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## Rising sex tourism unwelcome

By MARK RACHKEVYCH

Good-looking women can be a country's greatest attraction and biggest problem – at the same time. This seems to be the case in Ukraine, which is becoming a prime European destination for sex tourists.

Eight skimpily clad female college students held placards reading “Ukraine is Not a Bordello” in many languages on Kyiv’s Independence Square on July 30. They were protesting the advent of increasingly more sex tourists coming to the country.

The 50-person, awareness-raising show – complete with male ballet dancers acting as pimps in flashy suits – caught the public’s eye and brought the issue to the forefront.

“This is insulting to us [women] and it harms the country’s image since we’re increasingly becoming a country of destination for tourists whose sole purpose is to have sex with our women,” said Anna Hutsol, the leader of FEMEN, a loose-knit women’s movement of mostly female students who organized the provocative demonstration.

“We take this issue very seriously. We are pushing for legislation to forbid sex tourists from entering the country. We are sick of men looking at us like pieces of meat,” Hutsol added.

Non-governmental organizations like FEMEN are not the only ones who have noticed the new sex tourism boom. Government officials, public relations



FEMEN, a loose-knit women’s movement, organized this anti sex tourism protest in downtown Kyiv on July 30. (Oleksandr Kuzmin)

professionals and those in the entertainment industry are also starting to say something needs to be done to counteract the trend and Ukraine’s image as a haven for sex tourists.

“Ukraine has a competitive advantage, simply put, our women are the best in the world,” said Vasyl Myroshnychenko, a partner at CFC, a strategic communications, government relations and investment consulting firm. “What Ukraine needs to do [to improve its image tainted

by corruption, sex tourism and other problems] is to conduct a positive image campaign with systemic, consistent and coordinated support from the top.”

Hutsol says Ukrainian women are already equated with prostitutes abroad – an image that adds headaches to women seeking visas and facing embarrassing interviews with foreign embassies.

Some observers attribute the increase of sex tourists to the government’s visa regime relaxation in 2005.

“There’s a definite correlation between the new visa-free regime and visitors to my club, as is true in other places in Kyiv such as, Arena and Avalon,” said Ray McRobbie, director of entertainment and marketing at River Palace, whose night club is reputed for short-term matchmaking.

It is virtually impossible to track the statistics of so-called “sexpats” traveling to Ukraine, however.

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## Akhmetov’s TRK Ukraina signs Shuster

By DARIYA ORLOVA

Ukraine’s richest man, Rinat Akhmetov, is building up an impressive arsenal of superstar reporters and talk show hosts at his up-and-coming television channel, TRK Ukraina. He promises his new recruits freedom they haven’t felt at other major channels, themselves controlled by competing billionaires.

His newest sign-on is Savik Shuster, founder of Ukraine’s most popular political and overall television talk show, Savik Shuster’s Svoboda Slova.

Shuster, 56, is a Soviet-born emigre who built up a journalist and television career in the west. A citizen of Canada and Italy, he came to work in Ukraine in 2005 after quitting Russia’s NTV channel, and is highly regarded by viewers as an icon of free press and professional journalism.

Shuster announced late last week he and a revamped version of his show are switching to Akhmetov’s TRK Ukraina after a scandalous split with Inter, the leading Ukrainian channel reportedly controlled by billionaires Valery Khoroshkovsky and Dmytro Firtash. In the midst of making this move, Shuster cited attempted censorship at Inter, and stressed that his main reason for signing a new three-year contract with TRK Ukraina was freedom.

“TRK Ukraina agreed to our major see **SHUSTER**, page 4

## Masterpiece Caravaggio painting stolen from Odesa museum



Thieves last week stole a prized 16th-century masterpiece painting from an Odesa museum. The painting, by Italian Baroque artist Michelangelo Merisi de Caravaggio, could be worth as much as \$100 million, according to some estimates. The painting (right) was cut out of the picture frame (above) in the Odesa museum. (UNIAN)

By ZOYA LYTUVYN

If you think multi-million-dollar works of art can only disappear dramatically from locked museums in Hollywood movies, think again.

In a theft which showcased the poor security at Ukrainian museums that house scores of masterpieces, a prized 16th-century painting by Italian Baroque artist Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio was stolen from Odesa’s Western and Eastern Art Museum last week.

Lax security was compounded by negligence. Authorities don’t even know precisely when the crime took place – only that it was between 6 p.m. on July 29 and early on July 31.

The missing painting is known by two names: The Taking of Christ and The Kiss of Judas. It is estimated to be worth millions of dollars, perhaps up to \$100 million. An earlier work by Caravaggio, Apollo the Lute Player, fetched \$110 million at Sotheby’s in 2001.

Police suspect a solo burglar bypassed

the museum’s outdated alarm system by carefully removing glass panes from the window. The alarm would have only worked if the window was broken. He crudely cut out the painting from its frame and escaped from the museum through the roof of the nearest building.

Police conceded that security was poor, but theorized that the culprit was not a professional art thief.

“Such people are sick and have no idea what they were doing,” said Valeriy Kiyuk, an Odesa investigator handling the case.

Eyewitness accounts of a man who had scoped out the museum recently helped produce a sketch of a suspect. Museum workers said they have repeatedly asked city authorities to modernize the security system, but their requests were declined.

The story of the painting is itself wrapped in mystery.

Some art experts told the Kyiv Post that Caravaggio authored three copies of this painting. The National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin claims to hold the



One of three existing copies of The Taking of Christ (Courtesy photo)

first. The one stolen from Odesa was brought from France to the Russian Empire by its ambassador in the 19th century, and was presented to a member of the royal family. It landed in Odesa Art College after the expropriation following the 1917 revolution. It was later transferred to the Western and Eastern Art Museum. An art expert said the third is located in Rome, Italy.

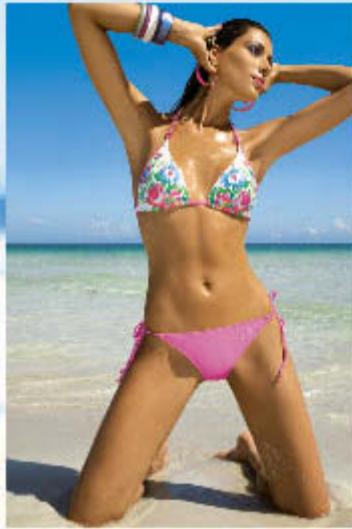
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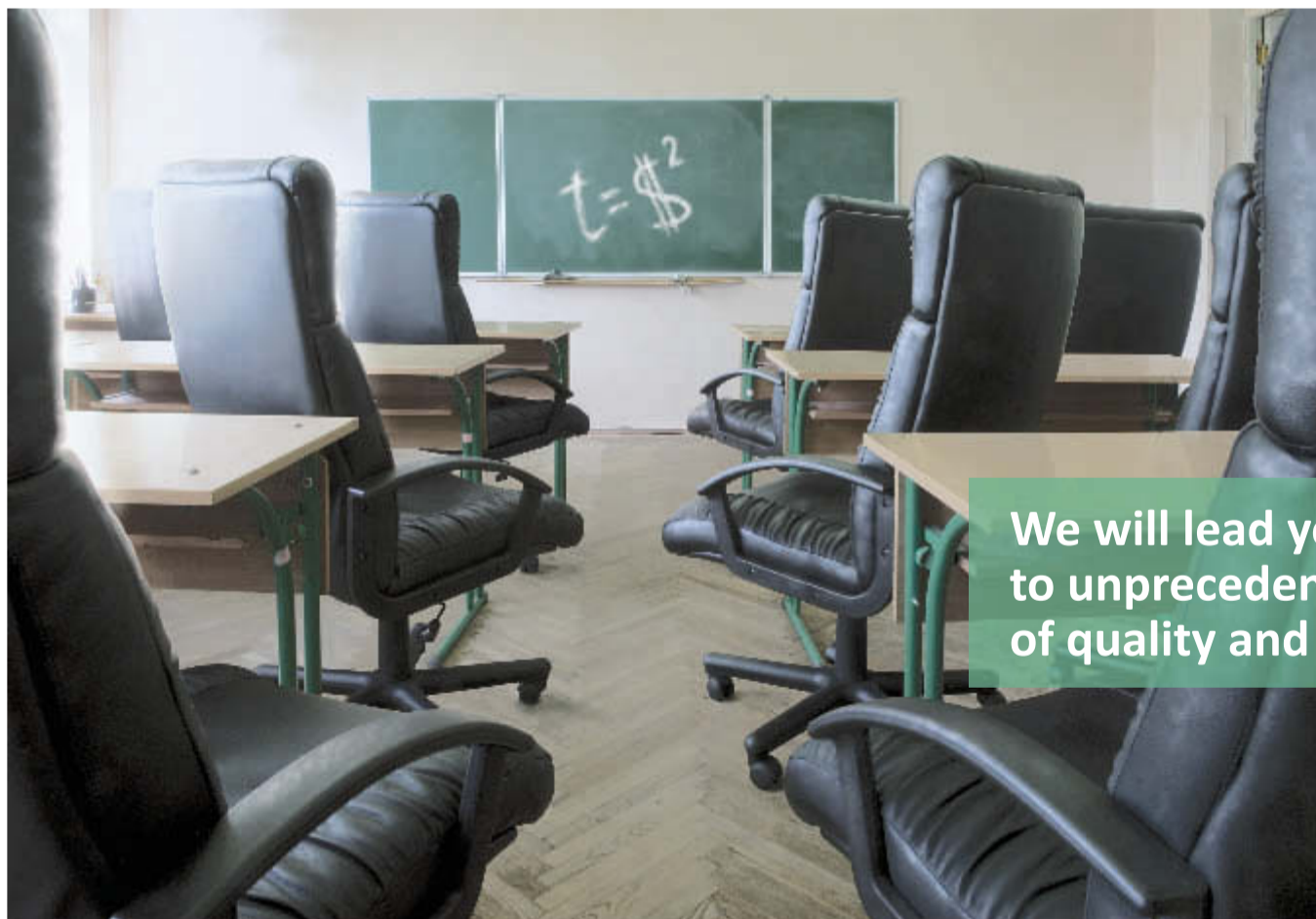
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# Parliament hikes cigarette excise tax

By ELENA PLEKHANOVA

In need of cash because of the stalled privatization of state assets and unexpected costs from last month's flooding in western Ukraine, lawmakers unexpectedly doubled excise taxes on cigarettes last week.

“EXCISE DUTIES ON TOBACCO ARE STILL THE LOWEST. WE’LL HAVE TO RAISE THEM ONCE MORE.”

— Yulia Tymoshenko,  
Prime Minister of Ukraine

The increase, which came as parliament met in a special session on July 31 to approve \$1.2 billion for flood relief, is more symbolic than substantive, experts said. Even with the modest hike, Ukraine will remain home to some of the world's cheapest cigarettes and, consequently, one of the highest smoking rates, experts added.

If approved, cigarette prices are expected to increase by only an estimated 15-20 cents per pack in a nation where popular brands still sell for \$1 or less.

Anti-smoking activists say lawmakers will need to dramatically hike cigarette taxes, bringing them closer to Western European levels, to effectively combat an addiction that afflicts 40 percent of the nation's adults and that prematurely kills nearly 100,000 Ukrainians each year.

Moreover, it is not clear if Ukraine's President, Victor Yushchenko, will sign even the modest increase into law. The issue of cigarettes and how they are taxed is emerging as the latest political flashpoint between Yushchenko and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

Tymoshenko, driven in part by budget needs, is seeking to significantly boost excise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol when parliament returns to work this fall.

“Excise duties on tobacco are still the lowest. We'll have to raise them once more,” she said.

But the presidential office last month came out in opposition, echoing tobacco-industry arguments that higher excise taxes will promote smuggling and black market activity.

The tax hike approved July 31 by parliamentarians is expected to generate an additional \$200 million in Ukraine's \$45 billion budget. It won by a veto-proof majority of 381 out of 450 lawmakers. If it becomes law, the excise tax for filter-tipped smokes would rise from \$3 to \$6 per 1,000 cigarettes, and from \$1 to \$2.5 per 1,000 non-filter cigarettes.

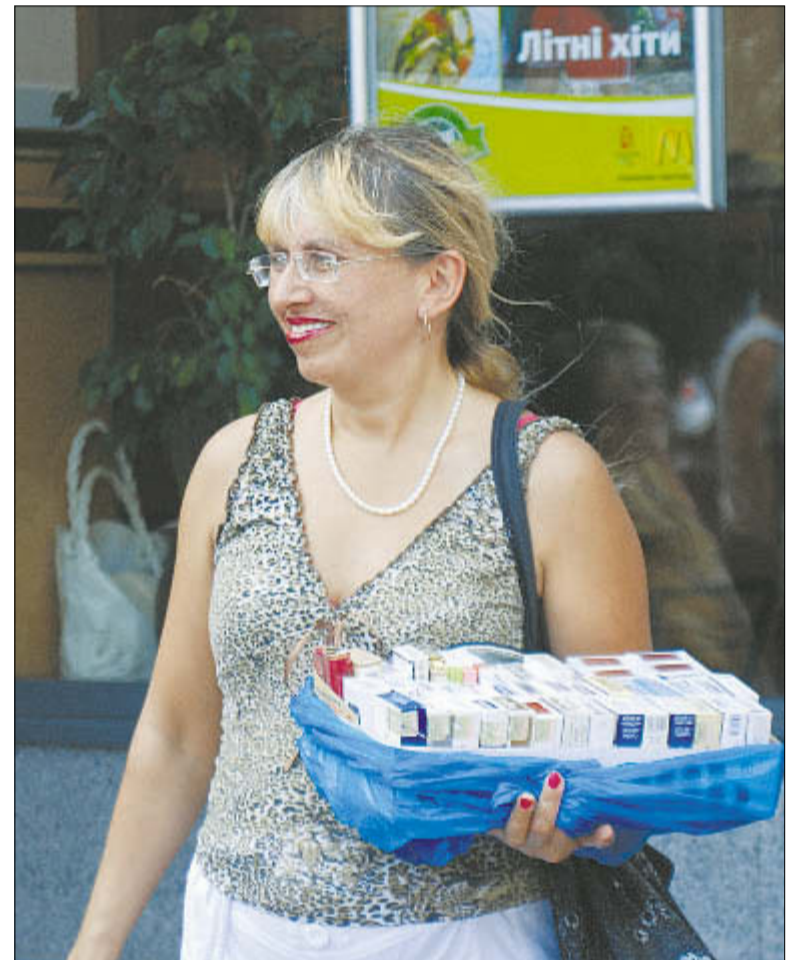
Oleksandr Zhulud, an economist at a Kyiv-based think tank, the International Centre for Policy Studies (ICPS), said that raising cigarette taxes is justified to reduce smoking and fill budget holes. “Given that the privatization plan has stalled, and foreign and internal loans are not coming in, the government is looking for alternative ways to finance the budget deficit,” Zhulud said.

Dmytro Redko, director for corporate issues at JT International in Ukraine (JTI), part of Japan Tobacco Inc., said prices per pack could rise 15-20 cents. “Reducing the number of smokers with a price rise is nonsense. [Smokers] will switch to cheaper brands,” he added.

Such arguments are contradicted by the tobacco industry's own internal documents, unearthed in lawsuits filed in the U.S. during the last decade showing that tax increases are effective at cutting smoking. Increasing prices is the single most effective way to reduce smoking, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Konstantyn Krasovsky, WHO national tobacco control officer in Ukraine, said much higher taxes are needed to move Ukraine's smoking rate in the direction of Switzerland, where 20 percent of adults smoke, and Canada, where the figure is 15 percent.

“In reality, many smokers want to quit. Therefore, the rise in cigarette prices can become a good incentive for them to make that decision,” Krasovsky said.



A lady sells cigarettes in downtown Kyiv on August 1. Cigarette prices are expected to go up in price by up to 20 cents per pack if President Victor Yushchenko signs a new excise tax law adopted by parliament last week. (Iaroslav Debelyi)

# Uncontrolled outdoor advertising floods Ukrainian capital

By YULIYA POPOVA

Caught in a blizzard of outdoor advertising, Kyiv seems to have turned into a slick commercial capital. But while some find the advertising blitzkrieg alluring and profitable, others are desperately trying to cut through the clutter.

“I am appalled to see [Kyiv's main street] Khreshchatyk turn into another Champs-Elysees,” says Pavlo Chernyshenko, who just came from Paris for a short break. “Herds of tourists drinking beer, billboards on every step of your way, I can't see the architecture of some of the buildings.”

Born in Kyiv, Chernyshenko spent the last 10 years living in Canada, Italy, the United States and France. And nowhere, he says, does there seem to be as much advertising as in Kyiv.

Chernyshenko has nothing against outdoor advertising as a marketing tool, but he finds the sheer excess of it in Kyiv self-damaging and imposing.

A media research company, the Ukrainian Media Monitor, calculated

that Kyiv is cluttered with 21,000 billboards, light boxes and other outdoor advertisements that are at least two square meters in size. In Kyiv, a city with a population of 3 million or more, there are some 8,000 billboards alone. That is several times more than in Paris, a city of more than 9 million. The number of billboards in Kyiv is about half that in Moscow, which has a population of more than 9 million and is much larger in all respects.

Though abundant in their own right, the number of smaller posters in Kyiv is hard to track, according to the Ukrainian Media Monitor.

“Downtown Kyiv looks uglier than Moscow with its cluttered advertising. There are no restrictions on the volume of it here,” says Artem Bidenko from the Association of Outdoor Advertising. He admits that Kyiv is already glutted with billboards and light boxes more than the Russian capital.

Even Bidenko has had enough, but he is concerned less with aesthetics and more with maximizing profits. Since more advertising can drive down prices for their services, association members

asked the Kyiv administration for a moratorium on the installation of new commercial boards.

The city's municipal advertising company, Kyivreklama, was short on detail, but pledged to clean up the business, bringing it in line with advertising laws, by 2011.

A year ago, one of the largest cities in the world, Sao Paulo, passed the “clean city” law and wiped out virtually all outdoor advertising from its landscape. With neon signs, shop window posters and even ads on buses clearing at breakneck speed, the Brazilian city argued that public space must not be abused, or polluted, for private commercial purposes.

Advertising and business groups dubbed the law as damaging to both society and their professions, but many residents were happy to discover the original face of their city.

The Ukrainian outdoor advertising market is estimated to be worth \$230 million this year, with Kyiv accounting for 36 percent of the business.

Kyivreklama hopes this year to generate \$20 million for city coffers by

leasing out advertising space, \$2 million more than in 2007. Combating visual street pollution the Brazilian way would strip Kyiv of much-needed funding.

“But what's the point if all it is going to do is block my view and irritate me?” complains Chernyshenko, the Kyiv native recently in from Paris.

Many Kyiv residents manage to tune out endless outdoor political advertising on billboards mixed with alcohol or bank ads. Others capitalize on it, agreeing to decorate their balconies with banners of political parties for a small fee of \$20 per month during election campaigns. The Association of Outdoor Advertising calls it guerilla marketing, which is sporadic and hard to regulate.

The association estimates that 7-8 percent of the outdoor advertising is illegal. But removing it is a long bureaucratic procedure that entails costly and time consuming lawsuits.

Tobacco and alcohol industries thrive in Kyiv by still being allowed to openly promote their products in broad daylight on the streets. Apart from advancing an unhealthy life-

style, some of them come under fire for breaking ethical standards. The National Commission on Public Morals made a list this year of billboards and light boxes that scream with sexual messages “disgracing an observer.”

Thanks to a law adopted by parliament this year, starting January 2009, the plug will be pulled on all outdoor advertising for cigarettes and liquor.

Scarcely dressed women, however, not only smoke cigarettes on street posters, some of them try to sell building bricks or bathroom tiles. The National Commission on Public Morals has informed the city council that advertising of an almost-naked woman laying on “seductive tiles” or “tile that sets you on fire” violate the law on public morals. To take them down, however, city officials or architects must file a lawsuit and prove that these billboards were harmful to someone.

Bidenko doubts such cases will be pursued. For the time being, Kyiv remains besieged by ads, with little compensation for the clutter.

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## Akhmetov channel promises freedom to stars

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condition: not to intrude into journalists' work. This is the main reason," he told the Kyiv Post.

But viewers will soon see whether his freedoms include the ability to criticize Akhmetov and the power structure he has built up. TRK Ukraine had a reputation of being mouthpieces for Akhmetov and the Regions Party, especially during the Orange Revolution when separatist sentiments were high.

The channel's general producer, Alla Lipovetska, said: "We hope our defining feature will be neutrality, objectivity and plurality."

Industry insiders say the other reason for Shuster's move must have been financial. "As far as I know, he received a proposal: you name your sum – and we'll pay it," said Otar Dovzhenko, deputy editor at Telekritika, a media watchdog.

Shuster said that he has created his own production studio, and will

be making a daily program on top of his usual Friday-night show. Shuster wouldn't disclose the value or his new contract or project, saying only: "It's a very expensive project."

With \$30 billion in assets, Akhmetov can afford it. And he is of late investing heavily to boost national viewership ratings of TRK Ukraine, once a regional channel in eastern Ukraine.

This year, TRK Ukraine has moved to snap up several disgruntled TV stars that quit previous stints citing censorship, unfair play and pay by channel owners. Negotiations have been held with former Inter editor Vakhtang Kipiani, who left the Great Ukrainians TV show, claiming the vote was manipulated. Serhiy Rakhmanin, long a leading print reporter at the Zerkalo Nedeli newspaper has already launched a political talk show called Duel. TRK Ukraine has also negotiated with Yegor Sobolev, a former Channel 5 news presenter, who said the channel has great



Savik Shuster on air (Courtesy photo)

ambitions for development.

"The new ambitious Polish general director [Waldemar Dziki] has an understanding that TV is created by stars, and that the key to success is in serving viewers," he said.

Shuster joined the growing team after working his one-year stint at Inter, Ukraine's most popular channel holding nearly a quarter of all viewers.

Last summer he gave up channel ICTV, owned by Viktor Pinchuk, the second-richest man in Ukraine and son-in-law to ex-president Leonid Kuchma.

Last week, however, the Akhmetov-owned Segodnya daily quoted a source close to Shuster saying individuals from the office of President Victor Yushchenko attempted to pressure Inter into avoiding particular topics in the studio, and keeping certain guests out. Shuster confirmed that he experienced "attempts at intervention," but did not name anyone or situation in particular saying: "It's all in the past, and I am looking into the future."

Shuster's arrival to TRK Ukraine is expected to boost its viewership ratings. In June, the channel had five percent audience share, according to research firm GFK-Ukraine. Inter had 18 percent, ICTV nearly 8 percent.

Shuster's talks show was most popular, catching nearly 29 percent of all viewers on Friday nights in June.

## Mounting sexpat tourism reveals telling picture

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"The growing amount of sex tourists entering Ukraine has not escaped us, but it is very difficult to measure their numbers," said Andriy Shenin, an expert at the state tourism administration.

In 2007, 23 million foreigners visited Ukraine, according to the administration, up 22 percent over 2006. The vast majority of foreigners came mainly from former Soviet republics. However, the greatest rise in the numbers was from the European Union and other non-CIS nations. That category showed a 96 percent rise, or 725,000 more visitors.

Police told Korrespondent, the Kyiv Post's Russian-language sister publication, that some 12,000 prostitutes operate in Ukraine's \$700 million sex industry. The figure is comparable to the annual profits of RosUkrEnerg, a Swiss-registered intermediary company that supplies Ukraine with gas, but pales in comparison with Thailand's multi-billion dollar sex industry. The Interior Ministry's press service said this number is "very high" for Ukraine where prostitution is prohibited under law.

Hutsol said police figures heavily underestimate the situation. Low student stipends and the capital's high prices are pushing more young women into prostitution, she added.

"Most women I spoke with are ashamed and do this out of poverty but some also do it out of material desire," Hutsol added.

A 45-year German businessman who runs a sex tourist web portal says there are too few well-paying jobs for university-educated women. "They see luxury cars and houses and they want it now so they either compete for sugar daddies or willingly sell themselves," he said.

One example he gave was about a smart, open-minded recent graduate who works for an insurance company, but who also services VIP clients at a rate of \$2,000 per month. He calls it the "I want everything and I want it now" mentality of young women from 19 to 22 years of age. Prices for their services start from \$20 for oral sex and can run up to \$5,000 per hour for VIP clients, but usually fall in the \$100-\$300 range.

The German portal owner said Ukraine's proximity to Europe and its relatively inexpensive prices makes it a good destination for sex-seeking enthusiasts. His site contains 32 sub-directories for Kyiv alone billed as "everything you need for a pleasure weekend."

"The girls here are tall and slim, and getting them into bed is easy. Moreover they are fun to party with," he said.

The party can be booked on-line. A two-day sex tour advertised and priced on [www.kiev-tour.com](http://www.kiev-tour.com) runs \$1,250-\$1,600, depending on the type of girl and her English-speaking skills. The site offers confidentiality and discreet billing, private cottages outside of Kyiv or apartments in the capital, round-trip transport to Boryspil airport and discounts for longer stays.

Lack of moral values is also cited as a factor driving Ukraine's sex business. Barely legal girls released from state-run orphanages and boarding homes are especially at-risk, said Iryna Konchenkova, head of the international non-profit School of Equal Opportunities. Her organization com-

bats child labor, child pornography and trafficking.

"Morals are not instilled at the state-operated orphanages. When I speak to the older girls at these institutions, all they talk about are cigarettes, cars and so on without realizing how much they cost or how much they have to work to purchase them," Konchenkova said.

This materialist approach leads them to prostitution as the fast track to acquiring the things they want, Konchenkova said pointing to street children and rural residents as two other at-risk groups because of their low educational levels and lack of parental guidance.

Hutsol is concerned that the Euro-2012 Soccer Championship will bring an influx of male sexpat tourists.

"We are developing an action plan leading to the 2012 cup. We are a fast-growing organization with a strong network and so we'll build on this to hang social billboards on city life which will feature photo sessions with famous people, and partner with other organizations doing similar things to build a strong coalition," Hutsol added.



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## ON THE MOVE



**Peter Baron** was appointed chairman of the board for VAB Bank, a large bank that has 25 offices and 143 departments in Ukraine and a representative office in Budapest, Hungary. Baron is 28 years old, but he has nine years of experience in banking. For the last five years, he worked for VAB Bank as a first vice-president and a member of the supervisory board. Before coming to VAB Bank Baron was an adviser to the head of the board of directors at OVK Bank group in Moscow, Russia, a member of the Board of Directors at Inkahrana in Moscow, and member of the board of directors of International Private Bank in Macedonia. He graduated from City University Business School in London, UK, with a degree in investments and financial risk management.



**Tsvetan Petrinin** was appointed deputy chairman of the board for retail business issues for VAB Bank, operating in Ukraine since 1992. He will also take on the role of director of retail business and distribution. Prior to joining VAB Bank Petrinin worked, for seven years, as the head of the retail business department at First Investment Bank in Bulgaria, one of the country's biggest banks. His other experience includes work for Ocean Bank and Russian Private Bank. Petrinin graduated from the Bulgarian University of National and International Economy with a degree in international economic relations.



**Russell Boyman** has been appointed the head of MTV Ukraine's Commercial Department. Mr. Boyman is a veteran of the UK media industry and brings over 25 years experience in television media sales to MTV Ukraine. He will be responsible for the business's commercial development, including direct ad sales, sponsorships, on-line and interactive. MTV is the first international music and entertainment television channel in Ukraine and the only media brand to make the Forbes and BusinessWeek top 50 global brands.



**Luc Chenier** has been appointed the head of MTV Ukraine's marketing and public relations department. MTV is the first international music and entertainment television channel in Ukraine and the only media brand to make the Forbes and BusinessWeek top 50 global brands. Chenier has 14 years of international advertising agency experience. He has worked in Canada, Russia and Ukraine as the executive creative director for many large international advertising agencies while working on brands such as P&G, Nestle, Mazda Motors, Kyivstar GSM, MTV Europe, and Ericson Eastern Europe. He will be responsible for development and implementation of the marketing policy, organizing marketing researches, coordination of advertising and PR activity of MTV Ukraine.

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## Taking the villagers by storm



Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko talks to residents of Verkhny Yaseniv village in the flood-hit western Ukrainian region of Ivano-Frankivsk on July 29. Ukraine's Emergency Ministry says the storms have caused at least \$1.2 billion in damages. (AP)

## Bread of life



Young Ukrainian girls dressed in traditional clothing celebrate the end of harvest in Mykolayiv oblast on July 30. Bread producers in this region were the first to collect the annual harvest which totalled 2.5 million tons in the southern Ukrainian oblast. By July 15, Ukraine harvested 8 million tons of grain out of 43 million tons expected. (Ukrinform)

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## EDITORIAL

## Not sexy

It's no secret, but it is a topic many people want to avoid. The sex tourism business in Ukraine is booming. A simple Google search of the words 'Ukraine' and 'sex' produces a plethora of sex tours offered to foreigners. Do you want a day trip or would you prefer to stay longer? Would you like to pay by credit card?

It is a serious problem for Ukraine, and this is why: a large share of the young ladies that should be devoting their time to studies, using their brains, climbing the corporate ladder, bringing up the next generation of this country's citizens, creating artistic masterpieces and developing in other ways, are busy selling themselves for sex. It is also especially scary considering Ukraine has the highest, and fastest growing, HIV infection rate in Europe.

We recognize that one of the most important underlying problems to this dilemma is economical. People need money to survive, and see their bodies as a means to make it. This is clear-cut prostitution. But there is another aspect of this problem: many Ukrainian women are seeking a different type of man to what they are finding. Perhaps, this type is less egocentric, more sensitive to their needs. They are easy prey for the well-trained Western-salesmen types, who wine and dine women in return for short-term sex.

There is no easy solution to these complex issues, but there is an easy way to make a start. The number one step should be raising awareness of these sensitive problems. The need for awareness campaigns is becoming more acute as the UEFA Euro-2012 soccer championship is nearing, and the world's interest in Ukraine as a tourism destination is growing.

Congratulations to FEMEN, a grassroots organization of young Ukrainian female students which held a colorful and eye-catching public awareness campaign on July 30. By dressing up as prostitutes, and waiving U.S. dollar bills alongside banners declaring 'Ukraine is not a Brothel,' they got their important message across, if at least for short sound bites aired on many Ukrainian televisions.

Their message was simple: they urged Ukrainian women not to sell their bodies; and foreigners to stop preying.

Ukrainian women, as FEMEN insisted, are potentially worth more than the big dollars they earn in the sex trade. True, they may not earn stacks of cash per day in the beginning of their climb up the corporate ladder, but they will preserve personal integrity and dignity for Ukraine as a nation.

## Rocks and trees

The disastrous floods that swept across Ukraine from the Carpathian Mountains killing at least 30 individuals and destroying thousands of kilometers of roads and riverbanks, homes and infrastructure, and incurring an estimated \$1.2 billion in damages, has partially to do with rocks and trees.

The habit of abuse of natural resources in Ukraine was inherited from Soviet days. It has, perhaps, accelerated in Ukraine's 17 years of independence with mass logging and the stripping of rocks from riverbeds, particularly in Western regions.

Some of the logging happens on a minor scale by the residents who seek cheap resources for building. But there are also elaborate schemes involving corrupt local forestry officials and cover-ups that sometimes go all the way to Kyiv.

Stripped of trees, the mountains turn into funnels for vast amounts of water that arrives in the spring when the snow melts, or in other seasons as the rain falls. This alone is a dangerous formula capable of producing, or worsening, massive floods, as the country experienced last week.

The rivers have themselves on a massive scale been stripped of their natural fortification – the riverbed rocks, or shale. Using bulldozers and trucks, shale has been scrapped, often without permits, and shipped to Kyiv, where it is re-sold at markets or along highways to wealthy citizens decorating their flashy dachas.

The complicated logging and riverbed quarrying schemes are difficult to fight but the country certainly has the resources for it. Although several government organs including the Ministry for Natural Resources have the function of control over the use of natural resources, there has been no significant prosecution of illegal logging and other related crimes.

Ministry officials have told the Kyiv Post that a few local residents have been caught for chopping down single pines in the Carpathians, but the true criminals escape responsibility.

The recent disaster should make it easier to educate the local 'Ivans' about the dangers of illegal logging and riverbed quarrying, but it will only address a tiny segment of the problem. The real meaningful action required is to punish illegal loggers and anyone involved in corrupt cover-ups.

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Walking or riding your bike in downtown Kyiv can be dangerous nowadays. You might get runover by a car on streets that have been paralyzed by traffic jams, or bumped by a maze of cars parked all over the sidewalks. Or, as you walk down along Kyiv's Passazh promenade, you might bump into and scratch one of a dozen or more over-priced cars owned by Ukraine's affluent, who regularly visit cafes and stores on this street to show off their newest purchases. (Iaroslav Debelyi)

## Too many cars in Kyiv, and they mean too much for some people



Katya Gorchinskaya

A very old friend of mine showed up recently and the first question he asked me was: "What do you drive now?" It was unexpected because he had barely had time to say hello. "Same as ever, my old Octavia," I told him. He was pretty shocked.

"Why don't you buy a new car?" "I don't really need a new car. Besides, I have different financial priorities."

He thought that was weird. Apparently, I am supposed to love cars with a passion. This is what all the girls he meets talk about all the time. They scrupulously study online credit schemes to be able to afford something bigger and newer than what they drive now. They know the particulars of each model better than the sales staff at an average car dealership. And they choose their guys according to their cars.

My friend insisted on showing me his shiny white Subaru. I wasn't interested, and I can't even remember the name of the model. In fact, I was quite amazed that something as trivial as a piece of metal on wheels can be such an object of fetish. Even if its windows can do that "whoosh" thing.

But apparently, I'm in the minority. Apparently, people don't drive cars out of necessity, and they don't like them just for reasons of comfort.

With car sales booming, they are playing an increasingly bigger part of our lives, particularly in downtown Kyiv, where streets are paralyzed with traffic jams and sidewalks have been turned into parking lots. But for many, cars are much more than a means of travel.

For instance, for years in Ukraine, cars have been status symbols: "Look, I'm rich because I can afford the latest model of whatever is in fashion at the moment."

Or: "Look, I'm rich and sophisticated

because my car is hand-made."

Or: "Look, I'm rich and eccentric because my car is a weird off-road super-duper fuel guzzling hyper-hybrid that only one other guy has got in this country."

Cars have come to replace relationships. There are a few cars on the road that seem to cry out: "Honey, I love you – I want a car just like that one." These can be very funny to watch sometimes. They also happen to be the main source of jokes about blondes driving cars.

As an aside, this is a true story that I particularly like. It was told to me by a taxi driver in Kyiv.

"CARS HAVE COME TO REPLACE RELATIONSHIPS. THERE ARE A FEW CARS ON THE ROAD THAT SEEM TO CRY OUT: 'HONEY, I LOVE YOU - I WANT A CAR JUST LIKE THAT ONE.'"

He spotted a girl in a cool car having trouble getting out of her parking space, and offered to help. As soon as he was behind the wheel he realized what the problem was.

The rear-view mirror was directed at her lips, and the side mirrors – at the sky and the pavement. He was speechless when he heard her explain her method of changing lanes on the road with this kind of mirror setup. "I just switch the indicator on, count to 15, then change lane."

Cars have come to replace the expression of emotion. I've heard stories of loving parents giving their kids cool cars for birthdays and graduations complete with a freshly bought driving license. Cars have come to express anger and hate: there have been several cases of arsonists in the residential dis-

trict of Obolon setting expensive cards on fire. In Troeshchyna, another residential area, some people have had acid poured over their cars.

Cars have come to replace moral values: I have seen a few times when, after a minor bump on the road, the driver of the bigger car involved comes out and hits the other driver in the face. Very few witnesses try to stop him because apparently it's quite normal - cars are more important than humans.

Cars have come to start to scare us. Ukraine has one of the highest hit-and-run accident rates in Europe. So numerous are they that the capital's cyclists have started striking for their rights on the road with "I want to live" slogans. Their chances are slim, however. According to some estimates, there are about two million cars on the road in Kyiv on any given day, and the number is growing. Compare that to about 2.6 million registered residents in Ukraine's capital. The number of traffic accidents grows by 60 percent each year. It seems like nearly everyone I know has lost a relative or friend in a car crash in the last 10 years.

And to add some more gruesome car statistics, some record-breaking jams in Kyiv have reached 25 km in length – pretty amazing considering that the city's total width is only about 30 km.

Cars have come to eat up our spare time. My 3-year-old son associates the word jam with endless waiting in the car strapped in his baby seat rather than the sticky red goo you put on your toast. A friend of mine who lives on the left bank says he has to reset his morning alarm clock 15 minutes earlier every two or three months – just to stay slightly ahead of the morning rush. His wake-up call could be as early as 5:45 now.

But he drives a cool car. And he won't give it up.

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## Open door policy best for EU

By ALEXANDROS PETERSEN

It is now a familiar line among commentators to point out that Ukraine's post-Orange European Union prospects are ironically being delayed by political struggles between Western-leaning factions. But, the EU itself is in the midst of internal squabbles that might threaten the future of Ukraine's accession.

Ireland's recent rejection of the EU's Lisbon Treaty has led to two contrasting storylines about the Union's prospects for further enlargement: no more deepening means no more widening or reduced internal focus opens the door to priorities on the periphery, such as Ukraine.

At the center of this question lies Poland and Sweden's new "Eastern Partnership" – roundly backed by EU leaders at the recent Council summit. It may seem to some that increasing links with Europe's "new neighborhood" would be a no-brainer. But, if a closer relationship with an indisputably European country like Ukraine were not controversial within the EU, there would likely be no need for a specific initiative.

**"AN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP, WHICH ALLOWS EUROPEAN ENLARGEMENT TO GET BACK ON TRACK, IS EXACTLY THE TOOL NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THAT DEVELOPMENTS GO EUROPE'S WAY IN EURASIA."**

After NATO's forfeit of its enlargement plans to Moscow's interests at April's NATO summit in Bucharest, the EU has found itself under increased pressure to deal with the consequences: Russian belligerence in Georgia's breakaway Abkhazia region, increased meddling in Armenian, Belarusian, Moldovan and Ukrainian inter-

nal affairs, and stepped up efforts to scuttle Europe's energy diversity plans in the Caspian region. The Eastern Partnership, announced in late May, could provide effective means of response and reengagement with a strategically vital region.

Poland's foreign minister, Radek Sikorski, presented the plan by stating: "To the south, we have neighbors of Europe; to the east we have European neighbors."

This important distinction is not a part of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP), the Union's primary framework for external relations in its periphery. In its current form, the new initiative is to ideologically strengthen the ENP by providing free trade and eventual membership incentives for political and economic reforms in the countries of the greater Black Sea region.

And, the plan may actually have legs. The EU's most powerful curmudgeons when it comes to eastward expansion – France and Germany – support the initiative. Add to that endorsement from the Czech Republic, which will hold the EU presidency in 2009, and understood support from London and Washington, historic proponents of EU enlargement.

Critics will point out that – unlike France's Mediterranean Union plan – the initiative will not have its own secretariat and does not require any specific funding. But, it is to be administered from the European Commission, and will tap into the ENP's substantial budget.

So, instead of adding another layer of EU bureaucracy, the Eastern Partnership may substantially transform the lackluster ENP to the Union's east.

This would be a welcome development for countries like Georgia, whose government has made it an explicit policy goal since 2003 to move towards EU membership. Ukraine's leadership, regardless of its configuration, has consistently made it clear that its country should not be treated as a neighbor, but as a potential member. Armenia's new president, Serzh Sarkisyan, while



Alexandros Petersen (Courtesy photo)

upholding his longstanding ties to Moscow, has tried desperately to garner favor in Brussels, whereas Azerbaijan's leadership has sounded a steady drumbeat for more European involvement in the region for over a decade.

The fact is that, so far, EU policy towards its new neighborhood has been hampered by uncertain relations with Russia. Berlin, Paris and Rome prized their ties to Moscow over untested links with unfamiliar states. But, now, after years of internal debate, the EU is finally negotiating a renewed partnership agreement with Russia. The development of the Eastern Partnership allowed Lithuania, the last holdout in opposition to the agreement, to join a united Europe in negotiating with Moscow. And, a new, if less-than-independent administration in the Kremlin provides the possibility of improved relations.

And not a moment too soon. Europe's energy security concerns are pushing the EU to deepen its involvement in Azerbaijan and the oil and gas-rich Caspian region. The EU is increasingly finding itself as the preferred arbiter of the Caucasus' frozen conflicts, particularly Abkhazia and Nagorno-Karabakh. And, the EU's assistance programs give Brussels an ever-increasing role in the Black Sea area. An Eastern Partnership, which allows European enlargement to get back on track, is exactly the tool needed to make sure that developments go Europe's way in Eurasia.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Ukraine has serious problems that cannot be solved with the profound divisions, mistrust and rancor that permeate every corner of its society. Ukrainians, as you fight internally, you are easy prey for foreign powers, such as Russia, with claims over parts or all of your territory, and you do not receive the recognition and respect you need among your European neighbors.

A first step would be an act of sincerity and acceptance of who you really are and your true state of affairs. Without facing the realities of the Ukrainian nation, as it stands today, there is no going forward. There is no unity, no identity, no clear path to a bright future.

As a first step, you need to accept that some people, such as the business oligarchs, made themselves enormously rich by being smarter, better-connected and faster than the rest. The oligarchs not only hold the money. They also hold the power and make the laws.

As long as you want to take their money away and put them in jail, there will be no laws that will allow you to "legally" make them accountable and even less will to enforce them.

Should you allow them to keep "all" the land, property and money they "took?" Probably not. Negotiate and

pass a law by which they return half the money, and you give them permanent amnesty. Draw the line and never revisit the issue again. Cut a deal.

The amnesty package of national reconciliation should include laws to prosecute any "more" graft and misappropriations going forward.

These oligarchs are smart. Put their skills, political savvy and connections to work for the good of all Ukrainians, not against you, as it is today, in self-defense. If you look into the origins of most dynasties in the United States and Europe, you will find that the heirs of the largest fortunes are not very proud of the way their ancestors obtained their first millions. It won't be different in Ukraine.

You need to be united if you are to have any hopes of a brighter future. Screaming "foul" will not fix anything. Very little is left of the Orange dream. Revolution you say? What revolution? Again, an act of national sincerity would be a good beginning.

Next, decide where in the world you want to sit, who you want to play with and who threatens your independence, sovereignty and freedom. Past conduct is a good indicator of future behavior. You have several hundreds of years of experience with your neighbors to the north and east. The Stockholm

syndrome is alive, well and living in Ukraine.

No matter your origin, you are all Ukrainians now. You are the lucky owners of one of the richest countries in the world. You have land that is fertile like no other, energy, natural resources and extraordinary people. Beaten up as you are, after 70 years of the Soviet Union and hundreds of years of invasions and devastation, you are still some of the most creative, industrious and talented people anywhere. Self-confidence and optimism are missing, but that's only natural after the trauma you endured.

Decide to protect your independence by joining a bloc of your peers, nations that individually can't stop the Russian bear from taking them over. But together, you can. If you keep complaining, mistrusting and remain divided by infighting, you will fall prey to the many who covet your resources, your land and your people.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your hard-hitting but very timely and accurate editorial

[“Pinchuk's party,” July 17 edition].

Ukraine's elite - both political and business elite - consist largely of thugs, thieves and sycophants who spend lavish amounts of their ill-gotten wealth on self-glorification with little or no regard for their countrymen.

Napoleon, had he been alive today, would have referred to most of them (as he did to Talleyrand) as “turds wrapped in silk stockings.”

That is why Russia and other foreign countries find Ukraine such easy prey.

There is no national self-respect, integrity and honor among thieves. Just like in the days of the Kozaks, Ukrainian “leaders” will sell each other and the nation's interests to the highest bidders.

The people of Ukraine are not to be faulted. Their only fault is passivity in the face of wholesale larceny and abuse.

Perhaps the terrible years of rule under the Soviet Union did manage to break the spirit of the people. My only hope is that deep down in Ukraine's genetic makeup, there still remains enough of the ancient character of the nation that inspired Taras Shevchenko's famous poem called Zapovit (Which means his will or Testament).

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**Should Moscow and Kyiv patriarchates reunite?**



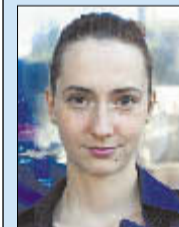
**Olga Banshchikova**  
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Church under  
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patriarchate

*“The separation is ridiculous. There is one church, the same religion. We have to unite again.”*



**Vira Pashchenko**  
Pensioner

*“Ukraine should have its separate church. This is the only way to avoid pressure and unfavorable conditions imposed by Russia. However, reunion or separation won't have any serious affect on Ukrainians. [The church issue] is not about the people and religion. It is about money.”*



**Anastasiya Traskovska**  
Promoter

*“The Moscow and Kyiv patriarchate churches will never unite. There is no obvious need for that. Everybody is on their own territory. Property and spheres of influence are already assigned. They made it very comfortable for themselves.”*



**Serhiy Horbach**  
Student

*“Ukraine should maintain its status as an independent state by using every possible means. Setting up a separate Kyiv patriarchate is another way to demonstrate our independence.”*



**Yuriy Volkovynskiy**  
Student

*“Churches have always been fighting for the minds of people, as it goes hand by hand with money and politics. As Ukraine and Russia went in different directions, one church is not able to cover all the functions of the past. Personally, I am a Ukrainian Autocephalous Church.”*

# London channels capital to Ukraine

By YULIA GOLUB

Even though the United Kingdom is only the fifth-largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into Ukraine, an increasing amount of capital inflow is being channeled through London.

That's no surprise since London is Europe's financial capital.

"When we're talking about British investment in Ukraine we should not forget the role London plays in channeling global investment into the country," says Renaissance Capital's Geoffrey Smith. "London offers the largest pool of capital."

Ukrainian companies have in recent years stepped up efforts to raise money and list stock on international markets. Despite a slowdown linked to the global credit crunch, the expectation is that Ukrainian companies will raise record amounts of capital in the near term, and a long list of domestic companies will eventually list their stock via initial public offerings (IPOs) on the London Stock Exchange. So expect more investment with a London flavor spreading to Kyiv in the future.

Since the beginning of 2007, more than \$1.6 billion was raised by Ukrainian companies on the London exchange through IPOs, according to Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital. Billions more will be raised in the coming years.



Terry Pickard (Courtesy photo)

For comparison, state figures suggest that some \$2 billion in FDI from the UK has poured into Ukraine since independence, less than the nearly \$7 billion that came from Cyprus and Germany, and the roughly \$2.5 billion attributed to The Netherlands and Austria. These top five investing countries account for about half of all foreign direct investment in Ukraine, with inflows 40 percent up in the first half of this year.

**"IF UKRAINE CARRIES ON DOWN ITS CURRENT PATH IT WILL BE THE FIRST COUNTRY THAT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE WTO."**

—Martin Nunn  
Whites Communication

True, much of the money flowing into Ukraine via London, be it syndicated bank loans or cash raised through IPOs, is not British in origin. Nor is the lion's share of FDI from Cyprus, an offshore tax haven, Cypriot.

Yet investment from London has also brought priceless returns and experience to Ukrainian businesses. The more Ukrainian companies list in London, or borrow from top banks there, the more they find themselves playing to the highest global financial standards, regulations and rules of business.

Smith said the increased presence of Ukrainian companies on the London exchange, and borrowing from London banks, is also "an important indicator of Ukraine's attractiveness."

It shows that London-listed Ukrainian companies such as ore producer Ferrexpo and real estate developer KDD "can compete for capital in a truly global context," Smith said.

"The money that is invested in them can just as easily be invested in companies with mines in Latin America or Africa, or real estate projects in the Middle East or Central Asia. London offers the world's largest pool of capital, and thus the broadest circle of potential shareholders or lenders. As a result companies should be able to get the best possible price for their stock or bonds from that market."

But succeeding in this worthwhile

venture has proven to be a challenge for many Ukrainian companies.

"The vital condition is that they show the levels of transparency and corporate governance that the London market demands. This is something that a lot of Ukrainian companies have shied away from in the past, but it is a discipline they will have to submit to in future if they want to attract capital to finance their growth," Smith said.

Slowly, but surely, Ukrainian companies are succeeding in this challenge. And as they do, more British direct investment into Ukraine will follow.

## British punters

Direct foreign investment by British companies into Ukraine, be it through Greenfield projects or mergers and acquisitions, is gradually rising.

There is no single leading British investor in Ukraine that stands out as having invested the largest amount, or made the biggest difference. There is, however, the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, founded by developed countries of the world for the purpose of supporting economic development in transition countries. While not British per se, the EBRD claims to be the largest investor in Ukraine with some \$5 billion invested through loans and acquisitions. Last year was a particularly strong year for the EBRD, with annual business volume reaching \$1 billion.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Many companies active in Ukraine, but backed by domestic or Russian businessmen, are registered in UK tax havens. Mapping them out and their would-be British roots would entail writing a book.

Who are the real British investors in Ukraine? According to the British Embassy in Kyiv, there are more than 60 companies with UK ties operating in virtually all sectors of Ukraine's economy. Like with all investment, regardless of origin, the most attractive sectors for British investment are financial services, wholesale trade, real estate, leasing, construction, and metals.

Embassy figures show that British firms invested more than \$1.2 billion into Ukrainian financial institutions, heavy industry followed with more than \$400 million while construction and real estate received \$250 million apiece.

And Ukraine, a country of 46 million, has not gone unnoticed by British exporters.



Martin Nunn of Whites Communication says Ukraine's tedious and corrupt customs procedures harm the nation's image and that, "Ukraine must immediately computerize every transaction to make it transparent and adopt EU customs procedures." (Courtesy photo)

Over the last three years, British exports to Ukraine have shown steady growth, between 20 and 30 percent annually, reaching a record high of \$858 million in 2007, embassy figures show.

British exports to Ukraine are expected to increase strongly now that Ukraine has joined the World Trade Organization (WTO).

But British expats who have been doing business in Ukraine since the early 1990s are cautious.

Like all investors, British firms universally complain about Ukraine's tedious and corrupt customs procedures and say it harms the nation's image. "Ukraine must immediately computerize every transaction to make it transparent and adopt European Union customs procedures," said Martin Nunn, chief executive at Whites Communication.

And longtime Brits active in

Ukraine's real estate market, such as Terry Pickard, chairman of NAI Pickard, look back and say doing business in Ukraine is still tough. Referring to the notorious bureaucracy of development approval in Ukraine, and getting 120 signatures for it, Pickard said: "The bureaucracy in general is very old-fashioned and everything is very slow and complicated."

And it doesn't help to be British, according to Pickard. All foreign companies doing business in Ukraine complain that the justice system is very poor and non-reliable, he added.

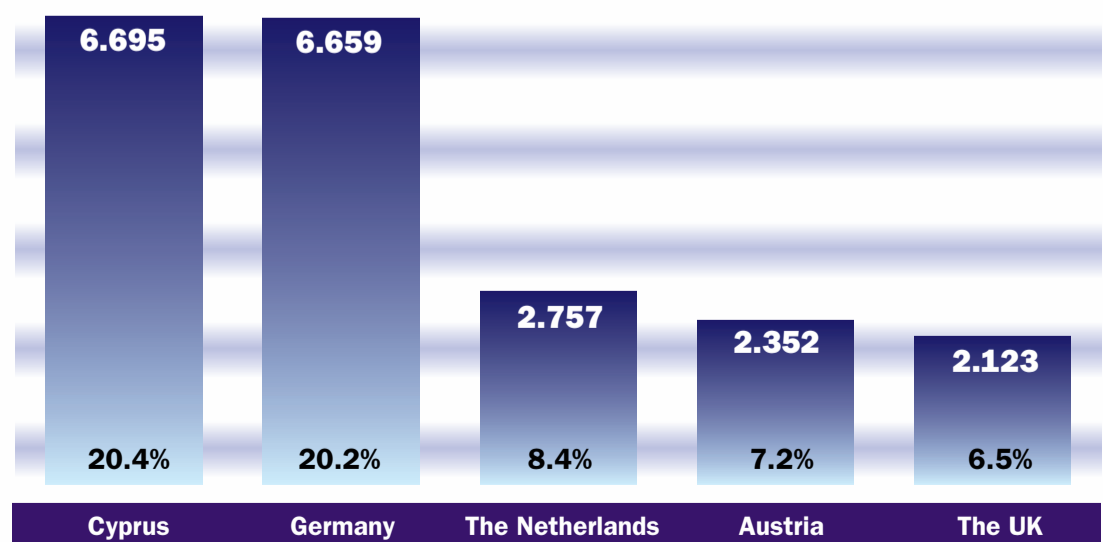
Hope has not yet died, particularly in light of success in joining the WTO. But longtime British expats such as Nunn don't hesitate to provide some honest British advice for Ukraine: "If Ukraine carries on down its current path it will be the first country that will be asked to leave the WTO."

## UKRAINIAN IPOs IN LONDON 2005-2008

Company	Date	(\$ mln)	Type	Consultant	Exchange
Ukrproduct	02/05	11	IPO	W. H. Ireland Limited	LSE AIM
Cardinal Resources	04/05	20	IPO	Fox-Davies Capital	LSE AIM
XXI Century	12/05	139	IPO	ING Bank	LSE AIM
DUPD	06/07	208	IPO	Dragon Capital	LSE AIM
Ferrexpo	06/07	420	IPO	JP Morgan/Duetsche Bank	LSE
AISI Realty	08/07	33	IPO	Veritas Capital	LSE AIM
DUPD	11/07	100	SPO	Dragon Capital	LSE AIM
Landkom	11/07	111	IPO	Libertas Capital	LSE AIM
KDD Invest	12/07	130	IPO	ING Bank/RenCap	LSE AIM
Landkom	03/08	22	SPO	Libertas Capital	LSE AIM
MHP	05/08	323	IPO	UBS/Morgan Stanley	LSE
Regal Petroleum Plc	06/08	39	SPO	Merril Lynch	LSE AIM
Cadogan Petroleum Plc	06/08	274	IPO	UBS	LSE

Source: Dragon Capital

## FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT TO UKRAINE (\$ bn)



Source: British Embassy, Kyiv



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## Early bird Brit reminisces on 15 years of business in Ukraine

By YULIA GOLUB

Philip Hudson is the director of Jones East 8, a real estate company. Established in 1993, the company was one of the first UK firms to enter the Ukrainian market. The company specializes in real estate services to the expatriate community.

*Hudson says that while Ukraine's business environment has come a long way since independence it is still plagued by bureaucracy and corruption.*

**KP:** How do you see the investment climate for British businesses in Ukraine?

**PH:** In property, on the face of it, it looks very attractive. While the market is strong the trouble is the massive corruption in the property and construc-

**"IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S ABUSE AND THE CORRUPTION IN THE COURTS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE KILLERS."**

— Philip Hudson

tion sector. The number of permits required for real estate development is a massive problem.

The other aspect is the credit crunch, which is starting to have an effect. There is a concern with the amount of space being sold. This is a problem with the housing market, not so much with office space, which is actually being sold. The credit crunch is interesting, because I suspect it will actually have a benefit for Ukraine, in an odd sort of way. What has happened in the United States is basically a lot of money was going into high risk loans with low reward prospects.

Ukraine is different. Sure, it is high risk, but the high reward opportunities are commensurate. Ukraine and other developing markets still offer the chance for high returns. So overall, I see the investment in Ukraine as a mixed bag. There are high rewards to be had here, but the world-wide credit crunch and the local corruption, particularly in property development have a negative effect.

**KP:** What is your view of the residential housing market?

**PH:** First of all, I have to qualify what I say. We work in the sector supporting the ex-pat community. The price growth has been extraordinary. It is leveling now, possibly because of the credit crunch. What is interesting to me is that for a number of years, everybody, including myself, has been saying that it isn't sustainable.

We did a crude exercise to look at the sustainability of the market. If you solely look at per capita income here in Ukraine, it is very difficult indeed for an average Ukrainian to buy a home. But if you add in a couple of factors it looks more sustainable. First, you have to take into account the huge black market that effectively doubles the GDP. Second, you have to take into account purchasing price parity. Ukraine's cost of living is much cheaper than in Europe.

Third, you've got to bear in mind, where Ukrainians put their money. Ukrainians still don't trust banks. They don't invest in the stock market here because they believe the companies fiddle with the books. There are no pension funds to invest in. There aren't too many places to put your money in Ukraine other than real estate.

**KP:** So is there a real estate 'bubble'?

**PH:** I still think that there is a bubble, but as I said the market is a little more sustainable than people think. I still think there has got to be a drop-off.

In the office market, it is just boom, boom, boom. The supply is severely restrained by the massive permit bureaucracy. There are 139 steps involved with getting permission to build. Each step may require five or six signatures. It's horrific and is chocking off supply and the demand is growing.

**KP:** What are the most important trends in Ukraine's market today?

**PH:** I think despite all the legal problems the market is pushing ahead, people are taking risks and succeeding. I think Ukraine is a lot like Italy actually. Since the war, Italy has had roughly a new government every year. Absolute chaos. Despite the chaos, or perhaps because of it, Italy enjoyed a tremendous growth rate.

Jones East 8's director, Philip Hudson, established one of the first British businesses in Kyiv in 1993. When he first arrived, Boryspil's lights didn't work, rain came through the roof, feral cats prowled the arrival hall and you had to use visa forms for toilet paper. (Iaroslav Debelyi)



One thing that is happening is that western companies cannot easily get involved in the developmental phase of real estate investment projects. What happens is local players with very intimate, even dubious relationships with local authorities, use their connections and receive property and permits. They then build it, get it commissioned and sell it on to investment funds. This is interesting, investors are increasingly willing to come in and buy the end product once all the development risks are past.

There are Western investors willing to come in and assume the initial development risk and build from the ground up, but I haven't seen anybody follow the whole process through.

**KP:** What areas of Ukrainian law need immediate attention?

**PH:** My line on this is – yes Ukrainian law isn't perfect. But, the biggest problem is not the law, but the implementation and enforcement of the law. I have been to seminars and listened to Ukrainian officials talk about the latest regulation changes and describe how poor the old regulations were. A lot of it is rubbish.

Many of the laws are actually okay.

It is the administration's abuse and the corruption in the courts that are absolute killers.

**KP:** Your company has been in Ukraine for 15 years, what's changed, what hasn't?

**PH:** As I step back and I look back about how far Ukraine has come in the 15 years it is absolutely remarkable. When I first came in, the lights at the airport didn't work, there was water coming through the roof, feral cats skulking around. I went to the bathroom and there were visa forms for toilet paper, and a tractor-trailer delivered the baggage.

The business environment was extremely difficult and everybody perceived it as dangerous. When we opened our office, a number of times people came in off the street looking for protection money or to provide us "security" services. Although I am no fan of [ex-president Leonid] Kuchma, people forget that when he came to power this threat largely receded. It was easy to find highly qualified professionals, architects and engineers, now since the market has developed, it is difficult.

It was impossible to obtain property, impossible. It required Cabinet approval to rent property.

Everything was paid for in cash there

were no proper bank transfers. Finding construction materials was extremely difficult. Early on we found it difficult to find steel, it was nearly impossible. Factory directors were busy selling it to their offshore companies at low prices, and then selling it on the world market at a huge profit. So we actually ended up constructing a building with imported British steel. Those market distortions are largely gone.

**KP:** How would you compare Ukraine to Europe?

**PH:** Ukrainians are amazingly tolerant. They will put up with all sorts of abuses and not actually do much about it. It is amazing to me. In the UK if the people saw politicians misbehaving the way they do here, there would be riots, violence in the street. I think it would be the same in most western countries, they would not accept the kind of nonsense that goes on here with politicians and businessmen.

And the danger is the longer it goes without any action, or a check and balance, the more potential for a violent reaction. That's what brought the communists to power and ended their reign. The Orange Revolution was remarkable, but it has become completely corrupted in my view.

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<b>B. C. TOMS &amp; CO</b> 01034 Kyiv 18/1 Prorizna kyiv@bctoms.net bt@bctoms.com	(044)490-6000 (044)278-6508	Bate C. Toms	1990	WND	1991	London, UK	WND	Law firm	WND	CJSC	WND
<b>Grant Thornton Ukraine</b> 01042 Kyiv 19 Druzhby Narodiv info@gtukraine.com www.gtukraine.com	(044)583-0366 (044)583-0363	Vitaliy Kazakov	1991	100 / 0	1991	London, UK	WND	Audit and assurance services, transaction services, corporate finance services, accounting services and HR, consulting services, tax and legal support	NIKO, Aventures Group, EBRD projects, Ukrgasbank, Ukratnafta, Industrial bank	WND	WND
<b>Full Service Property Consultancy NAI Pickard</b> 01034 Kyiv 9 Prorizna info@naipickard.com www.naipickard.com	(044)278-0002 (044)278-7577	Terry Pickard	1992	0 / 100	1992	Shrewsbury, UK	WND	Real estate consulting	IKEA, Billa, Metro, OBI, Ukos Trading Ltd., Auchan, REAL Metro Group, EBRD, Citi Bank, ING Bank, Societe Generale, Kreschatyk Bank	Representative office	WND
<b>British Council</b> 04070 Kyiv 4/12 H. Skovorody study.english@britishcouncil.org.ua www.britishcouncil.org.ua	(044)490-5601 (044)490-5602	Margaret Jack	1936	0 / 100	1992	London, UK	\$683,000	Education, governance, culture and English language teaching	WND	Representative office	WND
<b>International House Kyiv</b> 03055 Kyiv 7 V. Vasylevskoyi info@ih.kiev.ua www.ih.kiev.ua	(044)238-98720 (044)238-9796	Tetiana Oratovska	1992	100 / 0	1992	London, UK	WND	Language school	Arzinger&Partners, TNK, Oranta, Huurre Ukraine, Brocard, Jonson&Jonson, MKM Telecom	WND	WND
<b>MGI Consulting</b> 01011 Kyiv 11/11 Husovskoho, office #2 consulting@consulting.ua www.consulting.ua	(044)569-1562	Dmitriy Sushko	1992	100 / 0	1992	Weybridge, UK	WND	Audit services according to the national standards, IFRS (IAS), GAAP, legal services, expert appraisal of property and property rights	Telrad Ukrain, EL Management, Goel Invest, Ramirent Ukraine, Louis Vuitton, SUBARU, Flo-Dyne, Alfred C. Toepfer, Peterka & Partners, KVAZAR Works, AVS Technologies, Vitamex, Raiffeisen (Germany), Binzel, Clear Water	WND	WND
<b>Jones East 8</b> 01004 Kyiv 5 Kruty Uzviz, suite #1 mail@joneseast8.com.ua www.joneseast8.com.ua	(044)490-6962 (044)288-0377	Philip Hudson	1990	0 / 100	1993	London, UK	\$1.98 million	Architecture, building, consultancy, real estate	LDA, Baker&McKenzie, Ernst&Young, PwC, BBC, British Airways, UK, Italian, USA, Spanish, German, Dutch, Danish, French Embassies	Representative office	WND
<b>British American Tobacco Ukraine</b> 17500 Pryluky, Chernihiv region 21 Nezalezhnosti WND www.bat.ua	(044)490-7940 (044)390-7955	Dean Gilfillan	1902	WND	1993	London, UK	Since 1993 – over \$115 million	Tobacco manufacturing	WND	Joint enterprise	WND
<b>Pulse</b> 04107 Kyiv 17/21 Bahovutivska pr@pulse.com.ua www.pulse.com.ua	(044)537-7444 (044)537-7445	Robert McNeil, Stuart McKenzie, Mark Wright	1993	0 / 100	1993	Kyiv, Ukraine	WND	Advertising agency: consumer research, sales promotion (BTL, merchandising), logistics, training, event-management, PR, creative branding, promotion	L'Oreal, Canon, Procter & Gamble, Kyivstar, Scania, Hyatt Regency Kyiv, Citibank, Raiffeisen Bank Aval, Deloitte & Touche, Metro, DHL	LTD	WND
<b>Arup</b> 01001 Kyiv 19 Mykhaylivska, 5th floor, office #18 igor.czmyr@arup.com www.arup.com	(044)278-7459 (044)278-7459	Igor Czmyr	1946	0 / 100	1993	London, UK	WND	Global firm of designers, engineers, planners and business consultants	Procter & Gamble, European Commission, Universal Asset Management/Q-Tec, StandardInvest, Shakhtar FC, King Cross	Project office	WND
<b>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</b> 01001 Kyiv 27/23 Sofiyivska kiev@kiev.ebrd.com www.ebrd.com	(044)270-6132 (044)270-6813	Kamen Zahariev	1991	0 / 100	1993	London, UK	WND	Banking	Galnaftogaz, Bank Forum, UkrExim Bank, Kiev Transport, MO6 Ukrainian motorway	Representative office	WND
<b>Mott MacDonald</b> 01001 Kyiv WND tanya.chekhet@mottmac.com.ua www.mottmac.com	(044)278-0879 (044)270-5257	Tanya Chekhet	WND	0 / 100	1993	Croydon, UK	WND	Engineering and management consultancy	EBRD, World Bank, EU, Ministry of Energy, Ukrenergo, Ukrtransnafta, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Ukravtodor, Ministry of Environment	WND	\$1.5 billion worldwide
<b>Whites Communication</b> 04070 Kyiv 1 H. Skovorody information@wipr.com.ua www.wipr.com.ua	(044)536-1508 (044)536-1509	Martin Nunn	1994	0 / 100	1994	Kyiv, Ukraine	WND	PR	Seven Hills, UIA, OBI, Shell, Mirovaya Karta, Kyivstar, Samsung	Representative office	WND
<b>DTZ</b> 01030 Kyiv 52 B. Khmelnytskoho, 2nd floor office@dtz.kiev.ua www.dtz.com.ua	(044)590-3060 (044)590-3060	Nick Cotton	1853	0 / 100	1994	London, UK	WND	Commercial property adviser	EBRD, ECE, HCM, ING, Karavan, NEST, Pirelli Real Estate, Quinn Group, Renaissance Capital, Ukrsofsbank, XXI Century	Representative office	WND
<b>High-Point Rendel Limited</b> 15000 Kyiv 51 Antonovycha, office #1013 irinahprkiev@svitonline.com WND	(044)287-0189	Vardy Jones	1838	0 / 100	1994	London, UK	WND	Business management and technical consultancy service	Department for International Development, EBRD, The World Bank, State Road Administration of Ukraine Ukravtodor	WND	WND
<b>Poltava Petroleum Company</b> 01004 Kyiv 9/2 Chervonoarmiyska, office #58 kiev@ppc.net.ua www.ppc.net.ua	(044)461-9775 (044)4619776	Timofey Kaunov	WND	WND	1994	Poltava, Ukraine	WND	Oil and gas producing enterprise	WND	JVC	WND
<b>Willis Insurance Brokers Limited</b> 04071 Kyiv 2-A Konstantynivska, office #400 andriykov@willis.com www.willis.com	(044)230-6984 (044)461-9952	Vyacheslav Andriyko	1828	0 / 100	1996	London, UK	WND	Insurance intermediary, reinsurance and risk management	WND	WND	\$24 billion, worldwide
<b>British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce Representative Office</b> 04053 Kyiv 21 Artema BUCCLondon@aol.com www.bucc.com.ua	(044)332-8811 (044)490-6000	Bate C. Toms	1997	WND	1997	London, UK	WND	Trade promotion	WND	Representative office	WND
<b>The British International School</b> 03190 Kyiv 45 Tolbukhina reception@britishschool.kiev.ua www.britishschool.kiev.ua	(044)400-2110 (044)339-2121	Olga Zastavna	1997	25 / 75	1997	London, UK	WND	Education	WND	WND	WND
<b>Oxford University Press</b> 01001 Kyiv 1-A Hospitalnyi Prov. office@oup.com.ua www.oup.com.ua	(044)234-8040	Anna Morris	1636	0 / 100	1998	Oxford, UK	WND	English language teaching materials for all ages, business English, English for specific purposes, reference materials: grammars, dictionaries	State schools, institutes, universities, private language schools	Representative office	WND

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<b>International Corporate Services Group</b> 01034 Kyiv 28 Reytarska, suite #7 info@icsg.com www.icsg.com	(044)503-7352 (044)272-1599	Tetyana Misiyuk	2002	WND	2002	London, UK	WND	International tax planning, wealth management	WND	WND	WND
<b>UPB CIS</b> 01004 Kyiv 11 Shevchenka Blvd., office #14 upb-cis@mail.ru www.itapg.com/cis	(044)502-8742 (044)502-8743	Olena Kruk	2006	0 / 100	2002	Ipswich, UK	WND	Pig breeding and genetic services	WND	WND	WND
<b>Continental Resources and Technology</b> 03039 Kyiv 18 Frometovska irina@crt-ltd.com www.crt-ltd.com	(068)322-1288	Irina Dinch	1988	0 / 100	2003	Plymouth, UK	WND	Consulting, international partner search	WND	Representative office	WND
<b>SHM Smith Hodgkinson Ukraine</b> 01004 Kyiv 9/1 Besarabska dmytro.selivanov@shm-group.com www.shm-group.com	(044)228-4301 (044)235-0289	Dmytro Selivanov	1860	0 / 100	2004	Manchester, UK	WND	Real estate, business asset (plant, machinery, intangible assets) valuation, diversified asset advisory, asset disposal services	EBRD, ABN Amro, ING, Raiffeisen, UniCredit, Swedbank, Barclays, Lloyds TSB, Royal Bank of Scotland, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank	Affiliated legal entity	WND
<b>Yakaboo</b> 04073 Kyiv 160-U Frunze support@yakaboo.com www.yakaboo.com	(044)503-7069	Leonora Butenko	2004	WND	2004	Kyiv, Ukraine	WND	Internet sales of multimedia goods (DVDs, music, games, software)	WND	LLC	WND
<b>DLA Piper Ukraine</b> 03150 Kyiv 77-A Chervonoarmijska ukraine@dlapiper.com www.dlapiper.com/ukraine	(044)4900-9575 (044)490-9577	Margarita Karpenko	WND	0 / 100	2005	London, UK	WND	Legal services	BBH, OBI, Fromageries Bel, InterContinental, AISI Realty plc, 1849plc, EBRD	LLC	WND
<b>Sunbury Heights PM</b> 01001 Kyiv 6 Malopidvalna oksana.kuzminska@sunburyheights.com www.sunburyheights.com	(044)587-5322 (044)278-8144	Mark Smith	1996	WND	2005	London, UK	WND	Construction project management	TNK-BP, DHL, UkrSibbank, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Schering Plough, GlaxoSmithKline, Knaf Insulation, ALD Automotive	Representative office	WND
<b>Market Leader Services Ukraine</b> 01004 Kyiv 9 Baseyna, office #10 tvoropai@mlsu.com.ua www.mlsu.com.ua	(044)235-1763	Gerald Bowers	2006	50 / 50	2006	Kyiv, Ukraine	WND	English language teaching and personal development company	WND	WND	WND
<b>British Business Club in Ukraine</b> 01004 Kyiv 9 Baseyna, office #10 rbrady@bbcua.com.ua www.bbcua.com.ua	(044)234-6781	Gerald Bowers	2006	0 / 100	2006	Kyiv, Ukraine	WND	Business networking, inward investment and trade missions, business advice and training	WND	WND	WND
<b>CMS Cameron McKenna</b> 01034 Kyiv 38 Volodymyrska, 6th floor kyivoffice@cms-cmck.com www.law-now.com	(044)391-3377 (044)391-3388	Adam Mycyk	1997	0 / 100	2007	London, UK	WND	Legal services	WND	LLC	WND
<b>Interdean International Relocation</b> 02002 Kyiv 8 Raisy Okipnoi, office #116 WND www.interdean.com	(044)576-7370 (044)569-0652	Alexander Sikorsky	WND	WND	WND	London, UK	WND	International household goods moving service, storage, customs brokerage, insurance, office and local moves, relocation services	British American Tobacco, Philip Morris, EU Commission, US Embassy, Ferrero, Leo Burnett	Representative office	WND

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- Higher technical, finance or economic education
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- At least 5 years of experience as HR Manager in a bank or a multinational company
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**REQUIREMENTS:**

- University degree in Accounting, Finance or Economics. Audit-related/CIP/CIPA degree will be a plus;
- Minimum of 3 years experience in internal audit;
- Experience in review of complex banking processes;
- Strong knowledge of internal audit techniques;
- Good analytical and communication skills;
- Fluent English.

**CHIEF ACCOUNTANT**

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- To perform monthly, quarterly and annually management and financial accounts preparation, provision of analysis and commentaries;
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**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Higher education (economics)
- work experience at the relevant position at least 2 years
- International standards is a must
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**PERSONAL ASSISTANT**

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Dealing with visitors, calls, different kinds of documentation
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- Translation

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Female
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International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine (Alliance Ukraine) is the biggest non-governmental organization working in the field of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine and one of the largest in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia. It was founded in 2002 and currently our team consists of more than 90 professionals. Currently we are implementing several national-scale programs supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Our total budget over the next five years exceeds \$ 75 million.

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**ASSISTANT: REPORTING AND PLANNING (FINANCE)**

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The Assistant will provide support to the Reporting and Planning (R&P) team working mainly with Senior Officer: R&P in compiling financial reports to internal and external users with focusing on routing daily work on spreadsheets and tables, maintaining Reporting and Planning documents and files; and assist Budget Officer in re-formatting and breaking down budgets for 1C. Main role is to strengthen R&P team to increase accuracy of provided financial information, streamline processes of budgeting and reporting to meet short deadlines.

**Core Requirements:**

- Strong commitment to confronting HIV/AIDS and to support NGOs activities in Ukraine.
- Relevant educational background (finance / economics / management)
- Min 1 year of working experience. Experience in international organization is preferable.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English, Ukrainian and Russian are essential.
- Analytical skills and attention to details.
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**Deadline for applications:** 6 p.m., August 21st, 2008.

Detailed information on the vacancies including Job Descriptions and requirements to the candidates can be found at [www.aidsalliance.org.ua](http://www.aidsalliance.org.ua) (About us / Employment).

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- 5 years experience as head of department/Financial director in financial department in Financial/Investment, Asset Management Companies, Audit companies, holding.
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  - in-house tax specialist or internal auditor with a focus on tax in a bank, non-banking financial institution or a professional participant of stock market,
  - auditor (or equivalent) in an audit company specializing in banks' audits/tax reviews or other companies of financial sector audits/tax reviews
- Strong spoken and written English
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**JUNIOR PROJECT MANAGER**

**Requirements:**

- Fluency in written and spoken English and/or German (understanding technical documents);
- Experience in construction or development company;
- Knowledge of project-estimate document, normative documents, build and landed legislation;
- Basic knowledge of project management;

**Your main tasks:**

- Assistance of project engineer teams or/and assistance of construction supervision teams;
- Future technical and economical responsibility for development, design or construction projects;
- Preparation of document and participating in the receipt of permission on building;
- Search, cooperation and control of work of by contract organizations;
- Participating in organization of works, allocation of resources, determination of building terms.

**CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGER**

**Requirements:**

- Fluency in written and spoken English and/or German;
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- Higher education (KISI, KPI);
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**Main responsibilities:**

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- Conduct monitoring of despatch operation to ensure harmonization of delivery processes in determined terms
- Maintain regular contacts with the production, fleet, depot and warehouses to ensure that there is effective coordination and that company's targets are met

**The job requires:** 5+ years' experience in Logistics, fluent English, strong experience in big flows management and distribution or production

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## Head of Corporate Procurement (code 3180)

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- Establish and implement procedures for procuring materials and services. Consolidate major purchases to secure the best possible pricing by leverage
- Negotiate long-term contracts to ensure optimum costs and reliable supply. Maintain relationships with vendors and contractors to ensure good, reliable sources of supply and information
- Ensure accurate accounting of all purchased goods and materials

**The job requires:** 2+ years' experience in Procurement, excellent negotiation and management skills, fluent English

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### Vacancy announcement

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### Pizza Hut on its way

The famous Pizza Hut chain, long-rumored to be coming to Ukraine, has again announced its arrival. A Polish company, AmRest, in partnership with Kuwait Food Company S.A.K., plans to begin opening Pizza Hut restaurants in Kyiv, and perhaps in other Ukrainian cities, in 2009. Pizza Hut is the world's largest pizza chain with 34,000 eateries operating in one hundred countries around the world.



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### Non-smoking areas to appear

The political bloc backing Kyiv's mayor, Leonid Chernovetskiy, is trying to push a draft bill through the city council to ban or restrict smoking in many public places, including children's playgrounds, cinemas, computer clubs, public transportation stops, underground passages, dormitories, churches, educational, shops, offices, parks and beaches. If adopted by the city council lawmakers, the proposed fine would be Hr 18.

# Welcome to "Enfances"

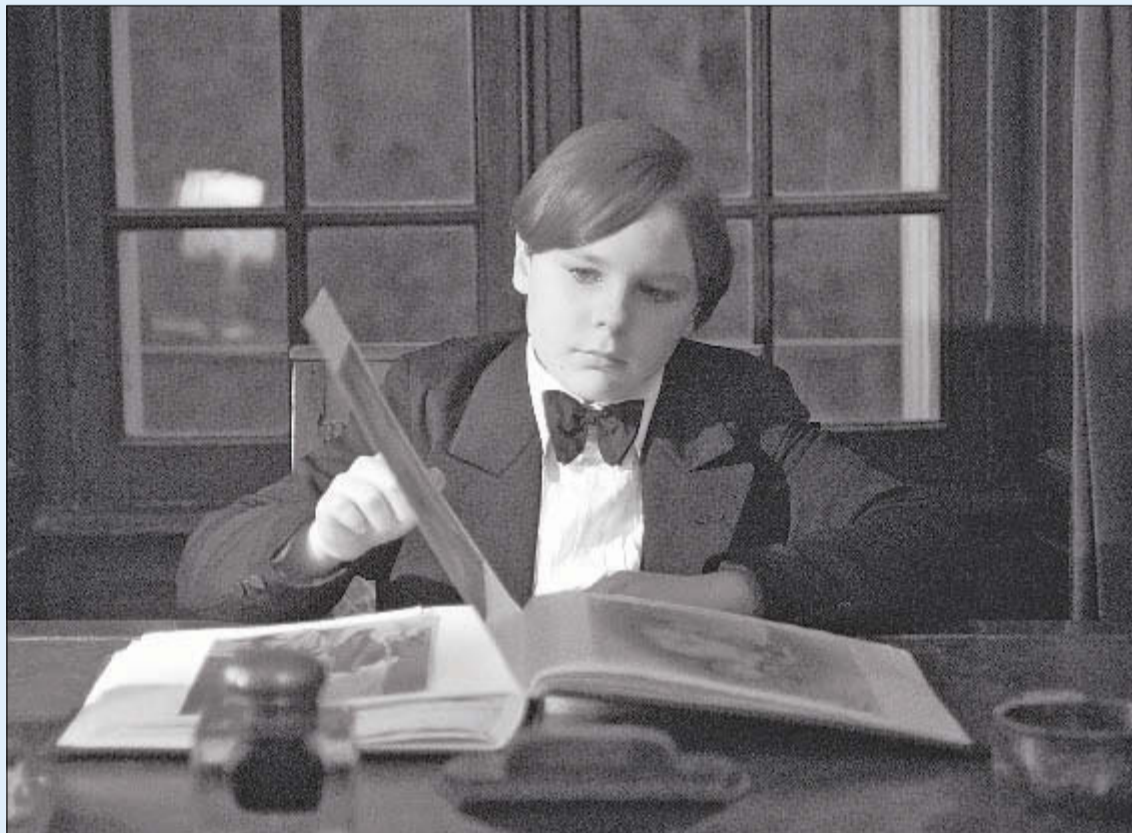
By MARIA LEONTIEVA

Based on the early years of six canonized filmmakers, "Enfances" ("Childhoods") is an attempt by young up-and-coming French directors Yann Le Gal, Isild Le Besco, Joana Hadjithomas and Khalil Joreige, Corinne Garfin, Ismael Ferroukhi, and Safy Nebbou, to re-create events that could have happened in the lives of Orson Welles, Jean Renoir, Fritz Lang, Ingmar Bergman, Alfred Hitchcock and Jacques Tati, whose styles marked the history of filmmaking.

Producer Laurence Darthos and director Yann Le Gal, read and picked quotations from the filmmakers' memoirs and made a collection of associations based on their childhood years. The idea was to focus on a certain period in the early lives of every one of these filmmakers that later influenced their art.

Those six childhood miniatures represent a kind of Freudian anthology about childhood, filled with emotional wounds, frustrations and encounters. The future movie legends are depicted in one particular episode that played an essential role in their transition to adulthood and how their personalities formed, and thus shed light on their cinematic works.

Ten-year old Fritz Lang in 1900's Austria collides with Anti-Semitism for the first time that leads to rebellion inside his family. Little kid Orson Welles is already able to recite Shakespeare and tries to rescue his sick mother by watching her as she sleeps. The lankiest boy at school, 12-year old



Young Alfred Hitchcock experiences his very own moment of suspense in "Enfances." (www.arthousetraffic.com)

Jacques Tati confuses school photographer, trying to take a class picture. The son of the renowned artist, Jean Renoir, spends summer holidays in a country house, and a local village kid helps him get a different perspective on life. A strict mother is punishing her little son Alfred Hitchcock, highly

fascinated by theater, not allowing him to go with her and the father to the next play. Ingmar Bergman's childhood changes with the birth of his younger sister.

The most interesting part of watching "Enfances" is trying to guess which great director each story relates

too, since the child's identity is not revealed until each miniature is over.

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# Witness the wakeboarding championship in Kyiv

By MARIA LEONTIEVA

The World Wakeboard Association (WWA) and the Ukrainian Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation (UWF) are holding the third Ukrainian Wake Park Open 2008 – an international wakeboarding championship. WWA is open to all international competitors with six different categories, and over \$27,000 in total cash and prizes for Pro Men Wakeboard, Pro Women Wakeboard, Pro Wakeskate, Junior Men, Best Kicker Trick and Best Rail Trick.

This event will take place Aug. 8-10 in Kyiv in Park Druzhby Narodiv. Riders from around the world will gather at the championship to compete and accumulate points for this first ever professional global series for cable wake park. With two of the WWA WP World Series events already under their belt, the world's top riders will continue the challenge at the X-Traction cable park in Kyiv for the coveted series title and the overall \$17,500 bonus cash prize. This is your chance to showcase your talents and ride along-

side the best in the world. Cool prizes and gear will be given to the top five finalists. In addition to some incredible riding, there will also be live concerts and open-air parties offered each night. The wake park has a whole new set of obstacles including two large kickers, two small kickers, a fun box, inclined ramp, big rail, camel rail and dragon table. In addition, there is a recreation zone complete with children's playground, as well as a restaurant and bar. Pre-registration is now open to all six divisions. The entry fee will be \$100 for

each division in wakeboard and wakeskate. There will be a separate \$50 entry fee for the Best Kicker Trick and Best Rail Trick contests for those who are interested.

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A couple of days ago, while browsing the Internet, I saw this amazing headline: "Yuriy Nikitin is looking for a Ukrainian Paris Hilton." I was stunned for a moment – isn't one Paris Hilton more than enough? Of course, I knew who Nikitin was – a famous Ukrainian producer, the man behind a number of successful acts like Virka Serdyuchka, Aviator, neAngely, NikitA, and others. So why Hilton?

Turns out the producer set out on his usual venture – creating yet another girls band. It's going to be a trio called Hollywood made up of star lookalikes of Nicole Richie, Lindsey Lohan and Paris Hilton. The first two lookalikes have already been discovered, so now Nikitin's quest is to find the main star – Hilton's double. One would think it not very original to create a group made up of lookalikes. But Nikitin claims that his Hollywood is the next big thing. "The band members live up to all Hollywood celebrity standards: glamour, intellect, diligence," Nikitin said. Paris Hilton – the intellectual? But there is more. According to him, the group desperately needs a Paris Hilton, since all girls want to be like her – well provided for and independent. Right, so apparently Ukrainian girls should want to be born to rich parents – that certainly is something to dream about.

Hollywood is a dreamland for many – that's true, but surely Nikitin selected weird prototypes for his new band. With the exception of Lindsey Lohan, who actually has been acting since childhood, the two others are nothing but spoiled rich kids, who are known as the biggest tabloid newsmakers, and not through any work they ever did or talent they demonstrated. Or was it hard work to appear on reality TV? As for the movies Paris Hilton has made, if you just manage to sit through 15 minutes of any of them, you deserve a medal. Lindsey, on the other hand, simply got rich and famous too early in life, and already frequents rehabs. Well, producer Nikitin's attempt to set a great example for teenage girls in Ukraine certainly deserves respect. Not.

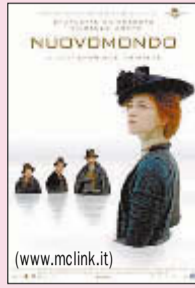
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## MOVIES

THURSDAY 7



### Movie in Italian: "Nuovomondo"

"Nuovomondo" ("New World") is a drama based on a story of a family migrating from Italy to the US in the beginning of the 20th century. The poor Sicilian family dreams about the land of opportunities, where giant vegetables are grown and people swim in milk. Before leaving the head of the family, widower Salvatore meets British Lucy (Charlotte Gainsbourg). For unknown reasons the woman wants to get married before they arrive to Ellis Island. Although Salvatore knows she doesn't love him he agrees. The film received six awards at the Venice film festival in 2006.

**Kinopanorama (19 Rustaveli, 287-3041, 287-1135). Through Aug. 20.**  
See Movies for more information.

## LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY 8



### Riffmaster

After a year's break Ukrainian rock band Riffmaster is giving a concert to promote its debut album that is to be released soon. Riffmaster is also the band leader's (Andriy Antonenko) nickname. He was called that by his colleagues for the way he makes guitar riffs a major element of his songs. Riffmaster still pays homage to the social themes his songs touched upon when playing for the DAZ Machine band. In his solo works it comes out as personal, intimate topics.

**44 (44B Khreschatyk, 279-4137). 10 p.m. Tickets Hr 50.**



### Mad Heads XL

Having returned from summer vacation, the boys from the rock band Mad Heads XL are going to play at their usual place – Docker's ABC. The rockers are still promoting their newest album "Forever" which was released a month ago and is known mostly for its hit single "Buvaye" ("It Happens") which is now one of the most popular rock songs in rotation on Ukrainian radio stations. Mad Heads XL

formed in 2004 taking root in the famous Ukrainian trio Mad Heads.  
**Docker's ABC (15 Khreschatyk, Pasazh, 278-1717). 9 p.m.**

## CLUBS

FRIDAY 8



### "CANTskiy Penofestival" party

"CANTskiy Penofestival" is the name of the party set to take place at Most Open Air. The headliner will be the French classic of breaks-core Rotator a.k.a. Mr. Kill. His trademark style these days is "raggacore" with additions of hardcore, raggamuffin and dancehall music, all of which he will play wearing a scary mask. Rotator is the founder of the noncommercial electronic music empire called Peace Off and runs the internet shop switchrec.com.

**Most Open Air (Moskovskiy Bridge, Druzhby Narodiv Park). 10 p.m. Tickets Hr 70.**



### "Handmade Soundfest"

The main guest of "Handmade Soundfest" will be Znanna Dymchenko – Ukrainian musician, singer, composer, and DJ who now lives in Spain. She started her artistic career in 2002, with the help of prestigious producer Charly Chicago. Together they created a mix of melancholic melodies and electric sounds, giving shape to their own style. In Kyiv, Zhanna will present her debut album "ONA," which will be available soon in digital version.

**UAM Beach Club (Hydropark, Venetian beach). 9 p.m.**

SATURDAY 9



### DJ Levan

British DJ Levan started his career as a guitarist in Mystery and Mother on Mondays bands. At present Levan is known as a deejay and producer. Born in Georgia, he moved to London in 1999 and there he opened a production studio that released 35 singles. His digital label Piso Records gathers minimal/techno producers from around the world.

**Forsage (51A Harmatna, 230-3535). Tickets Hr 80 – for guys, Hr 60 – for girls, before midnight Hr 50 and Hr 40.**

## FESTIVALS

SATURDAY 9 – SUNDAY 10



### "Be Free" festival

Organized by musical label Belorussian Music Alternative "Be Free" festival is dedicated mostly to the unknown Belorussian culture. 18 bands agreed to perform at the event. Among them are famous Stry Olsa which plays medieval ballades, dances, bagpipe tunes, lyre and Jewish harp. The program will also include bands from Ukraine and Poland.

**Lviv (Park Bohdana Khmelnytskoho and Rynok Square, festsvabody.org). Organizers can be contacted at fest.svabody@gmail.com**

## GALLERIES

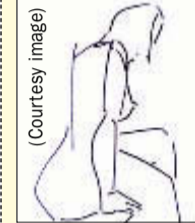
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### "Nu." Paintings by Borys Fircak

With his "Nu" exhibition, artist Borys Fircak demonstrates his unusual approach to nu art. The naked female body in the works of Borys Fircak is basically a method that helps organize artistic confusion. It's a special tuning fork that provokes and helps find a perfect and sensual image. By the way, Fircak is considered one of the most productive artists in Ukraine – this is already his fourth show this year.

**Tryptych (34 Andriyivskiy Uzviz, 279-0759). Through Aug. 20.**



### "Between Shape and Content." Graphics by Nester Kyslenko.

The shape is completely controlled by an artist; meanwhile content depends on how a viewer perceives it. At his exhibition "Between Shape and Content" Nester Kyslenko invites his audiences to look into the gap between shape and content. This time a symbolist created faceless woman figures not to show the ecstasy of a body but to symbolize its eternal femininity.

**Ann Gallery (21B Baseyna, 234-9060). Through Aug. 14.**

### "Shadow." Photos and installations by Ilona Silvasny and Yaroslav Prysyazhnyuk.

The legend says that art began when a man outlined his shadow on the wall. Artist Silvasny and Yaroslav Prysyazhnyuk conducted an art project based on this idea. They outlined the shadow of the bridge above the river in the Carpathian Mountains. The next day they waited until the real shadow would match the drawn one. Photos from this project can be seen at "Shadow" exhibition.

**Soviart (22A Andriyivskiy Uzviz, 425-2219). Through Aug. 14.**

TUESDAY 12



### "Mix-Museum." Project by curator Pavlo Hudimov

The "Mix-Museum" project is defined as a rejection of the traditional classification of art. Inspired by an exhibition "Traces du Sacre" in Pompidu center, gallerist Pavlo Hudimov decided to combine items from different eras and styles. He put together antique figures from Ukrainian vertep (a traditional Christmas installation) with works of artist Ihor Yanovych, added some album covers of Led Zeppelin made by Andy Warhol, and topped it up with Soviet magazines. All exhibits are divided by themes: architecture and music, the sacred and money, childhood.

**Ya Gallery (55/57 Voloska, 537-3351). 7 p.m. Through Aug. 30.**

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## Ukrainian beauty falls short in contest but sees bright future

By ZOYA LYTVMY

**E**leonora Masalab, Miss Ukraine Universe flew to Vietnam this summer to officially represent her country in the Miss Universe 2008 pageant. She won the honor of Miss Legs in a field of 80 international contestants. Though disappointed about not winning, the 19-year-old remains optimistic about her future and is full of ambition and plans.

**KP:** How did it feel to participate in such a high-profile event and fail to win it?

**EM:** For the first two days I was bitterly disappointed – and this is a normal reaction in such a situation. Participation in a Miss Universe pageant means that you temporarily give up your life for it. It took me a long time to prepare for it – to sort out all the dresses, to find the best national costume, to learn all the choreography. It's a pity my eagerness did not yield the result that I wanted.

What added to my disappointment was that from the first day of my trip the Vietnamese people and press paid me a lot of attention and I was their favorite contestant. My pictures

appeared on several covers of local magazines. The public and the press predicted my triumph. I wish I lived up to their expectations. But now that I'm finally back home again, I realize that I have something much more important than victory. I have priceless life experience that I can share with my future children and grandchildren. I'm sure this experience will help me win other similar contests, and I plan to do it very soon.

**KP:** What did you like most about your trip?

**EM:** The greatest impression during the trip was Vietnam – it's an amazing country with breathtaking nature and sincere, fun-loving people. The national cuisine is just outstanding, delicious and very cheap!

I regret that during the whole month in Vietnam we didn't get a single chance to swim in the sea, even though we were just 15 minutes away. We had a very tight schedule. Next year I plan to visit Vietnam again and spend more time discovering some interesting places in this country. It was also great to make friends with so many contestants.

**KP:** If you were a judge in this contest, would you also have voted for Dayana Mendoza of Venezuela?

**EM:** Actually I agree with the contest results – the top-five girls are really amazing. But if I had been responsible for the final decision I would have given the crown to Miss Mexico Elisa Najera or to Miss USA Crystal Stewart. As far as I am concerned, they were the most graceful and attractive contestants.

**KP:** What do you think is the key to winning a beauty pageant such as Miss Universe?

**EM:** This year's winner, Dayana Mendoza, is a very positive and cheerful person. She really stood out among others because she was best prepared. She was the only girl who seemed to be perfect all the time: sublime make-up, hair and manicure in every situation. By the way, Venezuela is a record-holder of Miss Universe winners. They even have a special school to prepare future beauty queens.

**KP:** What are your plans for the future?

**EM:** For the next two months I plan to do only one thing – rest. After five



Eleonora Masalab is crying tears of happiness after just being crowned Miss Ukraine Universe. (Oleksiy Boyko)

months of preparation I feel totally exhausted. And after that I have a huge number of propositions to consider – photo and video shoots, modeling and acting. Because of the contest I had no time to think about it, but now I'm open to new and interesting ideas.

My career ambition is to have my own television program and direct it as well, but I also believe that my main mission in life is to create a happy family and bring up many children.

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Crime/Drama/War, USA (2007)

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Starring Patrick Carroll, Rob Devaney and Ty Jones

Language: English

This military thriller by Brian De Palma is a statement about the Iraq war. The story shows American soldiers stationed at a checkpoint in Iraq. The soldiers, who come from different social backgrounds, spend their evenings reading books and magazines. But after a couple of weeks the atmosphere becomes incandescent. One night two soldiers break into a house of an Iraqi man, rape his daughter and kill the entire family. And this crime leads to more crimes.

#### THE ROLLING STONES: SHINE A LIGHT

Documentary, UK (2008)

Directed by Martin Scorsese

Starring Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Charlie Watts

Language: English

"Shine a Light" is directed by one of America's renowned movie makers, Martin Scorsese, who documented two Stones' performances from their Bigger Bang Tour. Scorsese filmed the Stones over a two-day period at the intimate Beacon Theater in New York City in the fall of 2006 when they performed a benefit concert for Bill Clinton's charity foundation. Filling the hall with lights and cameras, Scorsese captures their set with a stunning, often unforgiving clarity. Particularly blown up to gargantuan size on the screen, you're going to see every wrinkle on Mick Jagger's and Keith Richards' craggy faces.

#### MY BLUEBERRY NIGHTS

Drama/Romance, Hong Kong / China / France (2007)

Directed by Kar Wai Wong

Starring Norah Jones, Jude Law and Natalie Portman

Language: English

The film is the first English-language project made by the cult movie director Kar Wai Wong that features the famous singer Norah Jones and such Hollywood stars, as Jude Law, Rachel Weisz and Natalie Portman. The story takes place in America, which is traversed by a girl (Jones) searching for eternal love while encountering offbeat characters along the way.

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**W**alid Arfouch (1, right) and his lady share a sweet moment at the RetroFM party at Faberzhe club on July 24, while singer Leri Vinn (3, left) has a serious conversation and other guests have a smoke (2, 4). Former Chief Minister of Haryana (India) Om Parkash Chautala (5) visited Ukraine and dined at Bombay Palace restaurant on July 28. Famous drag queen Monroe (6, middle) was among celebrity guests at the premiere of the "X-Files: I Want to Believe" at Ukraina cinema on July 24. (Photos by Dmitriy Nikanorov, Alina Rudyta and Serhiy Zavalnyuk)





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# Learn which Ukrainian athletes to look out for at Beijing 2008

**Anna Bessonova** (pic. 1) is an individual rhythmic gymnast, born in 1984 in Kyiv, Ukraine. Her father is the famous Dynamo Kyiv football player Vladimir Bessonov and her mother, Viktoria, was a two time world champion group rhythmic gymnast. Bessonova is the number one rhythmic gymnast in Ukraine and won the bronze medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics. In 2007, Anna became world champion at the World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship in Patras, Greece winning the all-around gold medal. In 2008, Anna also won an all-around gold at the LA Lights, Derugina Cup and Miss Valentine Competitions as well as the all-around silver at the European Championship in Torino, Italy.

**Yuriy Nikitin** is a men's trampolining individual gymnast, born in 1978 in Kherson, Ukraine. He graduated from the Kherson Pedagogical University. He won the gold medal and became world champion at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

**Yuriy Bilonoh** (pic. 2) is a shot putter, born in 1974 in Sumy, Ukraine, and now lives in Odesa. He is a lieutenant colonel of the state border guards



of Ukraine. At the 2000 Olympics he finished fifth. In 2002 he was European champion. He won the gold medal and became world champion at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

**Lyudmyla Blonska**, (pic. 5) previously Shevchuk, is a Ukrainian heptathlete, born in 1977 in Simferopol, Ukraine. She finished thirteenth at the 2002 Athletics Championships, won the gold medal at the 2005 Universiade and finished fifth at the 2006 European Championships. She also competed at the 2000 Olympics. In the pentathlon she won the gold medal at the 2006 World Indoor Championships. Her personal best heptathlon score is 6,832 points, a Ukrainian record, achieved in August 2007 in Osaka, Japan where she won the silver medal.

**Valeriy Honcharov** is a gymnast, born in 1977 in Kharkiv, Ukraine. He was the gold medal winner in the men's parallel bars at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

**Oleh Lisohor** (pic. 3) is a Ukrainian swimmer, born in 1979 in Brovary, Kyiv oblast, Ukraine. Lisohor is the current

world record holder in the 50 meters breaststroke, short course, with 26.17 seconds. The record was made in Berlin in 2006, when Lisohor beat his own 50 m breaststroke record in 2002 of 26.20 seconds. Lisohor also holds the long course record, with 27.18 in 2002, and became World Champion 2001 in that distance. He is a six-time World Champion and 18-fold Champion of Europe.

**Ibragim Aldatov** is catch-style sportsman, born in 1983 in Beslan, North Ossetia, Russia. He became world champion at the 2006 China Olympics and won a silver medal at the 2007 World Championship.

**Serhiy Bubka**, President of National Olympic Committee, is a retired Ukrainian pole vaulter, born in 1963 in Luhansk, Ukraine. Repeatedly voted the world's best athlete, Bubka won six consecutive IAAF World Championships, an Olympic gold and broke the world record for men's pole vaulting 35 times (17 outdoor and 18 indoor records). He was the first and only to clear 6.10 meters. He holds the current outdoor world record of 6.14 meters, set in 1994 in Italy and the current indoor world record of 6.15 meters, set in 1993 in Donetsk, Ukraine.

**Iryna Melnik-Merleni** is a women's freestyle wrestling athlete, born in 1982 in Minitskoye, Ukraine. She was a three-time world champion entering the 2004 Athens Games where she took gold. She was runner-up at both the 2005 and 2007 Worlds. Melnik-Merleni won the gold-medal at the 2003 World Championships in New York. In 2001, she defeated Canada's Carol Huyhn in the final, and in 2000, she beat Inga Karamtshakova of Russia and took the gold. Melnik-Merleni is also a former junior and cadet world champion.

**Alyona Bondarenko** (pic. 4) is a Ukrainian tennis player, born in 1984 in Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine. She has a younger sister, Kateryna Bondarenko, who also plays on the Tour. Alyona Bondarenko won the 2008 Australian Open women's doubles tournament with sister Kateryna, beating Victoria Azarenka and Shahar Pe'er in the finals.

**Yaroslav Popovych** is a cyclist with the UCI Pro Tour Silence-Lotto, born in 1980 in Drohobych, Ukraine. He was considered one of the most promising cyclists while riding in junior and under-23 races after catching 35 victories in 2000 and 2001. He won the

under-23 Men's road race in the 2001 UCI Road World Championships after finishing second the previous year. He also won the Paris-Roubaix edition for under-23 riders. Popovych turned pro in 2002 by joining the Belgian team Landbouwkrediet-Colnago and delivered some strong showings, most notably in the Giro d'Italia where he finished third in 2003 and fifth in 2004.

**Anna Khlistunova** was a bronze medalist in the Women's 100m Breaststroke at the XII FINA World Championships in 2007 in Melbourne, Australia. She's Europe's continental champion.

**Rodion Luka** and **Heorhiy Leonchuk** are Ukrainian sailors. They are 2005 World Champions and Athens Silver Medalists.

**Olga Kharlan** is the world silver medalist at the 2006 European Seniors Fencing Championship in Turkey.

**Olga Korobka** is a bronze medalist of the World Weightlifting Championships in 2006 and 2007 years and champion of the European Weightlifting Championships in 2007 and 2008. Born in 1985 in Chernihivska oblast, Ukraine.

— Maria Leontieva



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## Aug 10

**Swimming**

10:00 – 12:02, semi-final,

100 m brace, men

Oleh Lisohor, Igor Borisyk

100 m brace, women

Hanna Khlistunova

## Aug 11

**Swimming**

18:30 – 21:30, semi-final

100 m brace, women

Hanna Khlistunova

## Tennis

10:30 – 14:30, 17:00 – 23:00

## Pair-team

Olena and Kateryna Bondarenko

## Sailing sport

13:00 – 19:00

Rodion Luka and Heorhiy Leonchuk

## Aug 12

**Tennis**

10:30 – 14:30, 17:00 – 23:00

## Pair-team

Olena and Kateryna Bondarenko

## Aug 13

**Sailing sport**

13:00 – 19:00

Rodion Luka and Heorhiy Leonchuk

## Tennis

16:00 – 22:00

## Pair-team

Olena and Kateryna Bondarenko

## Aug 14

## Sabre fencing

9:30 – 15:20, 18:00 – 20:20,

final, for III place

Olga Kharlan, Halyna Pundik,

Olga Zhovnir, Olena Khromova

## Sailing sport

13:00 – 19:00

Rodion Luka and Heorhiy Leonchuk

## Tennis

16:00 – 22:00, 1/4 final

## Pair-team

Olena and Katerina Bondarenko

## Aug 15

**Athletics**

All-round, women

09:00 – 12:00, 19:00 – 23:00,

final

Lyudmila Blonska, Natalya

Dobrynska, Ganna Melnichenko

**Shotput, men**

09:05 – 10:05

Yuriy Bilonoh, Andriy Semenov

## Swimming

18:30 – 21:16, semi-final

## Relay-race 4 x 100, combined

Hanna Khlistunova, Yana Klochkova,

Kateryna Zubkova, Iryna Amshennikova,

Oleh Lisohor, Serhiy Breus,

Yuriy Yehoshyn

## Sailing sport

13:00 – 19:00

Rodion Luka and Heorhiy Leonchuk

## Tennis

16:00 – 22:00, semi-final

## Pair-team

Olena and Kateryna Bondarenko

## Aug 16

**Athletics**

All-round women

09:00 , 19:00, 21:45, final

Lyudmila Blonska, Natalya

Dobrynska, Hanna Melnichenko

Rebound-tumbling

11:0 – 13:25, I and II rounds

Yuriy Nikitin

## Weightlifting

19:00 – 21:00, final, group A

Olga Korobka, Yuliya Dovhal

## Aug 17

**Swimming**

10:00 – 11:30, final

Relay-race 4 x 100, combined

Hanna Khlistunova, Yana Klochkova,

Kateryna Zubkova, Iryna Amshennikova,

Oleh Lisohor, Serhiy Breus,

Yuriy Yehoshyn

## Sailing sport

13:00 – 19:00

Rodion Luka and Heorhiy Leonchuk

## Aug 19

**Bars**

18:00 – 20:15, final

Valeriy Honcharov

Rebound-tumbling

18:00 – 20:15, final

Yuriy Nikitin

## Artistic gymnastics

## Aug 20

**Catch-style**

9:30 – 13:00, qualifying rounds

16:00 – 18:50, final

Ibragim Aldatov, Andriy Stadnik

## Aug 21

**Rhythmic gymnastics**

19:30 – 22:35, qualifying rounds

Anna Bessonova

## Aug 22

**Rhythmic gymnastics**

19:30 – 22:35, qualifying rounds

Anna Bessonova

## Aug 23

**Rhythmic gymnastics**

19:30 – 21:45, final

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## Aug 24

**Team Rhythmic gymnastics**

13:30 – 17:00, final



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# Chase away the blues shopping in Kyiv's novelty stores

By **OLGA KOVALENKO**

For women, shopping is considered the best cure for depression. But there are shops that are bound to boost anyone's spirits, both through their witty design and the sort of merchandise they sell. Just one look inside will put a smile on your face, but of course you can buy things there that will stay with you to lift your mood whenever you need it. There are not so many fun shops in Kyiv but these three shouldn't be missed.

The first shop in the chain opened on Lvivska Plocha, and I can't say that I was a fan from the outset. The original store was in a metro "dead zone" and decidedly far from my common routes. However, with the opening of another Party Shop in Metrograd it became easier to enjoy all that it has to offer. The latter is smaller than the one on Lvivska, yet the basic assortment is the same.

As soon as you walk in, you're met by a meter-and-a-half tall Oscar statue made of golden plastic, and once inside, you'll find yourself surrounded by shelves loaded with carnival costumes, party equipment, and funny novelties. Or have you always wanted to test yourself in Harry Houdini's craft? Then the time is ripe, just choose a deck of magic cards (Hr 25 to Hr 100), colorful handkerchiefs that are supposed to materialize from your sleeves, or an ultimate magician's set.

The assortment of Halloween stuff will stun you even more: there is a feathered and beaded costume of a Native American complete with a decorated bow and an arrow set (around Hr 200

for the whole thing), devil's horns for Hr 38, witch hats and wigs for Hr 100 and higher, skeletons, vampire teeth (Hr 3) and the real hit of Party Shop – a huge array of rubber masks (Hr 228 each). Masks are available portraying Elvis Presley, a skeleton, a vampire, Freddie Kruger, Lenin, Frankenstein and others. Amid these spooky images, colorful birthday caps, balloons and silly strings seem out of place.

There is also an assortment of practical joke items like a laughing sack, smoldering cigarette butts, "a hole in a windshield" stickers (Hr 15), a mirror that produces sounds (Hr 68), or a candle shaped like a voodoo doll.

But this is not all. The Party Shop always shares space with the Wow Shop – a great gift shop, selling lighters with Bob Marley's portrait, vodka glasses labeled "Love Slowly Kills," an electric mouse in a wheel, watches and jewelry by Storm and finally, laces with the Rolling Stones emblem for Hr 47.

For more color and excitement drop by Toshoshop – a store that recently opened in the courtyard next to Kinopanorama movie theater. Follow the story's mascot, Japanese robot character made of black cubes, through the arch take two lefts and you'll be at the entrance.

"Toshoshop. Made in Russia." reads the sign above the door. The main premise here is to emulate Japanese street styles presented by such manufacturers as BAPE, Baby Milo, Crazy Leopard, POTT, PIGG, and Tokio Flash. T-shirts with funny (sometimes truly absurd) pictures and phrases are displayed on hangers for Hr 188 and Hr 238, embroi-

dered and laced dresses designed in a country style for Hr 568, jeans, shorts, bags, sneakers, brightly colored socks packed in metal tea pots with Bart Simpson's face (Hr 38) printed on them, vinyl toys, badges, and watches. Everything you'll find at Toshoshop, even the minutest item, is guaranteed to be original in to the extreme. The staff claims that only one copy of each piece is delivered to their store.

Toshoshop is the only store of its kind in the city. You'll all the prices end with the an eleven. Looking at the prices you will notice that all of them end with eleven and it isn't a coincidence. Since all items are related to Japan and it's Asian knack for numerology. For instance, the number eight turned on 45 degrees accents is the meaning of infinity. Apparently Japanese style will spread infinitely too.

And to top off your day of fun shopping, try Punkt Sbyta Mecht (The Sell Point of Dreams), the store affiliated with the famous Artemiy Lebedev Studio, located on the first floor of Leonardo Business Center, across the street from the Opera House.

I had read and heard about it, and before reaching the place, I imagined it to be some sort of a special shop, but Punkt Sbyta Mecht turned out to be tiny and looked out of place in the wide marble hall of Leonardo. Yet the assortment still had a lot with which to surprise me.

The first pleasant surprise was a plastic ice tray labeled "Vechnost" ("Eternity") – each ice cube will assume a different letter shape after being frozen. Coupled with a book that brought



Find lots of funny, weird and cool Japanese-style items to buy as gifts or for yourself at Toshoshop. (Courtesy photo)

back lots of childhood memories, the fairy-tale "The Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen, together cost only Hr 72. At the same round stand you'll find drawing pens, postcards for everyday of the year, playing cards with suit descriptions instead of suits themselves (Hr 62), cook books and a box of four types of chocolate candies for Hr 41. The spot is edged by a hall tree with hanging T-Shirts decorated with funny inscriptions for Hr 188 each. In addition

to their practical functions, all the items are great mood lifters and will help chase away your sorrows for a while.

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## Get a cold one at Draft; More Gloria Jean's cafes

By ALEXANDRA MATOSHKO

After I first heard about the closing of Kwartira Babuin – a popular hangout for hip intellectuals, known for its artsy ambience, great books for sale and occasional cool gigs, I couldn't help but wonder – what will replace it? A little while later the matter seemed settled. A Georgian restaurant simply called Georgia opened in its place, completely altering the atmosphere – live music remained, but it was obviously of a very different kind.

However, Georgia proved short-lived – perhaps it simply wasn't the right place for the high-end appeal the restaurant had, and most former regulars of Kwartira were quite bemused at what they found in its place. Now, the newest signboard above the door reads Draft, and so far it looks like a comeback to what the location originally was known for – a laid-back atmosphere and mid-range prices.

The name Draft immediately connotes draught beer and this first guess proved right on target – it's a beer restaurant, and draft beer is its main attraction. The Heineken beer tower is covered with a thick layer of ice so one can expect it to pour extra cold beer. They conceivably even use chilled beer mugs that are kept in the fridge. Whatever the case, the beer is really cold.

Much at Draft is still in the works. For example, the karaoke room will replace Kwartira's famous chill-out room located in the corner. It will be furnished with sofas and used for hookah smoking. The stage will remain as it is and will be put to use for concerts showcasing popular bands in the autumn. Nevertheless, live musicians already play on Thursday and Friday nights here. On other nights films are shown on the big screen – from old comedy classics to the latest DVD releases. This means you can expect to have your lunch (biz lunch is offered here from noon till 4 p.m. for Hr 25), in front of the TV just like at home. By the way, if biz lunch isn't your thing, you can choose anything from the menu at a 20% discount during their lunch hours.

Draft's head chef Marina stayed behind after Georgia left, and before worked for Tsarske Selo and Monako. The menu offerings she composed for Draft is just three pages long, which is

ideal for a beer restaurant – you don't come here to savor exquisite culinary delights.

Still you should enjoy the chef's thin delicate pancakes (Hr 30 to Hr 60).

The list includes salads: traditional Olivier, Cesar – with your choice of chicken or with salmon and shrimp, and Caprese. Cold appetizers include Carpaccio and "Herring Under a Fur Coat" (herring topped with chopped boiled potatoes, carrots and beetroot). Among the recommended main dishes are: duck breast with strawberry sauce; a handmade dish of rolls (Hr 65); a pork roll stuffed with cheese and dried apricots, chicken roll with carrots and omelet, and veal roll with prunes and bacon. Also try steamed trout stuffed with salmon mousse (Hr 75); veal in ginger-and-honey sauce; dorado fish fried in honey-and-ginger caramel (Hr 70) and served with risotto; halibut baked in egg white with shrimp sauce. Naturally there is a selection of appetizers that go with beer.

The place cannot be exactly called lively yet, but it's too early to say – we should give it time to get situated, and see if it's here to stay. So far it looks like an honorable attempt to bring back some of what attracted people to Kwartira, so the main question is whether Draft manages to actually bring in enough customers to stay afloat.

**Draft**  
1/2 Khoryva, 463-7330  
Open 11 a.m. till the last customer  
English menu: Yes  
English-speaking staff: Yes  
Average meal: Hr 150

### Gloria Jean's multiplies

A coffee shop which has already become a favorite with many – Gloria Jean's Coffees – finally began to grow into a chain, after recently opening two more locations in the city. About three weeks ago the second Gloria Jeans opened inside the Kira Plastinina store, located at the entrance to Passazh at Khreshchatyk. This one is much smaller than the original cafe near Lva Tolstoho metro, but considering it's a coffee-to-go joint, it serves its purpose quite well. Yet, there are a few tables placed outside, so that you can enjoy your coffee with sweets people watching at the Pazzazh, instead of being annoyed



Beer on tap, big TV and cheap lunch offers – time to check out Draft. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

by giggling teenage girls shopping at Kira's.

The third Gloria Jean's opened next to Palats Ukraina concert hall. It has a suitable summer patio, but if you find it a bit noisy out on the street, you'll surely find a pleasant spot inside the cafe. The interior is aptly divided to provide you with a seat to your liking whether it be a window facing the quiet courtyard, on an upper platform or in a cozy corner, reading a book.

**GLORIA JEAN'S COFFEES**  
34 Chervonoarmiyska, 289-6277  
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118 Chervonoarmiyska,  
8093-355-9962  
Open 8 a.m. till 10 p.m.  
13 Khreshchatyk  
Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.  
English menu: Yes  
English-speaking staff: Yes  
Average price for coffee: Hr 20

### RESTAURANT NEWS

Polish restaurant **Opalkova Khata** is offering a menu of dishes prepared according to the ancient recipes and served on patelnia (special Polish frying pan). Among them are: "Fish Capella" – pike perch and salmon fried home-style in patelnia with squid, tiger shrimp and vegetables; "Knight's Patelnia" – bits of chicken fillet, pork and veal tenderloin, fried with champignons and vegetables under cheese sauce; "Patelnia Home-style" – veal liver stewed in sour cream sauce with fried potatoes, chanterelles, tomatoes and spinach; "Mushroom Patelnia" – sauteed mushrooms and potatoes.

**OPALKOVA KHATA**  
16 Petropavlivska, Petropavlivska  
Borschahivka, 466-8806  
Open 10 a.m. till the last customer

**Decadence House, Marokana, and La Casa del Habano** added a selection of new fusion cocktails to their menus, all served in Martini glasses and costing Hr 49. The list includes: Lichtini, prepared with fresh-squeezed juice of lime; Ultramarini – a mix of Gin, blackberry liqueur, vermouth and lime fresh juice; Kyivtini of canned cherry tomatoes puree with vodka, Beherovka and fresh lime juice; and also Appletini, Raspberry Martini, Belissimo, and Green Tree.

**Marokana**  
24 Lesi Ukrayinky, 254-4999  
Open 9 a.m. till 2 a.m.  
**Decadence House**  
16 Shota Rustaveli, 206-4920  
Open noon till the last customer  
**La Casa del Habano**  
13 Klovskiy Uzviv, 492-7448  
Open 10 a.m. till the last customer

**Le Cosmopolite** is currently holding a seafood festival, offering special dishes: salmon served with toasts with spinach and goat cheese; tar-tar of two kinds of salmon; salmon prepared with asparagus, mussels and shrimp, served in rice noodles; salad with tuna with kidney beans and parmesan; cauliflower soup with shrimp, celery and truffle paste; tomato soup with shrimp, mozzarella and basil; baked butterfish served with egg-plants and chicory with fennel and rosemary; dorado Asian-style with asparagus.

**Le Cosmopolite**  
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Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m.

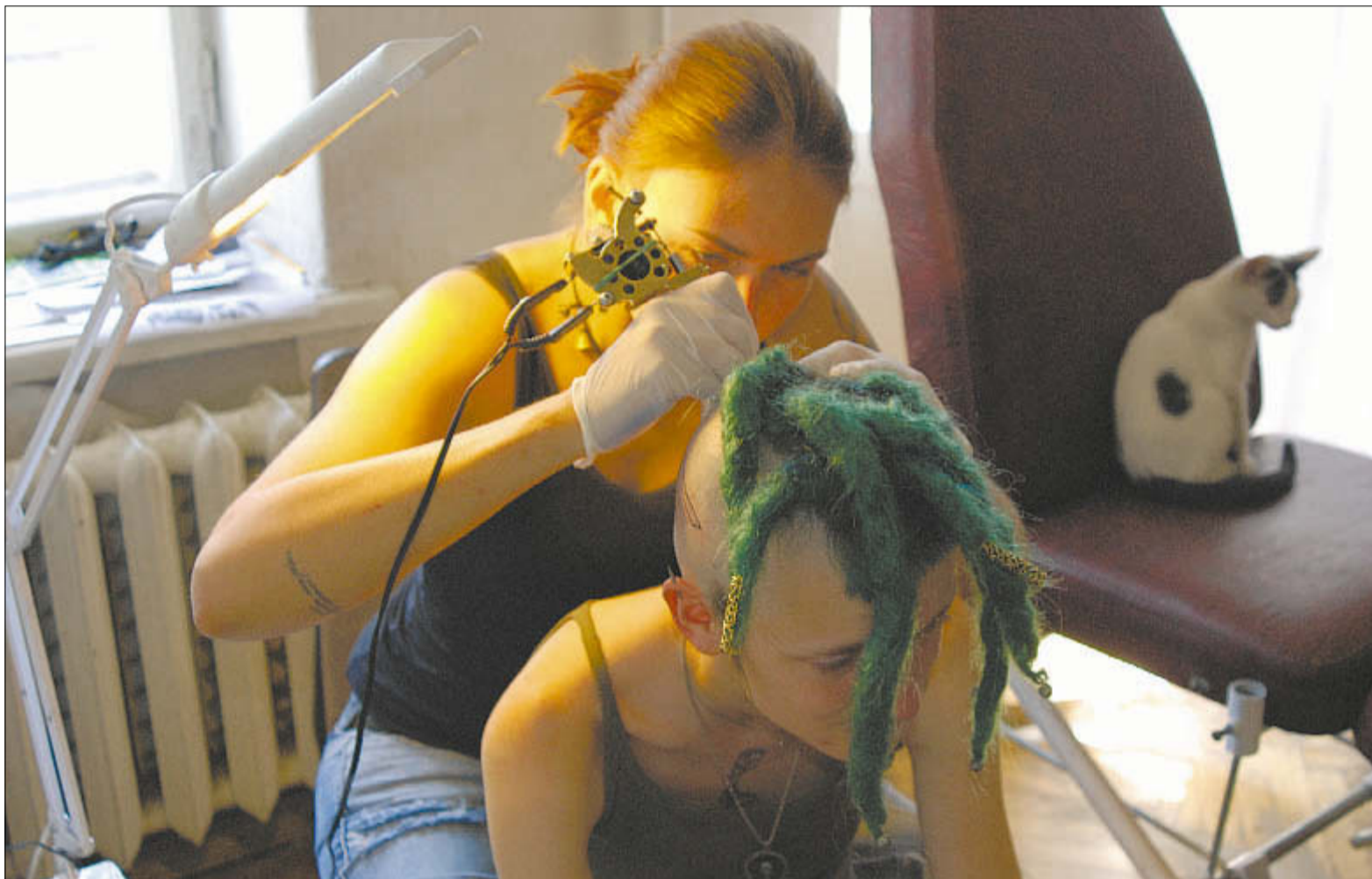
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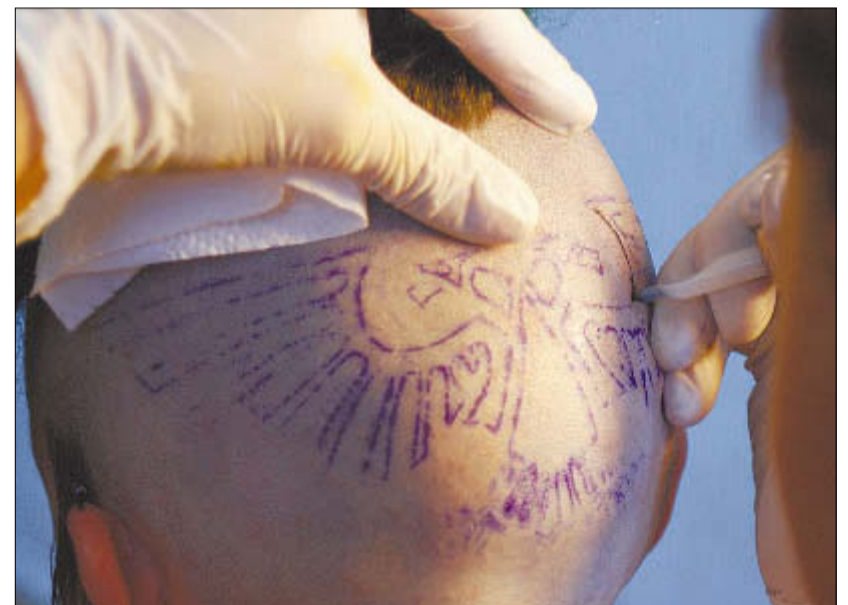
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## A la carte: getting tattooed in a relaxing home atmosphere



Today there are far too many tattoo parlors in Kyiv than there are potential clients. Tattoo artists spend a lot of time at work for nothing, inking less than 10 tattoos per week. For this reason more and more artists work at home. Take for instance tattoo artist Alyona Scady, who changed settings from the famous "Planeta Tattoo" Kyiv studio, to her own flat at Podil. She transformed one of the flat's rooms into a mini-parlor with all the necessary equipment. She works only with sterile gloves and new instruments. That's why, she says, there is no need to worry about hygienic safety. Working at home is more convenient both for the artist and the client. There's always time to relax, drink a cup of tea or just converse. And prices go down because the artist doesn't need to split the profit with the studio. Clients contact Scady through LiveJournal or by word of mouth via friends and acquaintances. Judging by the number and positive remarks on her blog, Scady has no problems with finding customers. She says people mostly avoid standard pictures from catalogues and usually bring their own images. Sometimes the artist advises on the choice of an image based on the appearance, style and personality of the client. Next the chosen image is applied to the skin using paper and special liquid after which the miracle of art begins.

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