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Team Out, Party On



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The dream is over for Ukraine. Despite a heroic performance against England – including a clear goal that wasn't awarded – the Euro 2012 co-host is out of its tournament.

It was a painful loss for the Yellow-Blues, playing in front of over 40,000 Ukrainians packed into the Donbass Arena in Donetsk, with an estimated 100,000 more cheering them on from the fan zone on Khreshchatyk Street in downtown Kyiv.

The team was given a standing ovation as it left the field after dominating the game against England on June 19 but failing to find the goals and victory it needed → 9

Orange-clad Dutch fans celebrate their stay in Kharkiv on June 17, the last day the city hosted a Euro 2012 football game. Even though their team lost all of their games, the fans from Netherlands say they fell in love with Kharkiv's hospitality. The signs from left read: "We love Kharkiv" and "Hello, how are you?" Meanwhile, a dejected Ukrainian fan hangs his head at Donetsk's Donbass Arena after England defeated Ukraine 1-0 on June 19, ending the national team's play in the tournament. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

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Expats To Watch

Editor's Note: This Kyiv Post feature introduces readers to interesting expatriates who have made Ukraine their home. We welcome readers' suggestions about expats to profile. Please send ideas to news@kyivpost.com.

Dedication to helping the needy

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A decision made by Zenia Kushpeta more than two decades ago to follow her heart and largely abandon a comfortable life in the West has changed the lives of thousands of people with special needs in Ukraine.

Over the last two decades, Ukrainian-Canadian Kushpeta has helped establish four Ukrainian non-profit groups dedicated to bettering the lives of individuals afflicted by cerebral palsy, autism, Down Syndrome and other maladies.

Kushpeta has gained widespread recognition for her efforts. More importantly, however, the organizations she has helped found have become a model for other similar groups taking root in Ukraine, paving a way for a more civil society. Kushpeta's work has also proven to be a reminder that the Ukrainian diaspora can be an important resource when it supports causes it believes to be morally right.

Kushpeta's journey began when she was hitting her forties and realized she wanted something different in life. An accomplished concert pianist and academic, Kushpeta decided to dedicate an academic year to helping individuals with special needs.

"I thought about Africa, India," she said.

As she contacted organizations, however, she was told that as a musician she had no special skills that would be useful to the needs of developing nations. All the organizations she



Zenia Kushpeta
Nationality: Canadian
Age: 60
Length of time in Ukraine: Traveling between Canada and Ukraine for 20 years.

Position: Founder of several non-profit organizations, including the Lviv-based Dzherelo Rehabilitation Center and Ukraine representative for the international non-profit group, L'Arche.

Tips for succeeding in Ukraine: "Take the time to listen to people's personal stories in order to make deeper connections with them, allowing ourselves to be surprised by how much we have in common."

turned to wanted doctors and nurses. So Kushpeta began to research groups where no special training was necessary. She found a local chapter of an international organization called L'Arche near her home in Ontario, a Canadian province.

Established in 1964 in France, L'Arche operated homes, programs, and support networks for people with developmental disabilities worldwide. Kushpeta ended up living with a woman named Rosie with physical and intellectual handicaps for a year. That experience proved instrumental.

"This changed me," she said. "I thought, 'How much do we have to

learn from them?' This was a new world for me."

After that year, Kushpeta went back to teaching and performing. By 1991, however, she had set her sights on Ukraine. Although she had continued working with L'Arche in Canada, Kushpeta asked if she could volunteer in Ukraine since the organization had no special representative there. Uncertain how Kushpeta, who had been active in Canada's Ukrainian community but had never visited her ancestral homeland, would fare there, the organization suggested a journey of two weeks. Kushpeta arrived in Kyiv in July 1991 and was hooked.

"I looked at that sky in Kyiv and I understood this is mine," she said. "For this is what I was born."

Ukraine's independence, won just a month after Kushpeta's visit, held the promise of new opportunities. She asked L'Arche if she could return to the country for a longer stay, and in 1992 committed herself to spending a year in-country. Since then, Kushpeta has shuttled back and forth between Ukraine and Canada, garnering financial and moral support for the organizations she has helped found.

The best-known organization she has been associated with is the Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv. Founded by three Ukrainians and Kushpeta, the center helps children with cerebral palsy, autism and Down Syndrome who need physical rehabilitation and social integration. Kushpeta has managed to garner significant sup-

port from Canada's Ukrainian community for the center.

Other initiatives include "Faith and Light." A Christian movement established in 1971, "Faith and Light" supports people with developmental disabilities and their families by giving them forums to meet regularly. These include workshops, summer camps, retreats and pilgrimages. Today there are 32 "Faith and Light" communities in 15 cities in Ukraine. Diaspora Ukrainians have donated monies for cars and other necessities.

Perhaps one of Kushpeta's most lasting legacies will be efforts for those with special needs to find a spiritual home at Lviv's Ukrainian Catholic University. As its founder and former director, Kushpeta had for a decade headed the university's Emmaus Center, which provides spiritual support for people with special needs, an effort supported by university rector Rev. Borys Gudziak.

On a recent fundraising trip to Toronto, Gudziak announced individuals with special needs would also have a physical home at the university's new campus, which is currently under construction. Some housing would be allocated for individuals with special needs. The hope is that by living side-by-side with these individuals, students will gain a greater appreciation and respect for those with disabilities.

"We all have some defect," Kushpeta said. "They aren't sick or invalids. They are different, with different gifts."

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Turning Losses into Gains

The EBA strongly calls for presidential veto on the new Law which greatly impedes steady and smooth tax losses carryforward.

On 25 May 2012 the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law of Ukraine No 9661-d "On Amending the Tax Code of Ukraine to Improve Certain Taxation Rules" now pending for President's signature.

Among other, the lawmakers intended to settle the pressing issue of tax losses carryforward which is important for every taxpayer and investor operating in Ukraine. The large sums of tax losses incurred during previous fiscal periods due to global economic slowdown, national currency fluctuation, investment expenses and losses carryforward limitations can stifle business unless given a go-ahead in current tax periods. Otherwise the worries over Ukraine as attractive haven for investments will be aggravated.

The European Business Association acting as a facilitator for taxpayers' protection is worried about the provisions of the Law shelved for President's signing. That is why the EBA appealed to the President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich calling for veto on the Law No 9661-d and addressing the set of proposals as to its improvement and balancing.

The authors of the document meant well to smooth and tune up the mechanism of losses processing, however the Law freshly-adopted by Ukrainian MPs contains considerable flaws. Unless vetoed, the provisions of the Law cast doubts about the outlook for Ukraine's tax losses carryforward process.

The EBA hopes for a positive and constructive approach of the Government to the review of the Law which will promote positive achievements and a step forward in the settlement of tax losses carryforward problem.



Vladimir Kotenko
Partner, Head of Tax and Law in Ukraine,
Ernst & Young

A road paved with good intentions

Good intentions of Ukrainian legislators to fine tune tax losses carryforward rules are on a brink of failure, or even worse, they can produce opposite results. That is the picture we see when looking at the new Law No 9661-d ('The Law') which introduces changes to the Tax Code of Ukraine.

The aggressive attitude of the authorities towards tax losses carryforward has for a long time been causing discomfort among business community as well as giving birth to a large number of disputes among taxpayers and Ukrainian taxmen.

Regrettably enough, the Law did not resolve the tax losses carryforward cause, and which is more, damped the outlook for future tax losses carryforwards.

Firstly, the Law left intact the Tax Code's provision earlier unfairly used by taxmen to object against the tax losses carryforward. It is clear that this "left-over" will continue generating disputes between taxpayers and tax authorities.

Secondly, the Law sets a limit on tax losses carryforward

for the companies with the total last year's income up to UAH 1 000 000. Lawmakers propose that the losses accumulated by such enterprises before 1 January 2012 be carried forward for four years with an annual deductibility limit being 25% of the accumulated losses. As a result the businesses will be deprived of a right to carry forward the losses incurred in 2010 and partly in 2011 beyond 2015. It stands out for a mile that such restriction squeezes conditions for doing business and paying taxes in Ukraine.

Thirdly, the Law if signed by the President will effectively be applied to the tax reports for the H1 2012, i.e. retrospectively. This could cause the tax liabilities of such enterprises having to be reconsidered retrospectively. This could especially badly impact the Ukrainian companies, which accounted for large losses and have been financially supported by their shareholders (e.g. by extending non-refundable aid). The retrospectively applied losses carry forward limitation might cause an effectively loss making company paying profits tax.

Importantly, the flaws in the wording of the Law (intentional or inadvertent) could make the limitation even harder. For instance, the Law ignored the statutory rules of tax losses carryforward used before the Tax Code enactment and created a room for an interpretation that the losses incurred through 2009 could be precluded from carrying forward at all.



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The event is designed for the participants from the EU institutions in charge of energy and international relations, from the EU associations, industry representatives and also from think-tanks, NGOs and media.

You are welcome to participate and debate over above-mentioned and related topics, share your opinion, views and concerns, and interact with the experts. **Details via brussels@eba.com.ua.**

Editorials

More like him

British Ambassador to Ukraine Leigh Turner will soon be packing up and leaving for a new assignment in Istanbul after a four-year tour based in Kyiv. We will miss him because he served his nation extremely well.

Turner tackled his assignment with uncommon zest and energy. He was visible around town, in the media and through his popular blogs. He frequently hosted luncheons and other events with different audiences, all with the intent to find out what's really going on in the nation and to understand how he could influence events for the better.

While some of his detractors claim he should have paid more attention to improving the British Embassy's service, we don't see it that way.

In recent years, Ukraine has been blessed with other ambassadors who have cared about the nation and been very active and vocal about its troubles, to the consternation of Ukrainian authorities. Departed French Ambassador Jacques Faure, German Ambassador to Ukraine Hans-Jurgen Heimsoeth and outgoing European Union Ambassador to Ukraine Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira are among those who come to mind for uncommon candor. There are several others.

Unfortunately, too many ambassadors leave as they come – almost anonymous, behind-the-scenes representatives who may well be doing good work, but don't have a flair for public diplomacy that we think is essential to the job and to getting things done in this nation.

We subscribe to the notion that great minds make their ideas known, and Turner certainly did, while others remain obscure probably because they have nothing to contribute to the public dialogue.

The married father of two children, whose wife is a former British diplomat, entered the foreign service in 1979 and got posted to many world capitals. He took an unpaid leave for four years, from 2002-2006, in Berlin. During this time, besides looking after his family, he wrote novels and film treatments. He was also a journalist for the Financial Times, the Boston Globe and other newspapers. It appears to be time well-spent. He brought his eclectic interests to his blog, work and to his life as well, such as when he joined a swing dancing club in Kyiv.

Turner was skillful in criticizing what's wrong in Ukraine and in proposing solutions without, it appears, offending the authorities. He challenged Ukrainians to define and create the nation that they want to live in, because foreign influence is limited. Even when his critique was harsh, we think Ukrainians accepted it as coming from a sincere friend of the nation. Ukraine's loss is Turkey's gain.

'Sheva' bows out

Andriy Shevchenko is more than just Ukraine's best player in its two decades of independence. He is a rare figure who can unite the whole country in support, a person who has achieved fame and fortune through talent, rather than stealing, cheating or using family connections, as many other prominent people have.

Known as "Sheva," the 35-year old announced his retirement on June 19 after Ukraine lost against England and dropped out of Euro 2012. He'd played a 20-minute cameo role on an injured knee and was unable to influence the game.

His two goals against Sweden in the first game on June 11 were reminiscent of his best years – and gave the nation joy and hope. When he took to the pitch on June 19, tens of thousands of Ukrainians in the fan zone on Kyiv's Khreshchatyk street erupted in a chant of "Sheva! Sheva!"

Shevchenko is someone Ukrainians could and should be proud of. Playing in Europe for Italian giant AC Milan and winning the Golden Ball as Europe's best player in 2004, he was Ukraine's most successful export to Europe, a counterweight to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, prostitutes and flashy oligarchs the country is perhaps best-known for in the West.

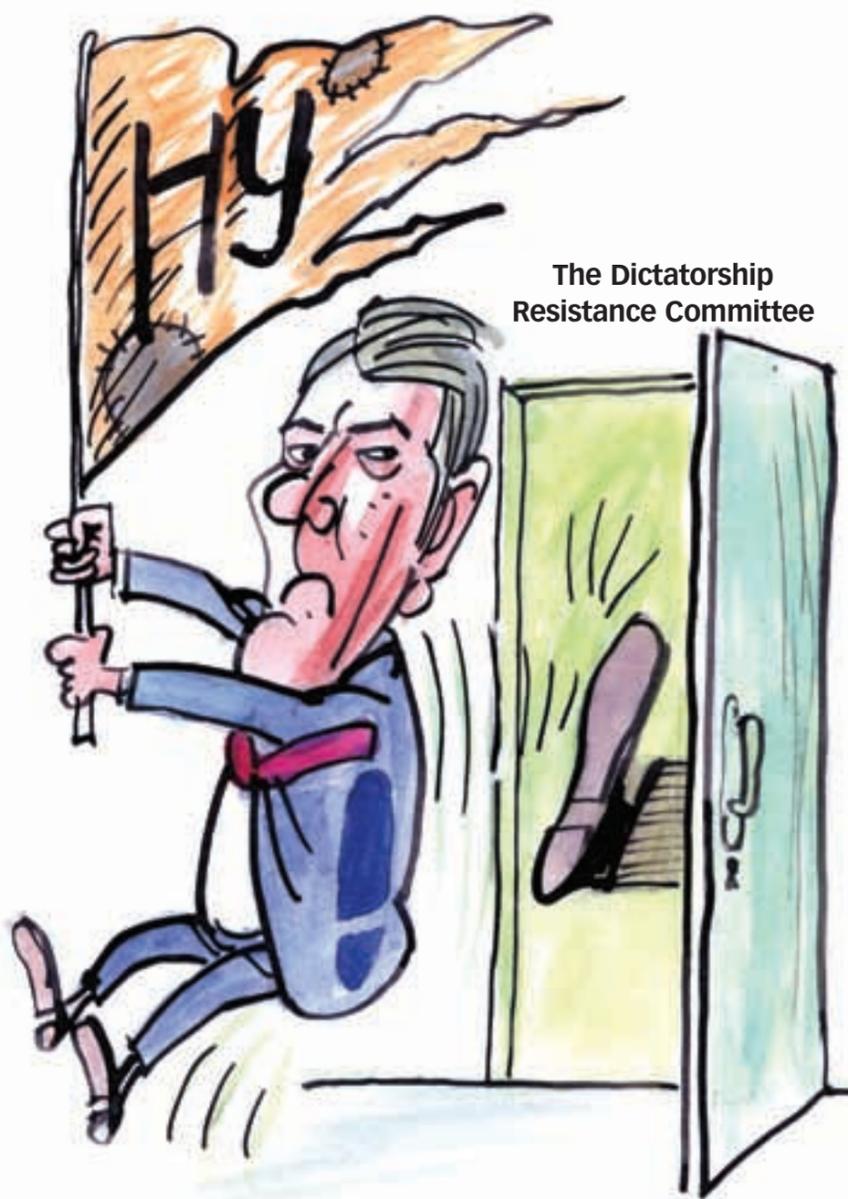
Despite his success, Shevchenko remained humble and hard-working. To Ukrainians, he was svii – "one of us." When he left Chelsea in 2009, he could have joined a top European team, but instead he returned to Dynamo Kyiv, where he started his career. Ukrainians were delighted. In his first games, they cheered his every touch, calling "Davai, Andriusha!"

Even as age and injuries took their toll on his body, his attraction never faded. After an open training session ahead of the tournament, Shevchenko was mobbed by hundreds of fans. He patiently signed shirts for them. Then, when most other players walked past journalists waiting for a comment, he stood and spoke for several minutes.

Sheva's performance in the 2-1 victory over Sweden is the best memory to keep of him from his final tournament.

Throughout his career, he gave Ukrainians hope and confidence that they could achieve things with talent and hard work. He lifted the name of Ukraine abroad and allowed Ukrainians to walk around Europe with their head held high.

"Football allows us to feel like normal people and not be ashamed to be Ukrainian," one Ukraine fan said after the game. "People are not cheering for Sheva; they are cheering for themselves."



NEWS ITEM: Former Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's party, Our Ukraine, was excluded from The Dictatorship Resistance Committee – the opposition union of eight political parties. Yushchenko was out for "cooperating with [President Viktor] Yanukovich's regime." Yushchenko is blamed for undermining his erstwhile Orange Revolution ally, Yulia Tymoshenko, in the 2010 presidential election, helping Viktor Yanukovich win. He hasn't said much of anything substantial publicly since then and has been seen rubbing shoulders with Yanukovich at various public events.

Back Story: Ukraine proved naysayers wrong in Euro 2012



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I would like to hear a big apology from those who, on the eve of the 2012 European football championship, wrote in overblown language and broadcast with selective video that Ukraine has a toxic and dangerous element of racism, discouraging some visitors from travelling to the host cities.

Let's hear it: A giant mea culpa.

As the finals approach, I am reasonably confident that any isolated incidents of racism will be just that – rare incidents that would happen regardless of the country where the championships were held, with the possible exception of a pitch on the Vatican territory.

The European leaders who stayed away from Ukraine due to its more oppressive political climate didn't "dis" Ukraine's political leaders. They disrespected the people of Ukraine, who are – many would agree – better than their leaders, who currently clock in with less than a 15 percent approval rating.

On an anecdotal and personal level, I would not have

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warned my son, who is black, to avoid attending the games, had he been so inclined.

Rob was in his late 20s when he came to Kyiv in 2005 as "Life the Guardian," his stage name as a hip-hop singer. He would go out in the evening after his performances at Pa-ti-pa and Art Club 44. I warned him about skinheads, and he took minimal precautions. He made many friends in Kyiv.

The reality is that there is racism most everywhere in some form or another. I have seen fewer examples in Ukraine than I have seen in other parts of the world where I have live or visited.

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Ukraine's incomprehensible foreign economic policy



ANDERS ASLUND

Foreign economic relations are of vital importance to any country. Amenable trade agreements are necessary for market access, and real economic welfare can only be attained through far-reaching economic integration. In crisis, financial emergency assistance is vital.

All these factors are all the more important for Ukraine, but it has patently failed to utilize its opportunities.

In 1989, Ukraine had a gross domestic product per capita that was 10 percent higher than Russia's. Today its per capita GDP is barely one-third of Russia's at current exchange rates. Even more worrisome, it is only one-third of Turkey's GDP per capita, because unlike Ukraine Turkey jumped on the bandwagon of European economic integration concluding a customs union with the EU.

Ukraine's convergence with Europe is not happening, and the country lingers at a mere 8 percent of the GDP per capita of the euro area. It is laudable that Ukraine joined the World Trade Organization in 2008, but now it has to proceed.

At this time, Ukraine should boom from outsourcing of production and services from the EU. In the 1990s, Central Europe took off because of outsourcing from Germany. Similarly, in the early 2000s, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania boomed due to outsourcing from Sweden and Finland.

In recent years, Bulgaria and Romania have been major beneficiaries of European outsourcing. Bulgaria had foreign direct investment exceeding one quarter of GDP for a few years before the global financial crisis, while Ukraine's foreign direct investment amounts to 3-4 percent of its tiny GDP.

Ukraine needs a far-reaching agreement with the EU on free trade, institutional reforms and technical assistance. Sensibly, Ukraine started such negotiations in 2007, and they concluded negotiations on a deep and comprehensive free trade agreement of some 1,000 pages last fall.

Incredibly, President Viktor Yanukovich has preferred the jailing of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, former Interior Minister Yuri Lutsenko and other former top officials over the already concluded Association Agreement with the EU.

But the EU is not only an economic union. It is also a political union with democratic values.

Incredibly, President Viktor Yanukovich has preferred the jailing of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, former Interior Minister Yuri Lutsenko and other former top officials over the already concluded Association Agreement with the EU. Ukrainian courts are obviously dependent on the government, and the legal proceedings have been a joke, clarifying that this was the president's personal choice.

Moreover, the inert EU cannot possibly reverse its firm position on Yanukovich. Does the president really want Ukraine to be treated like Belarus by the EU?

Ukraine's door to the EU is locked until Yanukovich



President Viktor Yanukovich after a press conference marking the end of the European Union-Ukraine Summit in Kyiv on Dec. 19. The nation's relationship with the EU has gone downhill since then, with one European leader after another condemning the rising authoritarianism under Yanukovich and the persecution of his political opponents. (UNIAN)

releases Tymoshenko, Lutsenko et al.

In July 2010, Yanukovich's government concluded a two-and-a-half-year standby agreement of \$15 billion with the International Monetary Fund. A brisk reform wave of several months ensued, and the two first quarterly tranches of a total of \$3 billion were disbursed in the second half of 2010.

An IMF mission in February 2011 agreed on four major prior actions with the Ukrainian government for further funding. The two most important were pension reform and gas price rises. Much delayed, the Ukrainian government carried out a substantial pension reform.

But it has done literally nothing about the gas prices. Unacceptably, the Ukrainian government subsidizes the importation of Russian gas, paying \$450 per 1,000 cubic meters, while it pays only \$57 per 1,000 cubic meters for domestically produced gas.

Not surprisingly, domestic Ukrainian gas production is stagnant, while it could double if a normal price was offered. Ukraine is wasting 4.5 percent of GDP on gas subsidies, which only breed corruption and waste. Sensibly, the IMF has refused to finance such outrageous waste.

The situation is pretty simple and obvious. At present, Ukraine consumes about 60 billion cubic meters of gas a year. Of this, two-thirds is imported from Russia and one-third is produced domestically. With normal prices, gas consumption should fall by one-third to some 40 billion cubic meters within a few years, which could all be produced in Ukraine.

This could be done within five years, as Poland and Slovakia have shown. Such actions only require the political will to go against the gas barons, but they form one pillar of the current regime. The IMF understands this, and IMF money is out of question until Ukraine's gas policy changes.

As always, when the Ukrainian government has spoiled all other options, Russia remains its last hope. Ukraine has pursued repeated negotiations about the

January 2009 gas agreement, which it considers so criminal that it has imprisoned Tymoshenko for it.

Yet it has not revoked this agreement, which was previously a standard procedure. Nor has it achieved any changes, while virtually all the European customers of Gazprom have received substantial alleviations.

This arouses the suspicion that important members of the Ukrainian regime obtain considerable benefits from this flawed agreement and may want to distort it even more. Usually, we learn how officials have made money on Russian gas some time after the event.

Given that the gas transit system has poisoned Ukraine's economy and politics for the last two decades, the country might be better off without it.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is no fan of Yanukovich or his gas traders, but his \$20 billion gas deal with Belarus last November suggests the contours of a possible deal with Ukraine. The three key elements would be that Russia takes over at least half Ukraine's gas transit system in return for Ukraine buying Russian gas at much lower prices and receiving substantial credits from Russian state banks.

The total value of a three-year agreement could be in the order of \$20 billion. Yet, Putin would also demand that Ukraine joins the Russia-Belarus-Kazakhstan Customs Union, which would close Ukraine's door to free trade with Europe.

Ukraine does not need such an agreement, and Yanukovich insists that he prefers free trade with Europe to the Russian customs union.

Given that the gas transit system has poisoned Ukraine's economy and politics for the last two decades, the country might be better off without it. Let Russia build its wasteful South Stream and clean up Ukraine from its gas corruption!

This article by Anders Aslund, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, was first published in Forbes magazine.

VOX populi

WITH OLENA GONCHAROVA



What do you think about hospitality in Ukraine, and how will Euro 2012 change without its team in the competition?



Jerald Tawson, U.S., commodity broker

"I think Ukraine has a very high intellectual level. You're cultured and

very homogeneous. Ukraine must value its intellectual capability and try to get a democratic government. Of course I [was] supporting Ukraine. Your team played very ably and courageously, and the score in fact was 1-1 [because of a referee's call that denied Ukraine a goal]. Unfortunately, while you're hosting the tournament and when your team is gone, you just have passing interest in it. Maybe you'll be playing at the London Olympics?"



Mahmud Yahya, Jordan, journalist

"We are having a good time here in Ukraine because the people are cheerful.

Your shops are nice and the organization is great. In general, the mood is rather friendly. Actually, when we saw the game between Sweden and France [on June 19], although Ukraine was out, people were happy and singing 'Ukraina, Ukraina.' I think it's great."



Andrei Moiseev, Russia, manager

"The hospitality in your country is at a high level. It's an amazing event and

I'm very impressed to be here. You know, Ukrainian fans are very beautiful, especially the girls and the atmosphere during the games is fantastic."



Michael Ashby, England, computer programmer

"It's the first time I've been here in Ukraine and everything is great.

The organization is good. The fans are good. The stadium is good. It's an atmosphere. Even though Ukraine lost they were happy last night."



Peter Gustafson, journalist, Sweden

"We came here two days for the first time. It's a good party. Ukrainian fans are

rather friendly."

A political threat to Ukraine's language



ZENON ZAWADA

Sufficient language legislation has long existed in Ukraine that offers generous guarantees to those whose speak Russian.

The 1996 constitution sets conditions for the use of Russian, alongside Ukrainian, in state organs and enterprises. It allows citizens to address state organs and enterprises in Russian, and for these institutions to respond in Russian. Russian has thrived during Ukraine's 20 years of independence.

This all begs the question of why Ukraine's pro-

presidential and ruling Party of the Regions, with its parliamentary allies, on June 5 cast 234 votes in favor of controversial new language legislation, which experts predict would further increase use of Russian and other "minority" languages. It was sponsored by alleged 2004 election falsifier Serhiy Kivalov and provocateur-for-hire Vadim Kolesnichenko, who has made a career out of denigrating the Ukrainian language and culture.

The Regions Party has lost significant support among its electorate, particularly with such maneuvers as passing an oppressive tax code and cutting social payments to war veterans and Chernobyl clean-up workers. Indeed on the very same evening that parliament approved the first reading of the language bill, it voted on another bill that creates the opportunity to cut such social payments even further in 2013. Not a bad distraction, eh?

Then there's the economy. The National Bank of Ukraine can't sell enough five-year notes, despite interest rates of close to 14 percent. It also burned through \$1 billion of its international reserves in May alone, cutting them to \$31 billion. Most recently, Business Insider ranked Ukraine as among the world's five governments most likely to default.

The Regions Party has turned to the sensitive and volatile language issue as its last trump card to activate its core support base of pro-Russian radicals. Ironically, their leaders claim to embrace European values, alleging their position is in line with the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages, a document whose letter and intent was to defend weak languages from extinction and to ensure their speakers retain the minimum of rights.

Yet Ukraine is unlike any other contemporary European nation since the state language → 15

Court freezes Quinn assets as Ukraina mall fate unclear

BY MARK RACHKEVYCH
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A high court in Dublin on June 20 extended orders to freeze the assets owned or controlled by the five adult children of bankrupt Irish businessman Sean Quinn Sr., his nephew Peter Daragh Quinn and two sons-in-law. More than \$500 million of foreign properties, including the \$78 million Univermag Ukraina shopping center and its estimated yearly \$10 million in revenue from tenant leases, were once structured into a Swedish holding company controlled by the adult children of Sean Quinn Sr.

The orders were based on an affidavit, obtained by the Kyiv Post, submitted on June 14 by an executive of the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation to which the Quinn family owes more than \$3 billion. The bank granted the order the same day.

A state-owned Irish Bank, IBRC has struggled to claim much of the \$500 million of foreign property assets, including the 42,000-square-meter Ukraina shopping mall located in Kyiv on Prospect Peremohy. Since April 2011, IBRC has been losing court battles in Ukraine to take over the lucrative shopping mall.

Ireland's prime minister has taken up the matter with President Viktor Yanukovich.

The fight over the Ukraina shopping mall is just one battle in the bigger business war being fought over assets once controlled by the Quinn family. But it has nonetheless become one of the most recent episodes highlighting Ukraine's notoriously weak property rights environment in which murky court decisions and muddled legislation are exploited by so-called "raiders" to manipulate ownership of assets or shake down businesses. The problem has over the years been cited as one of the main problems that scare off foreign investment.

First Deputy Prime Minister Valery Khoroshkovsky stepped in on May 29, ordering law enforcement bodies to investigate the alleged illegal takeover of the shopping mall, as well as the



Sean Quinn Sr.

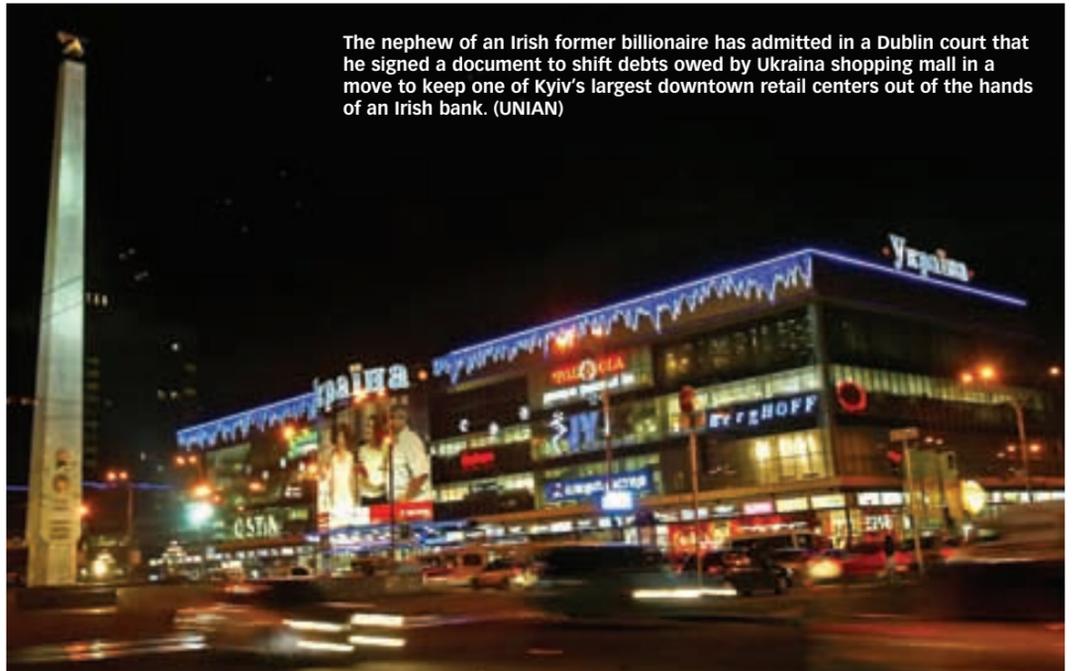
actions of judges and court involved in legal proceedings surrounding the property.

One of Ukraine's wealthiest individuals, Khoroshkovsky chairs the inter-governmental committee on company takeovers. He also asked the Interior Ministry, General Prosecutor's Office and Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) to put an end to extrajudicial "raider" attacks on properties.

In Ireland, the affidavit outlined in detail how the Quinn family has allegedly continued to "dissipate" assets that essentially have prevented the IBRC from gaining control of property in Russia, Ukraine, India and in other countries.

The bank executive said new evidence was uncovered in recent months that demonstrate the extent to which steps have been taken by the Quinn family and their agents to shift and appropriate assets in which IBRC has an interest.

"The necessity for the injunction arose because evidence had emerged of the June 27 Defendants (Quinn Investments Sweden AB (in bankruptcy), Sean Quinn, Ciara Quinn, Colette Quinn, Sean Quinn Jr., Brenda Quinn, Aoife Quinn, Stephen Kelly, Peter Quinn, Niall McPartland and Indian Trust AB) transferring shares of International Property Group companies into a new



The nephew of an Irish former billionaire has admitted in a Dublin court that he signed a document to shift debts owed by Ukraina shopping mall in a move to keep one of Kyiv's largest downtown retail centers out of the hands of an Irish bank. (UNIAN)

structure created for the purpose in order to bypass security held by IBRC," read part of the affidavit obtained by the Kyiv Post.

The asset freezing order follows two restraining orders issued in June and July 2011 by the High Court of Dublin that ordered three Quinn family members from taking action on implementing an elaborate scheme to put assets beyond the reach of IBRC.

The Dublin High Court has yet to rule on whether Sean Quinn Sr., Peter Quinn and Sean Quinn Jr. are in contempt of court for not adhering to restraining orders.

When granting the asset freezing orders, the High Court judge said the allegation against the defendants were of the "utmost seriousness" and, given the "alleged deviousness," he considered the court should intervene and make the orders sought, the Irish Times reported on June 14.

The Quinn family has not denied the claim by IBRC that it has sought to put the \$500 million of international properties beyond the bank's reach.

However, the defendants have maintained that they stopped any attempts once the restraining orders were issued in 2011.

IBRC has been thwarted in Ukraine's commercial courts by the shopping mall's former management, allegedly led by Laryssa Yanez Puga, who the bank contends is acting on the behalf of the Quinn family. IBRC has been unable to install its own management team at the shopping center and has faced other lawsuits in Ukraine relating to the validity of a loan agreement and the possession of the actual shares in the mall.

IBRC claims the Quinns were still linked with Puga as early as August, when they allegedly gave her a "golden parachute" payment of \$500,000. The Quinns deny the payment was made.

The Kyiv Post has been unable to reach Yanez Puga for comment.

Meanwhile, a Kyiv court on May 18 upheld a \$45 debt claim by a mysterious British Virgin Islands company over the shopping mall's management company, despite an Irish court injunction preventing the company from

retrieving the debt, which the bank claims is fraudulent.

Peter Quinn, Quinn Sr.'s nephew, gave testimony in Ireland in recent months that he believed both the Quinn Group and the bank had been tricked by the mall's former management that still controls the shopping center. On March 30, he testified that Yanez Puga was behind Lyndhurst – the British Virgin Islands Company claiming the \$45 million debt over the mall's management company – and that he had trusted her once but not anymore.

Quinn's nephew also said that at one stage his lawyers and the bank's lawyers had met at his suggestion, because of his fear that neither side would end up with the shopping center in Kyiv.

The adult children of Quinn Sr., his nephew and two sons-in-law had assets frozen worth below 50 million euros each except for living expenses of 2,000 euros.

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Italy's Eni inks shale gas deal with Ukraine

MILAN, June 15 (Reuters) – Italian oil and gas company Eni said on June 15 that it had signed an agreement to develop unconventional gas in Ukraine as it moves to strengthen its presence in the country and develop its shale gas portfolio.

In a statement, Eni said it had reached a deal with Ukrainian state-owned Nadra Ukrainy and Cadogan Petroleum Plc to buy a 50.01 percent stake and operatorship of Ukraine's LLC Westgasinvest.

LLC Westgasinvest has rights to shale gas license areas in the Lviv Basin of Ukraine, it said.

The Lviv Basin is considered one of the most promising areas in Europe for the exploration of shale gas.

Eni already has shale gas assets in Poland and in the United States.

Lawmaker: Ukraine to benefit economically by launching whiskey, rum production

(Reuters) – Ukraine could create jobs and boost tax revenues by introducing regulations for domestic production of rum and whisky, two increasingly popular imported alcoholic drinks, a member of parliament said.

Andriy Pinchuk from the ruling Party of the Regions said on June 13 that a new draft law would help farmers boost grain production, increase sowing areas, and create jobs.

The alcoholic beverage industry in Ukraine, itself a major producer of grains such as barley, corn and wheat, has traditionally focused on horilka and vodka, common eastern European strong spirits, and brandy.

“Statistical data ... shows an increase in imports of ... rum and whisky due to higher demand for these alcoholic beverages in Ukraine,” Pinchuk said.

More broadly, whisky sales data shows growing demand from emerging markets. Diageo, the largest producer of Scotch whisky, said last week it would invest over 1 billion pounds (\$1.55 billion) in the drink over five years.

Economic growth in Ukraine was expected to slow down to 3.9 percent this year from 5.2 percent in 2011 as global demand for its key export, steel, has been weakening.



Kyiv Post Employment Fair

Nearly 1,300 people and 19 companies participated in the Kyiv Post Employment Fair on June 16. The newspaper's next job fair is Sept. 22. KOTRA (the Korean Embassy commercial department), HeadHunter, Dopomoga.ua and Syngenta gave seminars. The other companies included: TOB "Roboto Plus," ProCredit Bank, Beiten Burkhardt, Coca-Cola, Bank of Cyprus, Mazar Ukraine, Syngenta, MTI, BCToms, Ernst&Young, Fairmont Grand Hotel, Konica Minolta, Radisson, Nova Robota and Super Job. The fall fair is expected to have double the visitors and companies. (Images courtesy of Business TV Channel).

Signs emerge of bond, IPO activity rebound as market jitters linger on

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Stock market activity has been low since the crash of August 2011, sending prices and trading volumes to their lowest in years. Plans to go public or expand operations have been postponed, leaving many businesses in Ukraine and across the globe short of affordable capital.

Yet there are signs that a cautious revival may be around the corner.

Cereal Planet, a Cyprus-based holding farming grain in the Kharkiv region, announced plans for an initial public offering on the alternative market New Connect at the Warsaw Stock Exchange. The less stringent regulations and small issues, typically \$1 to \$5 million, are tailored for younger and smaller companies seeking to expand.

If Cereal Planet fulfills plans to issue over \$3 million in shares in the third or fourth quarter of 2011, it would be a small deal in terms of the investment raised. But it would nonetheless end the public offering hiatus which

began after Ukraine's Coal Energy's last August raised \$82 million through an IPO in Warsaw. Close to a dozen companies went public in the two years prior to that raising more than half a billion U.S. dollars.

Cereal Planet claims money is not its only motivation for venturing into an IPO during uncertain times that have kept markets jittery.

“We are not just interested in capital, but also in the status of being a public company listed on a European stock exchange,” company director Anatoliy Vlasenko told investors during a conference call on June 19. “Attracting capital on New Connect is more attractive compared to the current bank financing possibilities in Ukraine,” he added.

Vlasenko said interest in investing in Ukraine and an active investor base had tipped the balance in favor of Warsaw.

Other companies are also lining up. In May, sea transport company KDM shipping announced it would be looking to go public. Its IPO could

potentially be valued at \$25-30 million, sources close to the deal have said.

Earlier this year European Capital Management head Vadim Brailovskyi predicted that up to half a dozen IPOs could be initiated in 2012, including those of gasoline retailer Galnaftogaz, agribusiness firms Loture Agro and Svarog West.

Numbers twice as high have been mentioned by other experts. This may be difficult though, as recent problems with Warsaw-listed Ukrainian companies Agroton and KSG Agro caused investors to question the reliability of reported results by domestic companies. Moreover, the general economic climate remains poor both in Ukraine and throughout Europe.

“Risk levels remain very high,” said Konstantyn Fastovets, agribusiness sector analyst at the international investment bank Troika Dialog. “It's a little early for IPOs,” he added.

Bonds, on the other hand, present a more attractive option for businesses that need cash, Fastovets argued.

Greater security and high rates of return make them a preferred choice for investors seeking to keep risk manageable.

This seems to be the case.

In Ukraine's first foreign issue in a year, New York Stock Exchange Euronext-listed Agrogenation began auctioning bonds on June 19. The company, with operations in Ukraine and Argentina, plans to issue 15 million euros in total.

It will soon be followed by a 200 million hryvnia (\$25 million) local bond issue by Warsaw Stock Exchange-listed IMC (Industrial Milk Company). The company expects to pay just 14 percent on the debt, a very low figure for the Ukrainian market, were rates for hryvnia-denominated bonds can reach 20 percent.

It's possible that the investors will receive some kind of currency hedge or other favorable terms in the contract, said Fastovets.

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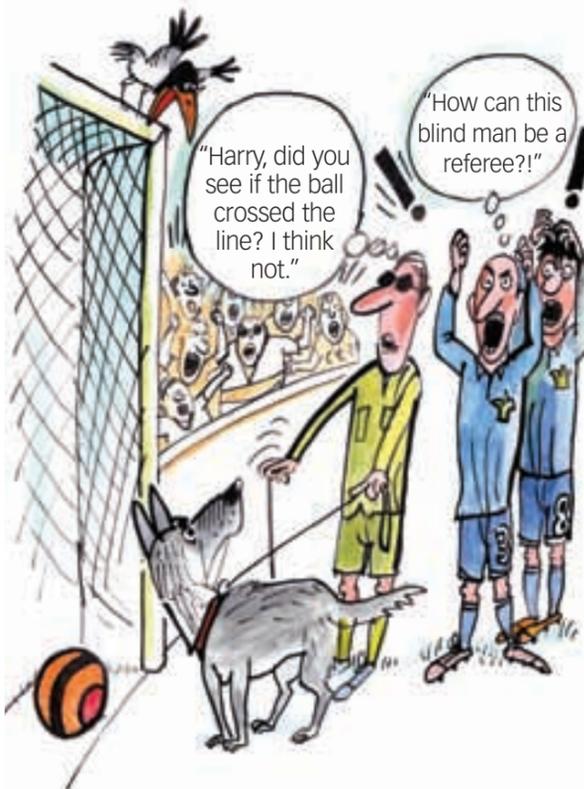
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NEWS ITEM: After Kyiv's eccentric mayor of seven years Leonid Chernovetsky resigned on June 2, the date of the next mayoral election in Ukraine's capital remains uncertain. Chernovetsky was sidelined by President Viktor Yanukovich two years ago and disappeared from the public eye while Oleksandr Popov, member of the ruling Party of Regions, took over. As the opposition demands elections in the capital, the date has to be set by parliament. Since the Verkhovna Rada will be on summer vacation from July 6 to Sept. 4, the date is likely to remain uncertain until at least autumn.



NEWS ITEM: Ukraine lost its final group D match 1-0 to England on June 19 in Donetsk, leaving Ukrainian fans furious over referee Viktor Kassai, who did not count a goal scored during the 63rd minute of the game. Ukrainian striker Marko Devic sent the ball to the net and, although England defender John Terry kicked it out, the replays clearly showed the ball inside the goal by the time Terry reached it. The Union of European Football Associations head of referees Pierluigi Collina admitted on June 20 that Kassai made a mistake. President of FIFA Joseph S. Blatter tweeted that "after last night's match [goal-line technology to eliminate human error] is no longer an alternative but a necessity."



Letter to the editor

Disappointing Euro 2012 price-gouging tactics

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank you for some excellent Euro 2012 coverage. As an international journalist it has been very useful to read the Kyiv Post.

This is my second visit to Ukraine's capital and I am slightly disappointed with the selling tactics used by some of the city's businesses recently. Whilst interviewing some England and Sweden supporters in a bar before their clash at the Olympic Stadium, I noticed that several fans were questioning the price of Ukrainian beer; they were charged almost double what they paid the day before. The owners had hidden their usual menus and replaced them with a chalkboard containing new, inflated prices. Furthermore, I was surprised to be charged separately for a tiny slice of lemon in a coke and a sprinkle of cheese on a spaghetti bolognese dish at a cafe near Kreshchatyk Street. These jokers added an extra 38 hryvnia on to my bill on the sly.

I do not even need to mention accommodation prices. I just hope that some hotel owners have empty rooms as a result of their Euro greed.

Whilst I realize that there is money to be made from sporting events, I feel that some Ukrainians are missing the point. This is the first time a major football tournament has been staged in Eastern Europe. It is a superb opportunity to sell the country internationally.

Instead of four weeks of over-the-top pricing, why not encourage visitors to return to Kyiv and spend money on a regular basis?

Kind regards,
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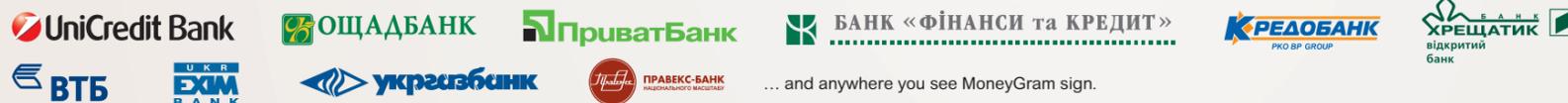
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Ukraine gets rave reviews as Euro 2012 tourney host

→ **1** to qualify for the quarterfinals. Four days earlier Ukraine had put in a lackluster performance to lose 2-0 to France, also in Donetsk.

Some blamed the referee for not spotting the goal in the England game. Others claimed it was the bad luck of the Donbass Arena, where Ukraine lost its two games and has never scored a win.

"The guys gave 100 percent," said Andriy Shevchenko, Ukraine's all-time top scorer, after the game. "We tried to give Ukraine a big gift with our play."

The sting of the loss, however, was softened by the battling performance that almost saw Ukraine overturn a team ranked 46 places higher.

The continued praise of Ukraine by foreign fans has also cheered a nation that had been under intense criticism for its alleged racism, violence and unpreparedness for the game.

"Poland and Ukraine have delivered. People [of Poland and Ukraine] are saying thanks that you had confidence and trust in us. They have already won the Euros. The Championship can bring lots of very important things for the development of these countries," said Michel Platini, head of Euro 2012 organizer UEFA.

Now, Ukraine will concentrate on hosting two quarterfinals (England versus Italy in Kyiv and France versus Spain in Donetsk) followed by a semi-final in Donetsk and the final in Kyiv on July 1.

"Of course I will be watching Euro matches after we are out. I will not support anyone as I did Ukraine, but will cheer for Spain and Germany," said one fan, Mykola Shlapak.

It could have been different. After defeating Sweden, hopes were high that Ukraine could qualify from the group. A 2-0 defeat to France brought fans back to reality, but the team fought back with a much-improved performance against England.

Ukraine started brightly and had chances to score, but couldn't convert them. England's Wayne Rooney then capitalized on a mistake by goalkeeper Andriy Pyatov at the start of the second half to head England into the lead. Ukraine's Marko Devic seemed to have equalized in the 63rd minute, but the referee failed to give the goal, despite video replays showing that the ball clearly crossed the line.

"What should I say? There were five referees on the pitch and the ball was 75 centimeters behind the goal line," coach Oleh Blokhin said after the game. The furious legend of Soviet soccer even appeared to offer a journalist who criticized the team a fight.

The refereeing mistake angered Ukrainians, who blamed the officials for the defeat. "Are you blind or what?!" popular daily Segodnya asked on its front page the day after the game. The Yellow-Blues would have needed to score again to qualify, but they would have had momentum and 30 minutes



Ukrainian fans react after England beat Ukraine 1-0 on June 19 at the Donbass Arena in Donetsk. The loss eliminated co-host Ukraine from the tournament whose championship is July 1 in Kyiv. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

to score.

Digitally altered photos posted on social networks showed the referee, Viktor Kassai, holding a white stick and a picture of the goal line reshaped so the ball has not crossed it.

Tournament organizer UEFA later admitted it was a goal, and Sepp Blatter, head of world football governing body FIFA, called goal-line technology a "necessity."

Others decided to blame the defeats on the fact that the game took place at the Donbass Stadium in Donetsk,

where the team has never won.

Some politicians and commentators claimed that playing in Donetsk was a disadvantage for the team as the fans aren't sufficiently supportive. Donetsk is a primarily Russian-speaking city in Ukraine's east where many identify more with a post-Soviet Russian culture.

"The outcome of the Ukraine-France game was predictable, because it was an away game! How can one have two important matches in the city that never cheered for Ukraine! Lviv,

Kyiv and Kharkiv respect the national team a hundred times more! And what about Donetsk?" Mykola Tomenko, an opposition lawmaker from ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's party and deputy parliamentary speaker, wrote on Facebook.

Fans in the stadium on June 19 belied this criticism, blasting out a powerful national anthem, turning up in national dress and loudly booing the English opponents.

"People were buying a lot of national flags, wearing national colors, singing the anthem on the streets and cheering. It was amazing. I think the one match in Donetsk did more for the unification of people from different parts of Ukraine than all politics," said Anna Molchanova, a journalist in Donetsk.

After the game, Ukraine's team turned its attention to the future. National hero Shevchenko announced his retirement after 111 caps. Strike partner Andriy Voronin is also quitting international football.

Shevchenko said the team – which contains a number of top players in their early 20s – has a good chance of qualifying for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

"It's time to make room for younger players," he said. "Ukraine has a bright future."

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Euro 2012 blog: View from game in Donetsk

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DONETSK – "Now I fear nothing, I've been to Donetsk," reads the t-shirt that has become the hottest trend of Donetsk's story as a Euro 2012 host city. Yet, once you get to the industrial east Ukrainian city, all the drama suddenly looks exaggerated, and the English fans share this feeling.

In fact, among the few things in Donetsk that look dangerous are the public toilets at the newly reconstructed multimillion-dollar railway terminal – small, poorly ventilated, with a low ceiling and overcrowded with fans waiting for their turn.

Ironically, another thing that reminds that Donetsk can be a potentially dangerous place for foreign fans comes not from the hypothetical racist troublemakers that former England captain Sol Campbell has warned about, but from law enforcement.

In Kyiv, the police have undergone a miraculous transformation and for the last two weeks has managed to look friendly, perhaps by adding a female to a three-officer patrol. The Donetsk cops look as grim, constantly wearing anti-riot gear as if expecting trouble at any second.

It got to the point of absurdity after England's 1-0 win, as the fans' celebration at the Golden Lion pub took place under the heavy presence of police forces and their cars with flashing lights on.

It's all the more to the credit of the local Camping Park organizers, where many of the English fans stayed, that police officers were unseen there for most of the day of the crucial game.

Hence, the talk of the town among fans was Sol Campbell and his infamous warning on the BBC about visitors coming home from Ukraine in coffins. Campbell inspired some fans to such an extent that they actually carried six coffins during a march before the game to make the ironic point that Ukraine is actually a nice and friendly place.

Iain Ayre from London said he thought Campbell wanted to be on the BBC too much. Even though it made the decision to go to Ukraine tougher for Ayre, he's happy that Campbell was so wrong.

He remembered that the same bad PR before the World Cup in South Africa.

"In South Africa, you have to be a bit smart to stay safe," Ayre said. "In Ukraine, you don't even have to be."

His friend Steve from Scotland meanwhile didn't have much to say except chanting the song "You're wrong Sol Campbell, we'll do what we want."

Yet, suddenly he got distracted from conversation, as Maria, a good looking cleaning lady in her early 20s passed by, picking up plastic beer glasses scattered by the fans. His momentous infatuation with the shy young brunette led him to help her do the job by picking up some garbage and putting it into her plastic bag.

Obviously, embarrassed with such attention, Maria quickly disappeared – which led Steve go back to his chanting. Only, this time it's completely oblivious of Sol Campbell, Ukraine's safety, racism and even soccer itself, as his song goes: "Maria, sweetest, fittest sweeper in the world!"

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Euro 2012 blog: Prostitutes, peeing, pride in host cities

The Kyiv Post's writers are blogging about the tournament at www.kyivpost.com. Below are some of this week's best picks:



FEMEN activists protest against sex tourism to Ukraine in Kyiv during the Euro 2012 football tournament. The boom never materialized, however, according to local prostitutes. (AFP)

Prostitutes disappointed with foreign football fans, expected more business

It looks like Markian Lubkivsky, Ukraine's Euro 2012 director, was right when he said that visiting fans "will have no time for sex."

Kyiv prostitutes and experts of non-governmental organizations say they haven't seen any increase in demand for sex services since Euro 2012 kicked off.

"After the championship started I spoke to girls in Kyiv and other host cities, and none of them said about crowds of clients," said Olena Zuckerman, head of Legalife, a sex workers protection group. "So, people, who invested in the sex business [for Euro 2012] will be disappointed."

Some had predicted that prostitution would boom during Euro 2012, as Ukraine has been flooded by tens of thousands of foreign fans.

But Zuckerman said the same thing happened in other countries that hosted football events, for example in South Africa at the World Cup in 2010.

A 23-year-old prostitute who goes by the name Milena said she expects

no spike in earnings from the tournament. Another prostitute, who is 44-years-old and spoke on condition of anonymity, said she hadn't had any foreign clients and that this was a "dead season."

The women say some sex workers paid to appear on special lists compiled by taxi drivers and owners of apartments that are rented out for the tournament. Many also took jobs at Kyiv's numerous strip bars.

Meanwhile, Milena, who has an additional official job, says she has two or three clients per week, as usual. "I don't expect any crowds of sex tourists," she said.

Despite all the expectations there was no growth in either demand or supply of sex services, said Yevhenia Kuvshynova, coordinator of the Convictus-Ukraine charity project, which supports people affected by HIV/AIDS.

"Men have no interest in anything apart from beer and football during Euro 2012," she added.

— Oksana Grytsenko

Lviv and Kharkiv exit early after charming visitors

The Euro 2012 show is over for Kharkiv and Lviv, which on June 17 hosted their last group games at the tournament.

Over two weeks, each city hosted three games and thousands of fans — most of whom appeared to have a good time singing, drinking and watching their team. Kharkiv was invaded by thousands of Dutch fans in their distinctive Orange colors. Despite their team's lackluster performance (no wins from three matches), the Oranje fans were in good spirits throughout. Two highlights, shown on YouTube, are the performance of the Ukrainian national anthem by several hundred Dutch fans and the lighthearted distracting of a Kharkiv television journalist.

For the team's final game, 12,000 fans marched to the stadium. Some held banners reading "Thank you, Kharkiv."

"We feel very much at home here, there are so many Dutch and the (local) people are very nice and very good," said Frank Leenaars from Amsterdam. Some fans from the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Portugal even wore T-shirts in support of jailed former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, calling for her to be freed. Some infrastructure problems remained unsolved even during the championship.

Many roads on the way to Kharkiv as well as near Kharkiv were still under construction when the championship had already started, causing traffic jams and inconvenience for city guests. High hotel and restaurant prices were another unpleasant surprise for the guests, too. Several hundred miles to the west, ancient Lviv also charmed football fans.

Crowds of German, Portuguese and Danish fans filled the welcoming streets of one of the most beautiful Ukrainian cities. Lviv became a second home for the cheerful Danish and German fans, who took an active part in all the city festivals and the variety of western Ukrainian entertainments prepared for them by hospitable locals.

Lviv residents said foreign fans were entertaining them all the time as well — singing, dancing and shouting slogans all over the host city. And even despite the noise they were causing 24 hours a day it seems like no one wanted them



Netherlands fans prepare for the football match with Portugal on June 17 at the Metalist stadium in Kharkiv. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

to leave.

"We tried hard to be helpful for our guests. And we really enjoyed watching how cheerful and funny they are, how they sing and dance," local resident Lesya Ganusyn told Media Center Lviv 2012. "We were really proud to host the championship. All the borders seem to be gone thanks to the Euro 2012."

As part of tournament preparations, Lviv got 100 kilometers of repaired roads, a new modern terminal at Lviv airport and a new stadium for around 35,000 spectators. Locals believe that such improvements will keep bringing more and more tourists to Lviv.

— Daryna Shevchenko

Euro? What Euro?

While passions run high at the Kyiv Olympic Stadium and in the fan zone on Khreshchatyk Street, just steps away there is practically nothing to remind you that the world's second biggest football tournament is going on in Kyiv.

The roar of fans does not reach there. Life is quiet and ordinary, and is flowing along its normal course. Iryna, a friendly young salesperson in a little shop on Pankivska Street, says foreign football fans are rare guests.

Some visitors have come to her shop several times, but she does not know where they are from. As far as she knows, they rented a flat nearby.

"The guys are very nice, polite people, even interesting," she said. "Understanding [people] turned out to be an easy thing. They, for example, point at a bottle of water; I show the price and then take their money."

Svitlana Akatnova, a 73-year old pensioner who lives near the Oleksandr Fomin Botanic Garden, is ready to go to the heart of the city to enjoy the "holiday" there. "You get a jolt of energy when you walk through the fan zone on Khreshchatyk," she said.

Akatnova admits Euro 2012 has brought both good and bad to Kyiv. She is indignant that the "big beauti-



Iryna Mustafayeva, a 47-year-old flower seller, considers Euro 2012 her pride. (Ganna Bernyk)

ful fresh trees were cut" on the street before Euro 2012 kicked off. At the same time, she thinks Kyiv's eateries started cooking much better: "I think that's because of the Euro."

"I wanted to go to Prague at the time of Euro 2012, but then changed my mind. Prague will be there any time and it's much more interesting in Kyiv now," she said.

Iryna Mustafayeva, a 47-year-old flower seller, sees few foreign fans buying her beautiful roses and orchids. It's pleasantly cool in her little shop on Saksaganskogo Street, while the heat outside is sweltering.

She whiles away the time listening to the muttering radio. "Flower sales are slacking this summer. We didn't feel that last summer," she said. "Maybe Kyivans are involved in our big football event or left the city because they got scared of crowds of fans."

She doesn't despair, though. "Euro 2012 makes me proud," Mustafayeva said. "When you live in Ukraine you want the championship to be a success. But it's a pity that we have got so many things, like new roads, only due to Euro. So, had there been no football, we would not have any improvements, would we? That's very upsetting."

— Denis Rafalsky

Foreign fans get 'permission to pee'

When you've got to go, you've got to go. But while peeing in public will cost a Ukrainian Hr 119, Kyiv's city chief said on June 15 that foreigners will not be fined.

With beer flowing during Euro 2012 foreigners will no doubt be relieved

they can relieve themselves at their leisure.

"We won't [penalize] foreigners but if some Ukrainians do so they will be fined," Kyiv city administration head Oleksandr Popov said at a press conference on June 15, Ukrainian News reported.

Asked for the difference in application of laws, Popov said: "People came to have a good time, so let them enjoy themselves." He added that city services perform cleaning services at night, and that there are enough public toilets in Kyiv.

Taking a leak in a park or alley, or, indeed, any place that isn't a toilet, is illegal. The fine is Hr 119 if you're caught by police. Public toilets in the center of Kyiv are still hard to come by — especially for beer-drinking street strollers, although the situation has improved in recent years. The usual charge for a pit stop is Hr 2.

Authorities seem to be blind to foreigners drinking alcohol in public places, which is also prohibited. A Kyiv Post reporter saw fans drinking beer on Khreshchatyk — outside the fan zone, where drinking is allowed — and police officers didn't do anything, instead telling off locals enjoying a beer. Welcome to Ukraine!

— Denis Rafalsky



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Polish football fans in the Warsaw fan zone react with disappointment as their team loses a Euro 2012 game against the Czech Republic on June 16. (AFP)

Group A

Czech Republic recovered from an opening 4-1 thrashing at the hands of Russia to top the group. Two quick goals against Greece gave the Czechs their belief back, as an aging side many had written off prior to the tournament proved doubters wrong. Even with the group victory, this side will be an underdog against Portugal in the quarterfinals. The Czechs' disciplined style of counterattacking football could surprise the Portuguese, however.

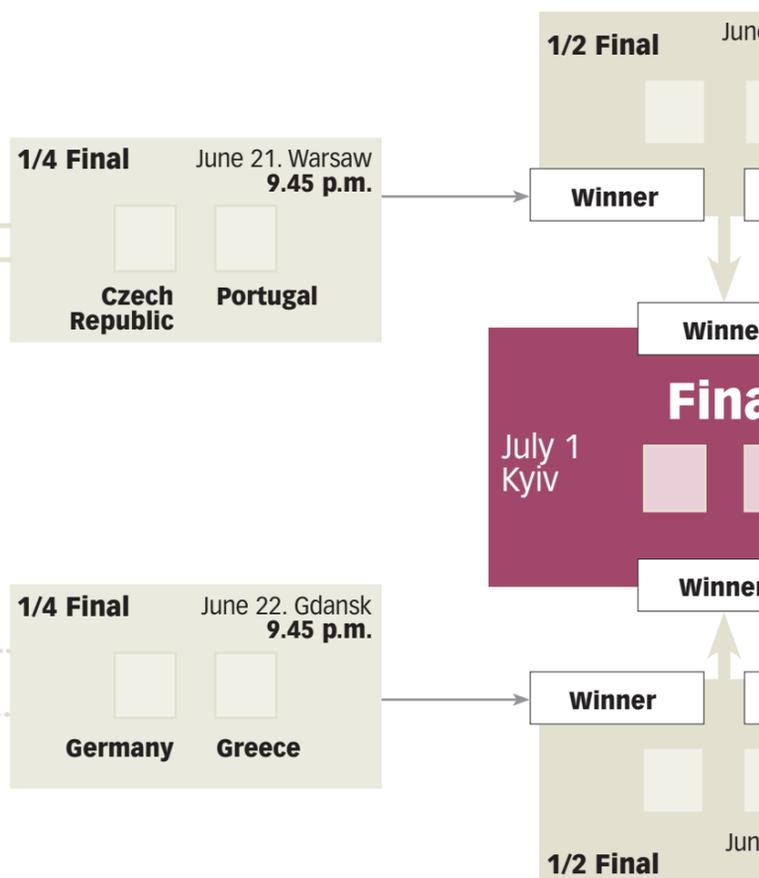
Greece made few fans with their ultra-negative, gritty style of play. But it was hard not to feel a bit of joy for their people after the side shocked Russia to provide a temporary reprieve from domestic troubles. Few gave Greece a shot to move on, even heading into the last group stage game. Even fewer will give them a chance in a politically charged quarter-final against Germany, but this is a team used to playing against the odds.

Russia will be bitterly disappointed to be out already. A pair of impressive opening performances had the Russians looking like a title contender, but it all came undone against Greece. Russia had 69 percent of the possession and 31 shots against the Greeks, paying the ultimate price for wastefulness in a 1-0 loss.

Poland's finishing at the bottom of this group is a major letdown. The co-host received a golden draw and had it all set up going into the final match. The June 16 game was billed as the biggest sporting event ever to take place on Polish soil, only for the home side to barely even threaten the Czech goal and lose 1-0.

Group A	June 8 Warsaw, 7 p.m.	Poland	1	1	Greece	1	
	June 8 Wroclaw, 9.45 p.m.	Russia	4	1	Czech Republic		
	June 12 Wroclaw, 7 p.m.	Greece	1	2	Czech Republic		
	June 12 Warsaw, 9.45 p.m.	Poland	1	1	Russia		
	June 16, Wroclaw, 9.45 p.m.	Czech Republic	1	0	Poland		2
	June 16 Warsaw, 9.45 p.m.	Greece	1	0	Russia		

Group B	June 9 Kharkiv, 7 p.m.	Netherlands	0	1	Denmark	1	
	June 9 Lviv, 9.45 p.m.	Germany	1	0	Portugal		
	June 13 Lviv, 7 p.m.	Denmark	2	3	Portugal		
	June 13 Kharkiv, 9.45 p.m.	Netherlands	1	2	Germany		
	June 17 Lviv, 9.45 p.m.	Denmark	1	2	Germany		2
	June 17 Kharkiv, 9.45 p.m.	Portugal	2	1	Netherlands		



Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo scores past Dutch goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg for his second goal of the night against Netherlands on June 17 at the Metalist Stadium in Kharkiv. (AFP)

Group B

Germany has confirmed its status as pre-tournament favorite. The Germans dictated the flow of play in all of their group matches and, while they were threatened in each of them, emerged unscathed. Striker Mario Gomez silenced those who said he would never come through on the biggest stage with three vital goals, providing a finishing touch to Germany's flowing attacks. Greece presents a unique challenge, but the Germans should roll into the semifinals.

Portugal is a legitimate title threat. Having taken Germany to the wire, showcased a surprising resolve against Denmark and beaten Netherlands comprehensively, Portugal has been one of the teams of the tournament so far. The side was able to grind out results when Cristiano Ronaldo was below par and stepped up to another level with their star firing against the Dutch to win 2-1. Czech Republic-Portugal will be one of the tightest quarters, but the attacking threat of the latter should decide the tie.

Denmark was a neutral's dream, an underdog with a commitment to positive play. They did themselves proud and will feel unlucky to not move on. The Danes will wonder what might have been if Silvestre Varela hadn't scored late for Portugal to cancel out a two-goal Denmark comeback.

Netherlands will go down as the disappointment of the tournament. The Dutch could never find a balance between their prodigious attackers and leaky defense. Internal dissention and external pouting made the world number four's exit even more embarrassing.

Group C

Spain topped the group, but not with the ease they are accustomed to. Spanish passing is as mesmerizing as ever, but their bite in the final third has sputtered. Without a true in-form forward, coach Vicente del Bosque has experimented with an unorthodox six midfielder lineup as well as a traditional one. Neither has resulted in consistent finishing. Spain had better regain its golden touch soon – especially with France waiting in the quarterfinals – or their dream of three straight major tournament titles will quickly vanish.

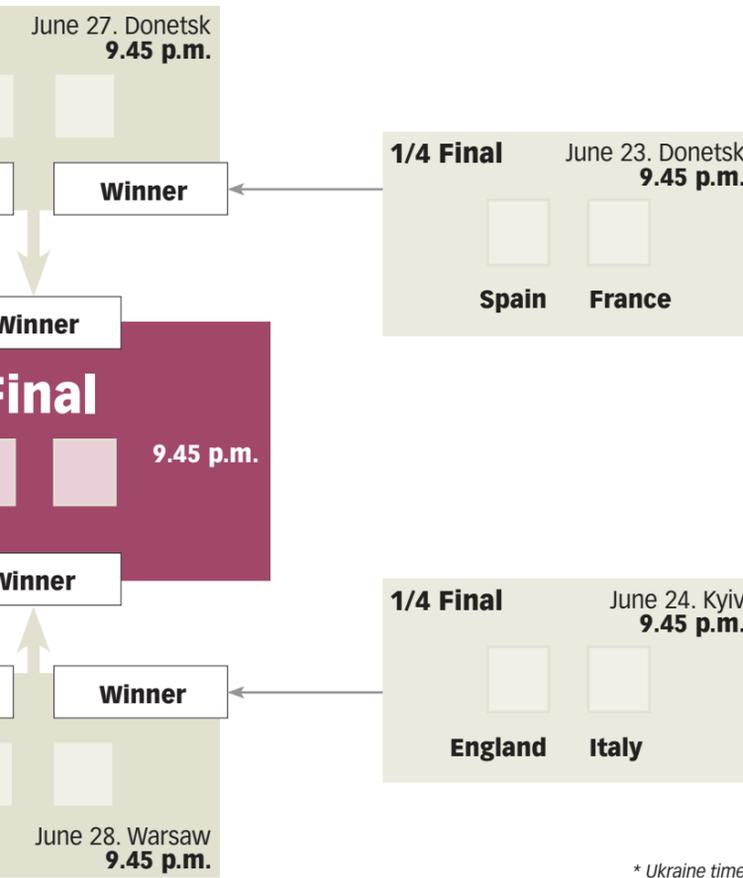
Italy had to wait until the final seconds of the group stage to punch its ticket to the last eight, as Spain held on to knock out Croatia. The Italians were solid but unspectacular, picking up the results they needed but without exhibiting much fluency. The Azzurri will need Mario Batotelli to keep executing bicycle kicks and avoiding controversy if they are to overcome England – apart from Wayne Rooney, the Three Lions have no one that can match the young striker's natural talent.

Croatia was a joy to watch in this tournament, especially in its first two matches. The side attacked relentlessly, had a commitment to creative passing and somehow found a way to celebrate every goal as a team. Manager Slaven Bilic should be proud of his side, even if it fell well short of his stated desire to bring the trophy home to Zagreb.

Ireland qualified for the tournament with grit and determination, but its lack of quality was badly exposed in this loaded group. The effort was there and their fans were a credit to the tournament, but the Irish were simply overmatched. At least they went down swinging by putting a scare into Italy.



A young Irish fan cheers before the Euro 2012 match against Italy on June 18 in Poznan. Despite their team not winning a point, Ireland's fans were among the most colorful and loudest at the tournament. (AFP)



		Group C	
1	June 10 Gdansk, 7 p.m.	Spain 1	Italy 1
	June 10 Poznan, 9.45 p.m.	Ireland 1	Croatia 3
2	June 14 Poznan, 7 p.m.	Italy 1	Croatia 1
	June 14 Gdansk, 9.45 p.m.	Spain 4	Ireland 0
	June 18 Gdansk, 9.45 p.m.	Croatia 0	Spain 1
	June 18 Poznan, 9.45 p.m.	Italy 2	Ireland 0

		Group D	
1	June 11 Donetsk, 7 p.m.	France 1	England 1
	June 11 Kyiv, 9.45 p.m.	Ukraine 2	Sweden 1
2	June 15 Donetsk, 7 p.m.	Ukraine 0	France 2
	June 15 Kyiv, 9.45 p.m.	Sweden 2	England 3
	June 19 Kyiv, 9.45 p.m.	Sweden 2	France 0
	June 19 Donetsk, 9.45 p.m.	England 0	Ukraine 1

* Ukraine time

Group D

England entered a major tournament as an underdog for perhaps the first time ever and thrived with the decreased expectations. Theo Walcott and Danny Welbeck infused a shot of youth into what had been an aging side, and the balance between enthusiasm and experience came off perfectly. It was not always pretty, and the Three Lions were fortunate to sneak by Sweden and Ukraine, but England has a legitimate shot at the semifinals after earning a favorable matchup with Italy in Kyiv on June 24.

France was the most inconsistent side in the field. Flashes of brilliance (see: a 2-0 win over Ukraine) alternated with maddening dullness (see: a 2-0 loss to already-eliminated Sweden). The undoubted talent in the French attack makes it impossible to count them out, but their inability to string together strong performances makes a title run unlikely. Their quarterfinal match with Spain is a fascinating showdown between teams that have displayed both the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde sides to their respective games.

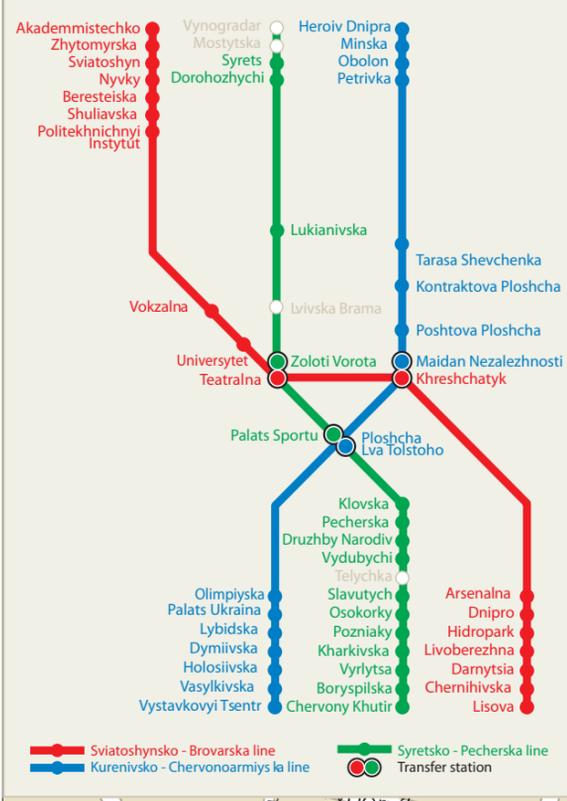
Ukraine fell agonizingly short of their goal of a knockout round berth but did themselves and their nation proud in the process. The Yellow-Blues may have been outclassed by France, but they got the better of England even in a loss. The co-hosts even provided one of the moments of the group stage when Andriy Shevchenko cemented his national hero status by carrying his side past Sweden. The pain will subside; memories of that thrilling night in Kyiv will not.

Sweden was a frontrunner for the "disappointment of the tournament" tag before earning its pride back by stunning France in a finale that meant little to them. The isolation of Zlatan Ibrahimovic was a fatal flaw – the striker showed his class but often looked like he was playing 1-on-11.



Ukraine's Marko Devic appeals to the referee during the game against England on June 19 after his shot crossed the line, but the officials didn't award the goal. Ukraine lost 1-0 and was knocked out of the tournament. (AP)

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Zawada: Ukrainian, not Russian, under threat

→5 happens to be the lesser spoken tongue as a result of the native people's post-colonial, post-genocidal and post-totalitarian 20th century history. The same can be said for the Crimean Tatar language.

The law on the books is the last remaining safeguard for the Ukrainian language. Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Constitution calls for the Russian language to coexist with the Ukrainian language, according to several court rulings that interpreted Article 10.

Violating this principle, the Kivalov-Kolesnichenko bill creates the architecture for Russian to replace Ukrainian with its 10 percent rule, requiring state institutions to accommodate languages in a given population center that are spoken by at least 10 percent of its residents.

The legislation claims to defend such minority languages as Crimean Tatar or Bulgarian, yet there's no chance that state organs — often lacking funds to pay heating bills or to buy floor cleaning soaps — can accommodate each minority group. Conflicts will become inevitable between the various minorities and the default language will be the majority language in most regions, which is Russian.

Political experts are increasingly drawing parallels between the Russian government's current approach to Ukraine and Adolf Hitler's Anschluss policy. In this context, the Kivalov-Kolesnichenko bill has a few new clauses that deserve particular attention, such as defining one's native language as "the first language that an individual mastered in earlier childhood."



Demonstrators on June 5 rally near parliament against a proposed law that critics say would elevate the use of the Russian language. (Ukrafota)

Russian-speaking citizens who make up the vast majority of urban residents have long identified Ukrainian as their native tongue in surveys, despite speaking Russian on a daily basis (at least in public). That's typical of a post-colonial society.

The new legislation seeks to redefine as native Russian speakers those who would typically categorize themselves as native Ukrainian speakers. This strategy was employed in the Republic of Georgia, where more than 85 percent of the population of South Ossetia was extended Russian

passports, in large part on the basis of them being native Russian speakers. Subsequently in the 2008 South Ossetian War, the Russian government defended its actions by claiming the duty to protect its citizens, wherever they may be.

The groundwork for Anschluss is already being laid in Crimea, whose residents are being propagandized by mass media, schools, and even summer camps into thinking they are ethnic Russians (with Ukrainian surnames) with loyalties to Moscow (instead of Kyiv). Many are reported to have

Russian passports in their possession, despite Ukrainians laws forbidding dual citizenship.

It's up to Western leaders, both in the private and public sectors, to realize that the Ukrainian language is just as much about geopolitics as it is about culture.

Not only do their future business prospects hang in the balance, but so does the future of Ukraine as an independent state based on Western, European values.

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Back Story: Ukraine deserves an apology

→4 When young, I was asked to leave a private college in Florida by the board of trustees, after as editor of the school newspaper I challenged the school's motto: "Teaching Christianity and American Democracy." I wrote that the school should accept African-Americans. When I refused to leave voluntarily, they relented, only to repeat the same exercise a month later following another editorial to which they objected. The result was the same. I was not their favorite student.

I have seen racism close-up as a reporter covering civil rights in America's south. I covered a riot of fire and gunplay in Tampa, Florida, the night that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated by racist James Earl Ray on April 4, 1968. I later covered some of Ray's legal proceedings in Tennessee.

In Ukraine, we have an aberrant core of ultra-lunatics, but measured against Ukraine's population their size is that of a flea on the back of a great big dog. I have Asian acquaintances who have been hassled from time-to-time in Kyiv. However, they say, the harassment usually is at the hands of the police.

However, to place a spotlight on Ukraine prior to the games in a sensational manner was simply over the top, particularly, in my view, the BBC's Panorama program. Titled "Stadiums of Hate," it focused on both Poland and Ukraine. There were also several articles about Ukraine in the British press, and then it seemed a general piling on by other publications.

As for the politics of it, European leaders, by staying away, made a mistake by attempting to punish Ukraine's government for imprisoning former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. This is sort of like being hit with the proverbial wet noodle. One feels it, but it doesn't sting.

For the European leaders who stayed away, it was hardly worth more than a press release. This Ukrainian president doesn't seem to be losing much sleep due to the downward spiral of his country's reputation in the eyes of the West or, apparently, even Russia.

As an adviser to the U.S. Senate leader in 1980, after the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, I opposed linking the actions of a country's leadership to a sporting event. The leader, Sen. Robert Byrd, withdrew a major treaty on Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT II) from consideration instead. That was proper retaliation.

However, President Jimmy Carter went further: He barred U.S. athletes from participating in the Olympic Games in Moscow, and he ended grain exports to Russia. The first hurt U.S. athletes, the second American farmers. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev didn't seem fazed and went elsewhere for grain.

On the racism issue, the truth will out, of course, after the games. I'm going on record here as predicting a rather normal Euro 2012 championship in a sometimes abnormal country. If I am proved wrong, cancel that apology. Otherwise, Ukraine should have the apology delivered in Dolby Sound and Technicolor.

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Urban politics, 'Regionnaire' corruption have blighted many cities in Ukraine



ALEXANDER J. MOTYL

Two recent studies cast interesting light on urban life and Regionnaire policy in Ukraine. Unsurprisingly, most of the cities they misrule are sorely neglected slums, while the only two that matter to them politically—Donetsk and Luhansk—are recipients of government largesse. As it turns out, President Viktor Yanukovich's Party of Regions would be better termed the Party of Two Cities.

In *Kommentarii* magazine's livability rating of 45 Ukrainian cities, those in the bottom half, the 22nd through the 45th, are, with but three exceptions, in the southeastern provinces that support the Regionnaires. The top half, the 1st through the 21st, are all in the central and western provinces that support the national democrats, with the exception of six major Regionnaire-run cities—Sevastopol (3rd), Dnipropetrovsk (5th), Kryvyi Rih (10th), Simferopol (14th), Donetsk (16th), and Odessa (18th). Note the pattern. The Regionnaire-run cities that do relatively well are all large; the provincial cities they misrule are all in the dumps.

The Regionnaire record looks worse if we exclude Sevastopol and Simferopol from the list (the former, as the site of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, gets big

bucks from Moscow, while the latter is relatively near the Crimea's beaches) and look at the number of points the cities score. The highest possible point total is 1,125 (with 45 points per 25 criteria). Kyiv, which is 1st on the list, gets 896 points, or 80 percent of the total. The Regionnaire strongholds, Donetsk and Luhansk, get only 57 percent and 43 percent, respectively. And the cities that score under 50 percent are, with but two exceptions, Regionnaire bastions.

The Regionnaires know where their bread is best buttered and obviously feel free to condemn the rest of the provinces they run to stagnation. These findings are consistent with a study I cited last year that showed that the quality of life is lowest in a coherent swath of territory running from south to east. Of Ukraine's 27 provinces, Zaporizhzhya was 22nd, Mykolaiv was 23rd, Kherson was 24th, Luhansk was 25th, Donetsk was 26th, and Dnipropetrovsk was dead last.

Keep these ratings in mind as we look at some other data on state budget transfers to provinces. As it turns out, Donetsk province, which is Yanukovich's power base and contributes 12 percent of Ukraine's GDP, received 21 percent of budget transfers in 2010 and a whopping 27 percent in 2011. Luhansk province, which is a Regionnaire power base and contributes a mere 4 percent to Ukraine's GDP, got 8 percent in 2010 and 11 percent in 2011. The capital city, Kyiv, contributes 18 percent of GDP and, jus-

→ AI Capone's head would spin at scale of Regions Party corruption

tifiably, received 15 percent of outlays in 2010 and 18.3 percent in 2011.

Several conclusions follow from these data.

First, the claim made by Donbas residents that they "feed" the rest of Ukraine is clearly false. If anyone is being fed, it's them.

Second, in light of the fact that most southeastern cities are dumps, it's clear that the subsidies being received by Luhansk and Donetsk provinces are going to Luhansk and Donetsk cities, and not the towns and villages in the provinces. In other words, the Donbas provinces are feeding Donetsk and Luhansk.

Third, and most interesting, the money going to Luhansk and Donetsk is obviously not having the intended effect. Kyiv gets a lot of cash, but it contributes its share to the total pot and is highly livable. In contrast, despite

being the targets of Regionnaire lucre, Luhansk and Donetsk rank relatively low on the livability scale.

Why?

Part of the answer may be that they suffered disproportionately from Ukraine's economic collapse in the 1990s and must therefore catch up more to reach Kyiv's level. The problem with this explanation, however, is that the Donbas has been highly subsidized by Kyiv since independence in 1991. Every Ukrainian president has known that he must win the region's loyalty, or at least neutrality, by buying it off with goodies.

So the more convincing answer for Luhansk and Donetsk's continued underdevelopment must have to do with the nature of their rulers—the Regionnaires (and pre-Regionnaires) who pocket state expenditures with a wild abandon that would make Al Capone's head spin. Is it pure coincidence that Kyiv's subsidies to Donetsk exploded at precisely the same time that Yanukovich's dentist son, Oleksandr, became one of Ukraine's 100 richest individuals?

The lesson is obvious. Were the Party of Regions a city, it would be at the very top of the heap, with a 200 percent rating. Were the Yanukovich clan a city, it would score even higher.

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Freaky fan fun

A Dutch fan cheers before a match between Portugal and the Netherlands in Kharkiv on June 17. Fans have had plenty of fun at the stadiums and quirky adventures beyond. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

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A pair of Dutch adrenaline junkies, accompanied by a friend from Kazakhstan, decided that life in the Kyiv fan zone was too boring. So they decided to sneak into the Chernobyl zone in search of fun.

Luckily for them, the stalkers were detained by police on June 18, said Interior Ministry spokesman Volodymyr Polishchuk. Otherwise, they would face the prospect of wild animals and the possibility of getting lost in the radioactive exclusion zone, the 30-kilometer radius where no people are supposed to live.

This is one of a handful of stories

going around as thousands of foreign football fans flooded Ukraine and co-host Poland for the Euro 2012 football championship. The adventures of foreign fans range from sad to funny. Some were spiced up with criminal incidents.

The Interior Ministry says Euro 2012 has been relatively calm, despite isolated instances of trouble. Lost passports and lost people have been the most common incidents registered, according to the British Embassy press service. It only recorded about a dozen such cases.

David Ford, a British fan who came to Ukraine to see the games, got lost on the streets of Kharkiv after Portugal beat the Netherlands on June 17. His friends left for Donetsk with his cash,

his cell phone and his documents. Fortunately, he was found by local police. He eventually caught up with his buddies again.

Another Brit, a disabled football fan, was forgotten in a Kyiv restaurant by his "friends," police said. An unnamed resident of Kyiv helped him out by buying a ticket to Kharkiv, where his friends were supposed to wait for him.

In desperate circumstances, foreign fans have shown extraordinary resourcefulness in seeking help. In one case, a football fan spelled "HELP" with his shaving cream in the middle of the road after finding himself in a strange village.

He partied hard in Kyiv's Hydropark Dnipro River recreation area and even-

tually fell asleep there. When he woke up, he realized his wallet and documents were missing. He decided to hitch a lift to the Crimea, where his relative lives. But luckily, his common sense kicked in quite soon — around the village of Kriukivshchyna in Kyiv region.

A villager sympathized with his foamy cry for help, and called the police, who then took care of the partygoer.

There were a few crimes registered that involve people who pretended to be football fans. Kyiv's police department said a duo from Brazil that arrived under the guise of football tourism tried bank card scams. They were both detained by the police.

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Night Owl

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Euro 2012 transforms capital's nightlife

It was the first time I went to a nightclub since the football championship had kicked off in Ukraine. I was invited to a birthday party at one of Kyiv's glamorous nightclubs - Skybar.

Walking in a nightclub like Skybar is all about making an entrance. The moment you set foot on the club's floor, a woman gets immediately scanned by men interested in meeting ladies as well as by women who are watching out for competitors.

In those terms, my entrance was the worst possible. Wearing high heels and looking aside instead of ahead, I missed a step and fell flat on my face. Nevertheless, 10 years of snowboarding weren't completely wasted, as one thing I learned well was to fall. Humiliated but unhurt, I carried on to the table where the birthday was celebrated.

After unwrapping the present followed by a toast to the birthday girl, I struggled to forget my unfortunate incident. Having cozily lounged on a velvet couch at the back side of the club, I had a winning place to watch the crowd come in, swiftly switching my attention.

Just as I expected, foreign fans had made their way through beyond the fan zones and the stadium, right into Kyiv's fancy nightlife. They were easy to spot, as they stood out from locals with their slightly more handsome appearance and a newcomers' look on their face.

They were all men, presumably well to do, since the club's entrance for men cost Hr 200 on top of a strict face control and dress code in place. Moreover, they came prepared, as many of them had tables reserved coming in high price of around Hr 6,000.

Ladies of the night came here like a moth to the fire. (Women enter for free.) A handful of girls were looking for clients. The most obvious one was wearing bright orange platform high heel shoes, slinky black leggings and an orange top. She was not young and came on her own. She danced promiscuously in front of older men sitting in the front row tables. But they seemed to be not interested in the offer.

A younger and prettier girl in a green dress with waist-long blond hair made an impression of coming from a small city rather than from Kyiv due to her lack of style. She was not so easy to read at first. But in half an hour or so, → 17

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Treat your nails to some 'Black Caviar'

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Elle Woods, the main heroine of the Legally Blond 2 movie said: Never underestimate a girl with a Harvard law degree and a French manicure.

While the point of the first part of this statement is crystal clear, the second one seems to imply that having well-groomed hands adds to a lady's power. If true, it's no surprise that the domestic manicure business has evolved and improved significantly over the years to assist women.

Ukraine is currently being conquered by shellac, a polish that allows a manicure to last for a couple of weeks. Distinctive red-colored stands offering shellac manicures alongside regular nail polish are springing up in most shopping malls, underground passageways and other busy places.

Getting smudges while waiting for the nail polish to dry is not an issue any more, since shellac dries within minutes in the UV lamp. The gel component of the polish also makes nails shinier.

On the downside, removal and appliance of shellac takes a long time – about twice as long as a regular manicure. The price of such a manicure is also quite high – around four times higher than a regular manicure – about Hr 230 for the coating, plus Hr 60 more for its removal.

Kyiv's busy ladies don't seem to be deterred by the high price, though.

Oksana Matselo, a 24-year-old

student is a frequent beauty salon client. She uses both shellac and regular nail polish, but "sometimes when I travel or have important plans, I can't take a risk of my manicure to spoil. That's when [the high price of Shellac] doesn't matter."

With those trumps in hand, shellac has won nearly half of Ukrainian market within just 18 months of its presence, according to some estimates. "Shellac is the hottest trend right now, because it's very convenient," says Anastasia Fortunyak, managing director of S-Studio beauty salon in Kyiv. "Demand for shellac is the same as for regular nail polish," she adds.

Another bonus is no appointments needed. Women can do a manicure on a whim while doing their shopping by taking a free chair at the Express Manicure points.

This manicure service is also available at home. Angelika Mykhaylichenko runs her business of providing manicure services at a client's home. She says her services are in high demand, as there are plenty of customers who don't go to beauty salons for various reasons.

"Pregnant women, women with small children, well-known ladies or people who simply do not have time for salons order manicure to their home or office," says Mykhaylichenko.

Having a manicure at home is also cheaper "because they [beauty salons] have to pay rent, salaries for managers and manicurists. I work for myself, therefore its cheaper," adds

Mykhaylichenko.

Forexample, all the necessary manicure manipulations like clipping, tripping and removing cuticles to 'clean' your nails before applying nail polish costs Hr 45 with Mykhaylichenko, Hr 65 at Express Manicure and Hr 150 at S-Studio, which provides business-class services.

When it comes to trends, Black Caviar and matte black French manicure are in style this summer. While Black Caviar nail polish is still to be delivered to Ukrainian beauty salons, you can have black French manicure done for Hr 60 at S-Studio, the same price as a traditional French manicure.

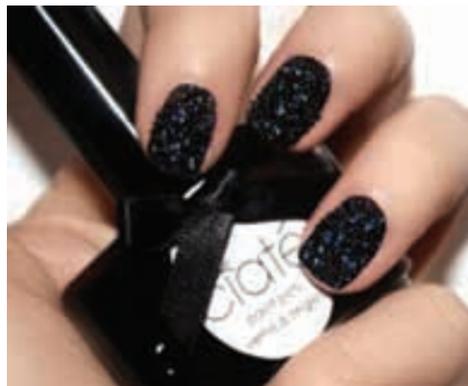
French manicure with Shellac coating costs Hr 250. Regular monochrome Shellac manicure is Hr 20 cheaper. Flowers and patterns are out of style now.

"There was a boom of nail extensions and nail art three years ago. Today everybody switched to shellac or nail polisher," says Mykhaylichenko.

"We no longer do nail art," says Fortunyak from S-Studio. "They are not fashionable anymore, especially with business people, for whom it's inappropriate."

The famous blond Elle Woods indeed knew what she was talking about almost 10 years ago when the movie was shot. "The French manicure is a classic. It is always fashionable," said Fortunyak from S-Studio.

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A matte black French manicure (left) is the latest trend in fingernail fashion. Black caviar nail polish (right) is not yet available in Ukraine, but should arrive soon. (Courtesy)



A waiter serves a birthday cake at Skybar as guests celebrate with indoor fireworks. (Courtesy)

Night Owl: Fans discover Kyiv's robust nightlife

→16 she had one foreigner stroking her back side.

Foreign clubbers were no less determined. Although I came with my significant other, the moment he left to get himself a drink, a shorter-than-me foreigner, hardly reaching my shoulder (I'm rather tall), start swaying next to me and even brushing against me. I ignored him, but it didn't help as much as my partner's return.

Apart from hungry-for-Ukrainian women foreigners, the atmosphere at the club was nice. I was surprised to meet there my college mate Sam, whom I hadn't seen for five years. Sam turned out to be working at Skybar as an MC. Sam and his friend, who was with him, are both black. When I saw them, I thought of all those international reports on racism in Ukraine, and how wrong most of those reports are in many respects. Besides Sam, four go-go dancers in tiny outfits were setting a great dancing mood from the stage.

Skybar's location is a certain advantage. Situated at the Kyiv's very center in Arena Entertainment area, the nightclub offers a spectacular view

→Even more foreign men than usual seem to be hunting for Ukrainian beauties in expensive nightclubs

of Lva Tolstogo Square from its wide windows. Its ceiling is designed in the shape of a sky, with stars resembling the club's name. Overall, I would recommend paying a visit to Skybar. Just remember to watch your step.

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How to tour Kyiv

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Football matches and the fan zone might be Kyiv city's latest attractions, but they are certainly not the only ones. Kyiv offers dozens of tours of all types, and for all budgets. You can get tours for free or ones costing as high as few thousand hryvnias.

You can discover Mysterious Kyiv in a themed tour, or visit the city's parks and forests. Most tour operators offer services in English. Some run tours in French, German, Dutch and a couple of other European languages.

They can be walking tours, bus tours or boat tours. Read on to see the Kyiv Post picks.

Bus Tours

Open Kyiv suggests a sightseeing tour of Kyiv in a double-decker bus. You can hop on and off the bus at any stop, as long as you have a valid ticket for the day. The bus operates on a schedule, and can be stopped by waving your arm. The tour starts by the Golden Gate, or Zoloti Vorota and is

accompanied by an audio guide in two languages, Russian and English. Tours in other languages are available for large groups, but need to be booked in advance.

More information can be found on <http://openkyiv.com.ua/>

Price: Hr 250 per person. Concessions for groups of 20 and more.

Expressiya SV offers custom tours for groups by buses of various sizes in English, German, Dutch, French, Italian and Spanish. The company offers both regular sight-seeing tours and themed tours. Prices start at Hr 1,250 for a three-hour sightseeing tour for a group of up to six people in a minibus, accompanied by a guide.

See more details on http://www.expressiyasv.kiev.ua/kiyev/kiyev_eks_foreigners.html

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Palmer offers a range of tours that include Kyiv's ancient monasteries, general daytime and night-time tours, and tours to many sites in Kyiv Oblast.



Kyiv offers a great variety of tours on wheels, including one on a double-decker. (Courtesy)

A boat trip is the place to see panoramas of Kyiv from the Dnipro River perspective. (Courtesy)



Boat Tours

The Kyiv River Port in Podil is where you have to be heading if you want a boat tour. A boat trip can be from 1 to 3 hours long, and give you a great chance to enjoy the views of Kyiv's golden domes and its lush green hills from a unique perspective.

Check more details at:

<http://www.rpea.com.ua/progulki.php>

Price: Hr 20-100

The agency offers services in Turkish and Polish languages in addition to several European ones. Prices start at Hr 900-1,100 per person for a three-hour car tour of Kyiv. Walking tours of Kyiv for a group of up to 40 people costs Hr 550 per person.

For more information visit <http://www.palmer.com.ua/>

Price: from Hr 900-1,100 per person for car tour

Interway suggests combining walking and traveling by bus in a single tour. Prices vary hugely, depending on types of tours and number of people. A guided three-hour tour by car and foot for two people goes for Hr 850.

For more information visit: <http://interway.com.ua/gid.php>

Price: From Hr 850 for two by car/foot

Walking Tours

ANGA Travel is good for regular walking tours in English. They last for three hours, and are good for both students and foreign tourists. Regular tours are to start in mid-June.

Check the exact dates and time at: <http://angaschool.com.ua/contacts>

050 380-4964

093 979-5202

Price: Hr 160 per person

Interesting Kyiv – The agency offers a variety of thematic walking tours of various lengths. The topics vary from the tours around Kyiv children's parks to the tour devoted to Kyiv's famous swindlers. You can order group or individual tours of different length and in different languages.

Check the dates, time and prices at: <http://www.interesniy.kiev.ua/>

Price: From Hr 900 for 3 hours on foot

Free Tours – Even if you're short of cash, it's no reason not to get to know Kyiv more intimately. This agency offers free walking tours of Kyiv twice daily.

See details at: <http://freetours.kiev.ua/>

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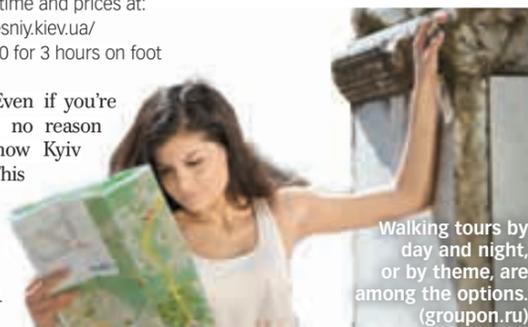
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Price: Free

Mysterious Kyiv offers a range of offbeat tours of Kyiv, as well as regular tours to museums and major sites. It also provides information on accommodation, entertainment and other services tourists might seek.

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June 22-23

Dreaming up a festival

Remember the date. This one is not to be missed if you're in Kyiv on June 22-23. Kraina Mriy or the Land of Dreams, **the biggest ethnic and world music festival in Kyiv**, is happening this weekend on Spivoche Pole by the Lavra.

Organized by Oleg Skrypka, the legendary Ukrainian rock musician, the festival has been going for nine years, rain or shine.

The main aim of the festival is to revive traditional Ukrainian culture and to expose Ukrainians to other ethnic cultures, so the bands invited to play reflect that policy. Apart from rock and world music playing on the main stage, alternative stages will be offering ethnic Kobza concerts, master classes on Ukrainian dance and crafts, and other activities for adults and children.

Krayina Mriy. June 22-23. Spivoche pole. Hr 30-80

Friday, June 22

Classical music

Works of Albinoni, Scarlatti, Bach, Handel, Marcello (organ, harpsichord). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-70

The 10th International Competition of Young Pianists in Memory of Vladimir Horowitz. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Free

Works of Lyatoshynsky, Lutoslawski, Karabytsia (piano, clarinet, violoncello). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40

Live music

Mad Heads XL & Tex-Mex Company. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 100

Ot Vinta & Red Rocks (rock hits).

Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

Wake up! (sexy cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

Dead Boys Girlfriend. Divan. 8 p.m. Hr 50

Clubs

KobzaSwagga party. Crystal Hall. 11 p.m. Free

Rave Legends. Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 40 for females, Hr 50 for males

Gangster Party. Home. 10 p.m. Hr 20 for females, Hr 50 for males

Foam Party. Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 25-50 for females, Hr 30-60 for males

M.a.n.d.y. Mantra. 10 p.m. Hr 100 for females, Hr 200 for males

Theaters

Push Up 1-3 (drama). New Theater

On Pechersk. 7 p.m. Hr 80

Chasing Two Hares (operetta). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80-150

Don Carlos (opera by Giuseppe Verdi). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200

Lifelong Cheating (family drama). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120

Miscellaneous

Euro 2012 Flower Exhibition. Spivoche Pole park near Lavra. Hr 20

Ukraina Terra Cossacorum. Polish and Ukrainian Culture Fest. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40, Hr 20 for kids

Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20

Litvinovka Football Fan Fest.

Litvinovka village, 30 km away from Kyiv. 6 p.m. Hr 165

Euro 2012 Quarter Finals. Kyiv Euro 2012 Official fan zone, VIP sector. 8 p.m. Hr 1,000

The New Art Textiles of Ukraine. Modern Art Museum. 11 a.m. Hr 15

Andrey Perovitsa. Tempofil Sketches (photo exhibition). Soviart. 11 a.m. Free

Ukrainian Formula "Color" (art exhibition). Ivan Gonchar Museum. 11 a.m. Free

Firecrosser Art Project (based on Firecrosser movie). Modern Art Museum. 11 a.m. Hr 15

Ukrainian Soccer Pride. Ukrainian House. 11 a.m. Hr 5

Kraina Mriy (ethno music festival). Spivoche Pole park near Lavra. 10 a.m. Hr 10-80

Shows

Virskiy Academic Dance Ensemble. Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 80-450

Movies

Chico Y Rita (cartoon musical). Zhovten. 4:15 p.m. Hr 24-30

Weekend with Vikings (shorts festival). Kinopanorama. 7 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 20-30

Saturday, June 23

Classical music

Works of Bach (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100

The 10th International Competition of Young Pianists in Memory of Vladimir Horowitz. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Free

Live music

Tabula Rasa & Partizanskie Vytivky. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75

Mad Heads XL & Rockfour. Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

MJ project (cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

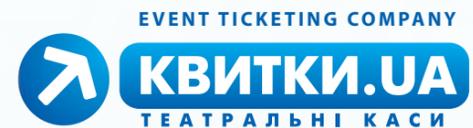
Point. Divan. 8 p.m. Free

Clubs

Mermaid Hunt Party. Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 20-40 for females, Hr 25-50 for males

Crazy Salo & Vodka Party. Bionica. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 40-60 for males

Mujuice Party. Zelenyi Teatr. 11 p.m.



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Hr 70

Are You Techno? Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 25-50 for females, Hr 35-70 for males

Theaters

Welcome To Ukraine (premiere). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80-120

Vasya Should Call (tragicomedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120

Nazar Stodolya (based on Taras Shevchenko's play). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-120

Romeo And Juliette (ballet). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-300

Miscellaneous

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Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20

Litvinovka Football Fan Fest. Litvinovka village, 30 km away from Kyiv. 6 p.m. Hr 165

The New Art Textiles of Ukraine. Modern Art Museum. 11 a.m. Hr 15

Andrey Perovitsa. Tempofil Sketches (photo exhibition). Soviart. 11 a.m. Free

Ukrainian Formula "Color" (art exhibition). Ivan Gonchar Museum.



June 30

Elton John, Queen to perform for Euro fans

Legendary British singer Elton John and rock band Queen will give a **charitable concert in the Euro 2012 official fan-zone** on Khreshchatyk on the eve of the final game on June 30.

They were invited to play in support of an anti-AIDS campaign by Olena Pinchuk's ANTI-AIDS Foundation and the Union of European Football Associations, the football tournament organizer. Both organizations said the musicians refused payment. Admission is free and the concert will be broadcast live. During the event, the foundation will raise money for a new joint project by the anti-AIDS foundations established by Elton John and Olena Pinchuk.

Elton John & Queen concert. June 30. Kyiv Euro 2012 official fan zone. Free.

Green Hills: Summer Season and the Villa Community is Open!

The villa community at Green Hills opened its summer season with an annual May Fair.

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Both traditional and unusual classes were offered holiday guests – riding bikes, master classes in clay modeling, making origami, decorative magnets, and even designing t-shirts. For children, they had the opportunity to be transformed into fairy heroes by aqua masters of make-up.

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Tony Sheridan. Crystal Hall. 6 p.m. Hr 300 10
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Movies

Chico Y Rita (cartoon musical). Zhovten. 12:30 p.m. Hr 24-30 1
Weekend with Vikings (shorts festival). Kinopanorama. 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hr 20-30 5

Sunday, June 24

Classical music

Works of Grieg, Sibelius, Part-Trisagion, Shnitke (piano). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 1

Live music

Chill Out (disco rock). Docker Pub. 9 p.m. Free 1
Crazy Train (rock hits). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free 2
Soyuz 44 (jazz jam session). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 4

Stiletto Heels (blues). Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Clubs

Hawaii Night. Saxon. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 20 for males 5
R'n'B Boom. Forsage. 11 p.m. Free before midnight, Hr 20-30 after midnight 10

Theaters

Kaidash's Family (comedy). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 1
Return Of The Prodigal Father (premiere). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120 4
Manon Lescaut (opera by Giacomo Puccini). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 5

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The New Art Textiles of Ukraine. Modern Art Museum. 11 a.m. Hr 15 20

Andrey Perovitsa. Tempofil Sketches (photo exhibition). Soviart. 11 a.m. Free 20

Ukrainian Formula "Color" (art exhibition). Ivan Gonchar Museum. 11 a.m. Free 40

Firecrosster Art Project (based on Firecrosster movie). Modern Art Museum. 11 a.m. Hr 15 20

Movies

Chico Y Rita (cartoon musical). Zhovten. 12:40 p.m. Hr 24-30 1
Weekend with Vikings (shorts festival). Kinopanorama. 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Hr 20-30 5

Monday, June 25

Classical music

Works of Vivaldi, Grieg, Guilment (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 2

From Frank Sinatra's Repertoire. National Academic Brass Band of Ukraine Playing Novak, Coleman, Porter, Hussain, Mancini, Berlin. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 1

Theaters

Too Happy To Be A Father (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 2

A Free Couple (comedy, starring Mariya Aronova and Boris Shcherbakov). KPI Art Center. 7 p.m. Hr 370-790 10

Farewell Tango (drama). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. New Csene. 8 p.m. Hr 100 2

Live music

Some Like It Hot (jazz rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free 1

Tex-Mex Company (latino party). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free 2

Tribute To Michael Jackson. Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Fee to be announced 4

Rock & Funk Monday with TV Dangers & Adrenaline Rust. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Miscellaneous

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Andrey Perovitsa. Tempofil Sketches (photo exhibition). Soviart. 11 a.m. Free 20

Ukrainian Formula "Color" (art exhibition). Ivan Gonchar Museum. 11 a.m. Free 40

Shows

Las Migas (flamenco band). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-250 1

Movies

Chico Y Rita (cartoon musical). Zhovten. 4:15 p.m. Hr 24-30 1



New World of the Rasmus

Rasmus, a Finish alternative rock band will bring New World to Kyiv. Their new album, that is. Their concert on June 26 will be an explosive mixture of alternative rock, alternative metal and punk rock. Rasmus is one of the most commercially successful rock bands in Finland. Formed in 1994, they've sold more than 3.5 million records to date.
Rasmus. June 26. Stereo Plaza. Hr 350-2,000

Tuesday, June 26

Classical music

Works of Caccini, Pergolesi, Bach, Handel, Bellini, Tosti (flute, piano, organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 2

Kindling the Hearts. Jazz and Tango Concert. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 1

Live music

Tres Deseos (latino party). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free 1

Ruki V Briuki (rockabilly). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 20 2

We Are (indie rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 4

The Brilliants & InvisibleLand. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Theaters

He Is My Sister (premiere, comedy). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 100-600 10

Paper Marriage (comedy starring Sergei Makovetsky, Elena Yakovleva). KPI Art Center. 7 p.m. Hr 400-1,290 10

Her Mad Men (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-110 2

The Marriage Of Figaro (opera). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 5

Miscellaneous

Euro 2012 Flower Exhibition. Spivochke pole park near Lavra. Hr 20 10

Wednesday, June 27

Classical music

Works of Bach, Schubert, Beethoven (violin, viola, cello). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-70 2

Live music

The Magma (pop rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Hr 30 1

Rockin' Wolves (rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 2

Dyadya Vasya (rock covers). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 4

Jazz Wednesday with Laura & Kristina Marti. Divan. 9 p.m. Free 5

Theaters

Sorochinsky Fair (operetta). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 30-70 10

Urus-Shaytan (premiere). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 1

Carmen TV (modern ballet). Kyiv Opera and Ballet Theater for Children and Youth. 7 p.m. Hr 50-60 10

The Elixir Of Love (opera). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 5

Miscellaneous

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Ukraina Terra Cossacorum. Polish and Ukrainian Culture Fest. Mamayeva Sloboda. Hr 40, Hr 20 for kids 5

Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20 20

Movies

Chico Y Rita (cartoon musical). Zhovten. 4:15 p.m. Hr 24-30 1

Thursday, June 28

Classical music

Works of Liszt, Faure, Arensky, Skoryk (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-70 2

3rd Season of Concert Series of Chamber Music. National Philharmonic. 6 p.m. Hr 10-50 1

Live music

Karnavalnaya Zhara (rock hits). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Hr 30 1

Mama Mia (italiano disco). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 2

Boobamara (balkan). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 4

DeliKate. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Theaters

Romances. Nostalgia (musical drama). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-120 1

Forest Song (Lisova Pisnya, ballet based on Lesya Ukrainka's play). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 5

Valentine's Day (drama). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 8 p.m. Hr 50 2

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Movies

The Third Man. Master Class 7:00 p.m. Free 5

Friday, June 29

Classical music

Evening of Jazz. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 1

Classics on Fridays. Olivier Messian's 20 Glances at the Child Jesus (piano). Master Class. 8 p.m. Hr 40 5

Live music

Bangladesh Orchestra & Red Rocks (rock hits). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 50 1

Tabula Rasa & Partizanskiye Vytivky (Russian rock hits). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 50 2

Without Limits (rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 4

TaRuta (ethno rock, disco). Divan. 8 p.m. Free 5

Theaters

Family Dinner (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200 2

Giselle (ballet). Kyiv Opera and Ballet Theater for Children and Youth. 7 p.m. Hr 20-50 10

Eugene Onegin (lyrical scenes). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200 5

The Marriage Of Figaro (comedy). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 1

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Placido Domingo. Sofiiivska Ploshcha. 7 p.m. Hr 1,500

Elton John and Queen. Independence Square. 8 p.m. Free

Saturday, June 30

Classical music

Works of Charles-Marie Widor (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100

Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine Playing Brahms, Shostakovich. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 30-120

Live music

Renaissance & Tex-Mex Company. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 50

April & Honey Top (modern covers). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 50

MJ Project (cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

Rolyova Model (punk rock). Divan. 8 p.m. Free

Theaters

Zorba The Greek (Life and Adventures of Alexis Zorbas). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200

Cynical Comedy (based on William Shakespeare's play "Measure for Measure"). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-200

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Shows

I Miss My Death. Club To Be First. 5 p.m. Hr 50

Sunday, July 1

Theaters

Norma (opera). Opera Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 10-200

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Kyiv Sculpture Project. Central Botanical Garden. Hr 20

The Evening of Tango with Kiev Tango Project. Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 70

The Best City.UA rock festival in Dnipropetrovsk

June 28 – July 1



For those who fancy an eventful weekend away from Kyiv, this festival is a good contender. A debutante on the Ukrainian festival scene, the three-day event promises the strongest lineup Ukraine has ever seen, a mix of local and international performers, including Evanescence, White Lies, The Rasmus, Shifty's Crazy Town, Joachim Garraud, Apollo 440, Brainstorm, DDT, Bumbox, Voply Vidopliasova and others. The location picked for it was Novoselitsa Park 12 kilometers away from Dnipropetrovsk, an eastern Ukrainian city. The festival will have three stages, including lounge, beginners' and main scene. The cherry on the cake is a big screen on the festival grounds that will broadcast the final game of Euro 2012 football championship, which will take place on July 1 in Kyiv. A two-ways bus ticket from Kyiv to the festival is available for Hr 350. Another option is to take a train to Dnipropetrovsk (Hr 140-220) and get to Novoselitsa by a festival marshrutka, or minibus.

The Best City.UA festival. June 28-July 1. Dnipropetrovsk, Novoselitsa park. Hr 390 per day, Hr 990 for the whole festival. More detail available at www.thebestcity.ua.

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➔ For Ambassador Leigh Turner, June 14 was bittersweet. He hosted a reception to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and to say goodbye to Ukraine at the same time. Queen Elizabeth was crowned on Feb. 6, 1952, which makes her the second longest-serving monarch in British history after Queen Victoria, who ruled for 63 years. Queen Elizabeth II has worked with 12 prime ministers during her reign and has been active in politics, charity and foreign affairs. Her ambassador in Kyiv has represented the United Kingdom for the last four years. His next destination is Istanbul, where he starts work in September. (Anya Korbut)

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Ukrainian fans react after England eliminated Ukraine's team from Euro 2012 competition on June 19 at Donbass Arena in Donetsk. (AFP)



Win or lose, it's a great party!

More than 125,000 visited Kyiv's fan zone on June 19 during Ukraine's 1-0 loss to England. (Kyiv city media center)



Portugal team fans in the stands at Metalist Arena in Kharkiv during the June 17 match with Netherlands. Portugal won 2-1. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Fans get ready for the France vs. Ukraine match on June 15 at the Donbass Arena in Donetsk. France beat Ukraine 2-0. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Sweden fans hold a banner thanking host city Kyiv on June 19 at Olympic Stadium. (Sweden Camp Facebook Page)