover that the house across the street from DJ's is alive. It eats anything that goes on its property. They try to convince the babysitter, the police, and some weirdo named Skull. The kids try to unravel the mystery of the house and they have to go inside to find that the house is voiced by Kathleen Turner.

### ASTERIX ET LES VIKINGS (ASTERIX AND THE VIKINGS)

*Animation, France/Denmark (2006), 97 min.*

*Directed by Stefan Feldmark and Jesper Moller.*  
Gallic hero Asterix and his rotund warrior friend Obelix are forced to brave the cold northern seas when their pupil Goudurix is captured by Vikings and taken back to Scandinavia. Through a mix-up by the Viking shaman, the skull-bashing brutes believe that the Gallic warrior who is the "king of fear" is capable of teaching them how to fly. The teenage Goudurix, who comes from trendy Lutecia in fact more into disco dancing and sending SMS messages than the fighting techniques that Asterix and Obelix taught him.

### WOLF CREEK

*Thriller, Australia (2005), 104 min.*

*Directed by Greg McLean.*

*Starring Cassandra Magrath, John Jarratt, Kestie Morassi, Nathan Phillips and Andy McPhee.*

Kristy, Ben and Liz are three pals in their twenties who set out to hike through the scenic Wolf Creek National Park in the Australian Outback. Trouble starts when they get back only to find that their car won't start. The trio thinks they have a way out when they run into a local bushman named Mick Taylor. That is just the beginning of their problems because Mick has something in store for them.

### LA DOUBLURE (THE VALET)

*Comedy, France (2006), 85 min.*

*Directed by Francis Veber.*  
*Starring Daniel Auteuil, Gad Elmaleh, Kristin Scott Thomas, Richard Berry and Virginie Ledoyen.*

Pierre Levasseur, an important CEO, is photographed with his lover, Elena, a world-famous model. In an attempt to salvage his marriage, he tries to convince his wife that Elena is not his lover, but that of Francois Pignon, a porter who was passing by and ended up on the photograph. To make his story believable, Levasseur then has to convince Pignon and Elena to move in together and to pretend to be a couple.

## ONGOING FILMS

### GARFIELD: A TAIL OF TWO KITTIES

*Family Comedy, USA (2006), 78 min.*

*Directed by Tim Hill.*  
*Starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, Breckin Meyer, Bill Murray (voice), Lucy Davis and Billy Connolly.*  
Jon Arbuckle travels to the United Kingdom, and he brings his cat, Garfield, along for the trip. A case of mistaken cat identity finds Garfield ruling over a castle, but his reign is soon jeopardized by the nefarious Lord Dargis who has designs on the estate.

### STORMBREAKER

*Action, UK/USA/Germany (2006), 93 min.*

*Directed by Geoffrey Sax.*  
*Starring Sarah Bolger, Jimmy Carr, Robbie Coltrane, Stephen Fry, Damian Lewis, Ewan McGregor and Bill Nighy.*

M16 Spy, Ian Rider was Alex's guardian and now he has been killed by Russian assassin, Yassen Gregorovich. Alex is then tricked into working for M16, and goes undercover to see what suspected crook Darius Sayle is up to when he releases new super computers known as Stormbreakers. While undercover, Alex faces tasks no one would deem possible for a mere 14 year old boy.

### YOU, ME AND DUPREE

*Comedy, USA (2006), 108 min.*

*Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo.*  
*Starring Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson, Matt Dillon, Michael Douglas and Amanda Detmer.*  
For newlyweds Carl and Molly Peterson, life can't get any sweeter as they begin to settle down into married life. With a nice house and established careers in tow, nothing seems to get in their way. However, Carl is about to find out just how much friendship means when Randy Dupree, his best friend, has been displaced from his home and fired from his job because of attending their wedding.

### KEEPING MUM

*Comedy, UK (2005), 103 min.*

*Directed by Niall Johnson.*  
*Starring Rowan Atkinson, Kristin Scott Thomas, Dame Maggie Smith and Patrick Swayze.*  
Walter Goodfellow, the vicar for the small English country parish, has allowed his marriage to Gloria go stale and he is so detached from his family that he has not taken notice that his 17-year-old daughter Holly is going through a succession of inappropriate relationships with unsuitable boyfriends and his son Petey fears going to school because of being bullied. Gloria begins to fall for the advances of Lance, the American golf pro that is giving her "private" lessons.

### DIRTY LOVE

*Romantic Comedy, USA (2005), 91 min.*

*Directed by John Mallory Asher.*  
*Starring Jenny McCarthy, Eddie Kaye Thomas, Carmen Electra, Victor Webster and Kam Heskin.*  
The winner of three Razzie Awards this year, the film follows prone Rebecca as she dives into an outrageous and hilarious journey in search of true love.

### THE LAKE HOUSE

*Romantic Drama, USA (2006), 105 min.*

*Directed by Alejandro Agresti.*  
*Starring Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock, Dylan Walsh, Shohreh Aghdashloo and Ebon-Moss Bachrach.*  
An independent-minded doctor Kate Forster, who once occupied an unusual lakeside home, begins exchanging love letters with its newest resident, a talented but frustrated architect Alex Wyler. When they discover that they're actually living two years apart, they must try to unravel the mystery behind their extraordinary connection and they tempt fate by arranging to meet. But, by trying to join their two separate worlds, they could risk losing each other forever.

### THE SHAGGY DOG

*Family Comedy, USA (2006), 98 min.*

*Directed by Brian Robbins.*  
*Starring Tim Allen, Kristin Davis, Zena Grey, Spencer Breslin and Danny Glover.*

It all begins when workaholic Deputy D.A. Dave Douglas takes on a case involving an animal laboratory — that will take him away yet again from his wife and kids, who already yearn for his all-too-distracted attention. But when Dave is accidentally infected with a top-secret, genetic-mutation serum, everything he thought he knew about being himself and his family changes. Yet with his newly perked-up ears, and his front-row seat on the household carpet, Dave is able to gain a whole new perspective into his family's secrets and dreams.

### NIKTO NE ZNAYET PRO SEX

(NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT SEX)

*Comedy, Russia (2006), 95 min.*

*Directed by Aleksey Gordeev.*  
*Starring Nikolay Machulsky, Avrorra, Mariya Gonchar and Kirill Kanakhin.*

A young guy from the Russian taiga Yegor makes an acquaintance with TV host Angelina and goes to Moscow to marry. But his knowledge about urban life is limited to the information given to him by his only relative, an old hunter. Upon coming to the Russian capital, the young man has to go through all trials of a big city, discover sex and find his real love.

### THE SENTINEL

*Crime, USA (2006), 108 min.*

*Directed by Clark Johnson.*  
*Starring Kiefer Sutherland, Kim Basinger, Michael Douglas, Martin Donovan, Blair Brown and Ritchie Coster.*  
Secret Service agent Pete Garrison finds himself a suspect in a murder investigation when a mysterious person blackmails him — thing is that Garrison's been sleeping with the first lady. Stripped of his duties and reduced to fugitive status, he's convinced that someone is going to kill the president. Agents David Breckinridge, once Garrison's protégé, and Jill Marin are assigned to apprehend the disgraced Garrison and prevent the assassination.

### ANGEL-A

*Romantic Comedy, France (2005), 88 min.*

*Directed by Luc Besson.*  
*Starring Angelin Delabouze, Rie Rasmussen, Gilbert Melki, Serge Riaboukine and Akim Chir.*  
Andre thinks that the only way out of his problems is committing suicide. Practically standing on the brink of death he meets his own angel — a very pretty woman ready to help him to start a new life. But before long Andre starts wondering why exactly the mysterious beauty takes such interest in his fate.

\*Note: Most movie reviews have been adapted from [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

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# Kyiv's outlets will provide you with cheap and stylish clothes

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They come with an even cheaper price tag but may not suit you unless you're good at repairing things or know someone who is. Fortunately, the items with defects are usually marked accordingly.

Super X has two stores, one on Saksahanskoho and another newer one which I visited on Khreshchatyk. Though the shop is located on the city's main street, it's not easy to find. First, enter the passage between the buildings by the plate that says Khreshchatyk 46; walk straight ahead, and upon reaching what looks like an entrance to a store selling wedding dresses, look right, and you'll see Super X written over the door. The tiny store consists of two little sections — one for guys and one for girls. Most clothes in the store are by Tommy Hilfiger which should be a real treat for fans of the expensive label. However, you may also find other brands there, such as Miss Sixty, Mexx, Esprit, NEXT, among others. A fresh supply of clothes arrives each week, which is natural for such a small shop. While the clothes arrive with an impressive discount already — the average cost of any item is Hr 100-200 — they get Hr 10 cheaper each day. Since delivery day is Saturday, you'll find the cheapest prices the following Friday, but by then there may be nothing to choose from. Considering the comfortably central location of the store, it makes sense to stop by every Saturday and Sunday, and you might find just what you need.

You can dress your entire family, from little kids to grandpa, at the lowest prices at the outlet of the inexpensive brand Sela. The enormous store presents a jungle of stands with clothes hanging off and lying on top of them. The items are arranged in sections for men, women and children, and according to the season. In the big baskets in the middle of the hall you'll find hats, gloves, socks and underwear with funny prints. They may look like piles of trash, but you might be able to find something very original in there. But don't get carried away by the low prices — purchases at the Sela outlet cannot be returned or exchanged. And most importantly, examine each item carefully before you buy it — it may be defective, and unlike at Rest of Best, items with defects are not marked as such. The sign hanging from the ceiling, reading "Where the items lack quality, the prices lack zeroes," says it all. Nevertheless, the store presents a great selection, good service, and prices which for the most part don't exceed Hr 200.

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## “Stock market”

Makros shopping center accommodates a whole range of outlets — expensive, mid-

range and really cheap — which makes it a major destination. The discount gallery on the first floor consists of a couple multi-brand boutiques and a few menswear stores. At one of the multi-brand boutiques, I found quite a few interesting items — Ken

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The Business-English Center meets at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays and at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays for a series of business English skills workshops; Discussions are led by experienced native teachers of English. Hr 20 for a two-hour session. For more information, call Alex at 234-0871, e-mail: [english@i.com.ua](mailto:english@i.com.ua) or visit [www.etcentre.com.ua](http://www.etcentre.com.ua).

**ENGLISH CLUBS**

EN101 CLUB - learn to how to speak "everyday" spoken English. It is fast, fun and easy. Meet and talk with native English speakers. Become involved in this unique English speech educational program. Free to attend the discussion group. Make money while improving your speech. Bookings essential - [en101.ukraine@yaho.com](mailto:en101.ukraine@yaho.com)

Australian English speaking club. Every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to improve English speaking with a native English teacher. All topics are discussed in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. All levels of English speakers are welcome. Admission Hr.20. Private lessons are also available. Call William at 517-2332 or 8-096-224-5354, or email [surferbest2004@hotmail.com](mailto:surferbest2004@hotmail.com).

Kiev American Club meets Sundays at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We discuss a wide range of subjects. Qualified U.S. & other native English teachers conduct meetings. New Location: St. Sophia Square. Admission: Hr.10. (Free coffee.) Also daily English and Russian courses, (Business & Conversational) all levels. Phone 599-6080 / 067-1393706, e-mail: [kiveamericanclub@yahoo.com](mailto:kiveamericanclub@yahoo.com)

Kiev American Kids Club meets every Saturday from noon to 1:45 p.m. Ages 6 & up. Have fun speaking English, playing games, and watching films and cartoons. Enjoy foreign atmosphere. Communicate with native speakers. Friendly environment. Tel: 599-6080 / 067-139-3706, e-mail: [kiveamericanclub@yahoo.com](mailto:kiveamericanclub@yahoo.com)

European Business Association Toastmasters Club gathers enthusiastic people determined to improve their communication and leadership skills in a friendly learning environment. The membership is open for employees of companies-members of EBA. We meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (1A Andriyivskiy Uzviz, EBA premises). For details see [www.eba.com.ua/activities/toastmasters](http://www.eba.com.ua/activities/toastmasters) or contact Nadiya Bilyk at [N.Bilyk@ukr.net](mailto:N.Bilyk@ukr.net)

Phoenix Language School Conversation Club meets daily at 6:15 pm. Improve your communication skills with Americans and other native English speakers. Price: Hr. 10 per session. Also Business English & Children's Lessons. For more info, phone 599-6080 or 067-139-3706 or E-mail: [Phoenix7kiev@yahoo.com](mailto:Phoenix7kiev@yahoo.com)

**FUN & ENGLISH** in Little America-2006 Summer camp in Ukraine. For children from 6 till 14. Participate in meaningful activities, make new friends and enjoy a new experience. Daily activities will be run by ILP teachers (USA). Location: Boyarka, 12 km from Kiev. More information at [www.ilp.org.ua](http://www.ilp.org.ua). Tel: 248-6742, 8-050-353-2831/30.

Educational Fun in the Sun.10 day sessions (2 Carpathians and 6 Crimea) June 17 to August 28. Professional instructors with native English speaking guests. Individuals (8 to 17 years), groups and parents welcomed. Cost 790 grn per session (includes accommodation, meals and program) Further information [www.magiccamp.net](http://www.magiccamp.net). Tel: 8-050 4017947.Andrey

Free English Discussions about Internet-marketing. Bold Endeavors, a UK marketing and Web-development company, welcomes senior marketing managers/directors to an English-language discussion group about search engines and internet marketing at noon on the first Saturday of each month. Call 536-11-01, or register on-line at [www.bold.com.ua](http://www.bold.com.ua)

The Little America Program run by native speakers ([www.ilp.org.ua](http://www.ilp.org.ua)) invites kids from 3 to 8 years old to acquire English at a level of mother tongue in an atmosphere of joy and creativity. Successfully run by The International Language Programs (USA) across the world for over 13 years. Call 248-6742 or 8-050-353-2830.

International playgroup, all instructions in English. Arts, handicrafts, dances, games, videos, fun from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Canadian instructor. Age group 4-6 y.o. Small groups. Call SERGE at 484 3425 after 8p.m. or 80675033531.

The Eagle Courses invite you to join our English club on weekends. According to your personal interests and to improve your communication skills we meet on Saturdays for discussions and on Sundays to watch films. The cost is Hr 25 per visit (3 hours). For details, please call Solomia at 550-2998 or 8-050-355-6016.

Canadian English speaking Club. English-language lessons taught by Canadian teacher from Nova Scotia. Age group 12 y.o. to adults, conversation classes for adults. Small groups. Admission Hr 20. Call BLAINE at 4860716 or 8096-8102541.

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The Green Forest Speaking Club invites students learning English for intensive training in communicative English that's led by an American native speaker. Join us every Friday at 6:15 p.m. (2 Hospitalna, office #63). The cost is Hr 14 per visit. For more information, call 235-2672, 235-0641 or email [greenforest@ukr.net](mailto:greenforest@ukr.net).

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Ukrainian/Russian lessons for English speakers. Education programs for kids (3-12 y.o.) Translation of technical/economic documents, tour guiding and interpreting. For more information, please call 8-097-154-3476, 253-3598 or 5665216, or email [nastia@fastmail.fm](mailto:nastia@fastmail.fm).

Russian/Ukrainian language lessons for English-, German- or Italian-speaking foreigners. Interpreting, tour guiding. Call Tatiana at 8-068-711-5717.

Biete deutsche Sprachpraxis in Austausch fur Russisch. Spreche Deutsch, Englisch und etwas Russisch. Bin 34/m. Tel./SMS 8-097-947-0991; e-mail: [Ahhrens@ukr.net](mailto:Ahhrens@ukr.net).

The Center of Serbo-Croatian Language and Culture offers courses in Serbo-Croatian language with native teachers. Serbo-Croatian language library with videotapes and conversation club. For more information call Stefan at 80633845028.

The Essential Russian Club meets at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays for a series of discussions on cultural differences, intercultural interaction and the particularities of doing business in Ukraine. Discussions are run by an English-Russian interpreter - Hr 20 for a 90-minute session. For more information call Alex at 234-0871, 8067 391-7662, or e-mail [ess\\_russian@ukr.net](mailto:ess_russian@ukr.net).

The Spanish Club offers Flamenco and Salsa dancing courses, a Saturday Spanish language conversation club and we also maintain a Spanish-language library with videotapes and CDs. Visit us at the Intercultural Center 28th Paralel, School No. 64, 32 Ushynskoho. Take marshrutka #8 from Ploshcha Lvja Tolstoho. Call 243-1681, email [hispano@iptelecom.net.ua](mailto:hispano@iptelecom.net.ua) or see [www.spanish-center.kiev.ua](http://www.spanish-center.kiev.ua).

Chinese language lessons, in both Cantonese and Mandarin, in exchange for Russian lessons. I am a Chinese-American and have taught Chinese Studies at an international school in Kyiv. Please email [chinese4@gmail.com](mailto:chinese4@gmail.com) for more info.

Spanish for foreigners and Ukrainians: any level, individual approach, conversation practice. Advice, consultations, recommendations. Spanish books, films and CDs. For more information, call Dmitriy at 8-067-507-4392, or email [gerero@ukr.net](mailto:gerero@ukr.net).

Institute Ukraine-Scandinavia invites everyone who is interested to take part in organizing Scandinavian Club in Kiev. It will be a place for Scandinavians and those who are interested in Nordic culture and history, languages, exchange of business information and contacts. Call at 592 99 07, 592 99 06 or email at [scand@gp.kiev.ua](mailto:scand@gp.kiev.ua)

The Novamova International Language School offers Italian and Spanish language courses and conversational clubs with native teachers at 47 Shota Rustaveli, #109. For more information, call us at 237-7750, 561-9802, or email [info@ils.kiev.ua](mailto:info@ils.kiev.ua)

The Center of Spanish Language and Culture offers courses of Spanish language with native teachers, Spanish-language library and videotapes. For more information please call 239-2418, 7 Obolonska (Tarasa Shevchenka metro), email [info@chispa.com.ua](mailto:info@chispa.com.ua), or see [www.chispa.com.ua](http://www.chispa.com.ua).

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Free Russian/Ukrainian/English speech training in exchange for German/Spanish. Please contact Lesya, tel: 8 067 317 00 33 or e-mail [alisanya@ukr.net](mailto:alisanya@ukr.net)

I would like to learn Italian or practice French in exchange for Russian/English practice for you. Feel free to give me a call: 8-050-330-3798.

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Free Russian conversation practice in exchange for English. Please call Luda at 8 067 68 28 706.

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Free Russian conversation practice in exchange for English/German conversation practice. Please, contact Ann by e-mail at [murochka2006@gala.net](mailto:murochka2006@gala.net) or call 467-49-56 and 8066-493-92-75.

Russian conversational practice with an experienced teacher. City tours and interpreting service for english speaking people. Call 8 066 787 44 21 Irina.

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Enlish lessons and conversation practice with native English speaker. Flexible fee and schedule. Call 8-050-4164716.

The American will teach English to Ukrainians in Kyiv. Over 14 years of college English. Available for flexible schedule. Reasonable rates. Call Jeff at 424-2574.

English lessons and conversation practice with American native speaker. Flexible fees and time schedule. Send your name and free time schedule to Adam at [solomon\\_mahogany@yahoo.com](mailto:solomon_mahogany@yahoo.com) or call 80506257660.

Free English conversation practice with professional English teacher in exchange for Russian practice. Call/SMS Henry at: 8067 44 555 42 or E-mail: [henry196@yahoo.com](mailto:henry196@yahoo.com)

Polish conversation practice in exchange for Russian or English. Please contact Agnieszka Bazhynov at [aganel@poczta.fm](mailto:aganel@poczta.fm), or call 8-066-409-5625.

Russian/Ukrainian conversation practice from the beginner level for foreigners, and English lessons from a certificated English teacher. For more information call 8-050-913-8279.

Free Russian/Ukrainian conversation practice/ Kyiv sightseeing in exchange for English language practice (only with a native-speaker and a person older than 30). Free time schedule: weekends and weekdays evenings. Please contact Lyuba by e-mailing: [liuba\\_G@ukr.net](mailto:liuba_G@ukr.net)

Host Families Club: Learn conversational English at home. When you host young American volunteers you have all the possibility to improve your English and learn more. We help Ukrainian families and American volunteers find each other. Call 248-6742 or 8-050-353-2830.

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Russian/Ukrainian conversation practice (preferably with person older 40). Free time schedule. Please contact Irina by e-mailing: [k\\_irin90@mail.ru](mailto:k_irin90@mail.ru)

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English conversation practice with certified English teacher. Flexible fee, or will exchange services for Russian practice. Please send your name and free time schedule to Eddie at [uskiev@gmail.com](mailto:uskiev@gmail.com).

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The American Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters Club invites English-speaking professionals to advance their communication and presentation skills in a supportive environment. The membership is open for employees of companies-members of American Chamber of Commerce. We meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 10 Voloska (Kontraktova Ploshcha metro). For further information, contact Alyona Sereda at [asereda@gallaherukraine.com](mailto:asereda@gallaherukraine.com).

Top Talkers Toastmasters Club offers to learn public speaking, communication and leadership skills. Meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Kyiv Mohyla Business School, 4th floor, building 4, 8/5 Voloska, metro "Kontraktova Ploshcha". For more information: [www.toptalkers.org](http://www.toptalkers.org) or contact Vitaliy Karpets ([vk@toptalkers.org](mailto:vk@toptalkers.org) or tel. +380 66 433 8841) or Tetyana Verbytska ([tv@toptalkers.org](mailto:tv@toptalkers.org)).

Kyiv Toastcrackers Club, a part of Toastmasters International, is a worldwide organization that helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking through effective oral communication. We invite new people to benefit from the meetings on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. at the House of Scientists, 45a Volodymyrskya St. For more information see [www.toastcrackers.kiev.ua](http://www.toastcrackers.kiev.ua) or email Olga Pogorelova at [toast-crackers@mail.ru](mailto:toast-crackers@mail.ru).

Dnipro Hills Toastmasters Club invites success-oriented people to learn or develop public speaking, presentation and leadership skills that will foster self-confidence and personal growth. Join us Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the International Institute of Business at 51 Delyariivska. For detailed information, please contact Vera Viter at [viter\\_vera@yahoo.com](mailto:viter_vera@yahoo.com).

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The Rotaract Club Kyiv-Center meets on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information please visit our web site [www.rotaract.kiev.ua](http://www.rotaract.kiev.ua) or contact Olha Oleksyuk by phone at +38(067) 332 30 39 or by e-mail: [olga.voitovych@rotaract.kiev.ua](mailto:olga.voitovych@rotaract.kiev.ua).

The Kyiv Rotary Club Center meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at 7 Treshvyatitskaya in the Premiere Cafe. For more information, please contact either Valentina Burbello at 244-2565 or by email: [burbelo@yahoo.com](mailto:burbelo@yahoo.com), or Mominul Hoque 8-039-459-4921 or email: [rc\\_kyiv\\_centre@yahoo.com](mailto:rc_kyiv_centre@yahoo.com).

Amnesty International English Speaking Group. Meetings are being held every other Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Become informed, get involved and brush up on your English. Meetings are held at the German Lutheran Church, Vul. Luteranska 22. Call/email for more details. 8066 247 4099. [amnestykyiv@yahoo.com](mailto:amnestykyiv@yahoo.com).

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The Kyiv Multinational Rotary Club welcomes all Rotarians who are in Kyiv and new potential Rotarians. Our meetings are conducted in English and are held every Wednesday evening at 19:00. For information regarding our meeting-place please e-mail [rotary.mutinational@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.mutinational@gmail.com)

The International Women's Club of Kyiv (IWCK) welcomes members from around the world to join our international support network and participate in our extensive charity programs. We offer members regular social events, more than 20 interest groups and networking opportunities. Call Julia at 234-3180 or email [iwck@i.com.ua](mailto:iwck@i.com.ua). Address: 39 Pushkinska, #51, entrance 5, door code 048.

The International Women Together Gathering holds its meetings on the first Saturday morning of every month. We gather for fellowship, friendship, and to discuss topics of interest to ladies. Please contact Jennifer Ragsdell at 8-050-352-4539. You are welcome to join us.

The Kyiv Lions Club is an international volunteer organization that raises funds and provides services to help those in need, including orphans, invalids and ill children. Meetings held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Botly bar of Golden Gate Irish Pub at 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Olya Lovozitskaya at 230-3866, or mail to: [o.lovozitskaya@skynet-cis.com](mailto:o.lovozitskaya@skynet-cis.com)

The Kyiv Rotaract Club meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Stoned Baboon, 39 B. Khmelnytskoho. For more information, please contact Oleg Lukashik at 8-050-643-2802, or email [victoria.e@mail.ru](mailto:victoria.e@mail.ru), or [lucas41@mail.ru](mailto:lucas41@mail.ru).

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Kiev Swing Dance Club invites you to swing dance parties every Sunday at 18:00 in Mamont Club. Entrance is Hr 5. More information about lessons and parties: tel.: +380 44 2038773, +380 50 312 5687, <http://www.swingdance.kiev.ua> email: [info@swingdance.kiev.ua](mailto:info@swingdance.kiev.ua)

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