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Kiev theaters may be shut down

By Natalia Petiakh
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Fueled by rumors that city authorities plan to shut down nearly half of the state-owned theaters in Kiev due to a funds shortage, theater workers are heading for summer vacation not knowing if they will have work this autumn.

According to Hanna Lypkovska, an instructor at the Theatrical Institute, many actors have already left the theater to find more reliable jobs.

The state remains the main source of finances for theaters. All the theaters that have national status are funded by the Culture Ministry - and most agree that theaters with national status will not be affected by the possible closures.

The rest of the theaters receive funds from municipal budgets. According to the Culture Ministry, the state allocated 8 trillion kupons from the budget for all cultural institutions. One-fifth of the funds allotted are supposed to be spent on theaters.

"There are 39 municipal theaters in Kiev - none of

the world's cities has so many theaters," Kostiantyn Matvienko, the council humanitarian department chairman said. "I think 20 theaters would be quite enough for us."

"Such an unprofitable art as theater should not receive so much money."

However, these funds are hardly enough to pay wages to actors and other theater personnel. An average wage in theater is about 18 million kupons a month. Plus, representatives of the Kiev culture department said theaters received only 17 percent of funds provided for them. According to the department, some actors have not been paid since March.

The huge debt in wages as a part of the general payment crisis in Ukraine is no nothing new to actors. In April, directors of 20 theaters sent a letter to President Leonid Kuchma and Kiev Mayor Leonid Kosakivsky, asking them to solve the problem. Theaters even planned an action of protest to attract attention to the arts.

Moreover, Ukraine still has the notion of "a state order." This means that the state can allot a certain amount of money for a play and order it to be staged.

The Modern theater was allotted 1.2 billion kupons for staging several plays by Lesia Ukrainka. But the theater's director, Oleksy Kuzhelny, said this money was only half of the sum needed. "We had to save money on everything," he said. "We saved on costumes, decorations and electricity to squeeze our production into the allotted funds."

To curb financial troubles, many Ukrainian theaters are seeking sponsors. Unfortunately, few theaters have been successful in their search so far. And for those that have found a sponsor, problems have often arisen.

"Many businessmen I approached agreed to help," said Tatiana Shestakova from the Aktor theater. "But, in return, they wanted to rent the hall where we stage plays." That meant the theater had less time to stage productions.

The Theater of Young Viewer was lucky last year when Vidrodzhennia bank agreed to sponsor it. Unfortunately, the bank went bankrupt. "And now we have to let religious organizations hold their meetings in the theater to receive additional funds," said Viktor Girich, the theater art director.

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Shackles on freedom of the Ukrainian press

By Natalia Ivaniv
Kiev Post

Ukrainian and foreign journalists are voicing concern over freedom of press in the nation, distributing statements which attract the public's attention to attempts by authorities to exert pressure on mass media.

Seventy journalists from Ukrainian publications, including representatives of the international Reporters Without Borders organization and the Ukrainian Media Club, have recently signed a statement to protest the political pressure levied against *Zerkalo Nedeli* weekly. Six articles published in newspapers against *Zerkalo Nedeli* reporters were responsible for the move to attract public attention to the freedom of press issue in Ukraine.

"All reporters who have criticized presidential policies have experienced the pressure," read the statement issued by Reporters Without Borders.

Pravda Ukrainy newspaper published an article accusing *Zerkalo Nedeli* deputy editor Yulia Mostova of "buying clothing in Tel-Aviv" and criticizing the allegedly "pro-American orientation" of the paper.

In an apparent racial slur, *Nezalezhnist* newspaper recently hinted at the non-Slavic origin of Dmitry Dzhangirov, a *Business* weekly reporter. The journalists who signed the statement are indignant over the fact that the editor of Kharkiv regional TV, Volodymyr Sobolsky, was fired after he invited an analyst to his program who criticized the draft constitution.

Matthew Kaminski, a correspondent in Ukraine for London's *Financial Times*, said Ukraine does not entirely have freedom of speech. "So far, Ukraine does not have the freedom of speech Europe has," he said, adding, "At the same time, there is no open censorship in Ukraine, but there is hidden political censorship."

Kaminski said the pressure on *Zerkalo Nedeli* is based on an article by Mostova in which she detailed the financial strength of Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko. In her article, Mostova said that Lazarenko owned shares of some central and of many regional newspapers. Mostova doubted that reporters in those papers could cover the work of the government without bias.

President Leonid Kuchma said at his meeting with mass media that many publications were dependent on different political forces. Viktor Ponedilko, the parliamentary freedom of speech and mass media committee chairman, shares this point of view with the president.

"The UTN television news program, Interfax-Ukraine agency, as well as the *Nezalezhnist*, *Ukraina Moloda* and *Vechirny Kyiv* newspapers, are pro-presidential and completely attack the president's opponents, and they go too far in criticizing Parliament and Speaker Olexander Moroz," said Ponedilko.

Independent journalists believe that the president's decision to finance the state-run mass media evidences how authorities have taken control of the mass media by funding it.

"Instead of giving all publications equal financial conditions in order to create healthy competition, the ruling power divides the press into friendly publications and unfriendly," said Oleksy Kapusta, an editor of the newspaper *City*.

Six months ago journalists were surprised by new rules - ministers had to get permission from the presidential administration before doing interviews. Thus, it became very difficult to get information for those reporters who did not have good relations with the presidential administration.

Roma Ihnatovych, a former reporter for *The Associated Press* in Kiev, said she had many problems getting information from Ukrainian officials. "Certain officials do not know what their secretaries are for," she said.

Kaminski said it is very difficult for a westerner who is used to the idea that information is always available to work in Ukraine.

But Vitaly Karpenko, a *Vechirny Kyiv* editor, is skeptical of the media's concerns about freedom of the press.

"Today's press reminds me of a girl who was given freedom and became a prostitute," he said. Karpenko said he did not understand why journalists support *Zerkalo Nedeli*, "which was licking Yevhen Marchuk from every side" instead of helping *Vechirny Kyiv* in its fight with Defense Minister Valery Shmarov and Kiev Mayor Leonid Kosakivsky.

"Last year, former Prime Minister Marchuk gave *Zerkalo Nedeli* tons of paper and, in return, the newspaper started grooming his image for future presidential elections," Karpenko said.

President Kuchma recently said that the press in Ukraine sometimes publishes anti-state and anti-presidential articles. However, he added that this is a transitional period for Ukraine, so the country must tolerate press criticism. "I am not going to fight with it the way Belarus did," said Kuchma.

Constitution adopted



KIEV (AP - Efrem Lukatsky) - In celebration of the adoption of the Ukrainian constitution on Friday June 28, deputies toss Mykhailo Syrota, head of the Conciliation Commission, into the air in front of the Parliament building in Kiev. Parliament passed the country's first post-Soviet constitution following a 23-hour session.

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Dnipropetrovsk clan growing in government

By Natalia Petiakh
Kiev Post

President Leonid Kuchma appointed Monday July 1 Yuri Bochkariov and Anatoly Khorizhko as energy minister and agriculture minister, respectively. The Cabinet of Ministers was thus replenished with two more officials from Dnipropetrovsk.

Political analysts point to the fact that many recently-forced-to-resign officials have been replaced by officials from Dnipropetrovsk - the city where Kuchma used to work as the director of a large enterprise and Lazarenko worked in the political arena. They say Kuchma and Lazarenko are hand-picking officials from this area to strengthen their executive chain of command.

But the government holds that the ousted offi-

cial had done their jobs unsatisfactorily, and the officials replacing them were the best available candidates for the posts.

Lazarenko had severely criticized ousted Energy Minister Bochkariov for poor control over electricity privileges for various enterprises, which decreased the amount of revenues going into the budget. Lazarenko said the payment crisis is the main problem the energy sector must cope with.

According to Vasyl Yevtukhov, deputy prime minister for energy and fuel issues, the new minister will lead a tough policy with the enterprise debtors and curb electricity privileges. This, he said, will help the ministry better prepare Ukraine's energy and fuel situation for the forthcoming winter.

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News in Brief

Japanese foreign minister promises more aid

KIEV - Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda promised Ukraine a new \$55 million credit during his first visit to the former Soviet republic on Monday July 1.

He and his delegation hailed the two-day visit, which focused on bilateral ties and measures to deal with consequences of the April 1986 nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

Some \$5 million of the new credit will go toward developing Ukraine's crumbling, Soviet-era telecommunications industry, said Takahisa Tsugawa, spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry traveling with Ikeda.

Japan has already provided \$150 million in aid to Ukraine since 1991.

Much of it has gone to help Ukraine handle the social and ecological consequences of the Chernobyl accident. Control devices supplied by the Japanese government have been installed in and around the nuclear plant.

Cemetery workers, police fail to stop vandalism

KIEV - Fearing increasingly widespread acts of vandalism, families of people buried in Kiev cemeteries have begun putting protective screens around the graves. "People's culture has become so low that they disturb the dead, destroying monuments, writing on tombstones," said Mikola Hlebov, director of Kiev's Gorodskoye (city) cemetery. Olexander Chernoiwanenko, director of the prestigious Baikovoye cemetery, blamed the problem on tramps. Police have proven helpless against vandals and the cemeteries lack money to hire more staff to protect graves. "Police tell me: Catch a hooligan on the spot and then we will arrest him," Chernoiwanenko told The Associated Press.

Compiled from The Associated Press, Ukrinform and other sources.

Parliament adopts constitution

KIEV (AP) - Parliament on Friday passed the country's first post-Soviet constitution, overcoming months of resistance from Communist lawmakers.

"This landmark event will take its place in Ukraine's history," said President Leonid Kuchma.

Parliament passed the constitution by 315-36 vote with 12 abstentions following a dramatic 23-hour session which lasted from Thursday throughout the night, finally ending at about 9:20 Friday morning.

The Communists, who have a strong parliament faction, opposed the new constitution, saying it runs counter to the interests of the Ukrainian people. They were opposed to provisions allowing private ownership of land and factories and demanded that the Russian language have equal status with Ukrainian.

The Communists and their allies command about 170 votes in the 450-seat Parliament, and the constitution had to win a two-third majority of 301 votes to be passed.

In a bid to overcome the deadlock, Kuchma on Wednesday called a referendum for Sept. 25 on the draft approved in March by the Constitutional Commission, disregarding changes made by parliament since then.

That version would give the president stronger powers, provide for a bicameral legislature and limit autonomy in Crimea.

Facing Kuchma's challenge, many Communists and their supporters gave up their resistance and voted for the text proposed by Kuchma.

The constitution's final text allows unlimited private property and gives the Ukrainian language status as the country's only official language.

Addressing Parliament after the vote, Kuchma praised the lawmakers for foregoing their complaints and said he would now cancel the referendum.

"We proved today that we shall overcome everything if we work together," he said. "Starting today, there will be no doubts about Parliament's efficiency."

Ukraine, which became independent with the 1991 Soviet collapse, remained the only former Soviet republic without a new national charter. The previous Soviet-era constitution has been amended hundreds of times.

According to First Deputy of the Foreign Affairs Minister Anton Buteiko, "the constitution will add stability to the country and be a positive factor in attracting foreign investors."

- Larisa Zhuk also contributed to this article.

Charity party a success

By Lesia Rudakewych

The "Back to Reality" Charity Party at Hollywood nightclub on Saturday June 29 brought in \$14,300 to help the Zhytomyr Hospital for the Mentally Handicapped. All assistance will be in the form of material aid.

A target of \$10,000 had been set for the evening event - brought in mainly by two raffle ticket drawings and four airline ticket auctions. British Airways donated a pair of round-trip tickets that sold for \$2,700. Ukrainian International Airlines, Austrian Air and Lufthansa each donated single round-trip tickets that sold for around \$500 apiece. The airlines also gave cash donations for the hospital.

Area restaurants, manufacturers and clothing retailers donated prizes for raffle tickets that brought in an additional \$2,000.

In addition to the fundraising activities, the charity party featured two fashion shows, club dance acts

and performances by Irina Bilyk and a youth swing brass band from Kryvyi Rih.

"This is our second charity party this year," said Harish Rajguru, third secretary at the British Embassy and one of a committee of eight Ukrainians and foreigners who organized the event. "Kiev has been getting lots of help - we wanted to assist outside of the capital so we picked Zhytomyr," said Rajguru, who made personal contacts with the hospital through his work.

Rajguru said charity is a universal concept. "We all have good jobs and a place to live - we could spend 5 or 10 percent of our time to help others," he said. "So far, we've had fantastic support from the foreign community, as well as from Ukrainian businessmen."

Look out for the next ex-pat charity event: a July 13 boat cruise organized by the International Business Club.

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"Bochkariov has worked as the DniproEnergo enterprise deputy director and knows the situation in the industry well - he knows electricity should be sold, not given away for free," Yevtukhiv said. "He [Bochkariov] will turn the bankrupt ministry into a flourishing ministry."

The newly-appointed agriculture minister also worked in the Dnipropetrovsk region. He was responsible for the agricultural sector in the region. "The prime minister recommended a person who had shown his managerial abilities at a regional level," said Borys Supekhanov, the agriculture deputy minister.

Mykhailo Zubets, deputy prime minister for agricultural issues, said the changes in the agriculture ministry were made before the sector's situation went from critical to worse.

"A very smart specialist in agriculture who is not used to solving problems without leaving the office came to the ministry to replace Pavlo Haidutsky," said Zubets.

In addition, according to the Cabinet of Ministers, Mykola Sliusarevsky was appointed the head of the information and analysis service for the prime minister. About a year ago, Sliusarevsky was elected the chairman of the Political Psychologists Association. Political analysts say that the appointment of the first political psychologist indicates that Lazarenko will probably participate in the future presidential elections.

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Russian elections won't hurt Ukraine's business

By Natalia Ivaniv
Kiev Post

Foreign businesses in Ukraine say no matter what happens in Russia's presidential election Wednesday July 3, the results will not detract western capital from Ukraine - even if Communist leader Genady Zyuganov wins.

"Even if Zyuganov's possible win has some negative impact, Ukraine will be able to overcome the Russian syndrome," said Volodymyr Prokhorenko, a Group 7 Ltd. real estate firm founder. "New representative offices of western businesses are open-

ing every month, which means businessmen believe in Ukraine's stability and independence."

Representatives of the Motorola company, which recently entered the Ukrainian market, said the fact that the company started business in Ukraine proves Motorola's trust in this country. "We want to see Ukraine as a country where political risks and influence from outside are minimal," said David Novak, the company's radio connection sector director.

According to Philips Ukraine general director Paul Hansen, Ukraine is already unable to turn back to old times. "I am sure political risks in Ukraine are under control," Hansen said.

Alexander Vennik, a Canadian consulting firm

Ceso representative, said western businesses should not be afraid of a leftist attack in Ukraine if Zyuganov comes to power. "Ukrainian authorities and society are ready to oppose those who want to slow down economic reform," said Vennik.

The optimism of western businessmen can be taken as a compliment to Ukraine, said economic analyst Volodymyr Pylypchuk.

"Foreign businesses know that Ukraine depends a lot on Russia economically, but at the same time they understand that Ukraine has gotten rid of its political dependence," he said. "If Ukraine does not prove this, it will do the most harm to Ukrainian citizens, not businesses."

Ukraine may seek associate membership in NATO

KIEV (AP) - In spite of its formal military neutrality, Ukraine would seek associate NATO membership in case the alliance expands, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Ukraine has no plans to gain full NATO membership, and would only aspire to receive a "special partnership" status, said Igor Kharchenko, who heads the ministry's analytical department, Tuesday June 25.

"Ukraine is raising the issue of mechanisms which, in the case of NATO expansion, would make the situation more predictable and concrete, allowing to formalize the relations between Ukraine and the alliance," he said.

Ukraine's stance on NATO's possible eastward expansion is more flexible than that of neighboring Russia. While Russia is adamantly opposed to such, Ukrainian leaders say any country should be free to join NATO, although the process should not be accelerated.

Kharchenko, speaking at a news conference, said any nuclear expansion by NATO was out of the question.

"Even the theoretical possibility of nuclear weapons being placed close to Ukraine's borders is unacceptable," he said.

Since achieving independence in 1991, Ukraine has proclaimed itself to be military neutral and non-aligned. Over the past year, however, its leaders have said repeatedly that Ukraine may reconsider its

status if the political situation in Europe changes significantly.

Also Tuesday, the presidents of Ukraine and Poland signed a joint declaration on mutual support for joining "as soon as possible" European economic, political and security structures.

"No country has the right to veto another country's sovereign decision to joining the defense alliance of its choice," said the declaration, apparently referring to Russia's opposition to the eastward expansion of NATO.

President Kuchma and his Polish counterpart Aleksander Kwasniewski signed the declaration. Poland has been seeking full membership since 1989 democratic changes.

Kuchma said that Poland, which wants to be Ukraine's bridge to EU structures, is the country's "special strategic partner."

Kuchma joined in the meeting of central-European presidents in Lancut, in southeastern Poland, at Kwasniewski's invitation.

The presidents said that a convergence of their views on European and regional matters will help guarantee stability and security in Europe.

Poland will support Ukraine in joining the Central European Free Trade Agreement, it said.

Kuchma wants a nuclear-free zone in central Europe and has asked Poland not to accept nuclear weapons if it becomes a full NATO member.

World leaders repeat pledge to pay for closing plant

LYON, France (AP) - Leaders of the seven wealthiest democracies on Friday June 28 repeated their pledges of economic aid to Ukraine to help pay for the shut down of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant by the year 2000. In April, the Group of Seven leaders pledged \$3.1 billion in grants and credits by the end of the year to help Ukraine close Chernobyl. Two aging reactors are still functioning at the plant.

In a communique issued at their annual meeting, the leaders of the United States, Japan, Germany, Canada, Italy, France and the United Kingdom reaffirmed their "commitment to full implementation of the memorandum concluded with Ukraine, through close cooperation with this country and the international financial institutions."

"In this regard, we welcome the financial decisions already taken by the international community, and we stress that all parties concerned must respect the agreed agenda of the comprehensive program."

Ukraine's top nuclear-safety official, Yuri Kostenko, complained after a trip to the United States on June 21, that America and other powers were not meeting their commitments. He said only a fraction of the money had been allocated, and accused the West of "political manipulation."

News in Brief

Three die in fierce storms

KIEV (AP) - Fierce wind and thunderstorms killed three people and destroyed thousands of hectares of crops in southern and eastern Ukraine, emergency officials reported Friday June 28. One man was killed by lightning, and one child and another adult died when a high-voltage electrical line crashed down on them. Hundreds of roofs were torn off in vicious storms Thursday night and Friday morning, said Oleh Bykov, spokesman for the civil defense service. Some 20,000 hectares of crop land in the Odesa, Kharkiv, Poltava and Sumi regions were damaged by the weather. Emergency crews have launched cleanup efforts. Damage estimates have not yet been determined.



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Yeltsin's health in question

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin missed one of his last campaign appearances Sunday June 30 amid mounting concerns about his health, but sought to reassure the Russians he was well and fit enough to serve a second term. The 65-year-old president, who spent weeks last year recovering from heart trouble, canceled several campaign appearances over the past week and skipped a Moscow gathering on Friday. Yeltsin left his country home outside Moscow Saturday for a short working day in the Kremlin.

Church asks federal court to destroy jail tape

PORTLAND, Oregon - The Roman Catholic Church has asked a federal court to destroy a tape recording of a jailhouse meeting between a priest and a triple-murder suspect.

The Archdiocese of Portland filed the lawsuit Thursday June 27 against Lane County District Attorney Douglass Harclerod in Eugene, two state judges, unnamed county employees and the attorney for accused killer Conan Wayne Hale. Harclerod had authorized secret taping of an April 22 conversation between Hale and the Rev. Timothy Mockaitis in the visitors area at the Lane County Jail in Eugene, where Mockaitis administered the sacrament of reconciliation.

Lane County Circuit Judge Jack Billings ordered the tape sealed but he rejected a church request to have the tape destroyed, saying the church has no legal right to intervene. Catholic officials, including the Vatican, have condemned the secret taping as a constitutional violation of freedom of religion and privacy.

The church is prepared to take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary, Bunce said.

Compiled from The Associated Press, Ukrinform and other sources.

Russian media unabashedly backs Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) - Boris-bashing has faded to only a distant memory for the Russian media, who are cheerleading openly for the president ahead of the pivotal runoff election on Wednesday July 3.

Years of often sharp criticism of Boris Yeltsin's policies and personal behavior gave way to generally positive coverage before the first round of voting June 16. And it has turned into a Soviet-style daily chronicle of good guys vs. bad guys now that the choice has come down to four more years of Yeltsin or a return to communism.

You only need to pick up a newspaper or turn on a TV newscast to know it: the public's watchdogs have turned into Yeltsin's attack dogs.

Freed by the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russian media once had a field day with Yeltsin, ridiculing his alleged drunkenness, criticizing his harsh economic policies and denouncing his war against secessionists in Chechnya. All that has changed.

The latest evidence came Tuesday June 25, when Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov's proposal for a coalition government was gleefully scorned by Russian newspapers as a proposal from a loser.

Calling the idea a "fantasy," the respected daily Izvestia ran pictures of unwilling potential partners in the coalition on its front page, along with their refusals.

It was only slightly less subtle than the paper's recent political coverage - for example, a promi-

nently displayed photograph, without caption, that showed a boy making a face at a Zyuganov poster.

NTV, the influential private network that led the way in hard-hitting coverage of Yeltsin's unpopular economic reforms and the war in Chechnya, now is noted for its red-baiting reports and interviews. Yeltsin's record, meanwhile, apparently is no longer deemed relevant.

International organizations aren't the only ones to accuse the Russian media of bias and unprofessionalism.

After Yeltsin outpolled Zyuganov in the first round, well-known columnist Alexander Minkin said the media's "shameless" support of the president had caused it to lose face.

Objectivity and fairness may have been trampled in the rush to get Yeltsin re-elected. But it's not solely a matter of heavy-handedness by the Kremlin, which doles out subsidies to nearly 90 percent of the media and placed handpicked executives in charge at leading TV stations this year.

Many Russian journalists say such partiality is voluntary - a matter of self-preservation and political principle.

Nikolai Svanidze, a commentator for RTR Television who was openly contemptuous of Zyuganov in a recent interview, says such a stance is "not a professional decision. It's a human decision."

Zyuganov, who serves on the board of a ven-

omous, anti-Semitic paper called Zavtra, has threatened to put an end to press freedom.

Many suggest Yeltsin already has accomplished that. A February shuffle of TV executives, plus hiring NTV chief Igor Malashenko to mastermind his campaign image-making, left him in control of all six major TV channels.

Predictably, images of a smiling, vigorous Yeltsin on the campaign trail have dominated newscasts for months while the hecklers at his rallies are invisible.

The Communists, strongest in areas where reforms have fared worst, get better coverage in provincial towns than in Moscow. But they are badly outnumbered in the media manipulation game they once mastered. The editors of Moscow's newspapers even decided to publish Monday, a traditional day off, just before July 3 elections - a move clearly designed to help Yeltsin, who would benefit from a higher turnout.

Two days later, Yeltsin's top backers will follow the results at a campaign headquarters located in the ITAR-Tass news agency building. The newsroom is lined with pro-Yeltsin posters.

The way the Kremlin sees it, the media-backing couldn't have been scripted any better.

"Our media have performed honorably during the election campaign," Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Ignatenko said, with a straight face. Ignatenko's other job: head of ITAR-Tass.

Czech leaders initial coalition agreement

PRAGUE (AP) - Leaders of the center-right coalition agreed Thursday June 27 on the shape of the new government, allotting half the country's ministries to Premier Vaclav Klaus' party and splitting the others between the two junior partners.

The agreement ended weeks of tortuous negotiations following inconclusive elections earlier this month.

Klaus, the chairman of the Civic Democratic Party, and two other coalition members celebrated the signing of the agreement with champagne. The parties, which also include the Christian Democrats and the Civic Democratic Alliance, took three weeks to hammer out the agreement after the coal-

ition narrowly lost its parliamentary majority. The coalition won 99 of the 200 seats during elections in early June. The Social Democrats won 61 seats but were unable to form a government for lack of allies, since the remaining two parties - the unreformed Communists and right-extremist Republicans - are shunned by the political mainstream.


But the Social Democrats' strong showing in the elections forced Klaus' coalition to accept some of the opposition's demands to alleviate hardships associated with the transition to a market economy.

And they will have a strong voice in legislation. The parliament chose the Social Democrats' leader, Milos Zeman, as its chairman on Thursday. The

parliamentary press department said that 103 of 187 deputies present voted for Zeman. The opposition has called for strengthening the role of the state, slowing Klaus' ambitious program to privatize Czech property, softening health care reform, providing more state support for housing programs and pursuing a more generous social policy in general.

Eight ministries including finance, foreign affairs and interior will be held by Klaus' Civic Democratic Party and the remaining eight will be divided equally between the two other coalition members. The coalition and the opposition agree that the country's main priority should be integrating with western structures such as the European Union and NATO.

Now that the coalition has agreed on the makeup of the Cabinet, President Vaclav Havel can appoint Klaus premier and ask him to form the government.



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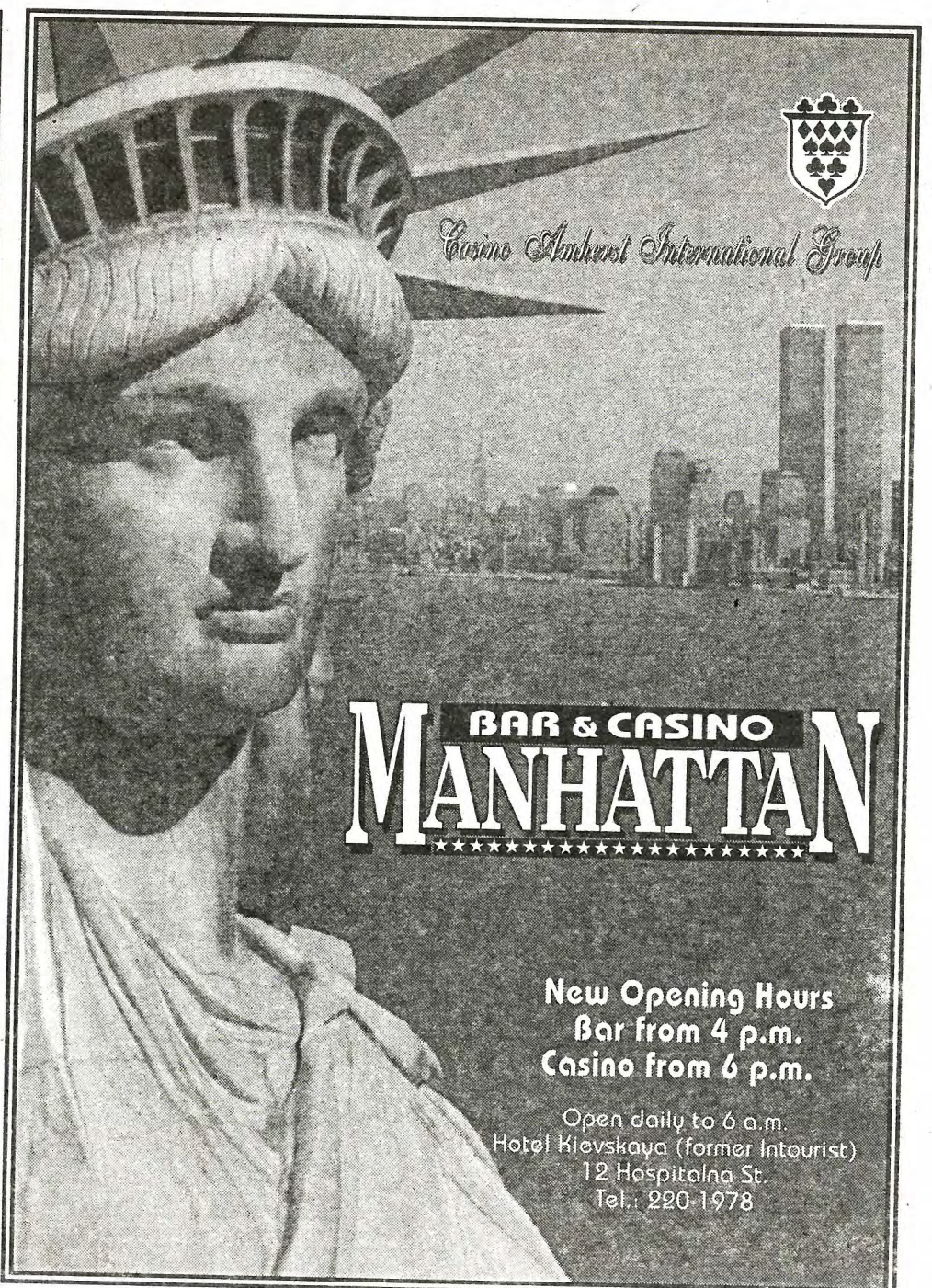
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Serbs allegedly sexually enslaved Bosnian Muslims

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - The 15-year-old girl is literally just a category code in an indictment, until the horror of her story jumps off the page.

Identified only as FWS-87, the tribunal says she survived eight months of gang rape and enslavement by Bosnian Serb soldiers.

FWS-87 was allegedly taken prisoner in July 1992 and immediately raped by four men. One of them held a gun to her head as he raped her, according to an indictment issued Thursday June 27.

Now 19 years old, her horrifying story is just one of a numbing series that led to the tribunal's first indictment dealing specifically with rape.

The indictment is recognition of rape's use as a weapon to demean unwanted ethnic groups and destroy their morale during so-called "ethnic cleansing" campaigns.

The rape indictment details the ordeals of at least

14 women, all Bosnian Muslims, whose names were not released.

None of the eight Bosnian Serbs named as suspects in the indictment has been arrested.

"The physical and psychological health of many female detainees seriously deteriorated as a result of these sexual assaults ... Some of the sexually abused women became suicidal.

"Others became indifferent as to what would happen to them and suffered from depression," according to the 23-page indictment.

Transferred to Foca High School in southeastern Bosnia, FWS-87 was one of many female detainees who were "gang raped every evening by groups of soldiers," according to the indictment.

"The soldiers threatened to kill the women if they refused to submit. Women who tried to resist were beaten," the document stated. The high school rapes

lasted about two weeks. The girl was also taken five times to another apartment owned by one of the suspects and raped there by two Serbs.

She was then transferred to a nearby sports hall where the rapes continued, prosecutors claim.

In August 1992, FWS-87 was transferred to another house, which was "run in the manner of a brothel."

There, she and other detainees "were not only treated as sex slaves, but were also forced to work for the soldiers, including washing uniforms, cooking and cleaning the house," according to the indictment.

Her ordeal continued until February 25, 1993, when she was sold by a Serb soldier to two Montenegrin soldiers for DM 500 (about \$326), according to the indictment.

Neither the victim's current condition nor how she escaped to tell her story to investigators was disclosed.

News in Brief

No-confidence vote fails against privatization minister

WARSAW - Legislators on Friday June 28 rejected a no-confidence motion against the privatization minister called over his decision to file for bankruptcy for the historic Gdansk shipyard. The vote for the motion failed 124-187 with 95 abstentions. It was brought by a group of parliament deputies who alleged that Wieslaw Kaczmarek intentionally neglected possibilities for saving the yard, where the Solidarity labor movement was born in 1980.

Kaczmarek had argued that bankruptcy did not mean the yard's liquidation but would allow it to renegotiate unprofitable contracts.

The government, which owns 60 percent of the shipyard, blames its 100 million zloty (\$38 million) debt on unprofitable contracts, overemployment and lack of restructuring after communism's end. The employees, who own the remaining 40 percent, blame the government's financial policy and say the bankruptcy is a political decision to liquidate the cradle of Solidarity.

It was the third no-confidence vote on Kaczmarek since he took office in the fall of 1993.

Compiled from *The Associated Press, Ukrinform and other sources.*

Russian parliament rejects prohibitive land bill

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian parliament's upper chamber on Wednesday June 26 rejected a controversial bill drafted by the Communist-dominated lower house that would sharply curtail the right to buy and sell land.

The Federation Council voted 100-20 to turn down the Land Code, which was passed by the State Duma last month.

It guarantees Russians the right to own land, but sharply limits rights to sell, bequeath or turn existing land into an operating farm. It also forbids foreigners from owning land in Russia.

The chamber sent the bill back to the Duma for revision. President Boris Yeltsin said he would veto the law even if the Federation Council passed it. In March, he signed a land reform decree lifting Communist-era restrictions on registering, buying and selling land.

Land reform in Russia began under the Soviet regime, but heavy opposition, particularly from local authorities, prevented the new owners of the land from taking effective control over it.

Clinton holds strong lead nationally

NEW YORK (AP) - Most voters don't believe President Clinton's explanations of the FBI-files and Whitewater controversies, yet he maintains a 17-point lead over Bob Dole, according to a national poll.

That may be because voters in the NBC-Wall Street Journal poll released Wednesday June 26 said issues are more important than a candidate's character or values, by 62 percent to 25 percent.

And of the five issues cited most often as important in deciding how to vote - drugs, education, crime, health care and promoting strong moral values - voters said Dole would do a better job than Clinton only in promoting moral values.

Even a plurality of Dole supporters - 46 percent - said issues are more important than character. Seventy-nine percent of Clinton backers said that.

The poll, conducted June 20-25, also found increasing ill will toward Hillary Rodham Clinton, with 44 percent viewing her negatively and 35 percent positively. And a growing majority - 62 percent - say she is lying about Whitewater.

While a strong majority said having Mrs. Clinton as first lady would not make them less likely to vote for her husband, 23 percent said it would; only 5 percent said that about Dole's wife, Elizabeth.

Roughly half the poll was conducted before stories broke about Mrs. Clinton's consultations with a New Age guru, so it was unclear if those reports affected opinion toward the first lady.

The survey found that if the election was held that day, 54 percent would vote for Clinton and 37 percent for Dole - identical to an NBC-Journal poll last month and similar to most other recent national polls.

The survey of 1,637 registered voters has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

Sixty-eight percent said the Clinton administration sought damaging political information about its opponents when it requested FBI background files on them. Only 18 percent believed the administration's explanation that the request for the files was a bureaucratic mistake.

Fifty-five percent said Clinton is not telling the truth about his personal finances and involvement in the Whitewater affair, and 35 percent said Clinton committed financial wrongdoing in the Whitewater matter. Both numbers are up from previous surveys.

Each FBI-files and Whitewater question was asked of half the poll respondents, and those results carry a 3.5-point error margin.

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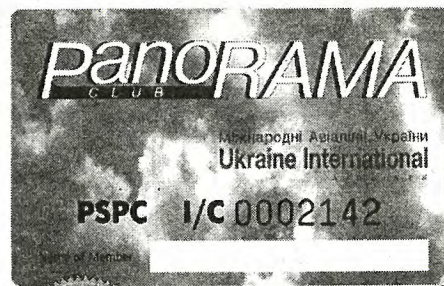
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News in Brief

NBU permit again required for anonymous foreign accounts

KIEV (Ukrinform) - The National Bank of Ukraine issued a decree Wednesday June 26, stipulating that Ukrainian banks require its permit to operate anonymous foreign currency accounts. The NBU also reserves the right to revoke such licenses. On June 1, the NBU permitted all banks possessing foreign currency operation licenses and having registered authorized funds not less than the equivalent of 1 million ECU to operate anonymous foreign currency accounts. Holders of anonymous foreign currency accounts do not have the right to transfer funds held in them or use the funds to pay for services.

The Cowboy strikes back

By Lesia Rudakewych

Owners of the Kiev bar, the Cowboy, David Ziegler and Sergei Kornienko said Thursday June 27 that they are filing a libel lawsuit against IntelNews in connection with an Economic Review article stating that Kornienko has links to the Mafia.

"They have a history of doing dirty business here - there are many organizations, government organizations that will not speak to them because they misquote," said Ziegler. "They've had scandals before in their newspaper because of their reporting, and I think it's time they stop."

Saying he built the bar as an example of successful investment in Ukraine, Ziegler said he would "scream from the top of the roof that everything is OK."

"I have full authority and control of this bar, I have 100 percent control of management. I built it, and Sergei is my partner," said Ziegler. He said that as an American he could survive bad press, but that

Kornienko was deeply upset by the slander.

"Accusations that I am linked to the Mafia are completely unfounded," said Kornienko. "These allegations are quite serious because they can lead to problems with government structures."

IntelNews ran an article in its June 24 Economic Review magazine reporting that while management claimed all was well, former employees of the Cowboy cited mafia and death threats in connection with recent operations. Former bar manager John Montgomery was quoted as saying that a bar bookkeeper stole money and after firing her, she was rehired. Former band leader Tony Smith confirmed the story, adding that his translator's life was threatened by Mafia.

Economic Review publisher Christine Demkowych said Friday that IntelNews had not yet been contacted by Ziegler and that it stood by the story. "The article was well-researched," Demkowych said.

However, on Monday, Ziegler said he and Kornienko met with lawyers and plan to bring the action against IntelNews within the week.

Ziegler denied all allegations made in the article, saying "all this reporting came from Tony Smith, a 19-year-old kid hired to teach Ukrainians how to play cowboy music. He had no knowledge of the financial aspects and he had no knowledge of what was going on in this bar. He worked 15 days and quit."

Ziegler also said Smith later contacted Kornienko and asked to be rehired. Smith reportedly asked for a \$4,000 monthly salary, four trips home a year and paid room and board - terms which were refused. Ziegler said he had invested a lot of money in Smith, who claimed "he was the only reason people came to the Cowboy."

Admitting Smith was popular with the ex-pat crowd, Ziegler nonetheless said he intended to get people back to the bar. He announced that as part of upcoming Independence Day celebrations the Cowboy would kick off a weekend of live music, starting July 3rd with the Oregon band Dead Moon, followed by nights of live blues, rockabilly and a Sunday jazz fest.



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Utel keeps long-distance callers ringing

By Adam Talle

Successfully making a call across Kiev will still be dicey but by the end of the year Ukraine will be coming through loud and clear to its neighboring countries. Calling between oblasts will be easier too.

Utel, Ukraine's principle provider of long distance calling, is funding two fiber-optic-cable projects that crisscross the country - one between Italy, Turkey, Ukraine and Russia and another between Kiev and the Ukrainian-Polish border. The company also plans to complete installing digital switchboards in each oblast, further bringing Ukraine into the telecommunications age. But the noise, static and conversations of other callers will probably still make calling in Kiev troublesome.

Utel's director of communications, Martin de Koning, said with a 1995 profit of \$17.8 million, the company is doing well. At this point, Utel is reinvesting, planning to stay in Ukraine and trying to live up to the government's ambitious telecommunications goals, one of which includes installing 10 million telephone lines in 10 years.

This year, Utel is installing 130,000 new local lines at a cost of \$43 million. Utel's total investment in Ukraine is \$100 million. Currently, there are only about 8 million lines for Ukraine's 52 million citizens, which means fewer than 20 percent of Ukrainians have telephones. In comparison, in western countries that figure is closer to 60 percent. De Koning said installing up to 6 million lines is more realistic, although Ukraine's economic situation will help determine the actual number. The problem, according to de Koning, is who's going to pay for the up to \$1 billion phone line project.

"The government has the stated goal of rapidly increasing teledensity and the telecommunications infrastructure, which is indeed very bad and backward at this time. That goal is a very noble one," he said. "The next question you can ask is who's responsible for this - state enterprises or are you going to encourage private enterprises?"

Ukraine's telecommunications law requires that the state owns 51 percent of telecommunication projects. De Koning said that stifles growth in the industry because investors tend to shy away from

working with governments. The ownership situation also requires Utel to install the new lines, which he said "haunts us [Utel] all the time."

"We would like to see the government take a hands-off approach to private industry such as ourselves that can attract more investment into this sector than state industry can," de Koning said.

Utel is first and foremost a long distance provider. The new international fiber-optic links will further entrench the company in Ukraine while most likely keeping other telecommunications companies out. Utel is Ukraine's only national long distance carrier, which de Koning said is best for the country in its nubile phone condition. Ukraine needs so much modernizing that other companies should not invest in areas where Utel already invested, de Koning said.

"We believe the competition that comes here shouldn't try to duplicate what we've done," he said.

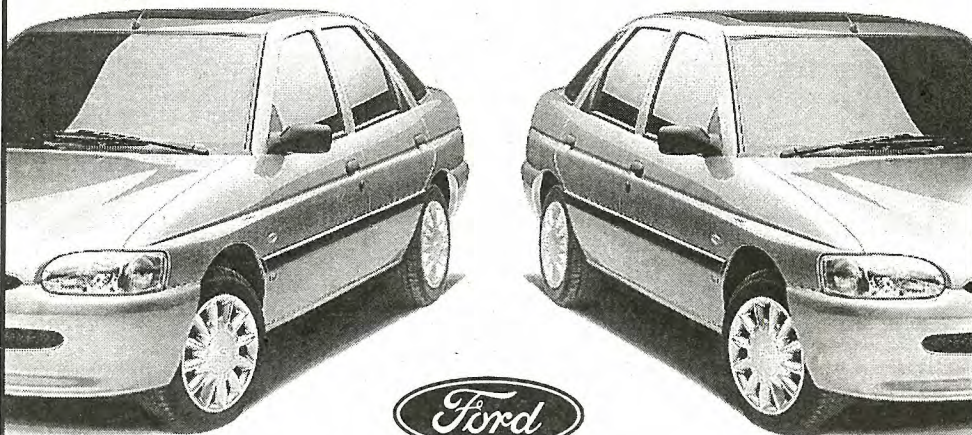
The quality of local calls will likely remain poor as long as tariffs for using telephones remain low, de Koning said. Unlike other Eastern European countries that underwent modernization of their telecommunication systems, Ukraine does not yet have the regulatory and legal environment needed for the privatization that could improve local service, he said.

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Ukomline to implement large telecom project

KIEV (Ukrinform) - According to representatives of the Ukomline joint enterprise, a business plan for the first stage of a project involving installation of about 200,000 subscriber telephone lines and creation of the relevant telecommunications infrastructure in large Ukrainian cities is expected to be approved within a month.

Equipment manufactured by France's Alcatel is expected to form the basis of the infrastructure.

Ukomline plans to provide services through land-based networks as well as through the use of wireless communications networks (trunking: connection of stationary subscribers through the use of radio frequencies). There are also plans to install a network of automatic telephones.

Ukomline was established in late 1995 by Alcatel, Switzerland's Magnum Investment Group, and America's Ladenburg Thalmann International Ltd. and Magnum and Ladenburg Thalmann, the enterprise's financial sponsors, presently have agreements providing for the participation of large European banks in the project.

Representatives of the Ukrainian Communications Industry say that Ukomline's project has the special support of President Leonid Kuchma.

In early 1996, the Communications Ministry licensed Ukomline to engage in the construction and servicing of international and long-distance communications networks. The license also permits Ukomline to provide communications services through the use of

trunking and satellite systems. In accordance with the terms of the license, Ukomline is to commission 2 million subscriber lines in local networks within the first five years of operation and another 2 million lines within the next 10 years. The terms of the license also require Ukomline to provide its subscribers access to the existing international and long-distance networks by November 6. There are no limits on the number of its clients.

Ukomline's license to provide international and long-distance communications services is the third of its kind in Ukraine. In addition to Utel, Ukraine's sole active operator, the Kievstar joint enterprise was granted a license in the spring of 1995. The terms of Ukomline's license are similar

to those of Kievstar's. In the 10 months since obtaining the license, Kievstar has not provided international and long-distance communication services.

Alcatel has installed four model 1000E10 telephone exchanges with a total capacity of 50,000 lines in Ukraine. They include two 15,000-line-capacity exchanges in Kiev, one 10,000-line-capacity exchange in Kharkiv, and one 10,000-line-capacity exchange in Brovary, Kiev region. Several exchanges (with a combined capacity of 120,000 lines) manufactured by Alcatel are also expected to be installed in Kiev toward the end of this year. Alcatel purchased the stations with funds from a loan which France granted Ukraine under an intergovernmental agreement.

News in Brief

Foreigners to participate on state bonds market

KIEV - Viktor Yuschenko, governor of the National Bank of Ukraine, expects that this year, non-residents and non-banking companies will be admitted to auctions for primary sale of state internal loan bonds. In addition, major foreign companies are unlikely to appear on the Ukrainian bonds market before the end of the year, he said. At present, only Ukrainian banks are admitted to the Finance Ministry's auctions for the primary sale of state bonds. According to NBU data, about 10.6 percent of the bonds sold to date were purchased by individual persons and non-banking companies.

Harvest forecasts more pessimistic

KIEV - According to forecasts by specialists with the Food and Agriculture Ministry, 30.9 million tons of grain will be produced in 1996 (compared with 33.9 million tons in 1995). This figure includes 14.9 million tons of wheat (16.3 million tons in 1995). The specialists also forecast an average yield of 26.5 centners per hectare. Upon completion of spring field work, this year's grain harvest was forecast at 39.2 million tons.

Compiled from The Associated Press, Ukrinform and other sources.

Philips to manufacture equipment in Ukraine

KIEV (Ukrinform) - Philips Electronics, which has operated on the Ukrainian market since 1993 and has increased its trade turnover three-fold, opened a new representative office in Kiev.

On Wednesday June 26, Jan Tollenaar, the Philips Electronics vice president, said the company wants to begin manufacturing equipment in Ukraine. "We want to develop not only commercial activity in Ukraine, but also industrial activity, as we do in Poland and Hungary," Tollenaar said. "We consider Ukraine a developing market with good opportunities, so we are interested in creating joint ventures here."

According to Tollenaar, the slowness of Ukrainian bureaucracy in the decision-making process is mostly responsible for the delay in opening new industrial capacities.

Viktor Pynzenyk, deputy prime minister for economic issues, said at the opening ceremony that Philips has applied to privatize some industrial enterprises in Ukraine.

According to Paul Hansen, the Philips Ukraine general representative, the company has already made contacts with the Mukachevo-based TochPribor enterprise to assemble videos.

Asked whether Philips planned to sell medical equipment, Hansen said the company will continue to develop the medical service network in Ukraine.

However, Tollenaar added that the company will not participate in development of the telecommunication infrastructure in Ukraine.

"We will work only in the sector of private telephone stations and pager communication," he said.

- By Natalia Petiakh

Ukraine deviating from 1996 monetary policy norms

KIEV (Ukrinform) - The monetary policy norms determined for 1996 in a memorandum signed for the International Monetary Fund by the Ukrainian government will be temporarily changed, according to Viktor Yuschenko, governor of the National Bank of Ukraine.

The norms will be changed on condition that the basic criteria for efficient monetary policy are upheld. Relevant consultations have been held with the IMF. Thus, the NBU intends to raise the planned sum of primary monetary emissions. Yuschenko said this attests to the trust that international financial institutions have placed in the policy of the NBU.

By conducting the emissions via direct intervention, Yuschenko said the NBU will neutralize any possible negative influences on the nation's

currency market during the period in which payments will be made on the foreign debt.

The memorandum sets the size of 1996 primary emissions at 78 trillion kupons. On Monday July 1, the size of primary emissions will reach 53 trillion kupons, exceeding the scheduled figure stipulated in the memorandum by 4 trillion kupons.

Between June 21 and June 28, the Ukrainian government will have to spend about \$260 million on servicing the foreign debt.

In addition, Yuschenko says the NBU plans to purchase state bonds at primary auctions. An intervention fund for influencing the Ukrainian currency market will be created with the state bonds. The creation of the state bond fund will be considered a supplementary loan to the government.


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FROM THE OUTSIDE IN

Them lovable, drooling pooches

By Renata Ivanischyk

This column is about dogs. To the point, Ukraine's love affair with them. In case you haven't noticed, there are an awful lot of furry four-legged creatures walking around this country's streets, readily treated to far more affection than you, I, or any of the other homosapiens sharing their space.

Ukraine, I can confidently say, qualifies as one of the world's top dog-loving nations. The English may have exclusive rights to this title so far, but they will have a tight fight on their hands once the West discovers Ukrainians' slavish devotion to their drooling pets.

Can the English claim to spend endless hours hunched over a hot stove cooking up homemade dog gruel? Do they readily share tiny cramped apartments with mammoth Great Danes and St. Bernards? Have you ever heard a stiff-lipped Englishman call out "Come to daddy" to his little Corgi?

No, probably not. (Although, in all honesty, I can't imagine too many Ukrainians readily taking on the role of daddy to an ugly little Corgi either.)

Yes, I recognize that the English love their dogs.

But Ukrainians go one step further. They love their children and simply include their dogs among them.

Why? "What do you mean why? They are children, they're completely dependent on us," suggested my middle-aged neighbor Oksana.

Oksana is the proud owner of a spoiled and capricious Great Dane named Beatrice, also known as "Beatrushka", "Buska", "Busya" or any number of other diminutives popularized in this country. Other times, she is simply called "daughter".

Beatrice always sleeps on one of a number of couches in the apartment because, as Oksana says, "if Great Danes sleep on the floor they develop dry patches on their elbows". Like most Ukrainian dogs, she eats from a pot set on a high stool to prevent her from stooping, which nonetheless fails to stop her from hanging her head low over the shoulders of petrified visiting dinner guests.

Beatrice has also enjoyed the pleasures of planned parenthood, bringing 13 little Great Danes into the world, in a specially

Setter who, horror of horrors, eats easily from a bowl off the floor.

Susi was playing happily with a boxer Jim and a German Shepherd Sandy. Most Ukrainian dogs, in case you haven't noticed, have English names - a long-standing habit.

Nearby, a man held Bill, a ferocious brawny Pit Bull Terrier who, true to his nature, attacks all other dogs in sight when loose.

Suddenly the boxer's owner (or should I say mother?) suggested we all leave the park with our dogs so Bill could have a

than in the area of animal violence.

While most of the civilized world takes steps to control and inhibit animal violence, Ukrainians have an odd preponderance for increasing the number of snarling scarred canines co-habiting with the rest of the population. At a recent dog show, Rottweilers and Pit Bull Terriers took the lead in breed popularity.

Indeed, on the subject of animal violence, dog owners in Ukraine love their pets so much that they balk at the thought of neutering or spaying them, a sure-fire way of calming down aggression in both sexes, as well as controlling the number of unwanted pets roaming the streets.

"Neutering is cruel and unnatural," say locals.

So is drowning unwanted puppies, I remind them.

What surprises me most regarding pet ownership in Ukraine is the large number of pedigree hounds. The lower-scale mongrel market is completely non-existent as a business, while the sale of pure-breds, ranging anywhere from \$100 and \$1000 apiece, booms. As well, private pet supply shops and veterinary clinics are cropping up like mushrooms, while monthly dog shows attract thousands of participants at exorbitantly priced entrance fees.

Why? "Here, dogs aren't just companions," explained Georgi, owner of a German Shepherd Bika. "They're mainly still used for their functional purpose, as guard dogs or hunting dogs. They're a hobby. Like playing chess or swimming."

Yes, but often in the West the lack of living space alone would act as a deterrent to dog ownership.

"Oh no! Here it helps because it gives people a daily escape out of a crowded apartment," said Georgi.

In most Western countries, the creatures would have been put to sleep years ago.

vacated bedroom where the little pups spent their first two months undisturbed. Homes were found for all the little pups, without any undue problems. Ukraine's economic collapse notwithstanding, the Great Dane business is alive and well.

Recently, Beatrice has taken to viciously attacking and mutilating neighborhood dogs, including harmless little puffs about the size of a guinea pig. Oksana searches hard to excuse her baby's aggressive streak, readily coming up with suitable justifications for continuing to let out Buska without a leash or muzzle. "It's so uncomfortable for her", she whines. Wait till this country learns of civic lawsuits, I warn her.

Is Oksana crazy, a demented example of a dog-lover gone haywire? No, Oksana is the Ukrainian norm.

I was in the park recently walking my own pooch Susi, a rambunctious Irish

chance to run free and play.

What!!!?

"I feel so sorry for him," she said, looking sadly at Bill's heavily scarred face, already oddly misshapen from his long fighting career.

I, meanwhile, analyzed the woman's face for signs of dementia. Yes, Mrs. Boxer, I thought, why doesn't everyone vacate this public park so one hell of a vicious dog can run and play.

Has this nation never heard of muzzles? I could name at least five dogs in my park who should be immediately outfitted with one. In most Western countries, the creatures would have been put to sleep years ago.

I admire Ukrainians' adoration of man's best friend. He's my best friend too. But sometimes their devotion borders on stupidity, and nowhere is this more evident

JUST ANOTHER DAY...

How to solve unsolved mysteries

By Lesia Rudakewych

Some things about life here never stop puzzling you - like those great unsolved mysteries that manage to break through the shroud of apathy you've protectively wrapped yourself in. For instance, why do they use abacuses when every other person on the street is an engineer and the country has the technology to build rockets?

But there is a governing principle behind these mysteries: it's called Soviet Logic.

Now you may think Soviet Logic is an oxymoron, but it's really a simple phenomenon. It's contradiction and senselessness in every possible shape and form - not a form you can understand or predict, mind you, but one that every Ukrainian has subconsciously mastered and easily operates by. What makes it particularly daunting is that it is pervasive and insidious to the core. It rears its ugly head wherever you go.

In its most distilled and potent form (the way Ukrainians like it), Soviet Logic consists of giving answers to questions you never asked. Here's an example of this frustrating exercise:

Me: Hi, I'd like to know how much this costs.
Storelady: It's imported.

Me: That's okay, how much?
Storelady: We're out.

Me: Okay, but if you had them, how much would they cost?
Storelady: I can't tell you.

Me: Why not?
Storelady: Because the price will change when we get them in.

Me: But how much are they now?
Storelady: Can't you read? The price is right on the counter.

Me: I know! There are lots of prices on the counter! Which one?

This kind of haranguing goes back and forth until one of you gives in - usually not the Ukrainian. But there IS a way to fight back. You don't answer their questions either. Give totally unrelated replies. Example:

Storelady: That's 300,000 kupons.
Me: What? 90 million? Are you crazy?
Storelady: No, I said 300,000 kupons.

Me (in my best whine): Why is everything so expensive these days?
Storelady: Look, do you want this or not?

Me: Well, actually, my cat's dying.
Storelady: What?

Me: Yeah, she's got this lump on her neck. I figure she'll go any day now.

Storelady: I don't have time for this.

Me: Nobody does anymore. That's the problem with this country.

Storelady: Move aside and let the other customers through.

Me: Nobody cares. It's like it's Ukraine or something. Do you sell aspirin?

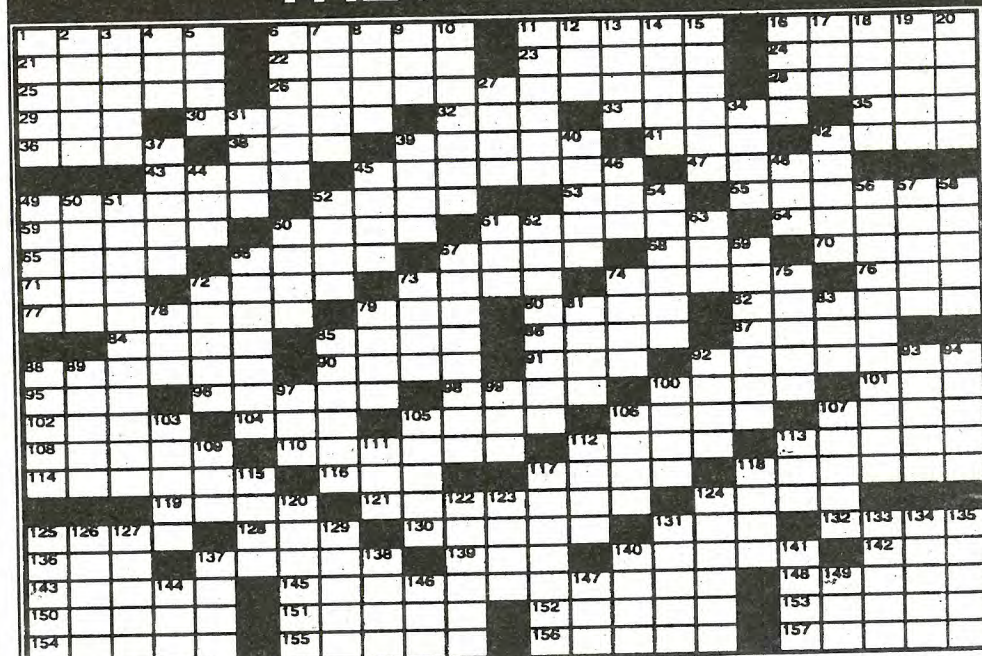
Throwing Soviet logic back in their faces not only keeps you from getting frazzled, it can have solid benefits. It often baffles bureaucrats just long enough to stop harassing you and do whatever it was you came for. Moreover, I've found this tactic particularly successful in getting me into places I'm not allowed. But remember, the last thing you want to do is try to reason - Western logic just does not apply here.

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SOLUTION for Last Week's Crossword

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THE PUZZLER



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30 Slight error
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35 Follow
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38 Hive resident
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61 City in a Neil Simon play
64 Barrel part
65 Exit
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71 High car
72 A basketball team
74 Employee's reward
76 Cassie
77 Soda cracker
79 Type of dance or tower
80 At a distance
82 Name in a John Travolta movie
84 Heraldic border
85 Gun sound
86 Thaw
87 Red gemstone
88 Sword
90 Dairy-case item
91 Sugary suffix
92 Cheat
95 Shade tree
96 Florida city
98 Musical composition
100 Young male horse
101 Hit sign
102 Away from the wind
104 New Guinea city
105 Egyptian goddess
108 Knitting stitch
107 Face part
108 Special vocabulary
110 Tenant
112 Sacred
113 Dress fussily
114 Shooting star
116 Chum
117 Survey
118 Affectionately
119 Leveling piece
121 Knitter's craft
124 Short test
125 Informal talk
128 Gratitude
130 Mary Tyler
131 "Sioux City" city
132 Advantage
136 Lubricate
137 Iraqi city
139 Actress Hagen
140 In any respect
142 Goddess of the dawn
143 Slide on ice
145 "Finn"
148 Monastery head
150 Grand - National Park
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The house where monsters live

By Alexander Liapin
Kiev Post

It's oogy-boogly great fun to enjoy the neat Bankovska Street attraction — the architectural pride of Kiev, the Monster House.

From 1903 to 1920, an eccentric man lived at 10 Bankovska. Vladislav Horodetsky, architect, artist and writer, was the sort of man to take risks. At any given moment, he would do a trick or make an unexpected move. Just like him, the house that he built in a very aristocratic part of Kiev is steeped in mystery.

The Monster House's appearance, decorated elaborately with various gargoyles and spooky creatures, is responsible for many rumors and myths. People say the architect created his brainchild as a shrine to his long-lost daughter who had drowned in Meringa lake. The lake used to be where the monu-

ment to Ivan Franko is today. Others say it was his lover who drowned in the lake and Horodetsky built the house for her.

Some went even further, telling tall-tales of how Horodetsky had left to hunt in Africa and was ripped apart by tigers, eagles, hyenas, crocodiles and every other real and imagined animal. People said he was left for dead. Fortunately, the tales were simply gossip and the artist returned to Kiev where he immortalized his supposed heroic deed in concrete.

But the real story is Horodetsky just built a wonderfully strange house for the sake of it.

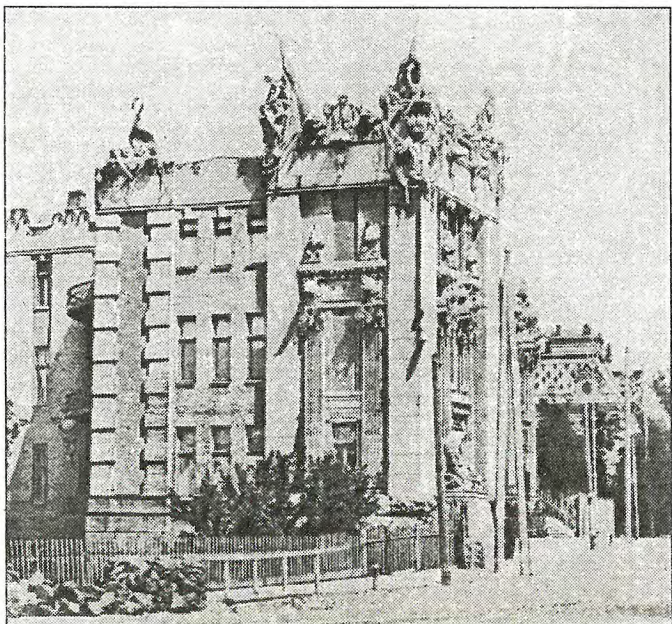
Horodetsky got the material to build the dark gray mass of mythic creatures big and small from cement producer Richter. Richter thought it would be a dandy advertisement for the new product and Horodetsky agreed. Sculptor Salia decorated the house with the fantastic monsters, which Horodetsky sketched and Salia sculpted. Salia later finished the interior of the building.

When the house first went under construction, many predicted it would slide down the hill and trample the Ivan Franko theater. They even wagered bets on it, saying there was no feasible way for such a peculiar house to stay standing. But, obviously, they were wrong.

In addition to the Monster House, his creations include Richard's House on Andriyivsky Uzviz, the Mykolayivsky Church on Chervonoarmiyska Street and the National Art Museum.

Horodetsky did not stay standing as long as his house, however. He died in the United States in 1930, 11 years after he fled Kiev when the Bolsheviks came to power.

The eccentric architect has been immortalized, though. He remains one of Ukraine's greatest architects.



The Monster House as it stood in the beginning of the 20th century.

Music industry fights against drug abuse

SANTA MONICA, California (AP) — The music industry wants to do something about the drug abuse that has led to arrests and deaths of entertainers but is ruling out mandatory testing, a spokesman said recently.

"This is not about the business of being the drug police in the music industry," Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, said at a news conference on June 21.

"It's such an anathema. ... To contemplate any support of drug testing is just ridiculous," he said.

Greene's comments followed a day of private discussions Thursday on ways to deal with drug dependency in the industry, which already helps pay for substance abuse programs.

Bradley Nowell, lead singer of the rock group Sublime, was found dead of a heroin overdose in San Francisco on the final weekend in May.

That same weekend, Depeche Mode singer Dave Gahan was arrested in Los Angeles for investigation of cocaine possession and being under the influence of heroin.

Drummer Dallas Taylor, who has struggled with heroin, said he believes drugs are a bigger problem now in rock music than in the "sex, drugs and rock

'n' roll" 1960s when he played with Crosby, Stills and Nash.

The Stone Temple Pilots were forced to cancel their summer tour this year after a judge in April ordered lead singer Scott Weiland into a treatment program. Weiland was arrested in Pasadena, California, in 1995 after deputies found crack in his car and heroin in his wallet.

A similar gathering of music executives was held late last year after the October death of Shannon Hoon, lead singer of the alternative rock band Blind Melon. Tests revealed Hoon died of a cocaine overdose.

Hoon's death came 18 months after the suicide of Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of the Seattle grunge band Nirvana. Cobain struggled with heroin and alcohol problems for years before his death.

Drug use does not appear to be as prevalent in country music, Garth Brooks told reporters Wednesday night before a concert at the Great Western Forum in Los Angeles.

But "if there's one person that has a problem in drugs in country music, then ... country music has a problem. There's no room for it," the singer said.

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Most individuals will enjoy varying degrees of agitation and anticipation. You'll sense that something big is just around the corner. Some people may have new projects in the works, others will begin new relationships and the rest will look forward to a period of inactivity. Try to share your feelings with friends and loved ones. There'll be no reason to feel threatened by someone else's success. In fact, you should use one success to build another.

<p>ARIES (March 21-April 4) Your actions will show you off in the best possible light, provided you are fully prepared to do these things. (April 5-April 19) Your willingness to step in at a moment's notice to help someone in need will serve you well.</p>	<p>LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 7) You may be receiving the same old warnings from someone who doesn't think you're doing the right thing, but you can prove yourself. (Oct. 8-Oct. 22) Now is the time for you to seek a companion who can help you to get back on track. Cooperation will pay off.</p>
<p>TAURUS (April 20-May 5) You'll have a good reason to celebrate. However, progress may seem unusually slow in the beginning. (May 6-May 20) You can accomplish something routine in a new and showy fashion. You'll attract a great deal of attention.</p>	<p>SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 7) You may wait for word from a friend or loved one who is far from home. Have patience. You'll be ready to act when the time comes. (Nov. 8-Nov. 21) You can satisfy your curiosity and improve your chances for financial gain at the same time.</p>
<p>GEMINI (May 21-June 6) Who are you trying to deceive? Use caution — if you try to fool a close friend, you may end up fooling yourself. (June 7-June 20) Things may not go exactly as planned, but your adjustments will be just what the doctor ordered!</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 7) Your prospects will be golden, but you may not know where to begin when it comes to making a complex decision that will affect your career. (Dec. 8-Dec. 21) You may feel surrounded by people who do not share your work ethic. Try to do your own thing.</p>
<p>CANCER (June 21-July 7) You won't have a great deal of free time on your hands, but with your energy and creativity, you wouldn't know what to do with it anyway. (July 8-July 22) Try to work more closely with someone who inspires you to work hard.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 6) Phone calls might provide important news and information, but this news may come in unusual forms. (Jan. 7-Jan. 19) You may have trouble maintaining a calm and rational demeanor. Your level of excitement will build.</p>
<p>LEO (July 23-Aug. 7) You'll discover that a major opportunity is on the horizon, and preparation will make all the difference. You can impress someone! (Aug. 8-Aug. 22) Love and security will be major issues. You can ensure that both will increase dramatically.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 3) Quality control is something that you'll do better than anyone else. It'll be your responsibility to take the initiative. (Feb. 4-Feb. 18) Don't let environmental influences hold you back, even though you may be surprised often.</p>
<p>VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 7) You'll be working on something which could put you on the map or quickly propel you to a higher level in terms of your career. (Sept. 8-Sept. 22) Concentrate on your primary objective and try to keep distractions to a minimum. Make an effort to focus.</p>	<p>PISCES (Feb. 19-March 5) You won't try to beat the clock, but your competition will be formidable and will challenge you to the limit. (March 6-March 20) What you want to do and what you have to do may be different. You must try to compensate for this disparity.</p>

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Movies



Goldeneye (USA, 1995) Pierce Brosnan stars as the new James Bond. This time Agent 007 must defeat the Russians. Brosnan is perfect for the role. *Kinopanorama, 19 Shota Rustaveli St., 227-1135. Shown in English July 4, 5, 6 at 8 pm.*

While You Were Sleeping (USA, 1995) Sandra Bullock crinkled her eyes and shot to blockbuster stardom in this romantic comedy. She plays Lucy, a lonely transit worker who is welcomed into the grateful family of her comatose Dream Man, Peter. Soon she falls in love with his brother, played by Bill Pullman, and the rest is a wonderfully funny ride. *Kinopanorama, 19 Shota Rustaveli St., 227-1135. Shown in English July 7.*

Jury Woman (USA, 1996) Demi Moore stars as a single mom on jury who is threatened by the evil criminal on trial (Alec Baldwin). Does she save her son or uphold justice? Critics and moviegoers hardly cared: critics gave this film a lukewarm reception and moviegoers let it bomb Stateside. *Kinopanorama, 19 Shota Rustaveli St., 227-1135. Shown in English July 11, 12, 13.*

Mortal Combat (USA, 1995) An action adventure based on the popular video game. Starring Christopher Lambert and Brigitte Nielson. *Ukraina, 5 Gorodetsky St. (formerly Karl Marx St.), 229-6301. Shown through July 11.*

Sign of Dragon (USA, 1993) Police psychologist investigates a series of mysterious murders. Starring Stephen Bauer and Pamela Anderson. *Ukraina, 5 Gorodetsky St. (formerly Karl Marx St.), 229-6301. Shown through July 11.*

Blanche and Marie (France, 1985) The movie deals with the fates of women who join the Resistance in Nazis-occupied France. *Directed by Jacques Renard. Kiev, 12 Chervonoarmiytska St., 224-3380. Shown July 5-11.*

Never Say Never Again (USA, 1983) Some say Sean Connery made the best Agent 007. He stars again in this mid-80s release. Kim Basinger plays the bombshell blond. *Druzhba, 25 Khreschatyk St., 228-5900. Shown in English July 5 through 11.*

-Liudmila Liapina

Galleries



German Naive Painting, an exhibition organized by the Goethe Institute and presented by the Stuttgart International Relations Institute. The exhibition features 89 pieces by 32 artists, giving a glimpse of German primitivism. The opening ceremony will be attended by the German Ambassador Eberhard Heyken. *Museum of Russian Art, 9 Tereshchenkivska St., 224-6218. Open July 10 through 28.*

Gordence Art Ukraine, the first cultural action founded by the Marcomi company with the assistance of Ukraine's Culture Ministry aims to render support to young artists, and promote Ukrainian art both inside and outside the country. Shown are works by five young artists. A collection of clothing by Viktor Arnautov will also be exhibited. *Golden Gate Exhibition Hall, 46 Volodymyrska St., 224-2578. Open July 5 through 19.*

Posthumous exhibition of Vitaly Spivak. The event features painting on glass and original painted umbrellas. *Slavutich Center of Arts, 2 Mezhyhir'ska St., Kontraktova Sq., 416-3015. Opens July 5.*

Exhibition of salon painter Alexei And, featuring narrative painting based on biblical parables, the artist's own philosophic notions of the life and illustrations of theoretic principles of formal logic. The event highlights the long awaited "Ancient Rus," a 10 square meter painting taken to an exhibition in the United States during the Soviet era and returned to Ukraine only by means of legal proceedings. *Nef Gallery, 21 Sichnevoho Povstannia St., 290-6571. Open throughout July.*

Hand-Created Beauty, an exhibition of Ukrainian decorative art from the Ukrainian House. Presented are works by leading folk artists of the 19th and 20th centuries from 20 Ukrainian oblasts. The exhibit includes paintings, inlaid wood, leather-works and carpets. *Ukrainian House, 2 Khreschatyk St., 228-3386. Open through July 28.*

Exhibition of Ukrainian folk artist Ivan Zaritsky, who works in glass and crystal. The exhibit features vases, bowls, cups and flowers. *State Museum of Ukrainian Folk Decorative Art, 21 Sichnevoho Povstannia St., 290-5812. Open through July.* Also on exhibit in the museum are the works of folk artists Maria Priymachenko and Katerina Bilokur

-Liudmila Liapina

IN REVIEW

Paradzanov Fund: a bluff or a serious undertaking?

By Alexander Liapin
Kiev Post

The creation of charitable funds, unions and associations is something of a new fashion in Kiev.

Ukrainian patrons of the arts have gathered recently, made a lot of noise and then faded away.

On June 11, the Kiev Mohyla Academy hosted the presentation of a new Holen Lapika literature fund and some 10 days later, the Sergei Paradzanov Kiev Charitable Fund marked its birth with a huge exhibition and noisy mob. Well-known movie director Mark Nestantiner, artist Vladislav Mikheyev, architect Yury Paskevich and other well-known cultural figures organized the fund.

As with most congenial ideas, the notion of the fund probably developed over a bottle of strong wine, when the future founders had gathered in a studio and were deciding what they should organize to be useful to Ukraine and themselves.

"We had been thinking and calculating for a long time what we should organize in order to obtain aid from the West," said Paskevich. "Definitely, money could be given for something saintly. And the saint in Ukraine is Sergei Paradzanov. So, we decided: 'Let it be the Paradzanov Fund.'"

The people who gathered in the studio knew personally the disgraced movie director Paradzanov, who had dedicated his best years to Ukraine.

Ukraine's then-first secretary of the Communist Party, Vladimir Scherbitsky, hated Paradzanov. Scherbitsky used to say that an artist should be killed if his image of life did not correspond to the Party doctrine. Authorities were looking for reasons to do away with Paradzanov. In 1974, he was accused of homosexuality and sentenced to five years imprisonment. The Communist Party remained deaf to the demands of intelligencia to free the artist. Finally, Luis Aragon, who was awarded with the order of Peoples' Friendship by Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, freed Paradzanov. The top leader could not reject Aragon's demand to release the artist.

But Paradzanov did not enjoy his freedom for long. He was soon arrested again under vague allegations of taking bribes. The second term affected his health. After prison he managed to make a couple of movies and died in Tbilisi, Georgia, in 1990.

His "Ukrainian Rhapsody," "Flower On A Stone" and many other films became the pride of Ukrainian culture. The entire world recognized Paradzanov, giving him numerous awards at the most prestigious European movie festivals. Paradzanov founded the Ukrainian poetic movie.

But since Ukraine had failed to fund a museum or a memorial plate in his honor, the idea of the fund organizers was quite appropriate. The International Renaissance Foundation, Kiev Mohyla Academy and various other firms and organizations supported the idea. It took six months to register the fund, find money and work out the concept of the charitable activity.

The founders prepared an exhibition "Sergei Paradzanov and Environment" for the presentation, with a collection of 3,000 photos of the artist dating from his birth to his death.

However, the endeavor did not proceed smoothly. Actress Larisa Kadochnikova said the fund had been created by people who were far from Paradzanov. Movie director Yury Iliencko said it was "humiliating to be in the faceless environment of Paradzanov." The two considered themselves close friends of the artist and creative personalities, and as a result of their criticisms, many people who had been close to Paradzanov declined to attend the presentation.

Some accused the organizers of trying to solve their financial problems at the expense of Paradzanov's name. Nestantiner, the fund president, said he does not want to listen to such accusations, and he continues to develop his idea.

The fund's divisions have already been opened in Munich and Switzerland, and Nestantiner is raising money for the fund, saying he wants to recreate the unique atmosphere of Paradzanov's house as a cultural center of 1990s. As for the rumors, he said such gossip often circulates when a great idea is undertaken.

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Music



House of Organ and Chamber Music
(77 Chervonoarmyiska St., 269-5678) presents:

4 Thursday

Night of Bach organ music performed by Vladimir Koshuba.

6 Saturday

Night of chamber and vocal music. Maria Lipinskaya (mezzo-soprano), Yelena Komlikova (piano), and Vladimir Gerasimov (bassoon) will perform Pergolesi, Debussy, Brahms and Ippolitov-Ivanov.

7 Sunday

Night of chamber music. Veronika Kuzmina (clarinet), Dato Chakaberiya (tenor), Fatima Chergindziya (soprano), Olga Bondareva (organ), and Oleg Pavlov (piano) will perform Haydn, Mozart, Schumann, Saint-Saens, Bizet, Puccini, Debussy, Tchaikovsky.

9 Tue., 10 Wed.

Concerts of Leticia Romiti (organ), professor of the Milan Conservatory. The concerts include works by Italian composers, such as Cavazzoni and Frescobaldi.

- Liudmila Liapina

TV Highlights

Thursday 4

SERIAL Santa Barbara (USA). 10:25 am, 7:25 pm UT-2.

SPECIAL The Atlanta Choir performs in celebration of American Independence Day. 11:15 pm UT-2.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96 in review. 10 am, 9:55 pm ICTV.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96 semifinals. 6:25 pm ICTV.

Friday 5

FILM Russians (USA) 6:30 pm UTAR.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96 in review. 10 am, 9:55 pm ICTV.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96 semifinals. 6:25 pm ICTV.

FILM Rimini, Rimini (ITALY) An erotic comedy. 12:05 am UT-1.

Saturday 6

SPORTS Best plays of the NHL 2:30 pm ICTV.

SERIAL Moonlighting (USA) Starring Cybil Shepherd and Bruce Willis. 8:45 pm ORT.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96 final. 4 pm, 9 pm ICTV.

FILM Robocop (USA) A classic futuristic adventure genre. 10 pm GRAVIS (channel 35).

FILM Sugar Hill (USA) This grisly film about drug lords and gangs won raves by critics Stateside. Starring Wesley Snipes. 10:30 pm UTAR.

Sunday 7

FILM Cinderella (USA) The classic fairy tale. 2:25 pm UT-1.

FILM Telephone (USA) Starring Whoopi Goldberg. 9:45 pm UT-1.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96 final. 3:45 pm ICTV.

SPORTS Wimbledon '96. Closing ceremony. 9 pm ICTV.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS: NBC World News with Tom Brokaw at 8 am weekdays on ICTV; British ITN World News weekdays at 8:30 am and 11 pm on ICTV.

Theaters



All shows start at 7 pm unless otherwise noted.

5 Friday

Concert of Sergei Yursky, performed at the Lesia Ukrainka Theater, 5 Bohdan Khmelnytsky St., 224-4223.

5 Friday

Ecclesiastes, based on the book of the Bible. A one-man show with Sergei Labuzko, directed by Konstantin Linartovic. Drama Theater of the Armed Forces, in the Armed Forces Culture Center, 30/1 Hrushevsky St., 293-2048.

July 8 through 12

Guest performances of the School of Modern Play theater of Moscow, starring the best actors of the Moscow theater scene. Most of the plays are directed by Iosif Raykhelgauz who founded the theater five years ago. For information and tickets call 216-4020, 225-6750 and 229-5991. 8 pm Monday.

9 Tuesday

Antigone in New York, deals with the funny and sad sides of life for the Jews who emigrated from the former Soviet Union. Starring Liubov Polishchuk, Mikhail Gluzsky, Yevgeny Dvorzhetsky and Vladimir Steklov.

10 Wednesday

A Man Has Come to a Woman, based on the play by Semen Zolotnikov, is a lyrical comedy about the complicated relations between contemporary men and women. Starring Irina Alferova and Albert Filozov.

11 Thursday

The Last Tape of Krepp, based on the play by Samuel Beckett. A one-man show of Armen Dzhigarkhanian, directed by Krikor Azaryan of Bulgaria.

12 Friday

Mistress Leo, based on the play by Sergey

Kokovkin. Directed by Boris Morozov. A tragic-comedy about the family life of great Russian writer Leo Tolstoy and his wife Sofia. Starring Valentina Talyzina, Lev Durov and Vladimir Kachan. Showing at the Ivan Franko Theater, 3 Ivan Franko Sq., 229-5991.

10 Wednesday

Georges Dandin, based on the comedy by Moliere. The classic comedy is used to examine the emergence of the "new Ukrainians." Starring Dmitry Bazay and Natalia Zabolotnaya. Drama Theater of the Armed Forces, in the Armed Forces Culture Center, 30/1 Hrushevsky St., 293-2048.

10 Wed., 11 Thur.

Song of the Lonely Soul, based on "The Woodland Song" by Lesia Ukrainka. A picturesque and musical show where deeds and feelings are expressed through rhythms. The music ranges from jazz to classical. The original costumes have been created by Vera Mishneva, artistic director of the theater, and Nikolay Grebinny. Starring Grebinny, Yelena Danshina and Yana Malcva. Plastic Drama Theater in Pechersk, in the Culture Center of the Interior Ministry, 16/12 Pylyp Orlyk St., 295-0842.

- Liudmila Liapina

IN REVIEW

Kiev: city of legends, witches and saints

By Alexander Liapin
Kiev Post

For its centuries-long history, Kiev has accumulated numerous legends and stories about good and evil spirits. The locals have preserved in memory legends about saints and evil places, and they continue to seek proof of their traditional beliefs.

Andriyivska Church, where apostle Andry taught the word of God, is considered a saintly place. Another holy site is Zamkova hill, on which the Florovsky monastery is situated. Healing waters are believed to well from the earth there. Kiev Pechersk Lavra is also considered a blessed place, where visions of the Virgin Mary have reportedly been sighted. Wise men who could allegedly heal the most serious diseases and deliver people from various evils also lived at Lavra.

But Kitayivsky Heights is generally considered the holiest place in Kiev. The Kitayivsky monks are known to have amazing powers to exorcise evil spirits.

The city is known for its places which are inhabited by evil spirits that try to oppose the Orthodox saints. The most notorious place in Kiev is situated near Lavra, where the Great Patriotic War museum and the Motherland

statue (the heavy metal woman with a sword) are situated. This hill has always been called the "witch's hill", and monks never settled or planted orchards there. People say that a monk once tried

to live on the hill but within two days he grew old, as if he had lived there 100 years. Some even say that many of the workers who constructed the museum and statue suffered and died before their time.

The Slavs believe that the world's most powerful witch lives in Kiev, and the second most evil one is allegedly in the city of Murom in Russia. The bald hill situated near Vydubychi has always been considered one of the most damned places in Europe, and witches are believed to hold their annual Sabbath there.

There are rumors that a witch's church stands on the hill and suffuses the neighborhood with evil. Who knows ... perhaps it explains the fact that the hill has a special micro-climate, with rare wild herbs which reputedly have strong healing powers. City authorities have declared the site a national park, and people say that the hill is not a hill, but the top of a devil's skull with an entrance leading down to Hell.

We are not saying that all of these beliefs are true, but as the saying goes, where there's smoke there's fire.



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By Robyn Ealy

Relax on the river

It's not a New England coast steak and lobster house or a shrimp palace overlooking the Gulf, but there is a classy waterfront restaurant on the Dnipro in Kiev - it is River Palace.
I enjoyed some long-awaited seafood while watching the sun set over the water on a lovely summer evening.
I started with the smoked salmon on a potato blini for 2,400,000 kupons. The salmon was laid on the

potato in the shape of a rose and was sprinkled with caviar. Then came the vegetable salad - a satisfactory Western tossed salad piled high with lettuce, onions, peppers and cucumbers. These appetizers were impressive, and made me anticipate the next course.
The mouth-watering grilled scallops, also served with jumbo shrimp in a cream sauce, was a fabulous dish (5,500,000 kupons). Unfortunately, my first request - roast duck breast with cognac and fruit - was unavailable. But after finishing the seafood dish, I decided that it definitely should be my first choice next time. Other entrees to choose from include pork sirloin in a peppercorn sauce, grilled chicken breast and grilled Dover sole.

Although the menu is not extensive, the wine selections is. And both offer choices unique to Ukraine and comparable to those at high-quality American restaurants.

Everything that made its way to our table was beautifully served and tasted good.

The chef was not the only one who did a superb job. The waitresses did too. The service was friendly, dishes were served on time, and we weren't rushed but were able to sit back and enjoy a fine dining experience.

Even though a dinner at River Palace, concluded with delicious chocolate mousse and coffee, can be completely satisfying, your evening need not end. River Palace is a boat full of entertainment spots. After your meal, you can change the pace by using your complimentary ticket to the disco or wager a few bets in the casino.

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Germany scores golden goal to win European title

WEMBLEY, England (AP) - Soccer finally got its sudden-death Golden Goal to decide a major tournament. But outside Germany, few will be pleased.

It doesn't matter to Oliver Bierhoff, a little-known journeyman through European leagues before emerging as the nation's hero with both goals in the European Championship final Sunday June 30 to give Germany a 2-1 win over the Czech Republic.

The sudden-death decider came off a deflected shot in the 94th

minute, but while the Germans started celebrating the long-awaited title, the linesman kept his flag aloft, indicating offside.

Pandemonium ensued, the Czechs protested, and referee Pierluigi Pairetto was forced to check with his linesman before overruling him and awarding victory to Germany.

After referees were criticized all through the tournament, it was the most controversial decision that finished the three-week event.

"It is hard to say whether the result is fair," said Czech coach Dusan Uhrin. "I don't think it was offside," said Bierhoff.

It capped a storybook final for substitute Bierhoff, who needed just 25 minutes to give Germany the title.

Bierhoff's 73rd minute goal came four minutes after he came on. He latched on to a curling freekick from Christian Ziege and beat Petr Kouba with a glancing header.

Despite being sidelined for most of the tournament, the Udinese striker never wavered in the belief that

his time would come.

"The coach said we had 22 top players on the squad and he turned out to be absolutely right," said Bierhoff.

Bierhoff's efforts were sorely needed after the Czech Republic went ahead in the 57th minute when Patrik Berger converted a hotly-disputed penalty.

Bierhoff, 28, has now scored five goals in his eight matches for Vogts after he failed to make an impression in Germany before trying his luck in Austria and Italy's second division.

But he found his touch with Ascoli before moving to the top division with Udinese. He scored 17 goals last season, boosting his promotion to the national team.

Vogts was pretty well forced to give everyone on the 22-man team a chance since his players were struck by a plague of injuries over the past weeks.

But instead of unraveling teamwork, it molded the players together.

It also meant the first major trophy captured by Vogts since he became German coach six years ago. Four years ago Germany lost in the final to Denmark.

The result also avenged a penalty-shootout defeat of West Germany by what was then Czechoslovakia 20 years ago, in which Vogts and two of his coaching staff played.

The final was played before 73,611 fans, including Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister John Major, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Czech president Vaclav Havel.

BASEBALL

American League Roundup

BATTING - RAlomar, Baltimore, .364; Knoblauch, Minnesota, .354; Seitzer, Milwaukee, .353; MVAughn, Boston, .350; FThomas, Chicago, .344; ARodriguez, Seattle, .341; Boggs, New York, .339.

RUNS - EMartinez, Seattle, 72; RAlomar, Baltimore, 67; Phillips, Chicago, 67; GVAughn, Milwaukee, 65; Belle, Cleveland, 62; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 62; FThomas, Chicago, 61; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 61.

FBI - FThomas, Chicago, 80; GVAughn, Milwaukee, 74; MVAughn, Boston, 73; EMartinez, Seattle, 71; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 71; Belle, Cleveland, 70; Buhner, Seattle, 68.

HITS - MVAughn, Boston, 111; RAlomar, Baltimore, 111; Lofton, Cleveland, 105; FThomas, Chicago, 105; Molitor, Minnesota, 104; Seitzer, Milwaukee, 101; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 99; Hamilton, Texas, 99.

DOUBLES - EMartinez, Seattle, 39; ARodriguez, Seattle, 24; IRodriguez, Texas, 24; Cordova, Minnesota, 23; JnValentin, Boston, 22; Greer, Texas, 21; Baerga, Cleveland, 21; RAlomar, Baltimore, 21.

TRIPLES - Knoblauch, Minnesota, 7; JnValentin, Milwaukee, 6; Vina, Milwaukee, 5; Guillen, Chicago, 5; Carter, Toronto, 5; Thome,

Cleveland, 4; Cora, Seattle, 4. **HOME RUNS** - ByAnderson, Baltimore, 27; Belle, Cleveland, 25; McGwire, Oakland, 25; MVAughn, Boston, 24; GVAughn, Milwaukee, 24; Canseco, Boston, 24; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 23.

STOLEN BASES - Lofton, Cleveland, 42; TGoodwin, Kansas City, 32; Vizquel, Cleveland, 18; Llistach, Milwaukee, 17; Nixon, Toronto, 16; Damon, Kansas City, 14; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 14; McLemore, Texas, 14.

PITCHING (10 Decisions) - Nagy, Cleveland, 11-1, .917, 3.52; BWells, Seattle, 9-1, .900, 3.10; Pavlik, Texas, 10-2, .833, 5.16; Pettitte, New York, 12-4, .750, 3.98; Karl, Milwaukee, 8-3, .727, 4.46; Boskie, California, 8-3, .727, 4.22; Hitchcock, Seattle, 7-3, .700, 4.93; McDonald, Milwaukee, 7-3, .700, 4.44.

STRIKEOUTS - Clemens, Boston, 128; Finley, California, 111; AFernandez, Chicago, 110; Appier, Kansas City, 106; Mussina, Baltimore, 103; Guzman, Toronto, 99; Alvarez, Chicago, 94.

SAVES - Wetteland, New York, 25; Mesa, Cleveland, 24; R Hernandez, Chicago, 23; Percival, California, 22; Henneman, Texas, 20; Montgomery, Kansas City, 16; RMyers, Baltimore, 15.

STANDINGS

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	47	32	.595	-
Baltimore	42	36	.538	4 1/2
Toronto	36	44	.450	11 1/2
Boston	34	45	.430	13
Detroit	23	58	.284	25

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	49	31	.613	-
Chicago	46	34	.575	3
Milwaukee	40	39	.506	8 1/2
Minnesota	38	41	.481	10 1/2
Kansas City	34	47	.420	15 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	48	32	.600	-
Seattle	42	36	.538	5
California	41	40	.506	7 1/2
Oakland	38	43	.469	10 1/2

Saturday's Games

New York 4, Baltimore 3
Milwaukee 7, Toronto 4
Texas 9, Seattle 5
Oakland 11, California 9
Boston 13, Detroit 6
Cleveland 3, Chicago 2, 10 innings
Minnesota 12, Kansas City 7

Sunday's Games

Toronto 15, Milwaukee 2
Boston 9, Detroit 4
Baltimore 9, New York 1
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 2
Seattle 4, Texas 3
Oakland 1, California 0
Cleveland 4, Chicago 2

National League Roundup

BATTING - Piazza, Los Angeles, .357; EYoung, Colorado, .351; Burks, Colorado, .344; Bichette, Colorado, .339; Mabry, St. Louis, .333; TGwynn, San Diego, .332; Grace, Chicago, .331.

RUNS - Burks, Colorado, 71; Bichette, Colorado, 67; Biggio, Houston, 64; Bonds, San Francisco, 63; Bagwell, Houston, 62; CpJones, Atlanta, 61; Grudzielanek, Montreal, 59.

RBI - Bichette, Colorado, 76; Galarraga, Colorado, 74; Bagwell, Houston, 73; HRodriguez, Montreal, 69; Burks, Colorado, 65; McGriff, Atlanta, 64; MaWilliams, San Francisco, 63.

HITS - Bichette, Colorado, 109; Grudzielanek, Montreal, 105; LJohnson, New York, 105; Burks, Colorado, 104; Lansing, Montreal, 99; Piazza, Los Angeles, 96; DBell, Houston, 95; Grissom, Atlanta, 95.

DOUBLES - Lansing, Montreal, 27; Bagwell, Houston, 26; HRodriguez, Montreal, 24; Finley, San Diego, 23; Castilla, Colorado, 22; Bichette, Colorado, 22; DBell, Houston, 21; Carreon, San Francisco, 21.

TRIPLES - LJohnson, New York, 11; Morandini, Philadelphia, 5; DeShields, Los Angeles, 5; Vizcaino, New York, 5; Grissom, Atlanta, 5; 6 are tied with 4.

HOME RUNS - Sosa, Chicago, 26; HRodriguez, Montreal, 25; Sheffield, Florida, 23; Klesko, Atlanta, 22; Galarraga, Colorado, 22; Piazza, Los Angeles, 21; Bagwell, Houston, 21; Bonds, San Francisco, 21.

STOLEN BASES - DeShields, Los Angeles, 26; McRae, Chicago, 25; LJohnson, New York, 25; EYoung, Colorado, 21; BLHunter, Houston, 20; Morandini, Philadelphia, 19; Bonds, San Francisco, 19.

PITCHING (10 Decisions) - Smoltz, Atlanta, 14-3, .824, 2.98; Ashby, San Diego, 8-2, .800, 2.93; PJMartinez, Montreal, 7-3, .700, 3.41; Gardner, San Francisco, 7-3, .700, 3.96; Hamilton, San Diego, 9-4, .692, 4.90; Ritz, Colorado, 9-4, .692, 4.94; Neagle, Pittsburgh, 8-4, .667, 3.07.

STRIKEOUTS - Smoltz, Atlanta, 145; Nomo, Los Angeles, 115; Kile, Houston, 115; PJMartinez, Montreal, 113; Reynolds, Houston, 112; Fassero, Montreal, 105; ALeiter, Florida, 102.

SAVES - TdWorrell, Los Angeles, 22; JBrantley, Cincinnati, 19; Franco, New York, 18; Bottalico, Philadelphia, 16; Nen, Florida, 16; Wohlers, Atlanta, 16; Beck, San Francisco, 16.

STANDINGS

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	50	30	.625	-
Montreal	47	33	.588	3
Florida	39	41	.488	11
New York	37	43	.463	13
Philadelphia	32	47	.405	17 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	41	39	.513	-
Houston	42	40	.512	-
Cincinnati	36	39	.480	2 1/2
Chicago	38	42	.475	3
Pittsburgh	36	44	.450	5

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	43	39	.524	-
Los Angeles	42	40	.512	1
Colorado	40	39	.506	1 1/2
San Francisco	36	43	.456	5 1/2

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 9, Chicago 5
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 5
San Diego 7, San Francisco 6
Montreal 1, Philadelphia 0
Florida 5, Atlanta 3
Houston 9, New York 1
Los Angeles 13, Colorado 10

Sunday's Games

Montreal 6, Philadelphia 5
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 3
Houston 9, New York 3
Colorado 16, Los Angeles 15
San Diego 7, San Francisco 4
Atlanta 5, Florida 4

More upsets in Wimbledon's winter discontent

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Defending champions Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf dodged the tumult of upsets, freak injuries and illness Saturday June 29 as an Arctic blast closed out a wacky first week in Wimbledon's winter of discontent.

Never in the 69 years since Wimbledon began seeding players have 19 seeds - a record 11 men and a record-tying 8 women - departed before the middle Sunday break.

The way things are going, everyone could use a day off. Fans bundled up in blankets and players shivered in their shorts as chilly winds gusted up to 35 mph after a session virtually gutted by rain.

The best news came from second-seeded Boris Becker, who said he merely ruptured a tendon and didn't break any bones when he snapped his wrist on a shot that knocked him out of the tournament Friday. As serious as the injury still is, Becker looked forward to healing in time to play in the U.S. Open in late August.

Sampras, seeking a fourth straight

Wimbledon title that would give him one more than Becker, struggled unexpectedly against No. 107 Karol Kucera of Slovakia before prevailing 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (7-3).

Graf, going for her seventh title in nine years, waited and waited for Sampras to finish, then lost the first nine points against Nicole Arendt before crushing her 6-2, 6-1.

German compatriot, Anke Huber, the women's No. 5 seed, became the latest victim of bad luck in the tournament as she suffered a stomach illness and had to take a break because of dizziness during her 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 loss to Ai Sugiyama of Japan.

In other women's matches, No. 6 Jana Novotna beat Ruxandra Dragomir 6-3, 6-1; No. 12 Kimiko Date downed Kristie Boogert 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; and No. 16 Martina Hingis beat Linda Wild 6-3, 2-6, 6-1. Meredith McGrath equaled her best Grand Slam performance by advancing to the fourth round with a 7-5, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 victory over Nancy Feber.

The quickest outing of the day, and Wimbledon history, took place when

play began on Centre Court. Tim Henman, Britain's last hope this year, served one game and a total of five points to close out a 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 victory over compatriot Luke Milligan in a match suspended by rain Friday evening.

Two more seeded men bowed out - No. 11 Wayne Ferreira and No. 12 Marc Rosset - both in five sets.


Ferreira's loss to Magnus Gustafsson left only one seeded player - No. 13 Todd Martin - in the bottom half of the draw that Becker exited. That means at least one man will be appearing in a Wimbledon final for the first time.

Two-time finalist and No. 4 seed Goran Ivanisevic, the other top eight seed left in the tournament besides Sampras, beat Alexander Volkov 7-6 (7-3), 7-5, 6-3. Martin beat Renzo Furlan 7-6 (7-1), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 10 seed Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion who failed to get past the first round the last two years, also avoided the upset trend with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Australian Sandon Stolle.



LONDON - Mehmet Scholl of Germany, left, challenges Patrik Berger of the Czech Republic during the final of the European Soccer Championships. (AP)



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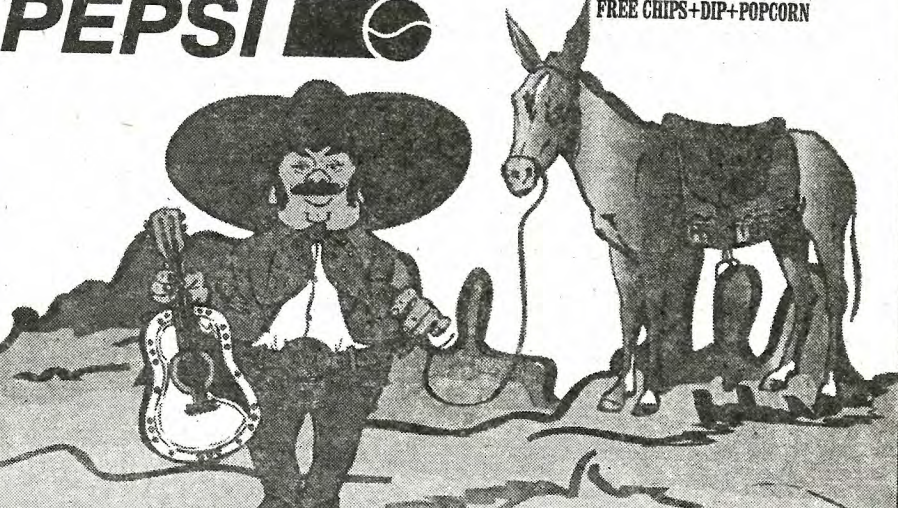
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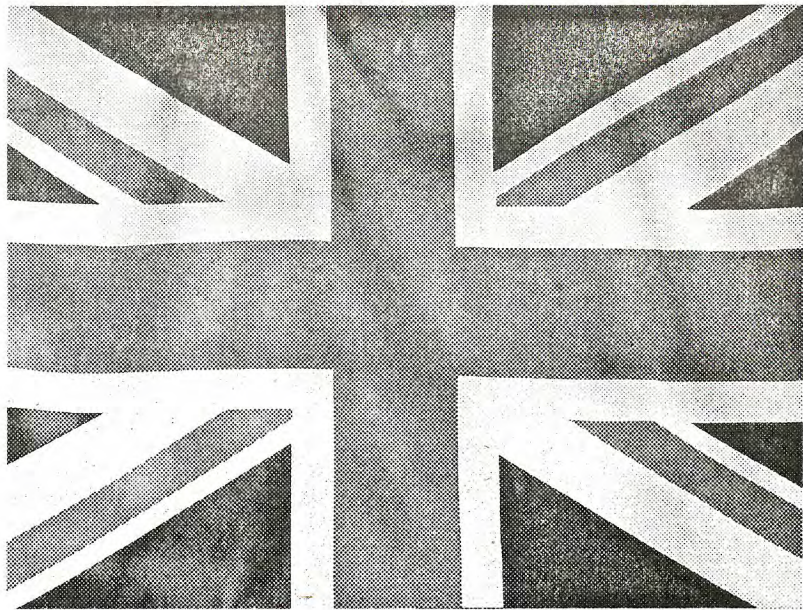
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