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New government grain export ban could threaten Ukraine's WTO bid



Deputy Prime Minister for Agricultural Policy Viktor Slauta. Slauta announced new grain quotas during a press conference in Kyiv on June 20. A few weeks earlier, the government had completed its cancellation of similar restrictions. (UNIAN)

By JOHN MARONE

The government has imposed a virtual ban on grain exports, sparking off criticism that, among other things, Ukraine's bid to join the World Trade Organization could be under threat as a result.

NEWS ANALYSIS Just weeks after canceling the remaining grain quotas from last year, which cost grain traders and farmers hundreds of millions of dollars in losses, the Cabinet of Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich has announced even tighter limits on exports from this year's harvest.

The new quotas are meant to guarantee Ukraine's food security in the wake of last month's drought, the government has said.

But critics at home and abroad have dismissed the risk of a grain shortage, arguing that the government's continued use of command-economy tactics could not only destroy the country's position as the world's sixth largest grain exporter, but further delay its finalization of WTO accession.

As world grain prices continue to rise, the hopes of Ukrainian farmers and international traders of reaping higher profits have come into conflict with the Ukrainian government's fears of higher bread prices at

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CEC, political parties begin preparing for early elections in September

By STEPHEN BANDERA

The political council of the Russia-friendly Party of Regions will soon decide on a date to hold the party's convention ahead of early parliamentary elections, slated for Sept. 30, the UNIAN news agency reported Deputy Prime Minister Dmytro Tabachnyk as saying June 25.

Tabachnyk joined the Regions Party after becoming a member of the government of Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, the party's leader. Tabachnyk said a decision on the party's convention date was expected this week.

During the convention, Regions' members are expected to vote on a party program and their electoral list.

Meanwhile, after four weeks of internal wrangling, members of the Central Elections Commission finally gathered a quorum this week to prepare for the early Rada elections.

On June 25, CEC members divided up responsibilities for the country's regions among themselves.

CEC members who were elected on the governing coalition's quota enjoy a one-vote majority on the 15-person commission.

Commissioners from the Party of Regions, the Socialists and Communists

will be responsible for overseeing election commission work in Crimea, the city of Sevastopol and the Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad, Odessa, Mykolayiv, Kherson, Zaporizhzhya, Chernihiv, Zakarpattya and Kyiv regions, as well as voting at polling stations located outside the country.

CEC members loyal to the bloc of fiery opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, and Our Ukraine, loyal to President Viktor Yushchenko, will be responsible for elections in Sumy, Poltava, Khmelnytskyi, Rivne, Lviv, Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, Vinnystya, Volyn and Zhytomyr regions and voting in the capital Kyiv.

The division of regions corresponds roughly to political performances. The governing coalition is responsible for the country's heavily industrialized east and south (about 70 percent of the country's voters according to estimates), while the opposition is responsible for the agricultural regions in the center of the country and the "Orange regions" in the west.

The opposition holds the crucial commission head and two deputy head posts.

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Ukraine IT outsourcing tops in Eastern Europe

By LENA PLEKHANOVA

Ukraine has become the most attractive destination for IT outsourcing in Eastern Europe, according to a study published June 2007 by Global Offshore Associates Limited, an IT-outsourcing consultancy.

The country's relatively low-cost software development industry earned about \$246 million in export contracts in 2006, 47 percent more than in the previous year, the study concluded.

Other estimates suggest the business was worth significantly more last year, but exact figures are hard to come by, as a significant portion of earnings are not declared in efforts to avoid tax payments.

Ukrainian Hi-Tech Initiative, an alliance that unites Ukrainian offshore IT outsourcing providers, estimates the size of the Ukrainian software outsource-

ing market at about \$600 million in 2006.

According to the alliance, Russia exported around \$1.2 billion worth of IT services in 2006, while the world's leading software services vendor, India, received around \$18 billion last year for exported IT services.

These figure show that Ukrainian software exports are only a tiny fraction of the world's top export-oriented software development business. However, industry insiders expect Ukraine to continue developing more software for foreign clients in the next several years, steadily earning its fair share of the global software export business.

Global Offshore Associates Limited (GOAL), which provides companies in Europe and North America with outsourced personnel from Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Belarus and Latvia, singled out Ukraine as the most attractive outsourcing destination in Eastern Europe.

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FDI growing despite political chaos

By STEPHEN BANDERA

The National Bank of Ukraine reported this month that foreign direct investment stood at \$1.2 billion in the first quarter of the year, exceeding the bank's provisional

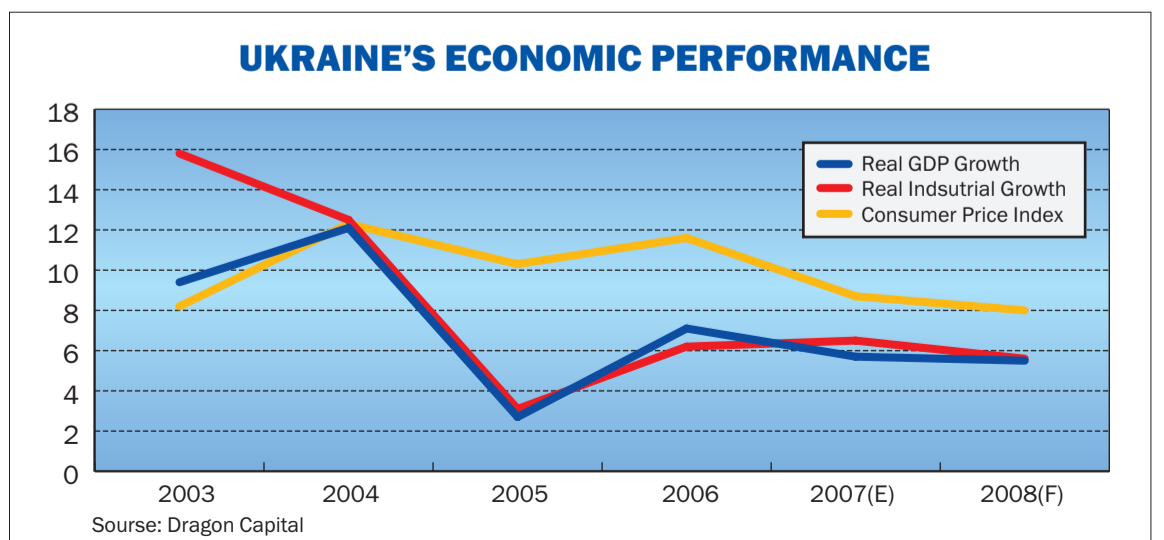
FDI estimates by more than \$200 million.

Figures show that foreign investment has continued to flow into the country despite lasting political turmoil, an indication that investors have tuned out what they increasing-

ly view as inconsequential political noise.

While investment inflows continue to rise, Ukraine still lags very far behind its EU neighbors.

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Car crash, divorce loom over mogul's IPO plans



Dmytro Firtash, a co-owner of the RosUkrenergo natural gas supplier, is embroiled in a family squabble involving a fatal car crash in the capital city and messy divorce proceedings. See story page 4. (UNIAN)

EBRD to boost investment in Ukraine

By NAZAR KUDREVSKY

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development hopes to boost investments into Ukraine this year by 200 million euros compared to last year, pouring some 1 billion euros into the country through financing and equity investments.

Plans also envision increased EBRD investments making their way into the country's industrialized heartland, with the Bank opening a new branch office in Dnipropetrovsk to help facilitate such investments and supplement its Ukraine headquarters located in the capital Kyiv.

"During the last several years the Bank has been doubling the amount of new business, and mainly the new projects are geographically located in the eastern and central regions [of Ukraine]," said Anton Usov, spokesperson for the EBRD's central office in Ukraine.

The industrialized central and eastern Ukrainian regions in the vicinity of Dnipropetrovsk are badly in need of financing for modernization efforts, as much of the infrastructure is based on inefficient, outdated Soviet technology. This, however, opens many opportuni-

ties that make these regions very attractive investment targets, he added.

The EBRD, regarded as the single largest investor in Ukraine, has in recent years provided vast amounts of financing and equity capital investments into municipal infrastructure

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— Anton Usov,
EBRD

and private sector businesses. As of the beginning of this year, the EBRD has invested about 2.8 billion euros into Ukraine so far through loans and equity investments.

Investments geared toward boosting energy efficiency and general efficiency of production processes have been singled out as priorities for the Bank in coming years. The new office in Dnipropetrovsk is expected to identify

candidates for credit lines and equity investments in these areas. The Dnipropetrovsk branch office, first envisioned years ago, is expected to be officially launched in September.

The new office will help the Bank enhance its marketing activity, monitor current projects and facilitate cooperation with authorities in the region.

Currently the Bank has two major clients in the region – Arcelor Mittal Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine's flagship steel mill acquired by Mittal Steel in 2005 for a whopping \$4.8 billion, and Dnipropetrovsk Oil-Extraction Plant (the Oleyna trademark sunflower oil producer).

The Dnipropetrovsk Oil-Extraction Plant is one of the Bank's oldest clients in Ukraine, with the EBRD and the plant already cooperating for more than 10 years.

Oleg Trikoz has been appointed the head of the regional EBRD office in Dnipropetrovsk. Earlier, Trikoz worked as the head of Dnipropetrovsk branch of Raiffeisenbank Ukraine, and later as the head of the Dnipropetrovsk branch of OTP Bank.

The EBRD, which opened its Kyiv office in 1993, is currently involved in 113 projects in the country.

Payment card usage soars with higher consumer spending

By LENA PLEKHANOVA

The retail banking business in Ukraine is on the verge of a boom, as the number of Ukrainians with bank-issued payment cards has surged in the past year and continues to grow.

Most Ukrainians still do not have access to credit-card services, and relatively few use their cards to pay for items at point-of-sale (POS) terminals at stores.

According to the NBU, more than 33 million payment cards were issued in Ukraine within the first five months, and the turnover for operations using such cards exceeded \$30 billion last year.

In another estimate, investment bank Sokrat reported that commercial banks issued just over 1 million Visa and MasterCard cards in May alone, bringing the total number on the Ukrainian market to almost 41 million.

According to Sokrat, the lead issuers of payment cards on the Ukrainian market as of June 1 were: Privatbank, with more than 12.4 million cards in circulation, Raiffeisen Bank Aval trailed, 5.6 million cards, Nadra with nearly 5.4 million, UkrSibbank with 2.3 million, UkrSotsbank with 2.3 million, and Prominvestbank, with 2.2 million.

The network of Ukrainian banks' cash dispensers in May grew by 334, from 14,845 to 15,179.

As with the number of cards issued, Privatbank holds a solid lead in terms of the number of ATMs it owns, with 3,783 reported in the same period. Raiffeisen Bank Aval had 2,001, Prominvestbank 1,246, UkrSotsbank 822, Nadra 813, and UkrSibbank 638.

The credit card segment is among the most profitable for banks, Sokrat said, adding that Ukrainians are gradually paying more for their purchases by cards rather than in cash.

The opportunity for growth is vast, however.

Antonin Yermolenko, the head of the

Ukrainian office of VISA International, said that while there are already more than 35 million cards in circulation in Ukraine, 96 percent of them are used mainly by citizens to withdraw cash from their accounts. Only some 4 percent of operations with cards are used for retail trade payments. In European Union countries, this figure is more than 17 percent.

"Our task today is to show the client the advantages of payments with credit cards," he said.

"For example, the average credit card

payment exceeds a cash payment by one-and-a-half or even two times. Thus, there is also a benefit for a trader," he added.

According to Yermolenko, about 50,000 trade and service enterprises accept card payments via VISA, the leading payment system in Ukraine in terms of card users, while the number of companies registered as trade enterprise exceeds 500,000.

Even though the card-payment system in Ukraine is greatly underdeveloped, the number of card users and card

operations is growing rapidly, Yermolenko said.

In 2006, the number of VISA cards emitted by Ukrainian banks rose by 60 percent year-on-year, reaching 22.1 million as of April 1. Total card-operation turnover increased by 80 percent, while trade-operation turnover increased by 112 percent.

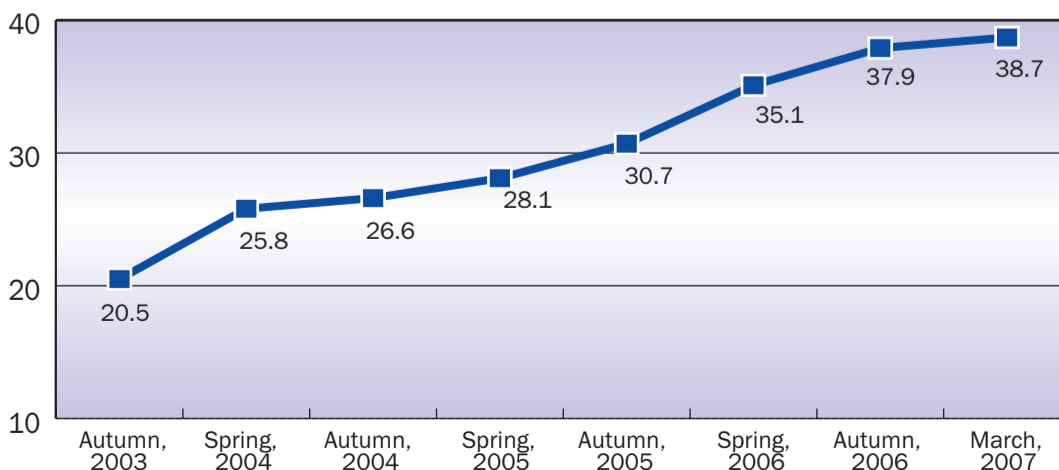
"The present situation on the market of payment instruments in Ukraine needs even more aggressive promotion of the obligatory acceptance of payment cards," Yermolenko said.

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But more than 30 million of Ukraine's 46 million citizens have payment cards today, and they use them mainly to receive their salaries or withdraw cash from teller machines, according to figures released recently by the National Bank of Ukraine. With domestic consumption sharply on the rise in recent years, the country's citizens are expected to spend significantly more on their cards within years, and the returns are expected to be high for domestic banks.

**PERCENTAGE OF PAYMENT CARD USERS
(in cities with populations of over 50,000)**



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Gas tycoon Firtash embroiled in family squabble

By JOHN MARONE

A fatal car accident in the Ukrainian capital has uncovered a family squabble over a billion-dollar commercial empire that includes a company controlling gas supplies to Europe.

Serhiy Kalynovsky, the former stepson of Ukrainian gas tycoon Dmytro Firtash, is currently facing manslaughter charges after the BMW he was driving in the early hours of May 30 caused the death of two people in the center of Kyiv.

Kalynovsky's older brother Oleksandr, supported by his mother Maria Firtash, have accused Dmytro Firtash of engineering the accident, possibly as an attempt to gain more leverage in a messy divorce settlement.

Dmytro Firtash, who together with Russia's Gazprom co-owns the monopoly supplier of gas imports to Ukraine, RosUkrenerg, only last week announced the consolidation of his assets into a holding company called Group DF.

Reporting consolidated revenues of \$4.6 billion at the end of 2006, GDF boasts prime assets, such as Hungarian gas trader EMFESZ and a Vienna-based chemical holding called Ostchem, in addition to a 45 percent stake in the Swiss-registered RosUkrenerg.

GDF representatives have denied any involvement by Firtash, 42, in the May 30 crash, which claimed the lives of an off-duty Ukrainian embassy guard and a young female passenger in the BMW.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a GDF spokesman said they were preparing to litigate against the Kalynovskys.

In an interview to the *Post*, 23-year-old Oleksandr Kalynovsky, Serhiy's older brother, said his family was planning to sue Dmytro Firtash for half his businesses.

"We will get our half for sure," he said. The older Kalynovsky brother, repeating earlier media statements by his mother, said Firtash joined the family's general trading business as a minor employee in the early 1990s.

"It was she who knew the business and introduced him to everyone," he said.

By 1996, Dmytro Firtash had married Maria, who is almost 10 years his senior.

Now the mother is challenging a multi-million-dollar divorce settlement that she signed in 2005.

Kyiv's Pechersky district court ruled the divorce settlement non-binding on May 11.

As litigation continues, plans announced by GDF to conduct an IPO could be hampered.

GDF CEO Robert Shetler-Jones said, "The formation of GDF reflects the Group's desire to have a clearer, more unified structure for its business interests, one that is transparent, and which will provide a platform for access to competitive financing terms to support the Group's ambitious business expansion."

In addition to challenging the divorce settlement, the mother and son have accused Firtash of having a hand in the May 30 car accident involving the younger brother.

"I am more than sure that he [Firtash]

was behind the accident, but I cannot prove it," Oleksandr Kalynovsky said.

In addition, according to the older Kalynovsky son, Firtash has since used his influence to pressure the police into railroading his brother.

Interior Ministry spokesman Volodymyr Polishchuk said that following the May 30 accident, Kyiv's Shevchenkivsky district court allowed Kalynovsky to avoid confinement on a pledge not to flee.

But by June 11, police announced that the 21-year-old college student had been stopped at Kyiv's Zhulyany Airport while trying to board a charter flight to Israel.

Oleksandr Kalynovsky said his brother was heading to Israel for medical treatment unavailable in Ukraine.

"The day before, we informed the investigator where and for how long we were planning to leave the country for treatment. He was in the know and gave his approval."

To date, the younger Kalynovsky brother has yet to be charged. He is currently still in a Kyiv hospital.

Russia, Ukraine to hold gas talks in fourth quarter

MOSCOW (AP) – Russia's Prime Minister said June 22 that negotiations on a new contract for Russian natural gas supplies to Ukraine would be held in the last three months of the year, the Itar-TASS news agency reported.

Russian and Ukrainian ties have warmed since pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovich was elected prime minister in 2006. The vote had been preceded by a gas price dispute that saw Moscow temporarily shut off supplies to Ukraine.

"The tendency has been set in earlier agreements. We are cooperating, concluding contracts, we know how to agree," Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov said June 22.

Last year Yanukovich reached an early agreement with Russia on gas prices for 2007, with Kyiv pledging to pay \$130 per 1,000 cubic meters. That is 40 percent more than Ukraine paid in 2006, but barely half the price Russia is charging other ex-Soviet republics.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, left, shake hands during their meeting in the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow June 21. (AP)



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Western demand spurs Ukraine software growth

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With the second largest population after Russia, a legacy of Soviet science and success-hungry entrepreneurs, the country boasts the fastest-growing software development industry, the company said in its survey.

According to GOAL, Ukraine boasts more than 7,500 software developers. The outsourcing industry growth rate in terms of available IT professionals in 2006 was just under 50 percent in year-on-year terms.

While salaries for IT professionals are steadily rising, they remain significantly lower than those offered for comparable work performed in developed countries. And while salaries are higher abroad, the lion's share of Ukrainian software programmers remain on home turf due to the difficulty in acquiring permission for work and residency in developed markets, such as the European Union and US.

The relatively lower cost of living compared to EU member-states is expected to keep salaries for software developers in Ukraine competitive, in turn attracting more outsourcing work to the country.

While the number of computer science graduates in Ukraine is relatively high, at over 30,000 annually, the real number of qualified software developers available is limited due to a declining educational system that fails to prepare young professionals with the newest technologies and methods in a fast-moving technological age, the survey says.

According to GOAL, the software development outsourcing business is best established in Ukraine's capital city Kyiv, where over 50 percent of soft-

UKRAINE AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN OUTSOURCING DESTINATIONS						
Eastern European Country	Population, mln	GDP, \$bln	\$ GDP per capita	Education budget, \$bln	Education budget, % of GDP 2006	Inward FDI, 2005, \$bln
Russia	143	733	5,130	27.9	3.8%	14.6
Ukraine	47	82	1,746	4.4	5.4%	4.2
Poland	39	337	8,753	18.9	5.6%	7.7
Romania	22	79	3,550	2.8	3.5%	6.4
Belarus	10	29	2,776	1.7	6.0%	0.3
Czech Republic	10	119	11,617	5.2	4.4%	11.0
Hungary	10	113	11,333	6.2	5.5%	6.7
Bulgaria	7	28	3,774	1.0	3.5%	2.2
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Source: Global Offshore Associates Limited

ware developers are employed. However, GOAL's study also recognizes the industry's rapid development in smaller cities backed with strong software development universities, including Lviv and Kharkiv. Lower salary requirements in these cities can offer software development labor at a discount to Kyiv, according to the study.

Taras Vervega, executive vice president for sales, marketing and business development at SoftServe, a Lviv-based

offshore software development company that employs more than 200 programmers, said IT outsourcing is one of the most dynamic sectors of Ukraine's bustling economy.

"Although domestic customers still often cannot afford ordering big IT projects, Ukrainian informational products are becoming more and more recognizable and demanded in the West," he said.

"In the past several years the Ukrainian brand [of software develop-

ment products] has significantly risen on the world software market," he added.

According to Vervega, the main importers of Ukrainian software development services are Western Europe and the US. On the whole, the annual growth rate of outsourced software from 2000 to 2005 was around 50 percent. Due to mounting demand from Western companies, the growth rate should remain high again this year, he added.

Per capita FDI up, but Ukraine still lags far behind European neighbors

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In total, foreign companies have invested \$24.4 billion in Ukraine since independence. But per capita FDI amounts to \$524 so far this year, according to Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital. For comparison, Poland's reported FDI per capita for 2006 stood at \$2,800, while Hungary's was \$6,700 last year.

The financial sector, real estate and construction attracted most of the FDI in the first three months of the year, with the Netherlands and Austria leading the way.

"We specifically note that FDI over the period remained strong despite no large merger and acquisition deals, which previously accounted for a significant share of direct investment inflow. This is a sign of broadening investor interest," according to analysts at Dragon. The investment bank forecasts that net FDI will top \$6 billion this year.

The current year is set to become an outstanding one for Ukraine's economy in terms of investment activity. Fixed capital investments are breaking records as the country's GDP and industrial growth rates continue to grow.

Inflation is expected to decelerate closer to year-end, although redistribution of funds in favor of households before the upcoming parliamentary election is likely to create additional inflationary pressure in the latter half of the year.

"Enjoying strong foreign demand, industrial enterprises increased output by 12.5 percent year-on-year in the first four months of 2007, supporting real GDP growth at a healthy 7.9 percent year-on-year," according to Dragon.

"DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND THE BANKING SECTOR — NOT METALLURGY — ARE DRIVING THE ECONOMY."

— Viktor Lysytskyy, former Cabinet Minister

Nerves of steel

Ukraine, ranked as one of the world's top six steel exporters, is blessed with large deposits of raw material — coal and ore — required for producing this prized commodity. The country's economic growth spurt first commenced in 1999, thanks largely to strong steel exports.

While world demand and prices remain high, strong steel exports are not the primary factor driving the country's economic performance, according to Viktor Lysytskyy, who

worked in the National Bank and Cabinet of Ministers when Ukraine, under the leadership of then Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko, currently president, rebounded from years of economic collapse.

In a recent article on the *Ekonomichna Pravda* website, Lysytskyy argued that rising domestic consumption and the banking sector — not metallurgy — is now the engine driving the economy.

"Today, the nation's growing prosperity is primarily generated by the keen cooperation between banks, employers and Ukrainian citizens [banking clients]. Our socio-economic successes depend little on increasing world prices for metal," Lysytskyy said in the article.

Lysytskyy pointed out that for all of 2006, Ukraine's banks issued Hr 530 billion (just over \$100 million) in loans, while loans in the first five months of 2007 amounted to Hr 295 billion (\$59 billion) — a 73 percent increase over the same period in 2006.

"Household consumption, which accounts for almost 60 percent of Ukraine's GDP, remained the main growth driver despite slowing to 14 percent year-on-year from 21 percent in 2005," according to Dragon.

According to Lysytskyy, metallurgy and the metals processing industry account for slightly more than 5 percent of GDP. Trade, agriculture, transport and the food industry sectors all contribute more to the country's wealth.

Clash at Odessa statue site

KYIV (AP, staff reports) — Ukrainian nationalists protesting the dismantling of a historic naval monument scuffled with a group of young people early June 25, police in the Black Sea port of Odessa said.

No injuries were reported in the fight, which ended quickly after police moved in.

Shortly thereafter, city workers with cranes and tools moved in to remove the monument dedicated to the sailors of the battleship Potemkin, whose 1905 uprising was memorialized in a legendary film by Sergei Eisenstein.

After city authorities announced plans this spring to replace the monument with one dedicated to Catherine the Great, Ukrainian Cossacks set up a tent camp at the site and petitioned authorities to put off the dismantling.

Catherine issued a decree in the 18th century officially declaring the city Russian and renaming it.

But it was also under her rule that the Cossack free state — a region independent from Russia — was liquidated.

The Potemkin monument erected in 1965 replaced an older one dedicated to the empress.

Ukrainian television reported that Odessa Communists sent a note of protest against the dismantling.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Aviation

Antonov, the Ukrainian aircraft producer, has signed a \$225 million contract with Russian airline company Polet at the Paris International Air Show to deliver 10 new regional passenger jets, the An-148, Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital reported. Antonov is also negotiating the sale of six An-148s to another Russian airline. The news bodes well for Motor Sich, the sole producer of engines for Antonov aircraft, as the company could receive about \$65 million of additional revenues.

Banking

The European Bank of Reconstruction and Development announced on June 14 that the bank would be increasing its annual credit limit in Ukraine to \$1 billion over the next three years, according to Terence Brown, a member of EBRD's board of directors. This move will make Ukraine the second largest destination for EBRD investments, behind Russia, but ahead of Poland and Romania. To date the total amount of investment Ukraine has received from the EBRD is \$2.9 billion.

Finance & Credit Bank has drawn a one-year \$60 million syndicated loan at LIBOR+2%, according to Kyiv-based investment bank Concorde Capital. Bayern LB, Commerzbank and Standard Bank organized the deal.

Brokerage

Concorde Capital was recognized as the top analytical team covering Ukraine by Thomson Exel's Pan European Survey 2007. Concorde swept the ranking of the top three investment analysts that cover Ukraine, with Alexander Paraschiy earning the crown as the country's top investment analyst. This is the first year Ukraine was included in Thomson Exel's Pan-European Survey. The winners were announced on June 14 at a ceremony in London.

Consumer Goods

Vinnifruit, a large Ukrainian juice producer, announced that it is planning an additional share issue that will increase its share capital by 32.8% to a total of \$18 million, reported Concorde Capital. The share issue is related to the company's recent 24% private placement and will be on the agenda of the company's AGM on Aug. 4. Subscription is closed and is planned to take place in two stages later this year: Sept. 14 to Oct. 14 and Oct. 15 to Nov. 13.

Ukrproduct, one of Ukraine's largest producers and distributors of branded dairy products, released its 2006 financial results: consolidated net income of \$2.19 million (down 21.4% year-on-year) and sales of \$70 million (down 12% year-on-year). According to Chief Executive Iryna Yevets, a Russian embargo on Ukrainian dairy products had a significant impact on the company's sales.

Machine Building

Stakhaniv Rail Car, one of Ukraine's largest freight car producers, boosted its fifth month of 2007 output to 2,511 cars (as compared with 908 cars produced in the first quarter of 2006) and reported gross sales of \$88.7 million (well above \$37.6 million in the first half of 2006), according to Dragon Capital.

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ON THE MOVE



Tomas Basta has been appointed director in the assurance practice for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Ukraine. PricewaterhouseCoopers provides industry-focused assurance, tax and advisory services. Basta is also a member of the company's global accounting consulting services group. He has been working at PricewaterhouseCoopers for 13 years. Prior to his appointment, he worked as director of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Prague, Czech Republic. Previously, Basta worked for two years in PricewaterhouseCoopers' London, UK office, where he specialized in providing advice to clients on complex accounting and reporting issues. Basta is a member of the Association of Chartered Accountants in the UK and Czech Chamber of Auditors.



Yulia Studynska has been promoted to partner in the assurance and advisory business services department of Ernst & Young. Ernst & Young is one of the leading global companies providing assurance and advisory business services, tax and legal, and transaction advisory services and has been operating in Ukraine since 1991. Studynska is the head of the global financial services group, which provides services for companies working in the banking and financial industry. She has 10 years of work experience in this sector. Studynska graduated from Kyiv National University of Economics and holds a master's degree in international management.



Vladimir Dabizha has been promoted to partner in the assurance and advisory business services department of Ernst & Young. Dabizha has over 13 years of work experience with the company. He is responsible for providing audit and consulting services for Ukrainian and international clients working in the retail trade and consumer goods producing industries. Previously, Dabizha worked for two years at the company's office in Moscow, Russia. Prior to joining the Moscow office, he was head of the retail and consumer products group in Ukraine. Dabizha is a certified chartered accountant. He graduated from Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University with a master of economics degree.



Tetyana Potapova has been appointed director general for VAB Asset Management, which has been operating in Ukraine since 2006. Prior to joining the company, since 2006, Potapova headed Management Service, a company which provides asset management. Previously, from 2004, she was the head of the private banking account department of asset management company Dovira-capital. Prior to this, from 2003, she worked as head of the private banking account department for Dneprovsky Investment Manager and, from 2002, as director for Renaissance of Investments. Her other experience includes work for Vostok-Dilling company and for Zakhidinkombank. Potapova started her career at financial company BBC.

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Top 100 financial services ranking



Igor Lyashenko, general director of Economica Publishing House, at a press conference on June 20 presenting the annual national top 100 companies in the financial sector – *Investgazeta's* "TOP 100" publication – based on research that rates the development of the market economy in Ukraine. (Konstantin Klimenko)

Global money transfer business



Pyotr Gnatiuk, regional director of MoneyGram in Russia and the CIS (left) and **John Hempsey**, chief executive officer of MoneyGram International Limited (right), with their executive management team, held the first conference for agents from the CIS in Kyiv on June 20. The conference was devoted to the discussion of growth strategies for the region. (Oleksiy Boyko)

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Coalition, opposition divide electoral duties

UNOFFICIAL ELECTIONS CALENDAR

The following is an unofficial compilation of an elections calendar based on changes to the law on the election of people's deputies, which foresees an "irregular" or "out-of-turn" Sept. 30 election date. The CEC is expected to establish an official calendar that will presumably come into effect closer to the end of July. As a result, actual dates may vary.

Aug. 1	Election process begins
Aug. 5	Voter list working groups begin collecting data from central and local government institutions
Aug. 10	Deadline for mass media to submit costs for airtime, space in print
Aug. 12	225 district election commissions formed
Aug. 20	Candidate nomination process ends
Aug. 25	Last day to submit party and electoral bloc lists to the CEC
Aug. 30	Last day for NGOs to petition for election observers
Sept. 2	Last day for candidate registration
Sept. 4	Voting ballot form and content approved by the CEC, state media airtime lottery
Sept. 9	Deadline for compiling voter lists
Sept. 10	Prohibition on accepting gifts exceeding 3 percent of gift receivers' incomes goes into effect
Sept. 14	Deadline for forming more than 34,000 polling station commissions
Sept. 17	Deadline for submitting lists of voters living abroad
Sept. 22	Deadline for delivering election "invitations"
Sept. 30	Election Day
Oct. 15	CEC deadline for tabulating official election results, last day for submitting party and electoral bloc campaign financial reports to CEC

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The Regions control the key post of CEC secretary, who is responsible for preparing documents for CEC meetings, communications between the CEC chair, and other government officials and media, managing general correspondence and monitoring complaints on electoral commissions.

WITHIN THE CEC, THE GOVERNING COALITION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EAST AND SOUTH, WHERE ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF VOTERS RESIDE.

To fully function, the commission must have at least 10 members present at its official meetings.

"Quorum denial" has been a technique used in the past to undermine the election process.

For example, after Yushchenko's first decree dismissing parliament on April 2, several pro-coalition CEC members suddenly fell ill, thus preventing the supervisory body from organizing elections.

CEC members in the past have been involved in falsifying election results, as well as exposing massive vote fraud.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Metals & Mining

Interpipe has been assigned a B+ rating with a negative outlook by Standard and Poor's. The agency said its rating reflected risks associated with operations in Ukraine, where all Interpipe plants are located, relatively volatile steel-related costs and pipe prices, and expected high CAPEX, reported Dragon Capital.

Arcelor Mittal Kryvy Rih (KSTL), Ukraine's largest steelmaker, plans to attract a \$500 million loan from the EBRD to finance its modernization program, according to Dragon Capital. Over 2007-10, KSTL plans to spend \$1.5 billion to replace its outdated open-hearth furnace with a new oxygen converter furnace (annual capacity of 4 million tons), build a continuous-casting complex (1.2 million tons) and a new scrap-processing plant (2.8 million tons).

Ukraine and the EU have signed an agreement to increase imports of Ukrainian steel products by 31.4%. According to the previous agreement, which was signed in July 2005, the quotas are in effect until Ukraine joins the WTO. The volume of Ukraine's metals exports to the EU in the fifth month of 2007 reached 52.7% of the new quota, according to Concorde Capital.

Recruitment

Brain Source International, one of Ukraine's leading recruitment agencies, opened a representative office in Mykolayiv to allow its clients from the southern regions of Ukraine and Crimea benefit from greater regional market exposure and its candidates to save time getting to interviews.

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Envoys criticize restored grain export quotas

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home in the run-up to snap elections later this year.

Deputy Prime Minister for Agricultural Policy Viktor Slauta announced the new quotas during a press conference on June 20.

Starting on July 1, exports of wheat, rye, barely and corn will be limited to 3,000 metric tons each, he said.

Just a few weeks earlier, on June 8, the government had completed its cancellation of similar restrictions, which were imposed in late 2006 and cancelled gradually throughout the first half of this year.

Traders scowled at the return of the export limits, as well as the short notice of their introduction.

Having lost around \$200 million from last year's quotas, farmers resigned themselves to again accepting a lower price for their grain from the government.

Both traders and representatives of farmers' associations said they had not been consulted before the government took its decision.

Last fall, the government had also surprised traders and farmers by unexpectedly announcing quotas of just over 1.1 million tons between December 2006 and June 2007.

Nevertheless, grain exports fell just a one or two million metric tons below the usual 10 million sold abroad.

The 2006 harvest totaled around 34 million metric tons. This year, estimates by independent analysts go as high as 31 million metric tons.

If the government doesn't review its new quotas in the fall, the country's grain exports will be virtually nil this year.

Slauta tried to soften the blow of the new quotas by suggesting that farmers might receive drought relief, but mar-

ket players are taking a wait-and-see approach.

He also pointed out that exporters could use the window of time between the cancellation of last year's quotas and the new ones that begin on July 1 to sell what they have already stored at ports.

Last year, some grain traders were forced to dump their rotting grain into the Black Sea to avoid paying crippling storage costs.

The ambassadors of the US,

new quotas threaten the country's WTO bid.

"The introduction of quotas and other methods currently being used by the government are again threatening Ukraine's bid to join the WTO and the country's cooperation with the WTO," Deputy Head of the Presidential Secretariat Viktor Bondar said during a press conference in Kyiv.

Yushchenko has made WTO entry one of the pillars of his policy of Western integration.

"IT IS HARD TO PREDICT WHAT EFFECT NEW TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES, ON AGRICULTURAL OR OTHER SECTORS, MIGHT HAVE ON THE TIMETABLE FOR WTO MEMBERSHIP."

— Ryan Koch, US Embassy spokesman

Germany and the Netherlands, where multinational grain traders operating in Ukraine have their headquarters, harshly criticized the quotas at that time.

More recently, US Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor told a live television audience that this year's drought was no reason to limit grain exports, and that Ukrainian farmers would be the ones who suffered the most.

Market insiders have echoed the ambassador's view.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko has also jumped into the fray, against the government, with which he has been locked in power struggles for over a year.

The president's Secretariat issued a statement on June 21, saying that the

Prime Minister Yanukovich has also supported WTO entry, while halting other attempts at Western integration, such as NATO membership.

WTO officials in Geneva declined to comment on the specifics of Ukraine's bid as a matter of policy, saying only that the country could theoretically achieve membership by the end of this year.

In early 2006, President Yushchenko predicted WTO entry by the end of that year, while last fall the parliament boasted that it had pushed through the last bill necessary for membership.

However, the entry process has taken longer than planned.

Oleg Riabokon, managing partner of the Kyiv-based law firm Magister & Partners, who has represented Ukraine in trade talks with the United States,

said the grain restrictions imposed by the government would "definitely" affect Ukraine's WTO bid.

According to Riabokon, multinational grain traders based in the United States and EU have powerful lobbies, whose positions will be voiced during future WTO accession talks.

"They should have consulted with the US and EU trade missions," he said.

Ukraine's WTO application could be delayed as a result of the way it imposed the new quotas, he added.

"These measures could have been introduced, but not so harshly and with more transparency," Riabokon said.

Ryan Koch, a spokesman for the US Embassy in Kyiv, told the *Post* that, "It is hard to predict what effect new trade restrictive measures, on agricultural or other sectors, might have on the timetable for WTO membership."

But he added, "It is safe to say they have the potential to complicate the accession."

For its part, the government has played up losses from the drought to justify its policy, although information is still scarce on the exact extent of the damage.

Economy Minister Anatoly Kinakh told a Ukrainian daily last week that as much as 7 to 10 million tons of grain had been lost to drought this year.

"Forecasts vary. Losses are estimated at 7 to 10 million metric tons," he said.

Kyiv-based agriculture analyst Radion Rybchinsky of APK-Info said no one knows yet for sure what the loss to this year's grain crops will be, as the State Statistics Committee has still not released figures.

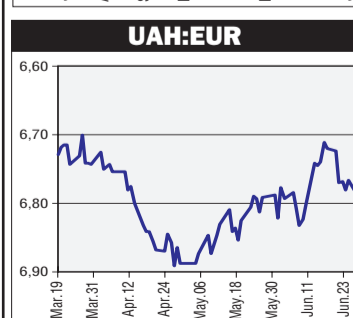
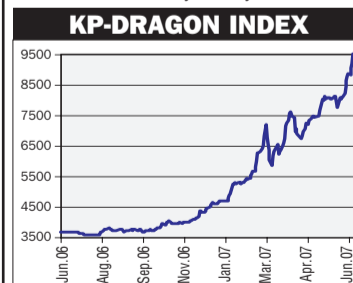
"Unfortunately, I cannot confirm the numbers given by Mr. Kinakh," he said.

He added, however, that Ukrainian farmers would likely bear the brunt of the drought, as well as the new quotas.

Dragon Capital Market Watch

MARKET COMMENTARY

Friday, June 22, was relatively quiet with very few changes on the floor, though the KP-Dragon index managed to close in positive territory (up 0.4%), trimming its week-on-week loss to 0.9%. Poltavskiy GOK (up 3.8%) followed London-listed Ferrexpo (up 9.5%) in thin trade, fueled by domestic demand, while other stocks attracted only limited interest. Friday's reported volumes topped \$10m, but 56% of the turnover was generated by crosses in three stocks. Alchevsk Steel for \$2.7m, Pivdenniy GOK for \$2m and Arcelor Mittal Kryviy Rih for \$1.1m. Dnipronergo (down 0.7%) incurred new losses due to profit-taking. We expect a mixed market during the short three-day working week ahead of the Constitution Day holiday.



Dragon Capital Market Watch is a business feature of the *Kyiv Post*.

Ukraine, Russia agree two-year economic cooperation pact

(Ukrainian News) – Ukraine and Russia have reached an agreement on economic cooperation that will last until the end of the decade. The Ukrainian-Russian economic cooperation program for 2008 to 2010 was signed on June 22 by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and Russia's Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov at the end of a meeting of the Ukrainian-Russian intergovernmental commission.

Ukraine's Economic Minister Anatoliy Kinakh and Russia's Deputy Economic Development and Trade Minister Vitaly Saveliev signed a protocol aimed at implementing the program.

Commenting on the signed document, Fradkov told a press conference that it consisted of 50 measures covering all areas of economic cooperation.

According to Kinakh, the program for economic cooperation between Ukraine and Russia foresees a new direction in the formation of the stock market to increase the volume of investment into both countries' economies.

Among priority directions of cooperation foreseen by the program, Kinakh named the fuel and energy sector, including the issue of transportation via Ukrainian pipelines of not only crude oil but also of other fuel and oil products.

He also noted that the program projects an inventory of all gas agreements and proposals for their improvement.

The program also foresees cooperation in the nuclear industry, particularly the use of Ukraine's energy engineering potential, and the production of nuclear fuel with elements of diversification.

In addition, the agreement specifies cooperation in the aircraft-building sector, particularly resuming construction of AN-124 aircraft, as well as joint production of AN-148 planes.

Increased cooperation in the space

industry was proposed, to be completed by the end of 2007, including an agreement between Ukraine and Russia on the production of rockets, as well as joint participation in the provision of space services.

Cooperation in transport infrastructure foresees improvements in tariff policy, as well as cooperation in transportation of containers on the so-called "silk route" from China via Central Asia, Russia and Ukraine to European Union states.

Among other priorities is cooperation in agriculture, particularly a boost in work to ensure access of Ukrainian meat and milk products to the Russian market.

It is also planned to increase work on minimizing use of protective measures, particularly use of antidumping procedures.

Turnover to grow

Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich predicted that trade turnover between Ukraine and Russia will grow to \$28 billion in 2007, according to a June 22 statement from the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers' press service, released during Yanukovich's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at his Novoogaryovo residence outside Moscow.

The prime minister noted that Ukraine and Russia had boosted cooperation in sectors such as machine-building and science-based production. He also pointed out good prospects in aircraft engineering, outer space and the power industries.

Putin indicated an increase in bilateral trade with Ukrainian exports to Russia, especially in machine-building and farm produce.

Putin expressed confidence that the current visit of Yanukovich to Russia would help extend and strengthen bilateral cooperation.

According to the State Statistics



A session of the Ukrainian-Russian intergovernmental economic cooperation committee met in Moscow June 22 to discuss economic cooperation measures for 2008 to 2010, covering a diverse program with an accent on fuel, energy and gas. (UNIAN)

Committee of Ukraine, in 2006 the export of Ukrainian goods to Russia totaled approximately \$8.6 billion, and imports, nearly \$13.8 billion.

Nuclear energy

Russia's Prime Minister Fradkov said that Russia is interested in developing cooperation with Ukraine in the nuclear energy industry.

Fradkov spoke at a joint press conference with Ukraine's Prime Minister Yanukovich in Moscow June 22.

"We are prepared to deliver fuel rods to Ukrainian nuclear power stations, we are prepared to cooperate at the International Uranium Enrichment Center in the future, that is, a comprehensive program is emerging here," Fradkov said.

He announced that the heads of the Ukrainian-Russian intergovernmental committee on economic cooperation's energy subcommittee delivered reports on the amount of work that has been done during the June 22 meeting of the committee and that the committee approved the results of their work.

Ukraine's state-owned Ukratomprom nuclear concern and Russia's Federal Nuclear Energy Agency (Rosatom) recently signed a protocol on cooperation between Ukrainian and Russian nuclear industry enterprises.

The Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers will consider Russia's proposal to participate in the work of an international center on uranium enrichment in the town of Angarsk, Russia.

Ukratomprom and Rosatom plan to

compile and agree a list of cooperation projects by July 1.

The two sides intend to cooperate on the following issues in the nuclear industry: improvement of safety, modernization, raising the effectiveness of nuclear reactors, extending the service lives of existing nuclear reactors, development of nuclear reactors that are competitive on the world market, construction of nuclear power stations in Russia, Ukraine and third countries, including the manufacture and delivery of equipment to them, production of nuclear fuel for nuclear power stations, handling of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste, and training and improving the qualifications of personnel in the area of nuclear energy and the nuclear industry.

Yushchenko and EC discuss Ukraine's European integration

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso have discussed various aspects of Ukraine's integration with Europe, the Ukrainian News information agency reported on June 22.

According to a press statement from Yushchenko, topics included the signing of an enhanced agreement between Ukraine and the European Union, the question of a free trade zone, the Ukraine-EU summit and a report by the working group for Ukraine's accession to the World Trade Organization.

"In general I'm very pleased with the

dialogue we're conducting, first of all, with the European Union leadership, because each discussion is aimed at one or another part of our relations," Yushchenko said.

Yushchenko noted that Ukraine has done everything possible to secure its accession to the WTO at the level of formal decisions, as well as at the level of legislation. However, the EC president expressed doubts that the group's report will be positive.

Yushchenko had earlier discussed aspects of Ukraine's European integration with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French Prime Minister Francois Fillon, Premier of the Netherlands Jan Peter Balkenende, Premier of Luxembourg Jean-Claude Juncker, Premier of Albania Sali Berisha, and Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Mirek Topolánek.

Deputies called to relinquish parliamentary immunity

Parliament Speaker Oleksandr Moroz has criticized President Viktor Yushchenko for calling on parliamentary deputies to relinquish their parliamentary immunity, according to parliament's press service, reported Ukrainian News information agency on June 21.

Moroz described Yushchenko's statement as a propaganda game.

"It is a propaganda game along the lines of a 'strong president' with equal rights for citizens while forgetting that this can also apply to himself and thousands of bureaucrats, including judges that also have immunity," Moroz said.

He also described such a call as a poorly concealed start of a campaign for

a referendum on the adoption of a new Constitution. He stressed that the initiator of the idea of abolishing parliamentary immunity is not just Yushchenko.

"Apart from his predecessor [Leonid Kuchma], the current opposition members, including Yulia Tymoshenko, have made statements to this effect also in an attempt to increase the numbers of their supporters," he said.

Moroz added that he has co-authored draft constitutional amendments that were presented on May 16 to relinquish parliamentary immunity only in exclusive cases connected to arrests.

Moreover, Moroz said that he distributed an updated version of the draft amendments to participants in a meeting of a consultative and advisory council in Korosten (Zhytomyr Region) on June 20.

"In other words, those who want changes are doing it without making statements. Those who are using them to mask their real intentions are resorting to propagandist statements," Moroz said.

Yushchenko recently said that he expected the parliamentary candidates of all the political parties and blocs that will contest parliamentary elections to relinquish their parliamentary immunity beforehand.

Earlier, Yushchenko called on future parliamentary candidates to publicly relinquish their parliamentary immunity after securing election into the new parliament.

After this call, political parties belonging to the Our Ukraine bloc promised to initiate the abolition of

parliamentary immunity in the next parliament, while the People's Party expressed support for such an initiative.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich has described the call for deputies to relinquish their parliamentary immunity as populist.

Ukraine requests US anti-missile confirmation in Europe

Ukraine has requested the US to officially confirm the position presented by Henry Obering, director of the Missile Defense Agency at the US Department of Defense, that the aim of the anti-missile defense elements, which are to be deployed in Poland and the Czech Republic, is to ensure the security of Europe.

Defense Minister Anatoliy Hrytsenko made the statement live on TV's 5 Kanal on the evening of June 21.

According to Hrytsenko, Obering said that in the event of the deployment of the anti-missile defense systems in Europe, the US will inform Ukraine and Russia of unauthorized missile launches that may pose a threat to the countries.

"This is very important, because our military will obtain information without investing a single kopeck if anything dangerous is flying in our direction," he said.

According to Hrytsenko, Obering agreed that Ukraine and Russia would be able to check the missile at any time.

"This is also highly important in terms of maintaining an environment of transparency and trust," he said.

Ukraine's traditions thrive



Youth ensemble Veseli Cherevycky performed in Lviv on June 20. (UNIAN)

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Eni, Gazprom sign Russia-Bulgaria gas pipeline deal

ROME (AP) – Italian energy company Eni SpA and Russia's state-controlled OAO Gazprom on June 23 said they signed a memorandum of understanding on the possibility of supplying Russian gas to European Union countries through a pipeline under the Black Sea.

The deal, under which the two companies will undertake a feasibility study, was announced at a news conference by Eni chief Paolo Scaroni and a top Gazprom executive, Alexander Medvedev.

Gazprom energy executives had held talks earlier in the week with Eni and Italian government officials.

The pipeline, to be called South Stream, would run under the Black Sea and through Bulgaria, and distribute gas to northern and southern Europe.

Under the plan, more than 900 kilometers (550 miles) of pipeline would be laid down under the sea and across the new EU member before splitting off in two directions, north through Hungary to reach Austria, and south through Greece and on to Otranto, a port near the southeastern tip of Italy, the Italian news agency Apcom said.

Italian company Saipem SpA has already begun a preliminary study, Eni said.

Poland in tussle over EU treaty

WARSAW, Poland (AP) – Combative, nationalistic, obstructionist.

That's the prevailing image of Poland waiting for Polish President Lech Kaczynski as he joins other European Union leaders at a Brussels summit meant to revive the bloc's stalled constitution.

Throughout Western Europe, newspapers have been warning that Warsaw could single-handedly doom the treaty over its opposition to its voting rights system.

Nothing captures that better than this week's cover of Germany's *Der Spiegel* magazine, which shows the embattled German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the EU president laboring for a deal, on all fours, her back bent under the weight of Poland's president and prime minister, the pudgy, identical Kaczynski twins.

"The unloved neighbors," the cover reads. "How the Poles are getting on Europe's nerves."

But Poland's stance, viewed as stubborn and unpredictable abroad, seems to many Poles nothing but reasonable and fair. And many Poles in both the government and opposition wonder why the rest of Europe is not paying closer attention to its proposals for creating what it says is a more equitable voting system than the one now on the table.

Poland opposes proposed voting rules in the draft treaty that would allow legislation to be passed if 55 percent of EU nations representing 65 percent of the EU population say "yes" to a measure.

Warsaw says that the "double majority" system gives undue power to larger states such as Germany at the expense of small- and medium-sized states, such as itself – and proposes to rectify the matter with an alternative system based on the mathematical square root of the population of each state.

Serbian president offers 'compromise' over Kosovo

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) – Serbia is ready for a "compromise" over Kosovo, its president said June 22, warning that independence for the breakaway province would destabilize Europe.

"Belgrade's basic position is maintaining Serbia's territorial integrity," Boris Tadic told a meeting of the Council of Europe ambassadors held in Belgrade.

"At the same time, we believe that in further talks (with Kosovo Albanian leaders) we could reach a compromise solution that would be acceptable to all," Tadic said.

The US and European Union are backing a UN Security Council resolution which they hope would lead to Kosovo's quick separation from Serbia. But, Serbia rejects the plan, and veto-wielding Russia says it will continue its opposition unless Belgrade approves it.

Serbia's breakaway southern province, where ethnic Albanians comprise an overwhelming majority, has been a UN protectorate since NATO intervention that ended a war between Serb forces and separatist rebels in 1999.

"Kosovo is not only Serbia's problem, but Europe's problem as well," Tadic said. "We don't want to be a problem for Europe but a part of Europe's solution."

US and Republic of Georgia sign economic agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Republic of Georgia and the United States agreed June 20 to establish a forum aimed at boosting trade and investment.

The deal sets up a council for the two countries to discuss ways to make it easier to do business. Deputy US Trade Representative John Voroneau and Georgian Minister of Economic Development George Arveladze signed the agreement at a ceremony in Washington.

The US says the trade and investment framework agreement will help bolster a close ally in the Caucasus that has been praised for implementing democratic and economic change since the Rose Revolution in 2003.

"Increased trade and investment between our two countries will strengthen Georgia's efforts to reform and develop its economy," Voroneau said.

Leaders of the former Soviet republic hope the move could pave the way for an eventual free trade agreement which would help its efforts to reorient its economy toward the West. Georgia has been looking for ways to reduce dependence on Russia amid simmering tensions that led Moscow last year to impose temporary sanctions in response to the brief detention of Russians for alleged espionage.

The Georgian government also aspires to join NATO, another point of contention with Russia, which is uneasy about US influence in the Caucasus.

Summit seeks counterbalance to Russia in sea basins

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP) – Leaders of four ex-Soviet nations on June 19 discussed ways to counterbalance Russia's wide influence in the Caspian and Black Sea basins at a summit of their regional grouping.

The summit is the first for the organization called GUAM-Organization for Democracy and Economic Development since its four member countries – Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova – agreed last year to deepen ties and cooperation.

The summit's host, Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, and other leaders spoke in support of extending the Odessa-Brody crude oil pipeline through Ukraine to bring Caspian Sea oil to a refinery in Plock, Poland, and on to the Baltic Sea port of Gdansk.

"Our countries are offering their political support to this project," Aliyev said.

The pipeline would provide another outlet for European-bound, Caspian Sea oil to bypass Russia. Ukraine built the 667-kilometer (413-mile) pipeline in 2001, but it has remained largely idle because of bickering about whether to accept oil from Russia or to pump oil from Caspian Sea countries northward to Poland and on to the rest of Europe.

Azerbaijan has some of the largest oil reserves in the former Soviet Union. Much of the oil pumped from its Caspian Sea fields now travels via a pipeline through Georgia and across



Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin during a ceremony marking Russian Remembrance Day, near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside Moscow's Kremlin wall on June 22, when 66 years ago Nazi Germany attacked the Soviet Union. (AP)

Russia remembers



Russian film director and actor Nikita Mikhalkov, also the president of the Moscow International Film Festival, center, greeted Sarajevo-born film director Emir Kusturica (right) and producer Maja Kusturica, left, at the opening of the Moscow International Film Festival in Moscow June 21. Kusturica's movie "Promise Me This," opened the 29th Moscow International Film Festival. (AP)

Promise me this

Turkey to the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan.

Polish President Lech Kaczynski, who attended the summit, emphasized that the Odessa-Brody pipeline could help avoid "energy blackmail" – an apparent reference to Russia.

US military commander and Turkmen president meet

ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan (AP) – A top US military commander met with Turkmenistan's new president for talks on regional security, counterterrorism operations and drug trafficking, state-run media reported June 21.

Adm. William Fallon's trip comes as Washington jockeys with Moscow for influence in the natural-gas-rich Central Asian nation, which has begun to emerge from years of authoritarian – and quixotic – rule and reclusion by the late Saparmurat Niyazov.

Under Niyazov, Turkmenistan maintained an official state policy of neutrality. After the Sept 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States, Washington requested – and was granted – overflight rights for US military planes headed to Afghanistan.

Gurbanguli Berdimukhamedov, who succeeded Niyazov after his death in December, has moved to open Turkmen society, and bolster foreign ties.

Russia, meanwhile, last month succeeded in securing Turkmenistan's agreement for a landmark pipeline deal that would strengthen Moscow's control over Central Asia's energy export routes.

That was widely seen as a major blow for US and European efforts to secure Turkmenistan's backing for a pipeline running under the Caspian Sea, which would bypass Russia.

Putin hosts Moldovan president on Trans-Dniester conflict talks

MOSCOW (AP) – Russia's President Vladimir Putin held talks with his Moldovan counterpart on June 22 focusing on the long-running conflict in Moldova's breakaway Trans-Dniester province.

Putin opened the meeting with Moldovan President Vladimir Voronin by mentioning efforts to improve relations that have worsened in recent years. "We also have other problems to discuss, including political issues related

to the Trans-Dniester settlement," Putin said at the start of his talks with Voronin which took place in the Russian president's residence outside Moscow.

Trans-Dniester, a province in eastern Moldova mainly populated by Russians and Ukrainians, broke away in 1992 after a bloody war with Moldova which left over 1,500 people dead.

Russia helped mediate the conflict and deployed its peacekeepers to monitor a truce. Russia maintains about 1,500 troops in Trans-Dniester despite calls by the United States and the European Union to respect a 1999 pledge to withdraw them.

Russian officials say Trans-Dniester is strategically important for Russia and withdrawing the troops would cause instability.

Some analysts speculated that Russia and Moldova had been involved in talks to revive the Kozak plan that would have given complete autonomy to Trans-Dniester while renaming it Moldovan Dniester Republic.

There was no immediate indication, however, of any immediate breakthrough.

Foreign and local businesses driving legal market competition



Andriy Astapov, managing partner of the Kyiv-based Astapov Lawyers International Law Group, said that clients are demanding quality above all from law firms – a sure sign that the legal services market is maturing. (Courtesy photo)

By VOLODYMYR MASHCHENKO

Demand for legal services is growing together with the country's economy as more foreign companies enter the Ukrainian market and as more Ukrainian companies make investments abroad. Accordingly, competition

on the Ukrainian legal services market is growing tougher, particularly among large law firms that strive to provide high quality services to an increasingly exacting clientele.

However, some specialized areas of legal practice in Ukraine do not enjoy sufficient attention on the part of law

firms due to the lack of qualified specialists and low remunerations in those areas. The result is almost no competition and poor quality of services provided. The situation is further aggravated by the practice of dumping prices for certain services by some of the players on the legal market. Thus, in

terms of quality and compliance with international standards, the level of legal services offered in certain areas remains very low.

The legal services market in Ukraine can be currently characterized by the rapid growth of the major players in an environment of increasing competition. The larger firms are gradually squeezing out weaker and smaller legal companies. Market insiders say that another tendency of the legal services market that is being observed suggests that the legal sector is simply developing together with other major economic sectors. Thus, local firms are gradually integrating into the interna-

terms of quality and compliance with international standards, the level of legal services offered in certain areas remains very low. His firm opened an office in Kyiv in 2006.

On the one hand, many foreign players have appeared on the Ukrainian legal market only recently, most of them with a substantive client base internationally and a network of partners worldwide. On the other hand, more and more Ukrainian companies dealing in various aspects of businesses have started to play on the international stage, gradually becoming larger and gaining greater influence.

Ukrainian companies who are entering international markets require legal advisory services on restructuring their holdings, as well as legal assistance in realizing their various international projects, including the establishment of foreign representative offices, purchasing companies and property abroad.

"Until recently, such companies weren't ready to pay a lawyer for that kind of activity. But now they understand the importance of legal support. This developing tendency encourages such companies to seek quality legal services, which makes this sector another income point for legal firms in Ukraine," said Timur Bondaryev, an equity partner with Arzinger&Partners, an international alliance of legal firms. His firm was founded in Berlin, Germany in 1990 and has been operating in Ukraine since 2002.

SOME LAW FIRMS ARE SELLING SERVICES CHEAP SO THEY CAN MENTION PRESTIGIOUS CLIENTS ON THEIR WEBSITES.

– Timur Bondaryev,
Arzinger&Partners

national market and foreign law firms are finding the Ukrainian market to be increasingly attractive and enter it rather willingly.

"Without any doubts there is an increasing arrival of international investors who are looking for legal advice on the level of international stan-

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Lawyers struggling with corruption in courts and government

By VOLODYMYR MASHCHENKO

James T. Hitch is managing partner with Baker & McKenzie, a global law company with 70 offices in 38 countries. He hails from the United States where he graduated from Harvard University's Law School in 1975. He has worked for Baker & McKenzie for 32 years: 22 in the firm's head office in Chicago, five in St. Petersburg, Russia and the last five-and-a-half years in Kyiv. Baker & McKenzie was established in Kyiv in 1992. It is part of the "CIS Regional Unit" with offices in Moscow and St. Petersburg in Russia, Baku, Azerbaijan and Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Baker & McKenzie has grown significantly in Kyiv, particularly in the past four years. The firm currently employs 62 attorneys specializing in nearly a dozen practice areas, including Banking & Finance, Real Estate & Construction, Corporate & M&A, Competition, Tax, Litigation, and Intellectual Property.

In his interview with the Post, Hitch said that one of the challenges lawyers currently face in Ukraine is maintaining high ethical and professional standards in the face of corruption within the court systems and governmental administrations.

KP: What are the trends and tendencies currently being observed on the legal services market in Ukraine? Is there anything new on market?

JH: Due to the significant increase of investor interest in Ukraine – for both direct foreign investment and portfolio investment – during the past three years, lawyers are being increasingly involved in transactional work, including due diligence investigations and the drafting and negotiation of acquisition and loan agreements. Portfolio investors have stimulated the growth of hedge funds and real estate investment funds, Eurobonds and IPOs, requiring lawyers to become much more involved in servicing international capital market transactions.

KP: What legal services are currently most in demand in Ukraine?

JH: The highest demand is for transactional legal services: syndicated loans,

securitizations, Eurobonds, IPOs, and acquisitions, with the due diligence and contract drafting and negotiations that accompany them.

KP: In your opinion, what are the main driving forces in the legal services market today?

JH: I consider the main driving forces to be investment in all forms to develop the tremendous opportunities provided by Ukraine, both with regard to its market of 47 million potential customers and its supply market in steel, minerals, grain and other food products, transport, banking, etc.

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KP: Please describe the major challenges and problems faced by law firms in today's Ukraine?

JH: The number one challenge is to find an adequate number of intelligent, highly motivated, and experienced attorneys to discharge the ever increasing inflow of legal work coming to our firm and to our competitors. The second greatest challenge is for lawyers to maintain the highest ethical standards of trust required by clients in the current political and business environments in Ukraine, where illegal corporate raiders and corruption in the courts and in the government administrations challenge lawyers to maintain the rule of law and their own personal codes of conduct.

KP: How has the situation with clients been changing lately? Are more foreign companies seeking legal services or are more Ukrainian companies seeking out your services?

JH: Both. More foreign companies and more Ukrainian companies have been seeking the services of Baker & McKenzie in Kyiv. Not only do foreign clients come to us through our firm's global network, but many foreign companies, looking to invest or do business in Ukraine and seeking legal representation and services, contact us either through our website or through "word of mouth" from other clients, foreign embassies, or local business associations, and choose us based on "beauty contests" among law firms or tenders for legal services. More noticeable for us is the number of Ukrainian



James T. Hitch, managing partner of Baker & McKenzie's Kyiv offices, has spent more than five years in Ukraine. He said that among the challenges facing Ukrainian law firms today is finding "an adequate number of intelligent, highly-motivated and experienced attorneys." (Oleksiy Boyko)

companies who choose us not only to assist them with projects outside of Ukraine with the help of one of our foreign offices, but more and more on projects in Ukraine with an international element, such as a borrowing from an international financial organization or the listing of the company's shares or bonds on a foreign stock exchange.

KP: Is there sufficient competition on the market of legal services in Ukraine? Can we say this market is saturated?

JH: There is certainly sufficient competition currently on the market for

legal services in Ukraine. While I consider Baker & McKenzie Kyiv to be an excellent law firm, I also can say the same about our other foreign and Ukrainian competitors. I cannot say that this market is saturated, since we still have such a great shortage of supply of, and such an ever growing need for, first-rate Ukrainian lawyers, that, unlike in other countries (like my home country, the US), you simply cannot say that there are "just too many lawyers" in Ukraine at present.

KP: What is your forecast concerning the development of the legal services

market in the nearest future? Which directions of work are the most promising?

JH: I believe that the legal market in Ukraine will continue to develop in the nearest future, both with large firms, like ours, continuing to grow as rapidly as we can find qualified attorneys, and with many new firms either entering the market from abroad or being formed from existing law firms. I do not see the current trend in the directions of work changing in the near future. I consider that the transactional legal services will continue to be the most promising and in the greatest demand by clients.

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Deficit of qualified, multilingual lawyers felt on legal market

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Another notable tendency currently being observed on the legal services market is the rise of client expectations concerning the quality of legal services being offered. The quality of today's legal services in Ukraine radically differs from the situation of several years ago, market insiders claim.

"Today, when choosing a law firm, clients look at the level of quality and nothing else. For us, this is the evidence of the maturity of the market. So, the constant challenge nowadays is to meet the constantly growing threshold of quality," said Andriy Astapov, a managing partner with Astapov Lawyers International Law Group. His firm has been operating in Ukraine since 2002 and places particular emphasis on corporate, commercial and financial matters.

Meanwhile, the legal services market in Ukraine have been developing in tandem with the progress of the most rapidly growing areas of business, with M&A (mergers and acquisitions) deals and legal support for real estate deals being the absolute leaders in terms of the most popular services offered by law firms.

"Nowadays there are many investments and correspondingly a lot of activity in the fields of M&A and real estate, purchase and selling of companies, and the construction sector. Obviously, legal services are in high demand within these fields," said Bondaryev.

Some legal market insiders say that the growing demand in these areas and

the success of legal firm in satisfying that demand are partially attributable to certain improvements in legislation and the regulatory environment, as well as with a general improvement in legal stability that has been recently observed.

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"I am pleased to witness that friendly mergers and acquisitions (M&As) now seem to outnumber the practice of hostile takeovers called "raiding," said Astapov.

Concerning the major challenges faced by law firms operating in Ukraine, market insiders point to a biased court system and a lack of highly-skilled specialists. There is a deficit lawyers to fill

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— Andriy Astapov,
Astapov Lawyers

positions in legal firms that are striving to keep up with growing level of expectations to representatives the profession.

"I will say nothing new if when I point out that the Ukrainian court system is the main problem for Ukrainian lawyers

and law firms," said Astapov. "A lawyer cannot be certain of the advice he offers and remain confident that he will successfully represent and protect his clients' rights in the court."

Astapov added that the court system in Ukraine has been further discredited by the latest political developments. He said that the political crisis drew the courts into political confrontation.

"The important separation of politics and the law that is crucial in any democratic society is still not in place here," Astapov said.

For his part Bondaryev of Arzinger&Partners said that it is difficult to find decent staff for law firms operating in Ukraine.

"For example, it is hard to find good qualified employees who know foreign languages. It's hard to find simply a good lawyer, but to find a good lawyer who knows one or two foreign languages is a real problem," said Bondaryev.

According to industry insiders, another problem is the practice of undercutting prices for legal services in Ukraine.

"A number of law firms are involved in 'dumping' and selling their services for big projects at cheap prices, only in order to produce an impression of being prestigious by mentioning names of respectable clients on their websites and by saying that they work for those clients," said Bondaryev.

According to Astapov the seemingly large number of law firms operating on the market might give the impression that competition is high. The reality, however, is that there are many shortfalls in the lists of services provided by the some of the so-called "full service

range" law firms. Astapov said that some specialized areas are commonly ignored by large law firms, including work in the field criminal, family and labor law.

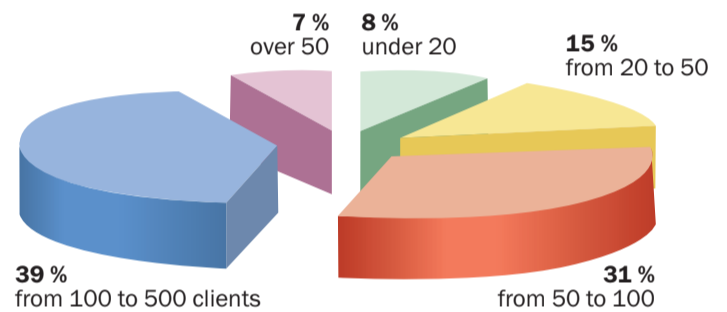
Astapov said that these fields do not enjoy sufficient attention from Ukrainian law firms because the value of services in these areas is considered low by lawyers. Moreover, Astapov said, it is very difficult to prepare high quality specialists to work in these specialized fields.

"Also, the competition on the legal services market is non-existent when a client begins to look for quality and professionalism. In my opinion, there are only a few legal firms in Ukraine that can provide services consistent with international standards," added Astapov.

Nevertheless, the forecast for legal services market in Ukraine for the nearest future is generally favorable. The positive tendencies seem to be growing stronger with the lion's share of legal activities encompassing real estate transactions (because the Ukrainian real estate market is still growing), M&A and capital market transactions (IPOs, for example). Other legal fields for which demand will grow include litigation and corporate law, as new foreign businesses enter the Ukrainian market by establishing their own companies or buying Ukrainian ones.

"I do not foresee any major structural changes on the market in the next few years. I would still name the corporate, real estate, intellectual (property rights) and labor law as the most promising fields of work," said Astapov.

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LAW FIRM BEITEN BURKHARDT ADVISES ON STOCK EXCHANGE DEBUT OF UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN GROUPS

Frankfurt/Main, 29 May 2007 - German-Ukrainian and German-Russian legal teams from the law firm Beiten Burkhardt have already advised on three stock exchange listings by Ukrainian and Russian groups since the beginning of the year. The most important of these transactions was TMM Real Estate Holding Development plc which has been included for trading on the Open Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 29 May.

A team from Beiten Burkhardt's offices in Frankfurt and Kyiv acted as advisers to the Ukrainian investment bank Concorde Capital for this first primary listing of a Ukrainian company in Germany. Concorde Capital was responsible for the previous private placement of the global depository shares (GDS) with institutional investors. The market capitalization of the property holding company TMM is currently approximately 750 million euro.

Similarly, Beiten Burkhardt advised Trigon Capital A/S (Denmark) on its stock exchange listing in the First North segment of the Northern European market OMX in May. The group, which operates in the agro-industry, was advised on both Ukrainian law and Russian law because Trigon's business activities centre within both CIS states. Trigon's market capitalization is currently approximately 80 million euros.

The lead partner on both mandates was Beiten Burkhardt's Frankfurt partner, Robert Michels. Robert Michels was assisted in the TMM listing by Kyiv associates Marina Tegypko and Anna Gorkun and in Trigon's listing by the Dusseldorf/

St. Petersburg partner, Dr. Thomas Heidemann, and by Kyiv associate Dr. Julian Ries.

"We are delighted to have helped the first Ukrainian groups to successfully go public. Further listings are planned and will be completed in the coming months under our guidance," said Felix Rackwitz, Head of Beiten Burkhardt's Ukrainian practice.

Already in February of this year, Beiten Burkhardt had already advised on a rare primary listing of a Russian group in Germany. IBS Group Holding Limited (Isle of Man) has also been included for trading on the Open Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The lead partners on this mandate were Robert Michels and partner Dr. Christian von Wistinghausen, Head of the firm's Moscow office. Both were supported by associate Ivan Podbereznyak.

These transactions clearly demonstrate that particularly Frankfurt is an attractive alternative to the London Stock Exchange for companies from the CIS states", said capital markets lawyer Robert Michels. "A crucial factor for our Ukrainian and Russian clients when instructing us was that we can offer one-stop competent advice on German as well as Russian and Ukrainian law".

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Konnov & Sozanovsky 01019 Kyiv 23 Shota Rustaveli info@konnov.com www.konnov.com	(044)490-5400 (044)490-5490	Tetyana Glukhovska	1992	100 / 0	50	\$39- 394	Law drafting and analytical activities, due diligence, consulting, client interests representation, obtaining approvals of Antimonopoly committee, securities trading	Banking, veterinary science, investment, light industry, media, telecommunications, real estate, food, privatization, IT, advertising/design, publishing, insurance	39	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	English, German, French	Adam Smith Advertising, Canon Europe, Carlson Wagonlit, Celenia Ukraine, Dansk Eternit Holding, Delta Compression	WND
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Deloitte & Touche 01004 Kyiv 42/4 Pushkinska kyiv@deloitte.com.ua www.deloitte.com.ua	(044)490-9000 (044)490-9001	Vladimir Vakht	1993	WND	356	WND	Legal support, due diligence, document drafting and analysis, legal advice and preparation of supporting documents, legal reviews preparation	Corporate, commerce, real estate, finance, banking, taxation, trade, leasing	27	WND	WND	New York, USA / 1	English, German, Georgian, Polish	Prominvest Bank, OTP Bank, Ukrzazbank, Soyuz-Viktan, UMC, Astelit, SCM, Mittal Steel Kryvyi Rih, 1+1 TV Channel	WND



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DLA Piper Ukraine 03150 Kyiv 77-A Chervonoarmiytska, 4th floor ukraine@dlapiper.com www.dlapiper.com	(044)490-9575 (044)490-9577	Margarita Karpenko	2005	0 / 100	48	WND	Full range of legal services	Corporate law, M&A, banking and finance, competition, intellectual property, taxation, labor law	26	WND	WND	London, UK / 1	English, German, French, Polish	BBH, OBI, Fromageries Bel, Inter Continental	WND
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Pravis 83055 Donetsk 10 Universytetska info@pravis.ua www.pravis.ua	(062)381-0135 (062)337-2852	Igor Golovan	1996	100 / 0	36	\$40- 300	M&A, legal drafting, legal analysis, consulting, transaction and corporate schemes drafting, due diligence, tax planning, corporate restructuring, corporate and assets restructuring	Energy, oil and gas, mineral and mining, telecommunications, metallurgy, transport, food and beverages, real estate, investment, taxation	19	WND	WND	Donetsk, Ukraine / 1	English	WND	WND
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Vasil Kisil & Partners 01030 Kyiv 17/52-A B. Khmelnytskoho vkp@vkp.kiev.ua www.kisilandpartners.com	(044)581-7777 (044)581-7770	Vasil Kisil	1992	100 / 0	WND	WND	Full corporate legal service to Ukrainian and international clients as well as a range of advice to private individual clients	Competition and antimonopoly, litigation and arbitration, energy and natural resources, banking and finance, property and real estate, privatization	17	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	WND	WND
Lavrynovych & Partners 01021 Kyiv 14/24 Klovskiy Uzviz, office #101 office@lp.ua www.lp.ua	(044)494-2727 (044)492-9997	Maksym Lavrynovych	2004	100 / 0	30	\$50- 250	Legal and consulting, litigation and arbitration, anti-trust and competition analysis	Finance, insurance, due diligence, antimonopoly, competition law, commercial and customs law, foreign investments, tax planning, consulting, labor relations	17	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	English	McDonald's, Colliers International, Louis Dreyfus, Saturn, Barlinek, World Class Office, Procter & Gamble, DLA Piper Ukraine	WND

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PricewaterhouseCoopers 01054 Kyiv 38 Turgenivska pwc.ukraine@ua.pwc.com www.pwc.com/ua	(044)490-6777 (044)486-4558	Boris Krasnyansky, Ron Barden	1993	WND	More than 270	WND	Legal advice on corporate restructuring, acquisitions disposals, mergers and takeovers, capital and financial transactions, investment structures, project finance, legal due diligence	Banking, finance, business, commerce, energy and natural resources, real estate, privatisation, dispute resolution, competition	15	WND	WND	N/A / 1	English, French, Spanish	WND	\$22 billion (world-wide)
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The Silecky Firm 04070 Kyiv 30 Spaska, Podil Plaza mbsilecky@sileckyfirm.com www.sileckyfirm.com www.ssd.com	(044)490-5934 (044)490-5936	Markian Silecky, Helen Krysh-talowych, Peter Teluk	1995	0 / 100	22	\$132-463	Full range of legal services for corporate transactions	Corporate law, finance and securities, banking, emerging business and venture capital, real estate, communications, intellectual property, energy, competition law, environmental law	13	WND	WND	Morristown, New Jersey, USA / 1	English, French, German, Spanish	WND	WND
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Solomon-Group 03039 Kyiv 7 Holosivivska, block #1-A info@solomon-group.com www.solomon-group.com	(044)251-4647 (044)251-4648 (044)251-4650	Nadiya Porunova	1995	100 / 0	50	\$70-100	Legal consulting and examination, legal support for operations with real estate, economic and civil law, corporate, land and procedural law	Commerce, real estate, investment, taxation, business, taxation	7	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	English, German, Polish	PrivatBank, OTP Bank, HVB Ukraine, Raiffeisen Bank Aval, Dragon Capital, Reader's Digest, Fozzy Group, Oriflame	WND
Melnychenko & Likarchuk 01001 Kyiv 9-B Mykhaylivskiy Prov., office #68 mail@mnp.com www.mnp.com	(044)230-2571 (044)230-2709	Kostyantyn Likarchuk	2000	100 / 0	7	201	Enterprise registration and liquidation, consulting on custom legislation, tax analysis for international transactions, commercial litigation and arbitration, elaborate	Corporate law, interaction with state bodies, taxation, labor and contract law, franchising, property and real estate, commercial litigation and arbitration	5	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	English, German, French, Spanish	WND	WND
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AGA Partners 03028 Kyiv 11-A Nauky Prosp. office@agalawyers.org www.agalawyers.org	(044)206-0676 (044)206-0675	Aminat Suleymanova	2005	WND	7	WND	Comprehensive consulting on legislation, project schemes, transactions, agreements, investment schemes, drafting, legal follow-up of transactions	Banking and finance, investment, copyright, taxation, antitrust, insurance, media, European and international law, intellectual property, family law	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English, German, French	WND	WND
Agency in Debt and Bankruptcy Questions 01001 Kyiv P.O. Box #295-B mail@debts.com.ua www.debts.com.ua	(044)451-5990 (044)492-1874	Vadym Khabibullin	2001	100 / 0	10	\$200	Legal proceedings of bankruptcy, liquidation of legal entities, corporate conflicts, pre-judicial settlement of disputes, debts recovery, protection from debts recovery	Business	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	WND	WND	\$495,000
Aleksandrov & Partners 04060 Kyiv 5 Olzhycha, office #62 office@lawyers.com.ua www.lawyers.com.ua	(044)453-7787	Dmytro Alexandrov	2002	100 / 0	22	WND	Legal support	Business, real estate, construction, court, arbitration, enforcement of judgments, finance, intellectual property, advertising and PR, international trade	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	English, Italian	WND	WND
Amsel & Co Ukraine 01004 Kyiv 20 Antonovycha, offices #3-4 secretary@amsel-co.com.ua www.amsel-levi.com	(044)246-7988 (044)246-7993	Hennadiy Varytskyi	1999	0 / 100	More than 10	WND	Legal support for Israeli business	Corporate law, real estate and land, commerce, intellectual property, taxation, aviation and family law courts	WND	WND	WND	Tel-Aviv, Israel / 2	English, Hebrew, Portuguese	Israeli Embassy, Sokhnut, EL-AL, Israeli Airlines, NETAFIM, SpaceCom, LR Group, TAL Aviation, Elgud Group	WND
ANK 65026 Odessa 9 Lanzheronivska, office #17 office@ank.odessa.ua www.ank.odessa.ua	(0482)348-716	Alexander Kifak	1996	100 / 0	24	\$70-150	Drafting of contracts and other documents, legal advice on Ukrainian law, litigation and arbitration, tax consulting and planning	Corporate, commercial, M&A, investment, insolvency, insurance, litigation, arbitration, real estate, construction, taxation, customs, transportation, shipping	WND	WND	WND	Odessa, Ukraine / 3	English, German	WND	WND
Argument 01023 Kyiv 20-B Shota Rustaveli main@argument.org.ua www.argument.org.ua	(044)592-8114 (044)287-7222	Alexander Zolotuhin	2003	100 / 0	WND	\$30	Legalization of companies, tax planning, legal consulting, representation in courts, drafting contracts, legislation expertise	Banking, real estate, taxation, investment, corporate law, intellectual property, criminal law	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	English	Nadra Bank, Central Agency Ukrainian State Investment Expertise, National Ukrainian Union of Artists, Metropolitan Funds	WND
AS Consulting 01021 Kyiv 24/7 Instyutska, office #22 info@asconsulting.com.ua www.asconsulting.com.ua	(044)253-1818	Andrey Tsvetkov	2005	100 / 0	10	WND	Full service	Corporate and commercial, litigation, insolvency, antitrust and competition, banking and finance, real estate, arbitration, intellectual property, tax law	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	Horizon Capital, Western NIS Enterprise Fund	WND
Dmitrieva & Partners 02098 Kyiv 3 Dniprovskaya Naberezhna office@dmp.com.ua www.dmp.com.ua	(044)553-7660 (044)553-7439	Oliha Dmitrieva	1994	100 / 0	26	\$80-396	Complex legal services in economic activities, monitoring of legislation, legal support of transactions, court cases and cases of arbitration, legal examination	Real estate, investment, currency regulation, corporate, taxation, banking, insurance, intellectual property, judicial practice, trade, accounting, land law	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English, French	BIC, Reebok, Esselte, Ritzio, Baltica, Nevskaya Cosmetics, Technoserve, Mitland	WND

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COMPANY NAME ADDRESS E-MAIL WEB SITE	PHONE FAX	TOP EXECUTIVE	YEAR ESTABLISHED IN UKRAINE	OWNERSHIP UKRAINIAN / FOREIGN (%)	# OF FULL- TIME EMPLOYEES	PRICE RATE PER HOUR	SERVICES OFFERED	LEGAL PRACTICE AREAS	# OF LAWYERS	MAJOR JURIDICAL ACT	MAJOR COURT CASE	WORLD HQ / # OFFICES IN UKRAINE	FOREIGN LANGUAGES	MAJOR CLIENTS	REVENUES IN 2006
Emergex Business Solutions 01033 Kyiv 37/97 Zhylyanska, 5th floor info@ebskiev.com www.ebskiev.com	(044)248-7257 (044)287-4354	Helen Volkska	2001	90 / 10	70	From \$60	Tax and legal consulting, legal audit, contracts and other legal papers preparation, legal support and services for authorised person, registration, liquidation	Taxation, finance, restructuring, real estate	4	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English, German	WND	WND
FINLEX 01054 Kyiv 37/14 Vorovskoho consulting@ukrnet.net www.finlex.com.ua	(044)581-0959 (044)581-0960	Oleksander Danchenko	1991	100 / 0	7	\$20- 200	Complex legal services for enterprises, investment consulting, author and adjacent rights protection, property rights at road and transport incidents protection	Corporate and intellectual rights law, architecture, real estate, investments litigation and arbitration, construction	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	WND	WND
Gramatskiy & Partners 01001 Kyiv 16 Mykhaylivska, suite #7 office@gramatskiy.com.ua www.gramatskiy.com.ua	(044)581-1551	WND	1998	WND	WND	WND	Legal and consulting, litigation and arbitration, anti-trust and competition analysis, business registration and licensing, consulting for investors	Corporate and commercial law, banking and finance, arbitration and litigation, state and administrative law, real estate	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English, Polish, Italian	WND	WND
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Guaranty Law Firm 01034 Kyiv 37 Volodymyrska lawfirm@guaranty.com.ua www.guaranty.com.ua	(044)288-0243 (044)234-3154	Dmitriy Kreynin	2005	100 / 0	16	\$250- 500	Representing of companies and individuals in Ukrainian courts, consulting on forms of holding business in Ukraine, analysis of constituent company documents	Regulatory affairs, litigation, consulting, contracting, accounting, logistics	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	WND	WND
Gutgarts' Legal Bureau 03058 Kyiv P.O. Box #108 pe-abg@yandex.ru www.abg.kiev.ua	(068)901-9690	Dmytro Gutgarts	2004	100 / 0	2	\$40	Legal consulting, trials	Real estate, taxation, commerce, family law, inheritance	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English, Italian	WND	WND
International Consulting Group 83014 Donetsk 63 Pavshykh Kommunariv, suite #7 icg@icg-legal.com www.icg-legal.com	(062)348-8058	Maxim Rayko	2005	100 / 0	11	\$39- 132	All kinds	M&A, corporate, commercial, banking, finance, land, labor, antitrust and competition law, litigation, arbitration, real estate, international trade, bankruptcy	WND	WND	WND	Donetsk, Ukraine / 2	English, German	WND	WND
Inyurpolis 61057 Kharkiv 14-A Skrypnyka office@inyurpolis.com www.inyurpolis.com	(057)714-0626 (057)714-0628	Tetyana Gavrysh	1994	100 / 0	47	WND	Due diligence, drafting of contracts and other legal documents, consulting, litigation and arbitration, law enforcement	Antitrust and unfair competition, corporate law, M&A, securities, commercial and labor law, taxation, privatization, construction, real estate, insolvency, intellectual property	WND	WND	WND	Kharkiv, Ukraine / 2	English, German, French	Ukrainian Mobile Communication, Velton Telecom, Ukrtransgaz, Ukrzavdobuvannya, Malyshev Plant, City Information Center	WND
Jurvsheservice 03040 Kyiv 57/3 Chervonoarmyiska, suite #224 Info@jvs.kiev.ua www.jvs.kiev.ua	(044)227-2370 (044)227-2054	WND	1987	100 / 0	WND	WND	Investments liquidation and sale, foreign investment protection, company registration and licensing, tax and double-taxation treaties, leasing, franchising	Arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and mediation, business, customs, civil and industrial property law, privatization, securities, real estate, insurance	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 4	English	WND	WND
KPMG 01001 Kyiv 11 Mykhaylivska info@kpmg.kiev.ua www.kpmg.ua	(044)490-5507 (044)490-5508	Mason Tokaraz	1995	WND	More than 200	WND	All kinds	All	WND	WND	WND	Amster- dam, Nether- lands / 1	English, Dutch, German	WND	WND
Law Agency Meta-Inform 65012 Odessa 17 Velyka Arnautska, office #6 info@meta-inform.com www.meta-inform.com	(048)714-8888 (048)728-1188	Maksym Lysov	1991	100 / 0	More than 25	WND	Legal consulting, installation and support of information legal search system LIGA-ZAKON, carrying out of branch seminars	Economic law, taxation, land law, real estate	WND	WND	WND	Odessa, Ukraine / 1	English	WND	WND
Legal Consulting Center 04210 Kyiv 11-A Layosha Gavro, office #115 office@lcc.com.ua lcc@ukr.net www.lcc.ukrbiz.net	(044)234-0234 (044)537-1171 (044)418-6041	Oliha Akimenko	2000	WND	10	WND	Registration of enterprises, licensing, accounting services	Corporate law, banking, finance, taxation, intellectual property, tenders	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 2	WND	WND	WND
Lexwell & Partners 01024 Kyiv 28/19 Lyuteranska, suite #2 office@lexwell.com.ua www.lexwell.com.ua	(044)496-2655 (044)496-2658	WND	2005	WND	WND	\$50- 250	All kinds of legal services for legal entities	M&A, land and real estate, litigation, arbitration, corporate, privatization, natural resources, antitrust and competition law, taxation	WND	\$100 million	\$40 million	WND	English	Toyota, Sumitomo, Du Pont, Bridgestone, CRH, Marubeni, Evraz Group, Gas of Ukraine, Podilsky Cement	WND
Macmillan 01034 Kyiv 29-B Yaroslaviv Val info@macmillan.com.ua www.macmillan.com.ua	(044)230-8093 (044)230-8094	Vitaliy Bogatynov	2006	0 / 100	4	\$20- 100	All kinds of legal services for commercial and contract law, business registration and licensing, consulting for investors	Commercial and contract law, EU trade law, land and real estate	WND	WND	WND	Brussels, Belgium / 1	English, French, German, Polish	EU Ukraine Business Council AISBL, EUPR LTD, Naumen, Finecars, Olympus Services	N/A
M&K 04071 Kyiv 5 Mezhyhirsk, office #13 mandk@ukr.net www.mandk.com.ua	(044)428-7222 (044)428-7222	Andrey Kalita	2005	100 / 0	6	\$80	Legal help in alienation/acquisition transactions, legal support in court, legal services for restaurants, registration of enterprises	Real estate, taxation, restaurant business	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English, Polish, Portuguese	WND	WND
National Lawyers' Body 03035 Kyiv 1 Solomyanska, office #410 naum@nka.com.ua www.nka.com.ua	(044)520-0620	Oleh Palamarchuk	2003	100 / 0	14	From \$59	Individuals and legal entities' interest intermediation in courts, complex legal services for enterprises	Criminal, civil, administrative and economic law, banking and taxation	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	WND	WND	\$58.811
Patent Bureau 49000 Dnipropetrovsk 12/4 Lenina bureau@patent.net.ua www.patent.net.ua	(056)778-5821 (056)778-2296	WND	WND	100 / 0	WND	WND	Full spectrum of services in the field of intellectual property rights, copyright, trade mark, industrial samples, domain names, international commodity numbering	Civil law, economic, corporate, competitive	WND	WND	WND	Dnipropet- rovsk, Ukraine / 2	WND	WND	WND
Pysarenko's Legal Bureau 01001 Kyiv 22-A Mykhaylivska, office #8 ubp@fides.com.ua www.fides.com.ua	(044)270-6046 (044)279-5632	Oleksander Pysarenko	1994	100 / 0	WND	\$48- 166	Consulting for enterprises, drafting agreements and other legal documents, interests protection in court, consulting, interests representation at state bodies	Commercial, corporate, contract and civil law, investment court protection, investment	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	WND	Igar, FinLift Ltd., Finance Club of Ukraine, Kievana Clinical Research, CT Line, Zlagoda, Royal Style	WND
S.K.O. Forum 01034 Kyiv 46 Volodymyrska, office #414 info@skoforum.com www.skoforum.com	(044)247-4515 (044)247-4516	Olena Sapozhko	1997	100 / 0	WND	150	Legal services for foreign investors (consulting, drafting legal documents, conducting legal representation and due diligence)	Corporate, intellectual rights, commercial, process and civil law, taxation, labor and land law, M&A, construction and real estate	WND	WND	\$9 million	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	Meinl Bank, National IPO Committee, Pioneer, EFES Breweries International N.V.	WND
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Supremacy of Law 03110 Kyiv 23 Klymenko, office #40 office@vprava.com.ua www.vprava.com.ua	(044)275-6061	Oksana Melnychenko	WND	100 / 0	WND	WND	Consulting for enterprises, family lawyer service	Civil, criminal, administrative, economic and corporate law	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	WND	TNT International Express, TransService, Aero-Charter	WND
Terlich & Novikov 29013 Khmelnytskyi 71/1 Proskurovskoho Pidpilya, office #11 advokat@rp.km.ua www.advokat-ua.com	(038)265-0393 (038)265-8076	Valeriy Terlich	1999	100 / 0	2	WND	Preparation and conducting civil cases, protection in criminal cases on consequence and in court, legal consulting, registration of enterprises of legal support for business	Business, real estate, corporate law, judicial disputes	WND	WND	WND	Khmel- nytskyi, Ukraine / 1	WND	Prelyudiya, Insert, Perfect, Advans, Prombudpostach	WND
Tomas Co. & Partners 04116 Kyiv 4 Dvornar-Zapolskoho, office #2 info@uatm.com.ua www.tm.ua	(044)486-4381 (044)486-6468	Ihor Kondratyuk	1999	100 / 0	WND	\$20- 107	Trademarks registration	Patents and trademarks	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	WND	WND
Trident Law Firm 01011 Kyiv 1 Panasa Myrnoho office@tridentlaw.kiev.ua www.tridentlaw.kiev.ua	(044)501-7917 (044)280-4856 (044)254-3969	WND	2004	100 / 0	WND	WND	Structuring business plans and transactions, consulting clients on various legal and tax aspects of civil, commercial and employment matters	Advertising and marketing, bankruptcy, civil law, commercial law and contracts, finance and banking, intellectual property and trade marks	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	Alltech, Billa Ukraine, Chio-Wolf Ukraine, Doka Ukraine, Ericsson, Gorenje, Graphia Ukraine, Kring Technologies, Oriflame, Sanitec Ukraine	WND
United Legal Group Association 01001 Kyiv 5/1-A Tryokhsvyatytska/Kostyolna m.sverdenko@ulga.com.ua www.ulga.com.ua	(044)278-6512 (044)278-6527	Andriy Shumilov, Iryna Sergienko	2005	WND	100	WND	Legal support of investment projects	Taxation, corporate, land disputes	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 7	WND	Ukrtelecom, Kharkiv Ordzhonikidze Tractor Plant, Rosava, Dneprovskiy Dzerzhinskyy Metallurgical Plant	WND
Ukrainian Bar Association for Foreign Affairs 01034 Kyiv 2-2A Zolotovoritska admin@ukrinur.kiev.ua www.ukrinur.kiev.ua	(044)234-5208 (044)279-2835	Danylo Kurdelchuk	1991	100 / 0	56	\$100- 300	Legal activities	Civil, economic, family, international and corporate law, real estate, taxation, investments, oil and gas, arbitration	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 13	English, German, Portuguese, Greek	Naftogaz of Ukraine, ASMAP of Ukraine	WND
Volkov & Partners 03150 Kyiv Business Center Olimpiyskiy 72-A Chervonoarmyiska, suite #124 office@volkovpartners.com www.volkovpartners.com	(044)207-0270 (044)207-0272	Oleksiy Volkov	2005	100 / 0	28	\$25- 250	All kinds	Banking, finance, investments and securities competition, corporate law, taxation, real estate, privatization, intellectual property, family law, telecommunications, dispute resolution, commerce, transport	WND	WND	WND	Kyiv, Ukraine / 1	English	Cargill, Colgate-Palmolive Ukraine, Swedwood, Kimberly-Clark Ukraine, Hy-Line, Henkel-Ukraine, Unilever	WND

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EDITORIAL

Constitutional chaos

Eleven years ago on June 28 Rada members worked through the night to reach a compromise deal that resulted in the adoption of the fundamental law of the land, independent Ukraine's Constitution. Ukraine had reached a milestone in its development as a democratic state. The document was praised by international constitutional experts for the guarantees of individual rights it provided for Ukraine's citizens.

Eleven years later, Constitution Day is celebrated as a national holiday, but the current state of the country's charter leaves little to cheer. The Constitution has been torn and tattered in the process of political reforms that were supposed to transform the country from a presidential-parliamentary republic into a parliamentary-presidential one. Instead, the country has been thrown into legal chaos since former President Leonid Kuchma single-handedly announced the reforms five years ago.

More recently, the Constitutional Court was discredited as an institution by politicians looking to use the bench as a political instrument, and by its judges, who proved unable to serve as an independent check on the powers of the executive or legislative branches.

Problems with the Constitutional Court began in 2005, when a majority of judges ruled that any fundamental changes to Ukraine's political system must be submitted to and approved by a national referendum. Despite the ruling, the country's politicians proceeded with the reforms. Last August, the Rada under speaker Oleksandr Moroz's leadership even passed a bill prohibiting the Constitutional Court from ruling on the reforms — a clear violation of the democratic principle of a tripartite division of powers.

The preamble to the Constitution clearly states that the law of the land is guided by the 1991 Declaration of Independence that was confirmed by the Dec. 1 referendum that year. The Rada formally declared Ukraine's independence, but that decision was validated only after it was submitted to and approved by a national referendum.

Ukraine's elite appears to have agreed that early Rada elections will resolve the political crisis. But the deeper issue of political reforms that spawned the crisis remains unaddressed. The way of restoring Ukrainian's faith in the institutions of government and in the very notion of democracy is clear: Let the people decide what political system suits the country best.

Akhmetov's lost years

On June 20, lawyers for the man said to be Ukraine's richest heralded their first victory in the campaign to protect Rinat Akhmetov's reputation from allegations that he might have ties to the criminal underworld. Editors for the Swiss daily Neue Zürcher Zeitung reportedly issued a retraction and apology for their May report, "Ukrainian Soccer as a Reflection of Politics."

In the public statement, "NZZ acknowledges that there is no connection between Akhmetov, who is President of the soccer club Shakhtar Donetsk, and organized crime in Ukraine" and "the economic success of Akhmetov is not based by any means on criminally acquired starting capital." The paper also pointed out that the 2001 murder of Donetsk journalist Ihor Aleksandrov "has no connection with the activities of Rinat Akhmetov."

In early April, Akhmetov's US lawyers-to-the-rich-and-famous threatened to sue a Kyiv-based Internet publication in the United Kingdom for a series of reports that dared to investigate the businessman's past. Those threats have thus far remained empty, according to the website's managers.

Akhmetov, who is preparing to float stakes in his companies on Western markets, is obviously concerned about his reputation. Western professionals familiar with his business operations confirm that the Ukrainian Tatar runs a very tight ship.

But if Akhmetov's lawyers and the business tycoon himself want to avoid the appearance of articles similar to those in NZZ in the future, they simply need to be more proactive. Instead of waiting to react to dubious reports about the oligarch's past, they should take pre-emptive measures and fill in the gaping holes in the 40-year-old's biography. According to the Party of Regions' website, Akhmetov was born in 1966. The next entry is 1996, when Akhmetov supposedly began his business career. He completed university studies in 2001. What happened between 1966 and 1996? Where are the missing 30 years?

Akhmetov and his businesses will ultimately benefit by being fully transparent in their disclosure of the tycoon's lost years.

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Peaceful protest against racism



Protesters take part in a rally against racism in Kyiv June 26. About 200 protesters marched from the main square in Kyiv to the presidential administration building waving Ukrainian national yellow-blue flags and chanting "Stop racism!" (AP)

Q&A: US security expert on Ukraine

Security expert Celeste A. Wallander teaches at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and is a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. She is the founder and executive director of the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security. Wallander was in Kyiv for the "Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic Future" forum at the Diplomatic Academy June 11-13. She led a delegation of foreign guests who met with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich during the forum. The Post interviewed Wallander after the high-level meeting from which she came away "optimistic" that early elections will be held in September.

KP: How was your meeting with the prime minister? What did you talk about?

CW: We talked about the political situation in Ukraine. He said he knew that foreigners would be interested, and explained where the political leadership was in terms of carrying out the agreement on elections in September. We followed up with questions about different conditions under which this would all be played out and he was very forthcoming in his assessment. Overall I came away from the conversation optimistic that the agreement will be implemented successfully.

KP: What is your assessment of the compromise deal and the crisis that came before it?

CW: It is too bad it took so long to come up with a compromise, but that reflects the diversity of views and interests in Ukraine's political spectrum. That's actually healthy: very European and very Western to have diversity of views. Ukraine needs stronger institutions to act as mediating constraints that narrow the options for political leaders when making agreements. Disagreement and diversity of political views is good: it is normal in democracy. The first stage in Ukraine's transition to democracy was the Orange Revolution when the citizenry demanded accountability from its leaders. The second stage with Ukrainian democracy was the corruption in the political system. We have heard from experts on Ukrainian politics that some of the fighting over the course of the last year was not only over policies but was about "territory" in the corruption sense. Unfortunately some in the

political system use their positions to enrich themselves and their colleagues, so the fight is not just about ideas and policies. The fight ends up being about the ability to benefit financially. We also talked to the prime minister about that. There is an understanding at the highest levels of the Ukrainian government that the biggest brakes on Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic evolution are poor governance and the corruption issue.

KP: Did you find any common ground on the issue of Ukraine's NATO membership?

CW: I think that there is a strong credibility to the argument that Ukraine needs to join NATO when Ukrainian citizens are ready to join NATO. The view of western analysts that the key issue is not whether NATO wants Ukraine, but rather whether Ukraine wants NATO is not inconsistent with the prime minister's public position. The question then becomes: Is the government doing everything it can to dispel myths and provide accurate information about NATO? It is difficult to know whether Ukrainian society is really opposed to NATO or whether it is opposed to the image of NATO that has been created by international media and other political forces. Once Ukrainian citizens are provided with good, concrete and objective information they can make a choice that is fully consistent with Euro-Atlantic principles. The prime minister was clear about that as well.

KP: Experts are talking about the need to rethink the ideological paradigm that wealth and prosperity are only possible with the help of democracy and market forces. "Prosperous illiberal states" like China and Russia are considered to be proof of that. Are you seeing the same thing in your analysis?

CW: I am not sure that most experts believe that you cannot be wealthy if you are not democratic. However I think that there is evidence that countries with good political governance have more sustainable, equitable and diversified growth and are able to withstand the ups and downs of the global economy. It's not just about growth rates from year-to-year. It is about how you distribute that wealth; how you invest in human capital so that you have a next generation that is educated and

ready. The ground rules are changing in the era of globalization. It used to be that less democratic governments could control the flow of information, people and wealth in and out of their borders. The Soviet Union under Stalin managed to generate phenomenal growth rates. But that came at a great human cost and over time the Soviet economy grew more backward because of it became isolated and more out of sync with the global economy. And we see the results today: Russia has a growing economy because of energy but almost none of the other sectors can compete in the global market. That is a residual of the Soviet era and a result of the Putin government's choices about state ownership in the economy and the failure to create stable property rights. I suppose a country like Ukraine could be prosperous if it was not a democracy but you have to wonder how long it could be prosperous. Will the next generation have an adaptable and flexible economy? Will the citizenry be able to respond to technological change, develop new sectors and compete internationally? If there are downturns in the economy how stable is the social and political fabric within the country to live in a period — which always happens — in which growth is not as strong as it is in Ukraine right now?

KP: For Ukraine energy security is more of an issue than say military invasion from abroad and there has been talk about an "energy NATO"...

CW: First I want to register my objection to the term "energy security". Energy is an important issue for Ukrainian security because it is obviously bound up with issues of sovereignty and independence and the ability for Ukraine to plot a course in international relations and domestic policy that comes from the Ukrainian people rather than outsiders, foreigners. The answer to Ukraine's dilemma is actually to reduce the role of state in the energy sector. The state should play the role of facilitating international investment on the broadest terms. It should not only be Russian investment and it should not exclude Russian investment. Investment terms must meet the highest standards of transparency, rule of law and sanctity of contracts. On those terms western companies will be able to compete and be interested in the Ukrainian market. So far we only see Russian companies interested in going into markets where there is no transparency and rule of law.

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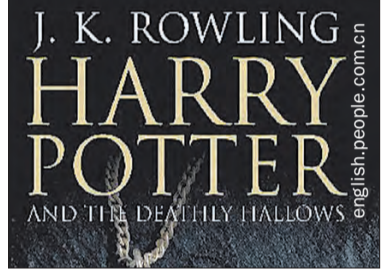


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Legends of Riga

Get ready for Potter mania



By ALEXANDRA MATOSHKO

The Ukrainian translation of the seventh and final book about the adventures of the world's most popular wizard-boy, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," will hit local book stores in October, according to an announcement made by the director of A-Ba-Ba-Ga-La-Ma-Ga publishing house, Ivan Malkovych, on Friday, June 22. The Ukrainian version of the book will be created by the old team – translator Viktor Morozov and illustrator Vladislav Yerko, responsible for all the previous Ukrainian translations of the Harry Potter books.

The original English version is scheduled to be released globally in English-speaking countries shortly after midnight (British Summer Time) on July 21. The world's biggest e-book-sellers such as Amazon and Barnes & Nobles reported that the book has topped the best sellers list since February, when the release date was first announced.

As for the Ukrainian translation of the Harry Potter book, it gained popularity among local readers after the fifth installment, "Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix," came out. Previously the books were read in Russian by local Potter fans, since there weren't any available in Ukrainian. A-Ba-Ba-Ga-La-Ma-Ga started releasing Harry Potter in Ukrainian after several installments in Russian had already been out and therefore the Ukrainian translation wasn't very popular. But with the release of the fifth book in Ukrainian – several months before the Russian version – the Ukrainian publishing house was finally able to reach local audiences. The Ukrainian edition became a huge bestseller and readers also discovered that the translation was much better than the Russian one.

Still, those willing to read the newest book in Ukrainian will have to wait until autumn, while the original English edition is supposed to reach local book stores by the end of July. In the meantime Potter fans have something else to look forward to – the movie "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" that is to be released in Ukraine on July 19 – just a few days before the official release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

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LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY 29 – WEDNESDAY 30



Tavriyski Ihry

Tavriyski Ihry (Tavria Games) is the 16th International Ukrainian music festival and is considered to be one of the biggest music festivals in Europe. The festival will include 13 hours of music in different styles, with about 30 musicians performing and a great fireworks display at the end of the festival. This is the first time Ukrainian musicians will perform on a giant, 52-meter-long onstage in Kyiv. Among the artists to be seen and heard at Tavriyski Ihry are K-Maró, Verka Serdyuchka, Mad Heads, Tartak, Druha Rika, Gudimov and Boombox.

NSC Olimpiyskiy (55 Chervonoarmiyska). 4 p.m.
Tickets Hr 25.

SUNDAY 1



Crazy Juliet

Crazy Juliet is a Ukrainian band from Odessa that consists of five musicians. The band was formed in 2004 by its vocalist and lyrics writer, whose nickname is Evadam. Crazy Juliet's music is a combination of many different styles, including alternative, gothic-rock, synth-pop, and darkwave.

Bochka Pyvna (17/1 Moskovskiy Prospect, 461-8788). 9 p.m.
Tickets Hr 20.

SUNDAY 1 – TUESDAY 3

Chamber Music Session

Chamber Music Session is a festival of classical music dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the national ensemble of soloists, called Kyivska Kamerata. The festival consists of five concerts that include music from different eras and styles. Famous professional musicians from Denmark, Ukraine, Germany, Belgium and the US were invited to take part in the festival.

July 1, 2 – Scientist's House (45A Volodymyrska).
July 3 – National Philharmonic (2 Volodymyrskiy Uzviz).

THURSDAY 5



Anselmo Crew

The concert of Hungarian band Anselmo Crew will take place as part of the Official Ukrainian Pre-Party Sziget 2007 festival. In their songs the musicians combine traditional music elements from different parts of the world – the Balkans, Latin America, and Africa – with typical city music styles, such as salsa, hip hop, drum'n'bass. All members of the band like to travel and each one brings something new to their music.

Bochka Khmilna (3B-1 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho, 390-6106). 8 p.m.
Tickets Hr 40.

SPORTS

SUNDAY 1



Formula 1 USA Grand Prix

The eighth Formula 1 competition will take place in Magny-Cours, France, where the participants will try their luck and skills racing on the 308.586 km track. After seven races, the difference between Luis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso is 10 points. Though the difference between the favorites grows with every race, everything could change on the Magny-Cours race track. Race organizers claim that this will be the last race in France due to the remote whereabouts of the track, which leads to low attendance.

Megasport channel at 7:50 p.m.
Formula Club (Velyka Okruzhna, 476-3820).

CLUBS

FRIDAY 29



Tiger Lily

Famous young vocalist Nabiha Bensouda, also known as Tiger Lily, was born in Copenhagen. She first tried writing music when she got acquainted with the popular Dutch guitarist and producer Soren Reiff. Tiger Lily became co-author of six of the 14 tracks on Reiff's album "Funky Flavaz." In 2004 she joined deejay duo Delicious and later started performing solo as Tiger Lily.

Tsar Project (1V Hrushevskoho, 279-0000). 10 p.m.
Tickets Hr 100 for females and Hr 150 for males.

Princess Superstar

A fashionable deejay and MC from New York, Princess Superstar, will play at the upcoming Afisha Party. Princess started deejaying in the mid-90s and now her music presents a mix of electro, hip hop, ghetto funk, and disco rock. She has collaborated with many big names in electronic music, including Moby, The Prodigy, DJ Hell, Armand Van Helden and many others.

Kayf (20 Artema, 482-0001). 10 p.m.
Tickets Hr 50 for females and Hr 70 for males. With **Afisha card** – 50 percent discount.

MOVIES

THURSDAY 28

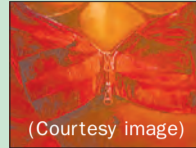
"Odessa Trend." Ukrainian Future Shorts

The program of the new Future Shorts consists of works by as yet unknown directors from Odessa. Georgiy Deliyev, a famous comedian, will present his short movie "Dribniy Doshch" ("Light Rain"), Eva Neyman, whose first full-length feature film will be shown in the cinemas at the end of summer, presents a lyrical short dubbed "Zamri, Otomri," Yuliya Gorodetska will attempt to shock the audience with the documentary, "Odesskie Luki" ("Odessa Hatches"), which tells about the lives of abandoned children in the city streets. Among the young filmmakers are also Dmitriy Shiyany, Glib Katchuk and Olga Kashymbekova, who will present their experimental works.

Kyiv (19 Chervonoarmiyska, 234-7381). 3:30 p.m.

GALLERIES

THURSDAY 28



"Silikon." Paintings by Yuriy Yermolenko

The paintings by Yuriy Yermolenko take on the theme of youth and sexuality. The collection is comprised of images of scantily-clad women painted realistically. Yermolenko said all the paintings in the exhibition were painted during the spring, and considering the warm atmosphere of the season, the topic choice was quite understandable.

Tsekh (16 Ilyinska, 531-9904). Through July 4.

"Revision." Photo installations by five Byelorussian artists

Five Byelorussian artists, Andrey Dureyko, Zhanna Grak, Andrey Loginov, Maksom Timko and Maksim Vakulchik, who graduated from the Dusseldorf Art Academy and now continue to work in Germany, will display their ironic photo installations to the Ukrainian audience. The huge exhibition, which is a mix of around two thousand pictures and reproductions, presents a sarcastic "revision" of masterpieces kept in the world's best museums.

Bereznitsky Gallery (22 Rybalska, 280-0782).
Through July 20.



"My Beautiful Friends." Photos by Vita Kin

The Ukrainian photographer Vita Kin, who has been specializing in commercial photography for the last 10 years, will display her works for the first time. The collection, showing pictures of female models, is dedicated to her friends and aims to depict each woman's individuality. The images are stunning and display the photographer's diverse circle of friends – businesswomen, painters, teachers, clubbers, caring mothers and attentive wives.

Kiev.Fine.Art (12 Velyka Zhitomyrska, 278-1359).
Through August 30.

MONDAY 2



"Interface Culture." Art performance by Christa Sommer and Laurent Mignonneau

The Austrian masters of media and interactive art, Christa Sommer and Laurent Mignonneau, are going to hold a performance in Kyiv. During the event they will share their ideas about the connection between humans and machines, primarily in the sphere of art, accompanying them with visual materials. Among their world famous artistic projects are "Mobile Feelings," mobile phones that can convey the slightest changes in a person's mood, and a "Life Writer," a kind of typewriter that in the process of typing produces artificial organisms that live on the page, feeding and reproducing according to the number of typed letters.

PinchukArtCenter (2A Baseyna, Arena Entertainment, 590-0858).

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SPECIAL PICKS

All for Brahma Open Air 2007 fest

BY OLGA KOVALENKO

The fans of beach partying should rejoice, as Brahma Open Air 2007 music festival is coming to Ukraine's three busiest cities: Kyiv, Odessa and Yalta. Since the fest is hosted by a Brazilian beer brand, the theme of the festival is obvious – Brazil, with its traditional music, sports, dances and visual art all taking place on a sunny beach.

In terms of music the festival will be like a Brazilian carnival, with its fusion of various styles and trends. Among the artists to perform are world famous deejays: Yonderboi from Hungary, Telepopmusic and deejay Antipop from France, Lucio K from Brazil, DJ Menno De Jong from Netherlands and the Ukrainian musicians Esthetic Education, Tomato Jaws and A Banda Brazil, all of them playing very diverse music styles that have just one thing in common – they are all quite similar in their unconventionality.

The Brazilian theme of the fest should be exemplified by the music by Lucio K from Rio de Janeiro, who mixes drum'n'bass, jazz, samba and bossa nova at the disco parties of Ibiza, Germany, Italy and Canada. The energetic, light sound of Brazilian music is also vividly utilized by the Ukrainian music group A Banda Brazil, playing Brazilian folk music and adding original Portuguese lyrics to the authentic tunes. Another Ukrainian band, Tomato Jaws, will entertain the audience with their deep house electronica, combined with live vocals and light flute tunes. The mild sound of the French trip-hop masters Telepopmusic and deejay Antipop, who were nominated at both the Grammy Music Awards and Les Victoires de la Musique, will also add some positive emotions to the Brazilian party.

The trip-hop part will also be represented by the new guru of electronic music, Yonderboi (Laslo Fogarsi), who this summer will also take part in popular European festivals like B'estival (Bucharest, Romania) and Sziget (Budapest, Hungary). The musician had already become well known by the age of twenty, right after his first album "Shallow and Deep" was released in 2000. His latest album "Splendid Isolation" (2005) only increased his popularity.

The most famous of all local represen-



(Courtesy image)

tatives at the festival, Kyiv band Esthetic Education, will add some of its slightly depressive sound to the show. It will be the band's second performance before a large audience after the presentation of their latest album "Werewolf," which is a mix of several styles – brit-pop, indie, rock, and post-punk.

The young and talented DJ Menno De Jong, who is referred to as the future of the world's trance and electro music, also found time to visit Ukraine. At only 22-years-old, he has already debuted in the DJ Mag Top 100 at number 72 and takes place number 14 on the world's biggest trance site, Trance Addict.

During the Brahma Open Air fest, the Ukrainian audience will also get acquainted with the Brazilian philosophy ginga, which is an optimistic, festive and passionate attitude towards life. Ginga is considered to be one of the basics of the whole Brazilian lifestyle, which can be seen in everything – from women walking along the streets to players on the soccer field. Ginga is an element of traditional Brazilian sports – capoeira (a martial art and game at the same time), which will also be held during the festival.

Another Brazilian trademark is graffiti art, which is highly appreciated in the country and makes it a "graffiti capital." During the festival, you'll get to see Brazilian graffiti by the graffiti artist Speto (Paulo Cesar Silva) as he creates his works, as well as attend a short master-class by him. Being able to paint in a classic style, he nevertheless enjoys mashing up different national trends, like Russian dolls, Hindi symbolism, Japanese animation, and painted pumpkins, elaborating his own vision of life. Besides graffiti, the audience will be able to take part in body-art, tattoo and hair styling sessions, all done in ginga style.

The fest will also include various sports, fun competitions and master-classes for samba, frisbee, hacky sack, ping-pong, and kite-flying. In the evening, Brazilian art house shorts will be screened, most vividly depicting the philosophy of ginga and the Brazilian lifestyle.

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FAST FRIEND

Sabine Scharfe, communication coach



(Konstantin Klimentenko)

Place you call home? My hometown in Germany, Dresden.

Time in Ukraine? Already for one and a half years.

What do you do for a living? I am working as a freelance coach for communication for German governmental institutions and organizations. Currently, I am establishing a business with two friends. We style and distribute very extraordinary and stylish fur accessories. Bring your family and friends a present or souvenir from "Snegurochka!"

What brought you to Ukraine? My husband's job. We are here with our two younger kids – Nikolay is almost three and Mila is almost one.

Your first impression of Ukraine? We came in January last year, when it was freezing and very cold for several weeks. I'll remember it for ever, because Nikolay was wearing two snowsuits due to the coldness on the streets.

Your funniest moment in Ukraine? When I was arguing with a traffic policeman for 40 minutes until I realized he was just waiting for a "tip"...

Your favorite places (ways) to spend free time in Kyiv? We love to drive to a little pension called Zvenigorod about 80 km from Kyiv on the weekends. There is a wonderful and clean landscape, horse riding and

home-made Ukrainian food. Have a look at www.zvenigorod.com.ua

What's your idea of a perfect weekend? The whole family together – that's perfect.

What's the key to success in life? Simplicity of handling what life brings every day.

Your biggest pet peeve? People who would rather kill a child than slow down their cars. And midges!

How would your friends describe you? I guess everybody would put it a bit differently. Maybe a mix of warm and strong, open-minded and relaxed, impatient and strategic.

What was your childhood dream? To become a famous singer. Luckily I didn't become one, because my father was always closing all doors when I started to sing.

Favorite movie? Favorite TV-series – "Sex and the City."

Favorite author? Paul Auster, Haruki Murakami, Erwin Strittmatter, Paulo Coelho, Gunther Grass...

What's in your CD player at the moment? Clement Julienne – "Panamerican."

What is the best place you've traveled to? A little village Perinaldo in Liguria, Italy. Perinaldo is located on the top of a hill with a wonderful view to the Mediterranean Sea and surrounded by mountains.

MOVIES

PREMIERES

LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD

Action / Adventure, USA (2007)

Directed by Len Wiseman

Starring Bruce Willis, Justin Long and Mary Elizabeth Winstead
The young director, who started his career in cinema at the art department and in 2003 has released his first movie decided to continue the Die Hard series starring the unbreakable hero Bruce Willis. This time detective John McClane is going to uncover the criminal plot to damage the whole economic database of the US. Having to face the new computer technologies the old school hero teams up with a worthy companion – a young and inexperienced hacker Matt Farrell.

RATATOUILLE

Animation, USA (2007)

Directed by Brad Pitt

A small funny rat Remy is obsessed with the idea of becoming a chef at an expensive French restaurant, yet his skeptical relatives and fastidious restaurant personnel don't support it. Remy's dream may come true when he meets a young cook Linguini, who, in fact, has no cooking talent at all. Helping Linguini to keep his job, Remy becomes his cooking partner, and has all prospects of becoming a real chef, preparing the best Ratatouille in Paris.

THR3E

Drama / Horror / Thriller, Poland / USA (2006)

Directed by Robby Henson

Starring Marc Blucas, Justine Waddell and Max Ryan

Thr3e is actually the first theatrical release of Fox Faith – a division of 20th Century-Fox studio devoted to presenting "Christian friendly" movies. The plot evolves around three people, who become entangled into a set of deadly riddles, contrived by a psychopathic murderer. This time finding the right answer will mean saving their lives.

ONGOING

PLANET TERROR

Action / Horror / Comedy, USA (2007)

Directed by Robert Rodriguez

Starring Rosario Dawson, Rose McGowan and Freddy Rodriguez
"Planet Terror" is a second segment of the double feature

"Grindhouse," the first segment of which, "Death Proof," was directed by Quentin Tarantino. The movie takes us back to the 80s, when trashy horror films ruled the big screens in the US. The story centers on heroine Cherry Darling and her mates, all of them fighting a whole army of infected zombies. Cherry is well equipped for the occasion – she uses a machine-gun fastened to the stump of her amputated leg and is accompanied by a martial-arts wielding partner.

EVAN ALMIGHTY

Comedy / Fantasy, USA (2007)

Directed by Len Wiseman

Starring Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman and Lauren Graham

In the sequel of the comedy "Bruce Almighty," one of its characters news anchor Evan Baxter leaves his new anchor work in Buffalo for Congressman chair in Washington D.C. At his new position Evan has to serve not only his country, but the Almighty himself (Morgan Freeman). Evan receives a holy command to build an arc, like the one created by Noah thousands of years before.

THE HITCHER

Horror / Thriller, USA (2007)

Directed by Dave Meyers

Starring Sean Bean, Sophia Bush and Neal McDonough

The film was shot as a remake of the popular horror of the 1986 and is said to be a good alternative for those, who don't like the look of old movies. The story is more than simple – a family picks up a hitch-hiking stranger, who appears to be a maniac killer. The only thing left to for the potential victim is to run away fast.

FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER

Action / Adventure, USA (2007)

Directed by Tim Story

Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba and Laurence Fishburne

The second installment of the movie version of the comic series devoted to the unconquerable Fantastic Four will put the already known heroes to a fight with a new threat – Silver Surfer. The new enemy pulls the hero-team out of their quiet lives, since our old friends are the only ones to save the universe from complete destruction.

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN

Comedy / Crime, USA (2007)

Directed by Steven Soderbergh

Starring Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Matt Damon and Al Pacino

The film is actually a continuation of the "Ocean's Eleven" and "Ocean's Twelve" stylish movies, which tell us about the risky escapades of the best swindlers in Las Vegas. In the "Thirteen" Danny Ocean (George Clooney) again gathers his old friends (Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Elliott Gould and others) to help him deal with the casino owner Willie Bank (Al Pacino), who double crosses one of the original "eleven."

SEM KABINOK (SEVEN BOOTHS)

COMEDY, RUSSIA (2007)

DIRECTED BY DMITRIY MESKHEV

STARRING FEDOR BONDARCHUK AND ALEKSEY BARABASH

The director of much spoken about movie "Svoi" ("One's People"), Dmitriy Meskhiev, centered his new movie in the women's lavatory in one of the popular city night clubs. An unknown lady hides there a CD that contains some secret information. When the gangsters come for it, behind seven booths of the lavatory they find something more than just a needed CD.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 3: AT WORLD'S END

Action / Adventure, USA (2007)

Directed by Gore Verbinski

Starring Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley

In order to continue the pirate adventures, director Gore Verbinski with the unchangeable screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio, put his characters on a journey to the exotic China and even farther – to the Other world. Pirates and captains become already a common profession, as we meet the whole armies of them in third part. However the special highlight of the film is the guest appearance of Keith Richards, the Rolling Stones guitarist, playing Jack Sparrow's most probable father.

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Directed by Dave Meyers

Starring Sean Bean, Sophia Bush and Neal McDonough

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The guests at the opening of Ukrainian Circus Art Museum on June 21 found lots of interesting exhibits to look at (1). Dancer Vlad Yama (2) flashed his charming smile, while dance master Hryhoriy Chapkis (3) showed up with his spouse, and some of the visitors preferred to chill outside (4). The opening of the art exhibition "Marisol and Friends" on June 22 at Pavlo Tychyna Museum attracted both grownups and children (5, 6), all of them eager to see the works of the IWCK painting group. The guests looked at the paintings (7) and socialized (8). (Konstantin Klimenko)



World-famous urban climber from France Alain Robert, a.k.a. Spiderman (9), said a few words before starting to scale Kyivstar's main office building on June 25. The audience that gathered for the occasion on Dehtyaryvska street watched attentively (10, 11) as Monsieur Robert demonstrated his outstanding skills, climbing the glass wall of the 70-meter-tall building (12). (Oleksiy Boyko)



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Famous Kyiv photographer Igor Gayday (1) didn't miss the opening of the exhibition "Personas" from the collection of Dmytro Andriyevskiy, held as part of Photobiennale 2007 at the National Art Museum of Ukraine June 14. The presentation included a speech from the collector himself (2), and other art figures (3, 4), including opera singer Volodymyr Hryshko (3, right), while some beautiful ladies, such as Tatyana Ramus (5) and others (6) discussed the photographs. Representatives of international organizations (7, 8) gave speeches at the official opening of the film screening devoted to World Refugee Day at Zhovten cinema on June 23. (Oleksiy Boyko and Konstantin Klimenko)

A Riga journey: touring Latvia's beautiful ancient capital

By LENA PLEKHANOVA

People often like to spend their summer getaways at the beach resorts of Turkey, Egypt or Crimea. However, summer is also a great time for checking out unexplored European cities. A post-Soviet country such as Latvia may not be your first choice for a summer vacation, but you may discover that there is a lot to see and enjoy in this ancient European country, just like I did on my recent journey to Latvia's capital, Riga.

Riga tales

I really didn't want to begin my story with the cliché "Riga is an ancient city," but it's inevitable – the Latvian capital has an eight-century-long history, strong traditions, hundreds of legends, and fantastic architecture reminiscent of beautiful princesses, noble knights, fire breathing dragons and other fairytale characters.

Let me start by retelling the infamous legend of Riga's founding, recounted to me during my trip. Once upon a time there was a man named Kristaps who lived on the bank of Daugava River. His job was to take people across the river. Being very tall, Kristaps just put them on his shoulders and treaded across the water, while his "passengers" observed picturesque landscapes. One night, when the weather was extremely severe, Kristaps was getting ready for bed after a whole day of running back and forth across Daugava, when he heard a baby cry. He left his house, crossed the river and found a baby on the other bank. Kristaps took the baby home with him and went to sleep. But the next morning, Kristaps was surprised to find a pile of golden coins in place of the child. He used the money to build the first bridge across the Daugava and was finally able to retire from his job. Apparently, there was a substantial amount of baby-money, because after Kristaps' death, it was used to build the whole town of Riga.

Naturally, history textbooks provide a more believable story: Riga was founded in 1201 by German crusaders, who built a fortress on the bank of the Daugava. Later, it was demolished and rebuilt several times, and nowadays it serves as the residence of the president of Latvia.

Latvia, which was formerly a part of the Soviet Union (although some believe this only existed on paper), is today part

of the European Union. Still, the majority of Latvians speak both Latvian and Russian. But younger people, who no longer study Russian at school, are gradually forgetting the language of the "big brother," studying European languages instead. Regardless, if you ask for directions while walking around the city, you will most likely be able to get a polite and detailed answer in both Russian and English, apart from Latvian.

I suggest starting your tour of Riga on Alberta street, a district listed as a UNESCO world heritage site for its historical, 19th century Art Nouveau architecture. The Art Nouveau architectural trend combines simple geometric forms and rich decor. Each building on Alberta street is adorned with garlands, mermaids, lions and dragons. If you are a little paranoid, you may even feel somewhat uncomfortable here, because in addition to mystical creatures, the walls of the buildings are adorned with faces expressing emotions that range from contentment to desperate fury and "watch" you on your way down the street, as if they are warning, "You better behave."

Another interesting fact about Alberta street is that many of those amazing architectural works there were created by Mykhaylo Eisenstein, the father of the legendary moviemaker Serhiy Eisenstein.

Living history

Inspired by the breath of ancient times, you can make your way to the oldest part of the city – a picturesque beauty called Old Riga or the Old Town. I recommend you take a walk along the shady valleys of Vermanes Park on your way.

If you are eager to see all the historical places, there is one in Vermanes Park you shouldn't miss: an ancient, 400-year-old fountain depicting the famous story of Beauty and the Beast in the original Latvian version. In this version, the beast doesn't turn into prince charming. The fountain shows the beast with two beauties beside him, apparently living happily ever after all together.

Another fascinating site to see at Vermanes Park is a nice calm canal with several patterned bridges across it. According to local tradition, when a young couple gets married they have to go up one of the bridges and hang a pad-



Powder Tower (Pulvertornis), the only remaining part of the Sand Gate fortress system that protected Riga during ancient times, is one of the must-see sites in the city. (Lena Plekhanova)

lock with their names engraved on it on the bridge's railing and then throw the key into the water. I saw numerous padlocks crammed on every railing of every bridge in the park. Unfortunately, I didn't venture to ask what the couple does if it decides to divorce – fish for the key, perhaps?

There are also plenty of benches in the park where a tired wonderer can rest and spend some time watching people walking along the alleys. Resting on one of those benches myself, I recalled what my colleague said when I told her about my plans to visit Riga. "Oh! You just must go! Latvian men are so handsome!" Well, I have to admit that was only part of the truth – Latvian girls are also beautiful, and just like the boys, most of them are blonde.

After leaving Vermanes Park, you can continue your walk and plunge into the charm of Old Riga's streets and squares. The Old Town architecture is a mix of classic Latvian, Swedish and German styles, and almost every building and street has its own history. I would like to

mention several places that impressed me most.

The first is Powder Tower (Pulvertornis), the only remaining part of the Sand Gate (Smilšu Tornis) fortification system that surrounded Riga in the 14th century. During the 16th century the Powder Tower served as a gunpowder warehouse. Today, this grand red-brick ivy-covered tower is home to the Latvia War Museum and would make a worthy background for your tourist photos.

Another popular tourist site is Dome Square, constructed in 1860. The Square was demolished and rebuilt several times, and its present appearance is a result of the reconstruction that took place in 1936. Opposite the Dome Square, stand several buildings dating from the 19th and 20th centuries, but the real "pearl" of the square is the Dome Cathedral. The largest cathedral in the Baltics, it was destroyed and rebuilt so many times since its creation in 1211 that its present look is a medley of several architectural styles, which,

however, doesn't deprive the 800-year-old building of its dignified and solemn look.

You should definitely see the Blackheads' House on the Town Hall Square, a 14th century building that was completely ruined during World War II and rebuilt in 2001, just in time for Riga's 800th anniversary. Blackheads weren't monks that lived in the house, as you may think, but members of the guild of merchants, who owned the building in the 18th century. According to the story, all guild members had to remain single. Apparently, marriage did not facilitate business and was unwelcome among medieval traders. But to my mind, the reason was in the bell of St. Jacob Church. The bell of the church, which is also located in the Old Town, is called "The Bell of Wretched Sinners" and as legend goes, tolled by itself every time an unfaithful wife went by. Apparently the merchants heard it toll way too often.

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From ancient buildings to filming sites – Riga has a lot to see

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The next place, called the Cat House, is a place I will never forget. It is named after two statues of mischievous black cats with their backs arched on the top of the towers of the building. The creatures were installed on the roof by the owner of the house, a tradesman who had a falling out with the Big Merchants Guild, in order to cast a spell on the organization. Some say that the tradesman ordered them to be turned upside down as an insult to his enemies.

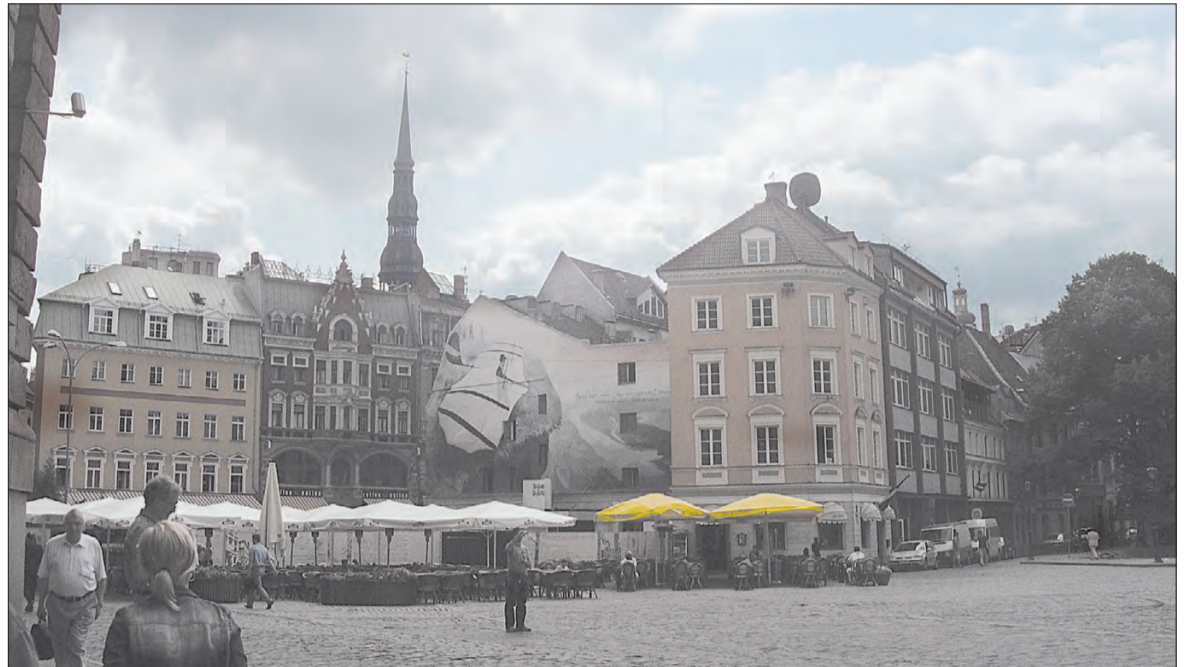
To fans of popular Soviet films, some places in Old Riga may appear familiar. Many movie scenes that were supposed to be taking place in "foreign countries" were shot in the most European-looking

cities of the Soviet Union, including Riga. The scene on Baker Street, from the Sherlock Holmes adventures, was shot in Riga, and so were the scenes supposedly set in Germany in the legendary mini-series "17 Moments of Spring," about the adventures of the brave Soviet spy known as Standartenfuhrer Stirlitz.

Dining Latvian-style

After a day of walking and sightseeing, you will need a satisfying meal, and when visiting Latvia for the first time, you should definitely try out local cuisine at a nice restaurant. One such place is Tavern near the ancient Amber way, located at the historical Swedish Headquarters in the Old Town. At Tavern you can sit at wooden tables designed in medieval style and order meals served on wooden plates, while waitresses wearing traditional Latvian dresses will tell you the history of the national cuisine.

In addition to your meal you can try beer from four historic regions of Latvia: Kurzeme, Zemgale, Vidzeme and Latgale. Each dish goes best with a specific kind of beer. For example, Sklandu Rausi, a tart filled with a mashed potatoes and carrots, tastes best with dark beer. Next you should try boiled peas with meat and vegetables in bacon gravy, and of course, Piragi, which are small bacon rolls filled with diced bacon and onion. These rolls are still baked today for special occasions and holidays. Some will find it strange, but the third kind of beer should traditionally go with some sweet-and-sour rye bread with caraway seeds and honey. The last beer, served with several kinds of cheese, is



Dome Square presents an architectural medley, as the buildings were built in different styles of the 19th and 20th centuries, while the Dome Cathedral is 800 years old. (Lena Plekhanova)

the lightest one, which as the waitress explained is due to the region's geographic location. "This region is closest to Russia," she explained, "Russians don't drink beer. They wash vodka down with it. This is why it's lighter than the others."

Tasting national cuisine at Tavern near Amber way will cost you Lat 9.99, or about \$20. Traditional Latvian food is unusual, but worth trying. But watch out – it's full of calories and very filling!

After such a meal, you will hardly be able to continue sightseeing – at least I

couldn't. Though there were still many places of interest left for me to see, I could hardly move. So, I decided to leave the Old Town and walk back to my hotel. But on my way I decided to make one last stop at the Monument to Freedom on Freedom Boulevard.

The Monument to Freedom somewhat reminded me of the Rodina Mat (Motherland) monument on the bank of Dnipro and other similar statues built in Soviet times. The 42 meter-tall monument combines several sculpture com-

positions, picturing mythological creatures, historical heroes and events, and a tall column crowned with the symbol of Freedom: a woman holding three golden stars, symbolizing the country's historical regions.

And speaking of souvenirs, you should definitely take home some of Latvia's most famous drink – Riga Black Balsam. It's quite heavy (45% alcohol), but also very healthy and delicious, if drunk properly – either plain or with coffee. Your friends will definitely appreciate the gift.

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Ukrainian girl 22 is looking for French speaking friends to have a conversation practice in exchange for Russian/Ukrainian/English. Call Lina 80674580179. 80674580179, zukrynka@mail.ru

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

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

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

Dnipro Hills Toastmasters Club invites success-oriented people to learn or develop public speaking, presentation and leadership skills. Join us Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the International Institute of Business at 51 Dzhurynska. For detailed information, please contact Vera Viter at viter_vera@yahoo.com.

Those interested in improving their public speaking, communication skills and creative abilities are invited to the Arttalkers Toastmasters Club on Saturdays, at 12 a.m. at the British Council, 4/12 Hryhoriyia Skovorody (Kontraktova ploshcha). Call +38 067 934 2899 or e-mail at infojanet@ukr.net. http://arttalkers.wordpress.com

The American Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters Club invites English-speaking professionals to advance their communication and presentation skills in a supportive environment. The membership is open for employees of companies-members of American Chamber of Commerce. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 10 Voloska Street (Kontraktova Ploshcha metro). For further detailed information, please contact VP Lilia Zhuyvitsya at zhuyvitsya@ebskiv.com

Top Talkers Toastmasters Club invites expats, young professionals and students to develop their public speaking and leadership skills in supportive environment. Visit us every Wednesday at 7:30 PM at Kyiv Molybia Business School, room 425, 4th floor, 8/5 Voloska Street, Kyiv, Ukraine. For more information see www.toptalkers.org or contact Vitaliy Karpets at +38-066-360-6459, vk@toptalkers.org.

Leadership Conference entitled "Building Successful Leaders for an Emerging Ukraine. Leadership Principles That Work in Government, Business and Non-Profit" - Friday, March 30, at the Kyiv Hotel from 9am-3:30pm. Free admission.

INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

The Rotaract Club Kyiv-Center meets on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. at the Ivana Franko str. 16/2 in the library of Adam Miltzkevych. For more information, please, contact Olga Dieksyuk +38 067 332 30 39 or e-mail: olga.voltovych@rotaract.kiev.ua. Web site www.rotaract.kiev.ua

The Rotary Club Kyiv-Center meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Trehsvyatska in the Premiere Cafe. For more information, please contact either Momunil Hoque +38 096 959 6610 or e-mail: rc_kyiv_center@yahoo.com, or Koslinsky Peter +38 044 234 2091, +38 044 234 0352, +38 050 310 8374.

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

Democrats Abroad Ukraine is the official organization of the Democratic Party in Ukraine; connecting Americans with U.S. politics and the Democratic Party; registering, informing, and motivating voters; supporting U.S. candidates, holding events, and fundraising. To join, email info@democratsabroad.org.ua.

The Kyiv Multinational Rotary Club welcomes all Rotarians who are in Kyiv and new potential Rotarians. Our meetings are held in English and are held in the lower level of the Golden Gate Pub every Monday evening at 7 p.m. with the exception being the second week of the month when they are held on Tuesday evening. For more information go to our website at www.kyivmultinational.org.

The International Women's Club of Kyiv (IWCC) welcomes members from around the world to join our international support network and participate in our extensive charity programs. Call Julia at 234-3180 or email iwcc@i.ua. Address: 39 Pusthynska, #51, entrance 5, door code 048.

The Kyiv Lions Club is an international volunteer organization that raises funds and provides services to help those in need, including vulnerable children, disabled, and elderly. Meetings are held at the German Lutheran Church, Vul. Luteranska 22. Call/Email for more details. 8066 247 4099. amnestykiv@yahoo.com.

The Kyiv Rotaract Club meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Stoned Baboon, 39 B. Khmelnytskyho. For more information, please contact Oleg Lukshik at 8-050-643-2802, or email victoria.e@mail.ru, or lucas41@mail.ru.

The Ukraine-Scandinavia Institute invites the public to take part in organizing a Scandinavian club in Kyiv. It will be a place for Scandinavians and those interested in Nordic culture, history and languages to exchange business information and contacts. Call 592-9906/07, or email: info@scandinaviancenter.kiev.ua.

MUSIC/ARTS/DANCE CLUBS

Join our international literature and movie clubs to enjoy info about international arts, go to foreign films and discuss them, and participate to our international literature parties in Kyiv and other cities. More info: www.madricculture.com or email me cultureclubs@madricculture.com

Are you interested in Spain and Madrid? Or in France and Paris? Would you like to see how is the cultural and nightlife in Madrid? French guy from Paris living in Madrid would like to exchange cultural and tourist information about those cities for info about Ukraine Cities. ruben@madricculture.com webpage in English and Spanish: www.madricculture.com

The Scandinavian Choir in Kiev welcomes new male and female Nordic singers! Rehearsals once per week, repertoire mainly Swedish. Requirements: choir experience/basic singing skills. Please contact our choir leader 80672399484 or irina@volicaclub.com

The Club-studio "Cubano Boom" invites you to Latin dance classes. Our dance teacher from Cuba will present to you Salsa, Cha-cha-cha, Merenge, Bachata lessons. For more information call 8-067-798-36-92. www.cubanboom.com.ua

Underground forbidden artist Serhiy Kolyada invites you to his web-gallery at www.kolyada.com http://www.kolyada.com. (Social, political commentaries in art)

RELIGION

Word of God Church offers Bible Studies every Sunday & Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sunday school, nursery for children. For more information call: 517-51-93.

Science of Kabbalah teaches methods to find the answer to question about sense of life. Lessons for beginners are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at City Center of Health, 29 Vladimirska. St. www.kabbalahportal.org. Tel. 331-03-61, (050) 865-82-18.

International Baptist Church, English Language, invites you to join us Sundays. Adult and Children's Bible Study, 1 p.m. Worship service 2 p.m. Come to Central Baptist Church, 2/8 Shchekavitska, near Kontraktova Square. Check our website: www.ibeckiv.org.ua.

CHRIST CHURCH, KYIV. We are an Anglican/Episcopal Church serving the English speaking community in Kyiv. Home groups, bible study, video library, Sunday school and nursery. We meet at 3pm every Sunday at the German Lutheran Church, 22 Luteranska Street. 5 minutes walk up from Kreschatyk. Contact 234-1447 angkyiv@yahoo.co.uk web: acny.org.uk/8592

Bible study Tuesday evening... Do come and join us, visitors welcome. We meet at 3 pm every Sunday, at the German Lutheran Church, 22 Luteranska Street, 5 minute walk up the hill from Kreschatyk metro. Contact 234-1447 angkyiv@yahoo.co.uk acny.org.uk/8592

The Evangelic Presbyterian Church of the Holy Trinity invites you to our worship service, held in Ukrainian and Russian with simultaneous English translation. We meet each Sunday at 5:05 P. Shevchenko, #402 (4th floor). Worship begins at 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday school begins at 11:20 a.m. Pastor Ivan Bespalov (tel. 246-7576). Email: ibespalov@mail.ru.

Kiev International Bible Church, an English-language evangelical non-denominational church meeting at 10:30 am Sundays at 34A Popudrinka, between Darnytsya and Chernivtska metro stops, is a Bible-centered "church for the nations" and place of joy for people wanting growth, and fellowship. Contact: 501-80-82 or kievibc@gmail.com.

Embassy Of God (Fountain Of God Church) invites all to weekly services, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. (except the first Sunday of each month) in Kyiv, 15/7, Chervonoarmyian Avenue, Zhek Building. Call: 80673161708 Alina (Russian/English), 80672796639 Pastor George (English).

International Christian Assembly meets on Sundays at Holsyivska 57 near the MIR hotel on the first floor. English Fellowship gathers at 10:30 a.m. and Korean Fellowship gathers at 1 p.m. Please call Paul (8050-382-2762) and Olga (8050-695-9205), or go to www.ica-kiev.com.

St. Catherine's German Evangelical Lutheran Parish - services Sundays at 10 a.m. and Monday-Saturday at 6 p.m. at 22 Luteranska. The children's choir meets Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. with the children's service following at 4 p.m. All activities are in German and Russian. Call 253-6319.

St. Alexander's Catholic Parish - Holy mass in English is held every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and Sacred Scripture every Friday at 7 p.m. Bible study held every Sunday of the month except the last at 9:30 a.m. English-

speaking priest available. Tel.: 295-0947.

Word of God Church. Time of Sunday Morning Sermon is changed to 11am since May 6,2007. Sermon is in English and Russian. Sunday School for children. Bible Study Class every Sunday 7am and every Wednesday 7pm. Every Saturday we have regular group for singles 6pm. For more information call: 517-51-93

Union for Progressive Jewish Congregations of Ukraine (10V Prohova str.) invites all to Kabbalat Shabbat (Fridays at 7 p.m.), Shabbat morning service (Saturdays at 11 a.m.), Weekly Torah reading and English commentaries (2 p.m.). Services are held in Hebrew and Russian with English commentaries. Call 501-251771, e-mail kcpj@hatikva.kiev.ua, or visit www.judaism.org.ua.

You are invited to St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Roger McMurrin is its founding pastor. Music for worship is provided by the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. Worship services are held every Sunday at 2:15 pm at the House of Trade Unions (2nd floor), Maidan Nezalezhnosti 2. Telephone: 235 45 03 or 235 69 80.

SOCIAL, SPORT AND HEALTH CLUBS

Kiev Cricket Club (KCC) invites you to play/learn cricket on every Saturday 10 AM at VASHOD Stadium, Privokzalna 6, Opposite to Darnitsa Volkaz. For further info, please call, Thamarai (Tom): 490-26-91 or 8-067-401-70-77.

The Cave Bridge Club has started at The Cave Inn Monday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The initial focus is on beginners and those who would like to learn the game, but "old hands" are also welcome. For more details, please contact anthony_mullett@yahoo.co.uk or Fiona.Hamilton@british-council.org.uk.

American football team "Kyiv Slavs" invites everyone, interested in American football, to join our practices, that are held on Saturday and Sundays at Hydropark. Protective gear is not required. For exact time, please call Vlas at 8-067-335-5559, or e-mail goncharuk@idavert.com.ua

We (husband and wife) invite foreigners speaking English or French to join us in tours throughout Ukraine: Kyiv, countryside, Crimea, West. A new comfortable car is at our service. We'll meet/pick up, drive, entertain, see you off/bring home if necessary. Children especially welcome. Call Alex at 8097-44-02-444 or email alex20alex@totmail.com

World crisis, prospects of human development, altruism and egoism, new strategies of thinking. Join us to find out more about these topics. Lectures are held every Sunday at 3 p.m. at City Center of Health, 29 Vladimirska str. (second floor). For more details call 8 (050) 865 82 18.

Kiev Hash House Harriers Club meets every other Sunday at Erick's Beer's Tube at 2pm (20 Chervonoarmyjska St. (in the courtyard near Lva Tolstogo Metro). Next meeting will be on 29-th of April. Check web-site www.h3.kiev.ua for details.

Looking for stress-free recreation? Interested in the Arts as a means of expression? Enjoy unspoiled natural sites and like-minded people? The Ukrainian Nativist Organization is then the group to join. Planned events/holidays in Kiev, Odessa, Crimea. More info: call Vadim at 80675047269.

Mobile Monday Ukraine, an international open community of mobile business professionals, invites the representatives of telecom industry to visit our regular events in Kiev for informal interaction, share of ideas and experience among the industry leaders. For more information visit www.MobileMonday.com.ua

American (Flag) football team seeks female players. For details, please contact Sonya at 8 (044) 512-9813, e-mail: Eyesheld@bigmir.net, ICQ 355891516.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Counseling/advising in relationships, personal growth, body/mind/spirit matters. Well-known Ukrainian psychologist counsels ex-pats in English and French in the center of Kyiv (Luteranska). See www.hohel.kiev.ua, or call 8-050-595-3686 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Individual psychological counseling for Russian- and English-speakers. Family issues, mood disorders, anxiety, depression. Complete confidentiality. Psychological Rehabilitation & Re-socialization Center - call Elena Korniyeva 8-050-573-5810 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or email: korniyeva@rambler.ru.

English-speaking meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. at 17 Kostyolna, (the small house behind #15). For more information call John at 8-050-331-5028, or email val@ciac.biz

Submissions to the Kyiv Post Community Listings are free but must be no more than 30 words in length. If you wish your submission to remain in the paper for a long period of time, you need to send in a new submission every three months. Deadline for submissions is Friday at 3 p.m. the week before publishing. Email Alexandra Matoshko at matoshko@kyivpost.com. * Please, note that we no longer accept ads that offer paid services.

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Partizan sympathizes with insurgent beer lovers

By ELISABETH SEWALL

While brainstorming what places to take my good friend Katya, who was visiting from St. Petersburg, I was determined to try and make her stay memorable to the utmost. Not to say I don't try to give all my guests the most memorable stay in Kyiv possible, but I felt particular pressure to show off the best of Kyiv to my special friend. Reason being that we had spent four months studying in St. Pete together while in college, and it was something like a reunion on our old stomping ground (we're both from the US), with a Ukrainian twist. And above all, since moving to Ukraine, I have felt a little animosity towards that "big brother" I used to feel so fondly towards and wanted to impress Katya with some superior Ukrainian flare.

I decided to bring her to Partizan forest beer club, a sleek restaurant located near some of Kyiv's ritzy suburbs. "Partizan" is the Ukrainian term for insurgent, or warfare guerilla – which may not scream light-hearted, summer-camp-and-beer fun – but that is exactly what the eatery evokes.

The people responsible for the restaurant's theme obviously tried to combine the vibe of the Cossaks infamous outdoor beer-merrymaking with the aesthetics of the old World War II days of the UPA (Ukrainian Partisan Army) – both the embodiment of Ukrainian partisans. What could have been a better choice than to bring my friend to a restaurant so perfectly symbolic of Ukraine's rebellious heroes trying to stick it to the "Man," a.k.a. Russia?

The eatery was immediately impressive. After pulling into the parking area in front of the restaurant's giant wooden fortress, we were greeted by an army tank emblazoned with the word "Pivo" ("Beer") and wrapped in bright red Christmas lights. A friendly hostess greeted us and brought us to the restaurant's porch dining area, which overlooked a nice artificial lake and wooden cabins that apparently are camp-style lodgings.

Sitting at our wooden tables and enjoying the view of the lake, we got to relax after the long, rigorous day of

sightseeing. The restaurant, in addition to being relaxing and picturesque, had a host of quirky diners to look at and a few resident cats creeping around, obviously profiting from the restaurant's own partisans – sympathizers willing to toss a few morsels towards the cats' cause.

Everything fit into the "partisan" theme – from the eatery's logo, a grenade-mug foaming with beer, to the dishes' army-themed names and the menu, printed on brown, thick parchment-like paper and presented in an army-grade leather case. Right away we ordered ourselves some beer, a 5 liter Hoegaarden (Hr 30.80) for me, and a Leffe Blonde (Hr 34.10) for Katya. As the place is a "beer club," there is a fairly large beer menu, with local and imported European brands.

When the server laid paper placemats in front of us that featured a comic parodying Star Wars, an advertisement for the restaurant group's network of restaurants, Katya burst into a fit of giggles. The restaurant group was called "Pees Boy Club" and its logo was a statue of a boy peeing like a fountain. Being familiar with the logo and not putting much thought into the possible connotations of it, it didn't strike me as that funny. Katya, however, pointed out that the poorly-worded English could lead to several perverse, South Park-esque connotations, and I burst into giggles as well.

We took our sweet time deciding what we wanted to order, which didn't seem to bother our server, who was friendly enough, but disappeared for such long periods at a time that we started to think she had forgotten us. The menu offers mostly Ukrainian dishes, with a modest Uzbek menu. When the server finally returned from the restaurant's depths, Katya ordered an avocado salad, made of shrimp, greens and avocado in a light oil sauce (Hr 49.50) and Khachapuri (27.50), while I ordered the "Mechta Boytsa" ("Warrior's Dream") for Hr 30.80, a salad with chicken, tomatoes and mushrooms under a spicy mayonnaise sauce and sprinkled with poppy seeds, and the wheat porridge with chicken (Hr 39.60) for my main.

Our meals were completely satisfying. Katya praised the avocado salad for its



Partizan forest beer pub is decorated with antique weaponry, posters and comical artwork that plays on the partisan theme. (Oleksiy Boyko)

light taste and lack of mayonnaise, and the rich goodness of her pizza-shaped Khachapuri, while I contentedly munched on the big chunks of chicken and tomatoes in my staple Ukrainian-style salad and enjoyed the mixture of spices, chicken and wheat porridge in my main course, which came served in an army canteen. Katya also enjoyed a chocolate ice cream (Hr 25.30) for dessert, while I finished my beer.

After the meal, we did a quick walk through the restaurant, which actually had two large dining areas on the first floor and a nice Cuban-themed eating area on the second. There was also a band playing in the eatery's front yard, which we hadn't noticed

out on the porch.

We walked around the artificial lake and saw that there were docks fitted with tables and chairs, where you could eat or even fish, as well as separate open-air rooms for larger dining parties that want privacy. We both agreed this would be a great place to celebrate a festive occasion.

PARTIZAN

Nova Obukhivska highway, 28th kilometer, Pidhirtsi village, 467-7343
Open 24 hours
English menu: Yes
English-speaking staff: Yes
Average meal: Hr 100

RESTAURANT NEWS

Patrik Pub is offering a range of new fruity desserts: "Cherry on Iceberg" (cherries with mint on bits of ice); raspberries with "Scholler" ice cream and mint; pancakes with raspberries (caramelized berries on pancakes with chocolate sauce); raspberry flip (berries blended with ice and champagne).

PATRIK PUB

26 Sichnevoho Povstannya,
254-3515
Open daily 11 a.m. till 11 p.m.

Belvedere restaurant introduced some new dishes to its menu: Mediterranean fish soup; cream-soup of cauliflower; cream-soup of celery; "Vitamin" salad of figs, kidney beans, garden radishes, pistachios and lettuce; tiger shrimp with mango, lettuce, avocado and flying fish caviar; trout baked in parchment with seasonal vegetables.

BELVEDERE

1 Dniprovskiy Spusk, 288-5070
Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m.

Status party bar is offering low calorie summer dishes to its guests. Among them are: "Modern" salad of pear, pineapple and marinated salmon; "Fitness" salad of grapefruit and pineapple with lettuce mix, nuts and almonds; "Sea mix" served with vegetables al dente and spicy ginger-honey sauce; turkey fillet with summer vegetables; duck leg stewed in sauce made from citrus fruits, soy sauce and cognac, with apples, strawberries and lettuce mix.

STATUS

3 Prospect Peremohy, 4th floor,
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La Russe has an offer called "Russian Pub," which includes beer served with crawfish for a summer price (Hr 30 for 200 grams), as well as summer dishes – okroshka, appetizer of smoked chicken breasts; grilled royal shrimp. Every second beer is free.

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Best ice cream in Kyiv turns out to be Italian

By **OLGA KOVALENKO**

Sometimes, while sitting at a cafe or coffee shop in Kyiv and looking through the menu, I am really astonished by the limited selection of ice cream offered there. To lift your spirits, sometimes just a scoop of plain white ice cream topped with syrup will suffice, but when you feel like trying something unusual, like a combination of flavors, the local cafes simply can't do the trick. Unfortunately, there still aren't any special ice cream parlors in Kyiv that serve a wide assortment of flavors. Ukrainian and foreign ice cream franchises are most often found in shopping malls filled with noise and crowds of people – not the appropriate place to enjoy the richness and heat-quenching goodness of ice cream. I decided to find out which ice cream company in Kyiv deserves the most attention.

There are two Ukrainian brands of soft-serve ice cream, including Asorti (Assortment) and Lakomka (A Sweet Tooth), which are sold in small pavilions at the city's busiest spots. Asorti makes one kind of low-fat ice cream, which is a tasty mixture of coffee and lemon flavors. Lakomka makes a number of different flavors, including chocolate, lemon, vanilla and strawberry, that are both fattier and sweeter than Asorti's coffee-lemon kind. However, Lakomka outfits differ. At some you can order a pre-made chocolate/lemon or vanilla/strawberry mix squeezed from a plastic container into a waffle cone from a machine for Hr 3, at others – a softer, ice cream version (Hr

3.40 for 100 grams), served directly from an ice cream machine. The second option allows you to pick any flavor combination you want, in a cone or a paper bowl and topped with various syrups, nuts or chocolate sauce. The spots offering the latter kind of ice cream are quite popular, so you may have to stand in line for around 10 minutes to get your much desired dessert. Another place that offers soft-serve ice cream is McDonald's, but there is very little difference in taste between each flavor, unless you add syrup.

Among the foreign franchises that offer high-quality ice cream with a wide assortment of flavors and toppings, as well as ice cream desserts, are Baskin-Robbins and La Gelateria Italiana, both of which can be found at Globus shopping mall. Baskin-Robbins claims to be a world famous ice cream franchise and its locations in Kyiv (also found at Metrograd and Karavan) now offer 31 kinds of ice cream and a short list of ready-made sundaes, cakes and milkshakes. It's a really popular spot even with its high prices – Hr 11 for one scoop (less than 100 grams).

La Gelateria Italiana offers a bit cheaper ice cream (Hr 10 for 100 grams served in a bowl, and Hr 10 for 70 grams served in a waffle cone) of around 30 flavors. Ice cream from La Gelateria Italiana is by the same producer as the one offered at the Italian restaurant Pantagruel osteria. The main advantage of La Gelateria is that it sells authentic Italian gelato, which is considered to contain less fat than common American-style ice cream.



Just lick it: The ice cream from La Gelateria Italiana is as tasty as it is appetizing. (Konstantin Klimenko)

Gelato is also softer than other ice cream and melts faster, since its ingredients are not homogenized (blended) together. At La Gelateria Italiana you can choose among flavors like chocolate, coffee, hazelnut, pistachio, strawberry, vanilla, white chocolate, lemon

and even my favorite, tiramisu – after I tried it, I hardly needed more persuasion to call La Gelateria Italiana ice cream the best in Kyiv.

LA GELATERIA ITALIANA
Globus shopping center, first line

TIP OF THE WEEK

How to protect your car

After buying a car, the first thing a new owner must think about is how to prevent it from being stolen or broken into. The best car alarm security system ever invented is known as "signaling." It serves to avoid any unauthorized car break-ins by alerting the owner and surrounding people and by blocking usage of the car's ignition system, power supply and engine. Modern security systems can also be used to automatically open or close car doors, start the car's engine or switch the lights on or off from a distance.

You can buy a car security system at any car shop – or even at Kyiv's famous radio market – but it's definitely better to buy a security system at a specialized shop. One of these specialty shops is Signalka (3A Politekhnichna, 241-6443, www.signalka.kiev.ua). The shop offers 179 kinds of signaling systems: with or without reverse connection, and systems with distant launching. The prices of signaling systems vary from Hr 200 to Hr 1,400. In addition to car alarm security systems the company also sells sound systems, GPS navigation systems, locks and other useful merchandise for vehicles.

It is also possible to buy a security system at a specialized web shop. One such web shop is Vapila (www.vapila.kiev.ua). The shop offers different models of signaling systems from over 20 different producers. It is possible to buy a signaling system with installation or to order installation only if you have already bought a system.

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Geoff Michael Papero, underscoring Crimean energy potential



(Konstantin Klimenko)

By HARIKRISHNAN SANKARAN

Geoff Papero is a Canadian with Italian antecedents. At his suggestion we made the appointment for this Word with... feature to meet for lunch at the one and only five star hotel in Kyiv. The so-called five-star establishment is on Schevchenko Boulevard – a place that I, though walking past it and glancing at the liveried doorman almost every day on my way to the nearby metro station, never deemed worthy of my august presence.

We sat ourselves down and, intuitively, I knew that I was at the wrong place with the right gent. Sure enough, the moment my very genteel and outwardly timid *Kyiv Post* photographer started snapping away, a string of tough-looking leather-clad 'security guards' turned up at our table and started the well-rehearsed intimidation process. Luckily, my

guest Geoff and I, being old hands at handling this sort of "babushka's boys" silliness, got them to leave us alone after three visits spanning around 15 minutes.

So how did he become an old hand at this mock theater, I asked Geoff. "Oh, I was in Moscow during the 1980 Olympic games." That said a lot. Geoff is – the way I tend to describe such people – a multi-faceted person. "I started out as a physical education teacher. Then I became – again with proper training of course – a psychiatrist. And now I am in the – often characterized at least in this part of the world – highly volatile energy business." Yes, true enough, Geoff is the deputy general manager of the Canadian oil and gas producer Transeuro Energy, involved in the process of developing several gas condensate fields in the Crimean peninsula. No wonder, as a high-flying energy sector executive, he wanted us to meet at this five-star establishment.

Visibility means a lot, I guess, in his trade – though I don't think that my photographer was amused by the unwarranted harassment he had to endure.

I STARTED OUT AS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER. AND NOW I AM IN THE – OFTEN CHARACTERIZED AT LEAST IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD – HIGHLY VOLATILE ENERGY BUSINESS.

Geoff has also been "a journalist of sorts." He was, of course, underplaying his credentials. I have a reason for stat-

ing it, because Geoff wanted that I send him the draft of this Word with...feature before I submitted it to my editor. In true journalistic fashion, I told him "sure" and I could clearly detect in his eyes that he knew that I had no intentions whatsoever of complying with what I had assured him of. There is a true professional for you.

So, why is he rooting for Crimea, I asked Geoff. "Our – meaning Transeuro Energy – licenses are for operations in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. That region is a proven hydrocarbon zone with – no bluffing here – substantial potential both on and off shore. We, through our wholly-owned subsidiaries Indusmin Energy and Pivdenspetsbud, have been active in Crimea since 2000. Ukraine, with its highly inefficient and non-regulated gas consumption policies – I am not going to dwell on the skyrocketing prices that we have seen in the last year – needs to seriously look into self

reliance, meaning domestic resources. I can assure you that Crimea is the answer."

Our meeting had come through because of a common friend. And typical of that common friend of ours, all he had done was just text me Geoff's mobile number. I, by nature, tend to be slightly skeptical of high flyers – especially the ones in the armaments industry and oil and gas – and am disposed to the kind of laid back observation of these players-meaning watch and listen. Geoff was a bit intrigued that I neither recorded our little chit-chat nor took any notes. I told him that I too am, in a way, trained in the trade – what is called "recall." I can't assure you that he was very convinced about it, but, as I sort of hovered over earlier, Geoff is a decent, neat and likable gent. I am likely to run into him again and feel pretty sure that we would be able to spend a congenial time together over a drink.

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Call centers to run visa requests

By JOHN MARONE
Ukrainians standing in the lines will eventually begin their visa-application process by logging a request call center-based abroad. Under the new system, call centers will make the procedure more convenient to small-business operators.
But for now, 175 travel agencies, the government says, will handle the 1.5 million a day in requests to the U.S. State Department to help it handle its backlog of visa requests.
"In 2007, the U.S. State Department will use a 175-line call center to make an appointment through a global lead-processor, company Global Commerce Services Corporation (GCS), to those agencies in Poland will schedule the appointment and accept basic application documents.
"They want an open appointment system," U.S. State Dept. Consul General in Kiev Leszek Hekiel told the Post on Monday.
"GCS's call-center service, which Hekiel and the U.S. government have agreed to use, will schedule the appointment for the applicant and will handle the initial processing of the application."
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Steel tycoons pumping billions into efficiency



Viktor Pinchuk, son of Ukraine's President Leonid Kuchma, is one of several industrialists in the country working hard to improve efficiency at industrial businesses that are holding the punch of rising natural gas prices.

By ELISA GNATI
Ukrainian tycoons are investing in more efficient energy production, natural gas, improved steel, Russia and Central Asia by investing in brand new state-of-the-art facilities and large-scale modernization to improve energy efficiency.
Innovative, one of Ukraine's largest industrial groups, on Feb. 26 revealed plans to invest \$100 million into a new steel plant in a new energy-efficient steel mill which should help it efficiently cut costs in manufacturing.
"It is the steel plant using gas-thermal technology, because it is controlled by former President Leonid Kuchma's son-in-law Viktor Pinchuk.
"It's a plant, a leading supplier of equipment and technology for the steel industry, which means an overall gas consumption during the production of high-quality steel.
"After its completion, estimated within 30 months, the new European steel factory will produce 1.2 million tons of steel annually, to be used in construction."
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Ukrainian airlines team up

By VLAD LAURIV
A leading Ukrainian airline hopes to increase its passenger traffic, increase profitability and possibly to become an alliance with a smaller domestic carrier, stability which is also an important priority for the group.
"Aerovis, one of Ukraine's two leading airlines, and Ukrainians, a smaller airline based in the industrial city of Donetsk, announced the creation of a strategic alliance on Feb. 27.
"The two airlines said they would merge \$5 million this year into the new alliance, which will create joint ticket sales and marketing efforts. Aerovis and Ukrainians will create their joint ticket system on their respective passenger airplanes, however, such like an alliance arrangement is not between leading international carriers. The agreement, which is in force until June 2007, is the first of its kind in Ukraine's airline industry.
"The airlines will also merge maintenance facilities.
"Together, the two Ukrainian airlines will have direct flights to 40 destinations in 31 countries, including 24 regular routes."
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Parties call for repeat elections

By OXANA BONDARCHENKO
A bitter struggle for authority between pro-Western President Viktor Yushchenko and his arch-rival from the Orange Revolution, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, led to a higher level this week.
"After failed attempts to reach a governing coalition with Yanukovich, he left and asked for a repeat election and called for the pro-revolutionary Orange Revolution to be held again, but the pro-revolutionary Orange Revolution is a part to end the tenure of Yanukovich's government and hold repeat parliamentary elections. The second Orange Revolution will be held in a repeat election on Feb. 28, the opposition argued for a repeat in a repeat parliamentary election through an appeal to the U.S. State Dept. to send international observers."
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Enduring legal battle over Kyivstar gets dirty

By VLAD LAURIV
The bitter legal battle between Norway's Telenor and Ukraine's Kyivstar has become even dirtier as the two companies are accused of illegal activities in Ukraine.
"The long-running legal dispute between Norway's Telenor and Ukraine's Kyivstar has become even dirtier as the two companies are accused of illegal activities in Ukraine.
"The dispute, 'Norwegian' Report Ukraine Legal', reportedly, involved by the Telenor approach to Ukraine's high-level officials, including the prime minister, to get the company to buy the state and taking over the company in a bid to buy it.
"One of the provocative allegations was placed in a high-level official in the office of Ukraine's Prime Minister."
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