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Ukrainians prominent in big U.S. fraud case

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hen 11 people from five nations steal millions of dollars from Americans, it is a crime worthy of a sequel to the popular Hollywood heist film Ocean's Eleven. But authorities say these real-life perpetrators, including three Ukrainians, surpassed the classic on-screen robbery plot by cracking credit and debit card codes instead of casino vaults.

"IT'S A WHOLE INDUSTRY. AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE COUNTERFEITING AND STEALING CARDS DOESN'T REQUIRE A LOT OF EFFORT."

– "Michael," self-described credit card con man

U.S. authorities dubbed it the single largest and most complex identity theft case on record. Three people from the United States, three from Ukraine, two from China, one from Estonia and one from Belarus are charged with the theft and sale of more than 40 million credit and debit card numbers. One more defendant has not been caught and is only known by his nickname.

The indictment alleges that a Miami man, Albert Gonzalez, drove around with a laptop hacking into wireless computer networks of major retailers, including TJX Companies, BJ's Wholesale Club, OfficeMax, Barnes

and Noble, and Forever 21 among others.

Once inside the networks, the "Gonzalez Eleven" installed "sniffer" programs that would capture card numbers together with passwords and account information. "Carders," the name used by law enforcement agencies to describe credit and debit card con men, allegedly sold the stolen data to other criminals in the United States and Eastern Europe. The latter cloned them into fake plastic to cash out at ATMs later.

"On a global scale, it's gigantic. It's a whole industry. And it's all because counterfeiting and stealing cards doesn't require a lot of effort. They have a weak security system," said a 25-year old carder from Ukraine who agreed to speak to the Kyiv Post only via e-mail.

He called himself Michael – that was the only personal information he would disclose. He sells cloned cards without pin codes for up to \$200 apiece and sometimes he can sell 1,000 duplicates per day. "If there's enough information about a card (a pin code is available), no one would resell it. It's very easy to use it yourself."

A source in Ukraine's State Security Service (SBU) said that tracking people on the dark side of the Internet is very difficult because "they foul on a foreign land." Attending international conferences on tackling cyber crime, he noticed that hackers from Ukraine and Russia became household names among security experts worldwide.

He said that technical universities in Ukraine grow plenty of young talent who end up swindling cards on a bet for a beer.

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Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko, center, observes an automatic grenade launcher during a July visit to a military unit in Chornomorske village of Odesa oblast. Ukraine's state of military readiness has become a topic of great urgency after Russia's invasion of Georgia, a former Soviet republic that, like Ukraine, wants to join the NATO military alliance. (Mykola Lazarenko)

Military in poor shape

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If current doomsday predictions suddenly came true and Moscow attacked Ukraine like it did tiny Georgia, Kyiv would fare a bit better, but almost surely face the same dismal outcome, experts say. While Ukraine's army is more than five times larger in terms of troops than Georgia's, it is still is no match for Russia's military. In comparison, Ukraine's seven functioning naval vessels are dwarfed by the Russian Black Sea Fleet's 46 fullyarmed navy ships strategically based in Ukraine's Sevastopol port, which is leased to Russia through 2017. Moreover, Ukraine's arsenal is nowhere near ready to respond effectively.

Its weapons are few and outdated. Its conscripts are demoralized by low pay. And strategists are leaving what some describe as a sinking warship.

"The only thing Ukraine's army is basically able to do is march down Kyiv's see **ARMY**, page 3

Ukraine has not yet perished, but should words to its anthem?



Oleh Skrypka, a popular Ukrainian rock musician, has penned a new version of Ukraine's national anthem, with lyrics that he says are more upbeat. (Courtesy photo)

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"Ukraine has not yet perished." But this, the most recognized and controversial opening lyric to the country's national anthem, may be headed to the graveyard, if a new and more optimistic version catches on.

Oleh Skrypka, a popular Ukrainian folk and rock musician, has written up new lyrics for an old song that sounds, to some, too much like a dirge.

Skrypka will sing his version of the anthem on Aug. 23 on Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square), the day before Ukraine celebrates its 17th anniversary as an independent nation.

Skrypka, who has in recent years turned into a leading proponent for reviving lost Ukrainian traditions and folklore, is not pushing his version per se.

But he does want to start a discussion – and offer what he says is a more upbeat alternative.

In a Kyiv Post interview, Skrypka said the idea of writing new lyrics emerged gradually, after his band – Vopli Vidopliasova – started regularly performing the anthem.

"We frequently heard that the words are pessimistic, archaic, etc.," Skrypka said. "So we announced a contest. We received many versions for the anthem's lyrics."

Although Skrypka would not reveal the entire set of new lyrics before his official presentation on Aug. 23, he called his new version positive and light.

He gave the Post a sample. Replaced will be the infamous lyric: "Ukraine's glory hasn't perished, nor her freedom/Upon us, fellow compatriots, fate shall smile once more."

The Skrypka band suggests replacing this with: "Our dear Ukraine is flourishing like a spring field/We are glorious Ukrainians; we've got a happy fate."

Originally, both the lyrics and the melody of Ukraine's present anthem "Ukraine hasn't perished yet" were written in the second half of the 19th Century by Pavlo Chubynsky and Mykhaylo Verbytsky, respectively. The lyrics were later modified and shortened to the current version.

While Verbytsky's music was officially adopted in 1992, only 11 years later did Ukraine's parliament, the Verkhovna Rada, pass the law approving Chubynsky's modified lyrics.

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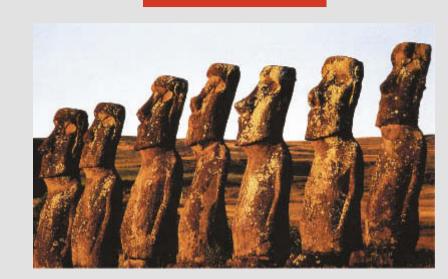
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Yushchenko: Georgia war shows need for NATO membership



Blindfolded Georgians sit atop a Russian armored personnel carrier while being detained by Russian troops in the port town of Poti, western Georgia, on Aug. 19. Russian troops entered the port to detain Georgian people and to loot U.S. military equipment left behind after a joint Georgian, U.S. military exercise. The movements of Russian forces in recent days raised questions about whether Moscow was fulfilling a cease-fire agreement. $\rm (AP)$

(Staff, Reuters) Greeting two U.S. senators en route to Tblisi, President Victor Yushchenko reiterated Ukraine's need for international security assurances in light of imminent risks highlighted by the recent conflict between Russia and Georgia.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's Foreign Ministry signaled a step back from Yushchenko's order last week restricting operation of Russian Black Sea Fleet ships at the Sevastopol base in Crimea.

U.S. Senators Joe Lieberman and Lindsey Graham arrived in Kyiv on Aug. 20 as envoys for U.S. presidential candidate John McCain on their way to Georgia for a fact-finding and support tour. Yushchenko told them Kyiv was "extremely troubled" by the events in Georgia and that NATO membership was crucial to Ukraine's security. "Our goal is to attain international guarantees for the territorial integrity, independence of Ukraine," he added. The visit came as Russian navy ships used in the Georgia operation were heading back to their homeport, Sevastopol. Russia's use of vessels based on Ukrainian turf has worried Kyiv, and prompted Yushchenko to pronounce tougher rules on Russian naval movements from Sevastopol.

"Our goal is to attain international guarantees for [Ukraine's] territorial integrity"

– President Victor Yushchenko

Russia's top military brass dubbed the new rules – which require Russian vessels to notify Ukraine of fleet movements 10 days in advance - as "not serious." In a step back, Ukraine's Foreign Ministry on Aug. 19 said the new rules were not retroactive, suggesting they would not apply to vessels that left for Georgia's coast earlier. It remains unclear if Moscow will abide by the new rules.

Ukraine has leased the base to Russia until 2017, but fears Moscow may refuse to remove its fleet, and fuel separatism on the peninsula.

Extreme Russian politicians regularly suggest Moscow should reclaim Sevastopol – possibly all of Crimea.

Wary of Moscow, Yushchenko last week urged citizens to back NATO integration saying: "What happened in Georgia is the best example of how easily military actions, and questions of territorial integrity, can in today's conditions be forced upon a country that does not have collective security guarantees." Ukraine could find itself in a state of war if its territorial integrity were challenged, he added.

Ukraine's military is no match for Russian might, experts say

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main street Khreshchatyk for a military parade, that's it," said Volodymyr Savchenko, first-rank captain and deputy head of the Ukrainian Officers Union.

Wary of his country's inability to protect itself from an imminent threat, pro-Western President Victor Yushchenko stepped up efforts in recent days to bolster support from citizens for Ukraine to join the NATO military alliance. He has also sought out ways to integrate his country as a partner with Western collective security organizations. It's a move aimed at setting up a psychological deterrent to a bullying neighbor in the short-term before NATO membership can be sealed.

"What happened in Georgia is the best example how easily military actions, and questions of territorial integrity, can in today's condition be forced upon a country that does not have collective With a weak army and no guarantees, Ukraine's "welfare, sovereignty and independence are impossible to defend at this moment," Kravchuk added.

Unlike Georgia, whose air force numbers less than a dozen planes, Ukraine has a significantly larger air force and anti-aircraft systems which experts said could help defend its airspace and inflict considerable damage on its opponent.

The defense forces of Poland, Romania and Hungary, for comparison, do not have any surface-to-air missile systems comparable to Ukraine's, said Alexander Khramchishin, an analyst at the Russian Institute of Military and Political Analysis.

Also, political analysts say Ukraine's early-warning missile radar systems based in the western Ukrainian town of Mukachevo and in Sevastopol might be of great interest for the United States and other members of the Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Just getting NATO or western countries using Ukraine as a partner for their collective security could, as a move before formal membership in NATO, make Moscow think twice before challenging Ukraine's territorial integrity in the pro-Russian Crimean peninsula, for example. Ukraine requested a NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP), the last step towards a full membership invitation, together with Georgia earlier this year. At a Bucharest summit in April, members of the alliance pledged both would be members in the future, but postponed any decisions on a MAP. Kyiv and Tbilisi hope to be accepted into a MAP at a follow-up NATO summit in December.

factors: the state of its weapons and equipment, and the officers' and soldiers' morale.

While Georgians showed themselves to be united and motivated in their fight against Russia, and have extensive military action experience in conflicts that have plagued the region since the breakup of the USSR, in the case of Ukraine, there is bad news on both fronts.

Almost all its weapons are inherited from the Soviet army, and are therefore outdated. Georgia in recent years spent some \$2 billion to purchase new arms, from Ukraine, the U.S. and Israel. Of Ukraine's roughly 800 tanks, the few operational ones are modernized models of tanks first produced in 1964. The planes were made in 1970-1980s.

"While we use second and third-generation tanks, [NATO members] use tanks and aviation of the fourth and fifth gen61 percent is being spent to feed, house and take care of nearly 200,000 military personnel. Only six percent goes to purchases and upgrades of weapons, equipment and infrastructure.

The limited spending leaves soldiers, and the military overall, strapped for cash. Rather than spending their time training for war, or other missions, soldiers are often engaged in other activities, such as picking potatoes to feed themselves and comrades. Conscripts commonly get marksmanship training only several times during a 10-month compulsory military service.

"If a conscript is digging holes for laying cables or building his chief's summer cottage it means that the chief can't teach the soldier how to fight in war," says Savchenko. "Soldiers aren't gravediggers. Their task is to defend the motherland."

Even compared to Georgian army per-

apartments to live in and money to support their families and finance their children's education," Savchenko said. This results in loss of the most skilled officers. They leave the army in search of better paying jobs, he added.

Abandoning the draft and moving to a smaller yet better-trained contract army could solve a lot of these problems, experts say. The transition is planned to take place by 2011, but progress is slow.

According to a Defense Ministry report, this year alone financing of this transition program fell 85 percent short of the budget. Less than \$400 million of the planned \$3 billion in funding was provided. The same report said that out of the 3,750 contract soldiers the army aimed to sign up, only 1,181 had joined.

However, if the Ukrainian government continues ignoring the army's problems, the country's defense will be nothing to speak of.

security guarantees," he said.

Referring to the bloody conflict in Georgia, Yushchenko said that if Ukraine's borders are "questioned" by someone, "then that means we are on verge of deep and serious military actions." Last week, Yushchenko toughened up to Moscow by unilaterally setting new restrictions on Russia's use of Sevastopol. He also offered Western countries use of Ukraine's early-warning missile detection radar systems.

The bold presidential moves worry Leonid Kravchuk, Ukraine's first president. With no foreign security guarantees and squat chance of winning a military standoff with Russia, Kravchuk worries tough actions could escalate what are already tense bilateral relations between Kyiv and Moscow.

"The world isn't a calm place today. Wars are breaking out and before getting involved I think Ukraine should have sealed its security policy first." In the meantime, Ukraine – like Georgia – is stuck with a weak and ill-prepared army. Savchenko said an army's readiness can be judged by two eration," said Victor Chumak, a security expert at the Kyiv-based International Center for Policy Studies.

While Ukraine's armed forces are badly in need of upgrades, the country - paradoxically - has in recent years ranked as one of the top ten arms exporters worldwide, with about two percent of the global market. And its domestic defense spending is only a fraction of NATO standards.

"According to Ukraine's security and defense legislation, expenses on defense should account for some 3 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). NATO would require it to be 2 percent of GDP, but Ukraine's expenditures for defense this year are only 1.1 percent of GDP," said Mykhailo Samus, an expert at the Center for Army Conversion and Disarmament Studies.

This limited budget funding available is inefficiently spent. Out of nearly \$2

billion in funding set aside for this year,

sonnel, Ukrainian army officers are also notoriously underpaid and cared for. A lieutenant's wage is Hr 1900 (\$422) per month, for example.

"Most of Ukraine's officers don't have the dires

"A single drunk enemy soldier would be able to drive all of Ukraine's armed forces into the Dnipro River with a whip," Savchenko cynically warned of the dire situation.

The military might of Ukraine, Russia and Georgia

	Ukraine	Russia	Georgia	
Personnel	152,000	1,100,000	32,000	
Tanks	800	23,000	128	
Armored fighting vehicles	2,304	9,900	44	
Artillery	1,100	26,000	109	
Helicopters	72	1,900	37	
Combat aircraft	208	1,800	8	
Naval vessels	27	106	2	
Nuclear weapons	0	4,000+	0	

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Overheated economy hopefully faces soft landing **KYIV POST** AUGUST 21ST, 2008

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years, Ukraine's economy is finally

Contruction and building mate-

cooling down, analysts say.

rials are among the several sectors of

the economy already in decline, raising

what could be false hopes for prospective

homebuyers about a drop in real estate

prices. Even if property prices fall, the

Bad news is also coming from the food

and metallurgical industries. Moreover,

with exports on the verge of decline, and

a current-account deficit surging, experts

warn that the country's currency could

"The recession danger will only mate-

rialize if the National Bank of Ukraine

continues pressuring the money sup-

ply after inflation gets back on track.

If this measure is applied for too long,

affecting consumer demand, it can cause

significant industry decline," said Hlib

Vyshlinsky, Custom Research Director

The first cold shower for the economy

came this spring, when the government

and central bank scrambled to control

spiraling inflation. The central bank

tightened reserve fund requirements for

commercial banks as a part of its anti-

inflation measures, and allowed the

GfK-Ukraine market research firm.

slide. There is even talk of a recession.

cost of borrowing is going up.

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domestic currency to appreciate. Some faryna@kpmedia.ua experts defended the moves as desperate but needed attempts curb inflation, fter overheating for the last few which reached 15 percent by mid-year.

As a result of these measures, however, banks tightened up their crediting policies, and the cost of borrowing rose suddenly. This, in turn, dented costly longterm investment businesses. The volume of real estate construction projects, for example, inched down by 1.2 percent in the first half of this year.

With the onslaught of the worldwide credit squeeze and Ukraine-specific factors, "banks don't want to give loans to either builders or real estate buyers," said Serhiy Kostetskiy, from the marketing department of SV Development.

After a steady growth of the construction industry since the 1990s, big companies are complaining about low sales. Kyivmiskbud said investments have dropped by 30 percent this year. Prices for newly-built apartments in Kyiv are also declining, slightly thus far. Experts said prices could drop by some 10 percent this autumn - long-awaited news for consumers. Yet the lower prices could be countered by rising borrowing costs.

Suppliers and producers of building materials say they are also feeling the pinch. According to a report in Korrespondent, a Russian-language sister publication of the Kyiv Post, the industry has incurred \$2.2 billion in losses thus

far this year. According to Ukrainian Business Resource portal, sales dropped by 40 percent in the summer months alone, compared to the same period last year. The shocking sale figures made some market players reconsider their long-term strategy. Among them are German producer of building materials Knauf, which has already invested 80 million Euros into production facilities in Ukraine.

"Unsold goods with millions of Euros are accumulating at our [Ukraine] warehouses ... that's why [Knauf] is canceling investment programs for the next two to three years," Nicolaus Knauf, the company's co-owner said.

Ukraine's food industry also declined 3 percent in both June and July compared to the same periods last year, which analysts said could be rooted in weak purchasing power and imports flooding the market.

"The import of goods and services increased three-fold in the first six months of this year," said Oleksandr Zholud, an economist at Kyiv's International Center for Policy Studies.

By year's end, the downward trend in the food industry may reverse due to an exceptionally good 43 million ton harvest this year. But other industries are also showing signs of decline.

The export-oriented metallurgical sector, Ukraine's main foreign currency source, could be on the verge of the first steel price decline in recent years.

"This could be the beginning of a big decline and would be a big blow to Ukraine's economy. Metallurgy accounts for more than 40 percent of Ukraine's exports," Zholud warned.

Falling steel prices coupled with a widening current account deficit, forecast at 9.3 percent of GDP, has economists predicting that Ukraine's national currency could slide due to the pressures.

"In 2009, we doubt that the Ukrainian economy will once again benefit from a positive terms of trade shock, which in our view will translate into slower growth, greater financing difficulties and a weaker currency,' reads a July report by JPMorgan.

Some economists predict a growth and currency slide. ICPS has a cautious prediction. Ukraine's GDP growth rate will finish off the year at 6.5 percent, almost one percent lower than last year.

"In recent years, the economy was overheated," said Vyshlinsky. "We had extremely high growth rates for salaries and prices rising combined with the high economic growth."

If the government pursues a calm and wise economic policy, fear of recession may turn out to be groundless.

"Our current economic situation thus far may be characterized as a rather soft landing," he added.

Musician offers new version of Ukraine's anthem

ANTHEM, continued from page 1 The current anthem does have its supporters, as well as detractors who criticize it for its pessimism and outdated content.

The anthem is "essentially destructive," said Volodymyr Cherevatenko, a Kharkiv songwriter who has submitted his personal version on several Internet forums. "It is an ordinary revolutionary song of the past times. But everything has changed and [now independent] Ukraine faces new tasks and challenges."

Skrypka, however, said he is not certain that the present anthem needs to be replaced.

"It's an old song. It's like a historical monument, and it's beautiful," Skrypka said. "But the country is developing, times change. Maybe we should change the anthem.

Skrypka insisted his aim is not to campaign for his version.

"I am raising this issue up for discussion," he said.

"I am a rock musician and I'm more inclined to unite people around a common idea, to boost peoples' creativity. As for my personal ambitions, when the issue of rewriting Ukraine's anthem is put forth, I'm sure there will be many 'national artists' eager to perform this task and some may even do it pretty well. But in order for that to happen, there should be an emotional movement among the people."

Oleh Skrypka's proposed anthem lyrics

"Квітне рідна Україна, Як весняне поле. Ми є славні українці, В нас щаслива доля"

Skrypka's anthem performance on Aug. 23 is part of a karaoke party. involving the public to sing the national anthem. The musician will also release

"Our dear Ukraine IS FLOURISHING LIKE A SPRING FIELD. WE ARE GLORIOUS UKRAINIANS, WE'VE GOT A HAPPY FATE"

two CDs, one containing both the original and rehashed version of the anthem versions, and the second will contain the anthem in karaoke format.



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ON THE MOVE



Konstantin Fedorov was appointed financial director at Hilti Ukraine, a sales organization of Hilti Corporation. Hilti is a producer of professional building tools with 120 offices around the world. He joined Hilti Ukraine in 2008. Fedorov has more than seven years of experience in finance. At Hilti since 2001, he was involved in the new business and technology department (Liechtenstein) as a management team member. Fedorov's experience also includes work as a senior controller on profitability analysis, planning and budgeting at Hilti, Switzerland. He graduated with a diploma from Russia's Petrozavodsk State University, majoring in accounting and audit, in 1997. He received an M.B.A. in 2000 from the University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business in the United States.



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Oleksandr Petriv (1) celebrates his gold medal after the final round of the men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol shooting event on Aug. 16; Victor Ruban (2) holds up his country flag after winning gold in the men's individual archery on Aug. 15; Artur Aivazian (3) reacts after winning the men's 50 meters rifle prone final round on Aug. 15; Nataliia Dobrynska (4) of Ukraine celebrates victory in the heptathlon during the athletics competitions in Beijing on Aug. 16; Olga Kharlan (5) reacts after scoring the last point against China's Tan Xue to win gold at the women's team saber final on Aug 14. (AP)





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EDITORIAL

Seeking big friends

The advance of Russian forces deep into Georgia last week had many diplomats questioning how far Moscow would go, wondering if NATO membership-aspiring Ukraine was the next target, and searching for ways to find acceptable leverage that could be used to counterbalance Moscow in the region.

Like Georgia, Ukraine is vulnerable. Neither has yet joined NATO. This could still take years, and until then, both have no security guarantees.

What can Ukraine do in the mid-term to protect itself from a bullying northern neighbor?

Quite simply, get closer to big friends that could, on a psychological level at least, deter the big bully from breaking down your door.

Kyiv's pro-Western President Victor Yushchenko has squandered his presidency by hesitation, half-steps and unprincipled compromises. But, in the recent crisis over the Russian attack of Georgia, the president has exhibited true leadership.

Yushchenko was right to offer Western countries use of Ukraine's early missile warning system and satellite tracking system. Even absent formal guarantees, becoming part of the Western security system is one way for Ukraine to make Moscow think twice before making a move. We also support Yushchenko's bold move to increase regulation of how Russia uses its Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol. Yet we fear this could provoke Russia into making moves that would challenge Ukraine's territorial integrity before the nation is ready to defend itself.

Another way Ukraine and Georgia can win informal security guarantees from the West, before joining NATO, is to be closer involved in the European Union's security and defense program. Such a move is being pushed aggressively by Hryhory Nemyria, deputy prime minister in Yulia Tymoshenko's government in charge of European integration.

Having dragged their feet on the NATO question, EU countries should immediately include both Kyiv and Tbilisi. Doing so would possibly deter further aggressive Russian action. It would also protect EU interests along its own borders and, in particular, with two countries seen as key transit routes for energy that bypasses a Russia that is increasingly encircling Europe with pipelines.

Who is Akhmetov?

Where exactly do Rinat Akhmetov's interests lie?

It's not the first time we have posed this question, nor will it be the last. As the richest man in Ukraine, worth an estimated \$33 billion, and a prime backer of the Moscow-leaning Regions Party headed by Victor Yanukovych, Akhmetov has more than his fair share of influence in Ukraine. We have been told many times that he is a pragmatic businessman who cares deeply for Ukraine and actively helps the country through charity. We have been told that he is a close friend and ally of Ukraine's pro-Western president, Victor Yushchenko, and supports Western integration.

Yet the facts tell a different story.

On August 15, in the heat of bloody Russian-Georgian military standoff, the Donetsk City Council controlled by the Regions Party took sides with Russia by adopting a resolution condemning the "aggression of Georgia's leadership" against South Ossetia.

While Akhmetov has himself been silent on this issue, the party he exerts so much influence over is taking sides with the Kremlin. Such a position is not helpful to Ukraine, which, in Crimea, might be the next target of Moscow's attempts to stir up secessionist sentiment.

Could the Regions Party once again, as in Orange Revolution days, fuel separatist tensions in Ukraine? Are these politicians playing to their electorate or acting as part of a Kremlin plan? Does Akhmetov support this? Will his television channel again be used as a mouthpiece for separatist movements in Ukraine? These are valid questions, since Akhmetov has yet to show he is acting in Ukraine's best interests.

Akhmetov must make his position clear. If his position on such a crucial issue differs from that of the Regions Party, then he has no place in this party. He should stay out of politics or join a pro-Ukrainian party. If not, then he is exacerbating Ukraine's problems. Finally, Yushchenko should reconsider his relations with Akhmetov and end the fighting with Tymoshenko, whom he has accused in recent days of siding with the Kremlin. The threat does not appear to be Tymoshenko, who has – contrary to claims by Yushchenko's administration – expressed solidarity with Georgia. From our vantage point, the greater danger is posed by Akhmetov.

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Russian military adventurism needs to be punished with visa restrictions



the days since Russia's attack and occupation of Georgia, I have read countless statements from newspapers and politicians condemning Russia's act as unlawful and illegal.

U.S. President George W. Bush stated: "Russia has invaded a sovereign neighboring state and threatens a democratic government elected by its people. Such an action is unacceptable in the 21st Century. The Russian government must reverse the course it appears to be on and accept this peace agreement as a first step toward solving this conflict."

U.K. Foreign Secretary David Miliband said: "The international community will want to ensure that the message goes out that force is not the right way to take forward these difficult issues."

U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney was more blunt, telling Georgia's president that "Russian aggression must not go unanswered, and that its continuation First, in terms of trade, basically the only things that the West imports from Russia are natural gas and oil and some other metals. As the gas wars of the past few years have shown, Europe remains too dependent on Russia for its energy supplies to consider erecting higher trade barriers on its oil and gas. In fact, it is this dependence that has emboldened Putin in the first place.

U.S. presidential nominee John McCain has thrown around the idea of expelling Russia from the G8 talks. This is a good tactic and it will probably be implemented. There would be a minor loss of face for Putin, who clearly enjoyed hosting the world leaders in

"Unlike sanctions or a military attack that normally punish the worst-off, a new visa policy would only harm the elites of Moscow and St. Petersburg."

St. Petersburg in 2006. On the other hand, nobody really knows what the G8 is supposed to do other than show world leaders posing for jovial photos in front of monuments. As such, this would hardly shake the foundations of the Kremlin. I think there is only one effective line of attack open to the West. It was first mentioned in the joint statement made by the presidents of the Baltic States and Poland earlier this week. As is well-known to all citizens of the Soviet Union, the right to travel to Europe has become one of the most visible symbols of freedom gained since the collapse of communism. Seven million Russians traveled abroad in 2006, a number that will have probably doubled by the year's end.

Simplification of visa requirements for Russian travelers to Europe has been one of the key sticking points in Russia-European Union relations for the past few years. In fact, Russia was aiming to sign a "visa facilitation" program with the EU to ease access to the Schengen zone.

One of the underlying factors in escalating the conflict in South Ossetia was the Russian government handing out passports to Georgian citizens. While it allowed the Russians to claim that their citizens were under attack, it clearly raises questions of the value and meaning of a Russian passport.

To clarify the situation, Europe could simply make it a policy to take 30 days to review all new visa requests from Russian citizens. Or they can at least make it as difficult for the Russians to get a visa as it is for Europeans to get a long-term visa to Russia, which includes an invitation signed at OVIR (visa and registration department for foreigners), and an AIDS test.

Unlike sanctions or a military attack that normally punish the worst-off, a new visa policy would only harm the elites of Moscow and St. Petersburg, who love to travel and spend money in Europe. If Russia decided to go tit-fortat, it wouldn't really make a difference since so few Europeans travel to Russia anyway. True, some hoteliers and restaurateurs in Cote D'Azur or St. Moritz would suffer a drop in business, but this is war.

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actual ramifications remain unstated. This raises the key question of what "the West" can actually do to force Russia's hand.

A military solution?

With the U.S. fighting wars in both in Iraq and Afghanistan, Bush clearly has his hands full. Europe, split between Italian appeasement and German hesitancy, clearly has no stomach for even mentioning a show of force to defend "a far-away country about which they know little."

Sanctions are also doomed to fail.

On the other hand, a couple months of forcing Muscovites to vacation only in Egypt or Crimea might shake the fragile peace that Putin has so carefully built and make him and all Russians see the true cost of invading Georgia.

In short, it would be a perfect example of making the punishment fit the crime.

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NATO is Ukraine's best option



ussia's naked aggression against Georgia may very well be a test of a similar strategy to be applied in the near future against its much bigger prize: Ukraine. The tiny (population 70,000) "breakaway" (with Russian support) province of South Ossetia could easily be the Sevastopol or even Crimea of the future declaring its "independence" from Ukraine. Russian troops via its Sevastopol naval base would represent themselves as "peacekeepers" (to "protect" Russian nationals). Russia would hand out Russian citizenship to whoever asks for it and, lo and behold, a pretext is set in place for wholesale intervention by Russian forces, including the bombing of Ukrainian population centers.

The current Georgian scenario may have turned out entirely differently if Georgia had become a member of NATO. Russia knows that taking on a NATO member means a direct military challenge to Europe and North America, with unpredictable consequences for Russia.

That is why it is time for all patriotic Ukrainians, regardless of their political leanings, to move as quickly as possible for NATO entry. This is no longer an intellectual exercise. Georgia should convince us that NATO is essential to the peace, freedom and independence of Ukraine.

NATO is simply a defense alliance

of 26 countries which agree to resolve their disputes peacefully, and to come to each other's defense when attacked. The final decision to contribute troops or equipment to a NATO-led operation is left to each member state. All NATO decisions are taken jointly by member states on the basis of consensus. NATO does not maintain its own military force but relies on voluntary contributions by member states. Each member state contributes towards NATO's day-to-day costs, which are estimated to be 0.5 percent of the total defense expenditure of NATO countries. In fact, member states generally enjoy markedly reduced defense expenditures because, rather than stand alone, each can rely on the support of other states when threatened.

Ukraine, more than any other European country, needs NATO. It is one of two countries against which Russia has made repeated and direct territorial claims and threats. (The other is Georgia.) It is one of two countries that has been the object of a broad-based Russian domestic and international campaign of unprecedented slander, subversion and intrusion into almost every facet of its life. Russian military forces in Ukraine ignore Ukrainian laws, as they ignore Georgian sovereignty over South Ossetia. Its political leaders openly encourage and support fragmentation of its territorial integrity, as in Georgia. And its media has been systematically stoking popular anti-Ukrainian hysteria.

Russia understands that Ukrainian membership in NATO will - once and for all - remove Ukraine from its hegemony. Its unreconstructed imperialists. who still consider Ukrainian statehood to be a transitory aberration, will have to give up their dreams of Russian domination and exploitation of Ukraine. Its threats against Ukraine will prove meaningless, as all such threats will be considered threats against 26 other nations.

Although, in theory, membership in NATO is not a requirement for eventual entry into the European Union, in reality NATO membership would greatly facilitate such integration and make it virtually impossible for Europeans to withhold EU membership. Both the European public and its political leaders would become comfortable with the idea of Ukrainian contribution to European security and full Ukrainian participation in Europe's economic and cultural life would naturally follow.

Those who claim that NATO membership will entangle Ukraine in foreign military operations are either ignorant of the basic terms of the treaty or intent on disinformation. For example, all 26 NATO members and 14 other countries (including Ukraine) have been involved in Afghanistan. Afghanistan is considered an official NATO operation. Yet, each state decides on the extent and form of its participation. NATO member states have contributed as few as nine individuals and as many as several thousands. Half of the member states have fewer than 500 personnel in Afghanistan, hardly the sort of "entanglement" that would pose a problem for Ukraine. In fact, it may even prove of great value in providing "real world" experience in military tactics and technology.

Those who fear U.S. domination in NATO should only consider the case of Iraq. Despite strong U.S. urgings and incentives, only 10 NATO states have contributed forces to the U.S.led "coalition of the willing" in Iraq. Apparently, the other 16 members were not very "willing" and have decided to stay out. In short, the simple fact remains that NATO membership requires Ukrainian participation only in the defense of threatened NATO member states....all other military operations are discretionary with each member state. Although NATO and the Warsaw Pact are often considered as analogous organizations, they were very different creatures. NATO participation is voluntary, based on consensus, and entirely defensive in nature. Can anyone imagine a communist Bulgaria or Romania insisting on withholding troops from the Warsaw Pact?

But what about Russian objections to NATO membership for Ukraine? It's time for Russians to get over it. They pose the biggest – probably the only - threat to Ukrainian independence and their concerns should have the least bearing on Ukraine's choice of a defensive alliance. Russian foreign policy has always been that of a pragmatic bully. They will squeeze those who are vulnerable (like Georgia), but seek good relations with those who are of equal or greater strength. Ukraine can only gain their respect as an equal within a defensive alliance such as NATO. A decision against NATO membership will only exacerbate relations with Russia, not improve them.

Europe's and Ukraine's answer to Russian brutality and aggression in Central Asia should be expedited and full membership in NATO.

George Woloshyn, a native of Kupnovychi, Ukraine, is an American citizen living in Linden, Virginia.



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What does independence of Ukraine mean to you?



Tetyana Zabrodska, Salesperson

"I don't think we are independent. Independence, it's when a person gains freedom through financial stability, decent job, place to live and the level of life itself. I've traveled the world and finally realized what independence really means. Ukraine is years away from this level. People do not feel free here and will not for a long while.



Pensioner "Independence is impossible. We [Ukraine, Russia, Belarus] all are dependent on each other...and will reunite again sooner or later."



Tamara Bednova, Pensioner

"Certainly, I wish prosperity for Ukraine. Certainly, I would love to see its progressive development. But we can not ignore the presence of Russia. We used to be one big family and still depend on each other. My children live in Russia and I can not say I am happy to be independent from a country where my family is."



Murat Urimi

"The essence of Ukrainian indepen-

Only NATO expansion will deter Russian aims

By MARIYA CHELOVA and DAVID SIROKY

Bombs are no longer falling on Georgia, but the world is still watching. Ukraine is watching even more closely than most - and rightly so - for Russia' s overwhelming military response in Georgia was intended especially for Ukraine's eyes and ears. The message was crystal clear and shrill: move toward NATO and a similar fate may await you. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev made the point more diplomatically last week when he suggested that it was his duty as president to safeguard the "security and dignity" of all Russian citizens, wherever they may live-and a lot live in Ukraine. Latvia.

For example, in Estonia, Russians comprise roughly 30 percent of the total population. In Ukraine, an aspiring NATO and European Union member, Russians constitute about 11 million, about one quarter of the total population, and about 75 percent of the population in Crimea.

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enlarging the size of the Russian "peacekeeping" force and by encouraging small firefights against Georgian forces. The aim was to provoke a response. Saakashvili eventually obliged.

Around the same time, problems in Crimea escalated. Ukraine responded by banning several high Russian officials from entering its territory. Prominent among the persona non grata was Moscow's Mavor, Yuri Luzhkov, famous for propagating separatism in Crimea and in the eastern Ukrainian regions.

Like in South Ossetia and Abkhazia, Russia has given almost all inhabitants of both territories Russian passports in recent years, enabling Moscow to create

Georgia – to undermine [Ukraine's] efforts to move toward NATO. For that reason, both countries need concrete guarantees of their security during the accession process. No one wants to get into a military standoff with Russia, least of all Ukraine, but diplomatic signals, when coordinated among many nations, can make the Kremlin understand that Ukraine's decisions are its own and Moscow's meddling will not be tolerated.

As the U.S. pushes forward with membership action plans for Ukraine and Georgia, it can expect some NATO members to object, especially Germany, for fear of Russian retaliation using its energy leverage. Germany and others must realize. however, that NATO expansion will reduce Moscow's leverage by providing an alternative source of Caspian crude to Western Europe and beyond – and that is one of the main reasons for Russia's heavy-handed reaction. The Russian response in Georgia sends a strong deterrent message to the leadership in Ukraine. It is about time to send a message back - let us be friends, not lovers. Mariya Chelova is research fellow at the Social Science Research Center of Berlin, and Ph.D candidate at the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences. David Siroky is United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar and a Ph.D candidate at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, USA. He recently returned from Georgia, where he was researching the secessionist conflicts in South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Estonia, Moldova and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union.

If this rationale is valid beyond Georgia – and Medvedev's comments suggest that it is - then we are living in a new world, where Russian warplanes and tanks will be sent into sovereign nations to protect Russians in the "near abroad." That is a dangerous world. Ukraine should play its cards carefully, to be certain, but should not be terrorized into altering its westward course.

That would play into Russia's hands. Together with other western leaning post-Soviet states, and partners in the West, Ukraine should continue to support Georgia's democratically elected government and its territorial integrity, thus sending a signal back to Moscow that sovereign states will determine their own future and foreign policy.

There are about 25 million Russians living in the former Soviet republics.

UNDERMINE [UKRAINE'S] EFFORTS TO MOVE TOWARD NATO."

The sequence of events this year has made Russia's actions seem inevitable, at least in retrospect. In February, Kosovo unilaterally declared independence from Serbia, against Russia's strong objections, and with the West's support. Only two months later, in April, Georgia and Ukraine received positive signals about their future membership in NATO at the Bucharest summit, although Russia ensured that a precise timetable was not determined.

Then-President Vladimir Putin began to escalate by treating South Ossetia and Abkhazia as Russian territories, politically and economically, by

a humanitarian pretext while bolstering its nationalist credentials at home. Medvedev's argument about protecting Russians in the "near abroad" is legalistic and disingenuous. Few in the West believed it and most saw it for what it was-a land grab. Russia's behavior in Chechnya indicates how far it is willing to go "to protect its minorities," not to mention "co-citizens."

Ukraine is unique. Unlike Georgia, where the parliament voted to leave the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in the course of war, the Verkhovna Rada is divided about NATO membership, leaving the CIS and the war in Georgia. Whereas over 80 percent in Georgia support NATO membership, less than a half of the total population in Ukraine supports joining NATO, according to polls conducted before Aug. 8.

It is clear that Russia will do whatever it can - including what it did in

dence lies in its tolerance towards other nations and human rights. It is amazing how Ukraine has changed in past 10 years. I feel the country is on the right track and becomes a better place to be with every moment."



"Independence can be reached only when the power structures make promises and eventually implement them. Only this way, through trust between nation and its leaders, people will feel independent and free. It is not happening this way, as nobody here is responsible for their words.

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Despite hardships, some love river life

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or some Kyivans, living on the Dnipro River is an escape from the city known for its traffic snarls, garbage problems and noise. The number of people who can take advantage of this alternative lifestyle is not likely to grow dramatically, since wealthy landowners have bought up much of the prime riverfront space.

"IT ISN'T STUFFY LIKE THE CITY. WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE WATER, WHERE WE ENJOY THE FRESH AIR AND THE SUN."

– Valentyna Smirnova

But those families who have managed to find a spot on the banks say they have few regrets about leaving the city behind for life on the water, except perhaps during the winter. The Smirnov family is among the families who stay on the river year-round.

The Smirnovs, Valentyna and her husband, have been living on a houseboat for more than 25 years. A long-time friend owns the land on the shore where they live. And they got in cheap: They built the houseboat themselves when prices of everything were low.

Even in the Soviet Kyiv of the 1970s, the Smirnovs had grown tired of city life. They gave their apartment to their son and moved to the bank of the river near Korchevatoe, just south of Kyiv. The Smirnovs say the river community stretches from the Podil district of Kyiv downstream to Korchevate.

According to the official Ukrainian registry that monitors the number of houseboats parked along the river, 50 households have licenses to anchor their floating homes along Kyiv's Dnipro River.

That number is not likely to grow much. The land along the Dnipro has been snapped up in recent years by wealthy Kyivans who are building private homes and dachas along the water, says Serhiy Zenhizter, head of Fregat, one of the five boat companies operating in Ukraine.

Living on the river has its hardships. The Smirnovs get all their water directly from the river, filling up 20-liter jugs. 'We warm it up to have a shower in our bathroom inside of the houseboat," she says.

Also, when winter hits, Valentyna Smirnova would prefer to live in a flat. But her husband won't go. "He says he would rather die than go back to our ninth floor apartment."

And she admits to missing some of the conveniences of living in a flat. For instance, the couple has a special gas tank that they cook on. And, to stay warm in the winter, the couple has a big oil boiler

Those shortcomings aside, the Smirnovs say living on the water allows the couple to escape from the smog and dirt of the city.

"It isn't stuffy like the city. We don't have any city noises. We don't have dust. We are the people of the water where we enjoy the fresh air and the sun. It's all around us and it's all we need to be happy," Smirnova says.

One of the Smirnovs' neighbors, Tamara Hrom, is a Moscow native who lives on a houseboat from March through November with her husband and grandchildren. She likes her seasonal time on the water.

But she also likes to shower at friends' apartments. "I have to rely on my Kyiv friends who have apartments for a hot shower because it would not be right to pollute the river with soap and shampoo," Hrom says.

Houseboats were once relatively cheap compared to city center apartments. But now, more Kyivans are looking to the shores of the Dnipro for summer cottages.

The times have changed, says Vladyslav Shevchenko, employee at the Fregat boating station. "During the Soviet times, the water business was not profitable and boat-building companies would have sold houseboats

recent years. (Alina Rudya)

one.

station.

to anybody who would have wanted

"It is impossible for ordinary people

to build such a house. There is no free

river space from Kyiv down to Kaniv

where the houseboat can be anchored.

All the lands now are sold and have

private owners. Those people who built

or bought water cottages 20 or 30 years

ago are really lucky now," said Serhiy

Zenhizter, head of the "Fregat" boat

The Smirnovs house has skyrock-

eted in value. The house, made up of a seven square meter kitchen, two big bedrooms, a living room, bathroom and balcony, now costs more that \$100,000. And such a house comes with tax advantages. Since the property is considered to be a boat and not real estate, government does not assess property taxes.

The granddaughter of Valentyna Smirnova enjoys a dip in the Dnipro River. Her grandparents are among the relatively few families

who live year-around on the river, forgoing the luxuries and headaches of city life for the quieter rhythms of the river. The best

deals came to those who moved to the banks many years ago, as the value of riverfront property has increased dramatically in

Summer is, of course, the best time to be on the water. The Smirnovs like sitting on their balcony and taking in the Kyiv skyline as small waves rock their houseboat. The depth of the Dnipro seems to change constantly.

For Valentyna Smirnova, life is not boring to live in a houseboat, especially in the summer. "Each day we welcome our friends, relatives and journalists,' she smiles.

Winter definitely brings fewer guests. "In winter, nobody wants to get here on the ice," Smirnova said. "Moreover, in winter, the house is frozen. It cannot float and it is not so interesting for other people to be there."

U.S. prosecutors say they've cracked giant identity theft ring

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(DNS) poisoning scams send chills feel 100 percent immune in his busi- dite or prosecute hackers like him to not strong enough to make them invest down the spine of the entire net. They ness. Yet virtual trading, which does not America because they want to use more into modernizing infrastruc-

ture. Merchants compensate them for their losses and little changes". In the Gonzalez case, TJX retail chain agreed to pay more than \$60 million to credit card networks.

The agent warns that credit card fraud is rampant in the world, estimated to be in the tens of billions of dollars in the United States alone, and people should be wise about using their plastic. He is hoping that constant update of security systems will reduce some of the more popular types of identity theft, both online and off, that fraudsters are employing at large.

Skimming is a process in which a device is used to copy a magnetic stripe data from a card – one reason card holders are cautioned against dodgylooking ATM machines or passing a card to a waiter in a restaurant.

Phishing refers to e-mail messages sent out to trick customers into disclosing banking information. These fraudulent emails pretend to be from wellknown companies like E-bay, National Lottery, International Olympic Committee, etc.

The so-called Domain Name System

enable hackers to redirect users from popular banking or shopping web pages to bogus sites that attempt to install spyware on visitors' computers.

"When a server is in America. a bank in the Baltic states, a client in Thailand and a cash machine in Ukraine, it's a challenge to chase those behind the fraud," said the security agent, expressing his frustration with a carders' chain. Arresting them is half the battle, however. Then come extradition proceedings and tons of forensic evidence which can take forever in court.

On top of this banks make things worse by withholding information from law-enforcement agencies. "Which bank is going to release information that its system has been hacked? Their clients will run away from them the next day," says Volodymyr Holubev, director of the Computer Crime Research Center based in Zaporizhzhya.

Carder Michael says that he does not

require any physical contact with his clients, minimizes the risk of being caught. He says that the carder planet website was the most useful source to find clients to sell stolen data. It was run by Dmytro Golubov, a 22-year-old Ukrainian who was considered one of the godfathers of Eastern European carding rings.

The suspect was nabbed three years ago in connection with theft and international trading of millions of credit and debit card numbers that resulted in multimillion-dollar losses to banks and merchants. He did not remain in prison for long, however. About six months after his arrest, two Ukrainian politicians took him out on bail. Golubov argued that he was a victim of identity theft. Prosecutors are still moving with the case, whereas the alleged top carder formed a political party on the Internet. "He's like a Ukrainian Robin Hood.

Sometimes authorities refuse to extra-

their talent," says Yegor Anchishkin, the chief technical officer at Viewdle, a hi-tech company that designed its own face recognition technology.

According to Anchishkin, they are ideal informants for intelligence services helping to ferret out the real people behind online criminal nicknames.

In the case with "Gonzalez' Eleven," however, this practice has failed. Helping the U.S. Secret Service hacking investigation, the alleged Miami ring leader was double-dealing to save fellow carders.

As a result, the ring stole in the "tens of millions of dollars," said Michael Sullivan, U.S. Attorney in Boston, in an interview with Reuters.

Anchishkin says that consumers, banks, restaurants and shops suffer most from carding fraud because payment systems are not always liable for fraud. "Competition among Visa, Master Card and American Express is

Banking experts and security agents reassure that Ukrainians are less prone to carding fraud as most of it happens abroad.

Ironically, carder Michael says that he also keeps his money in a bank. Nevertheless, he advises to set withdrawal limits on a card. Keep a constant eve on it and never trust it to anyone, even a waiter who can have a simple skimming machine under a table. Ask for two cards in the bank one for small transactions and the other for saving purposes. Mobile banking is useful to track the time and the amount of a withdrawal. "And beware of the Internet. If the secret service databases get hacked, your computer is no effort at all".

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Ukrtelecom's grip draws ire from ISPs

By YULIA GOLUB

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ven though state-owned telephone company Ukrtelecom, with its monopolistic grip, restricts competition on the country's Internet service provider business, Internet usage has grown tremendously in Ukraine in the past decade.

Prices have been cut at least in half in the last three years. Now an individual customer can

get dial-up, broadband or leased-line service for \$10-50 monthly, depending on traffic. With a population of 46 million, Ukraine has an estimated 10 million household Internet users. The 21.7 percent penetration rate puts the nation well behind such world leaders as Canada, Sweden and the United States, where well over half of the population have access.

But Internet experts in Ukraine say that usage could be higher and cheaper, and the service faster, if it weren't for Ukrtelecom's stranglehold over much of the industry. Many analysts say the state is restricting competition in the telecommunications sphere to boost

the value of the monopoly before its eventual privatization.

"In order to increase its value before privatization, Ukrtelecom is trying to force private ISPs (Internet service providers) off the market," said Tetyana Popova, president of the Ukrainian Internet Association, which represents 80 Internet service providers in Ukraine.

Internet service providers LIS entering the market have to pay to use Ukrtelecom's backbone

infrastructure. That has become more difficult in the last year, according to Popova. Ukrtelecom has limited the access of private Internet service providers to their networks she says. The state monopoly has stopped giving new rent agreements, extending existing agreements and leasing out network equipment.

Of 400 inquiries to use Ukrtelecom's lines in the last year, only six responses were received, Popova said. "They replied within eight months. But, according to the law, they are obligated to reply within 30 days," Popova said. "Even more than that, when Ukrtelecom receives an application for network connection from a private Internet service provider, they

start asking who are the clients and then go to them and offer their services. So this is one of the ways how they get a big portion of their clients, which helps them

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to hold the position of being the largest Internet service provider in Ukraine. It's as simple as that," she added.

Ukrtelecom was not able to immediately respond to these accusations despite inquiries by the Post.

Nevertheless, the purpose behind Ukrtelecom's stall tactics is also clear, according to Oleksandr Olshansky, a board member of the Ukrainian Internet Association. "The government does not want to change anything all they care about is how much money they can make out of it, but this market sector has to have some competitive rules," Olshansky added.

Olshansky, whose association recommends stronger government oversight of Ukrtelecom, doesn't expect Ukrtelecom to be privatized anytime soon.

Nevertheless, despite Ukrtelecom's dominance, Internet use has risen and service has gotten better and cheaper because of the entry of companies that bypass Ukrtelecom's network with their own digital networks. Such companies as Volia Cable, Ukretelecom's main competitor, IPNET and Golden Telecom built their own optical networks or, in rare cases, provide satellite-based service, all outside of Ukrtelecom's long reach.

Ukrtelecom also has the exclusive license to the most modern or so-called third generation (3G) technology, which has restricted Internet development in this area as well, experts say.

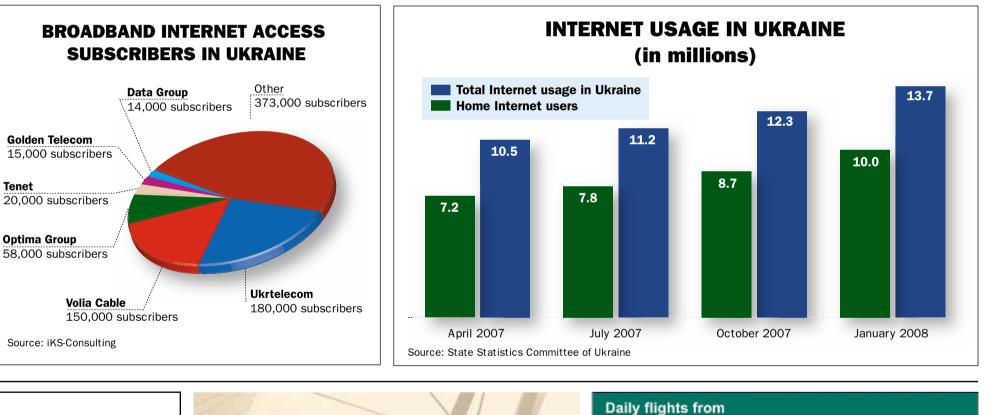
Olshansky of the Ukraine Internet Association said that larger threats loom to competition. If Ukrtelecom prevails in a lawsuit to gain ownership of the net-



Tetyana Popova

work it controls, then further restrictions to competitors could follow.

Development of the market for satellite and television-based digital subscriber lines will help, Popova said, but this is happening mainly in Kyiv. "The situation remains the same in smaller towns where there is no other alternative to Internet provided by Ukrtelecom," Popova added.



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Ukraine's households boost profits for booming ISP market

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Dmytry Hryshchuk is founder of a broadband Internet provider in Kyiv that is building its own infrastructure independent of state monopoly Ukrtelecom. He, established his IPNET Company in 2001 at the age of 24, a year before he received a degree in international business administration from Kyiv National Economic University.

KP: Can you tell us a little about your company, what kind of Internet services does your company provide?

DH: IPNET is one of the largest Internet providers in Kyiv. We entered the telecommunication market in 2001 and started our work mainly in Kyiv's Obolon district. Today, our renovated fiber-optic network covers the whole of Obolon, Nova Darnytsya and Kharkivskiy areas. The IT magazine Komputernoe Obozrenie (Computer Review) called IPNET one of the largest Internet providers in Kyiv with the data transmission speed of 100Mbps. In 2008, the number of our subscribers topped 14,000.



Dmytro Hryshchuk

KP: What has changed since you started the company? Are Ukrainians becoming more sophisticated Internet users?

DH: When we first started working in Kyiv, the competition was fierce.

There were more than 120 Internet service providers (ISPs). And all they could offer was dial-up access. Leased-

line data transmission speed was really slow and only big companies could afford it.

Now the situation is totally dif-LIST ferent because of the city's increasing level of computerization. Currently more than 200,000 homes are using high-speed Internet access due to new technological opportunities that opened in recent years. The main trend we can observe is that Kyivians want to read the freshest news and they get it through the Internet. The Ukrainian Internet service provider market skipped many early developmental stages other countries in the world went through. We are implementing the best of what has already been tested in the world.

KP: Does your company provide any special services for corporate clients?

DH: Right now we offer our services in the areas where, for the most part, home users are located. But we would be more than happy to offer technical solutions for corporate clients. IPNET's technical capacity allows us to meet our clients' most difficult challenges.

KP: What are your sales tactics? Is it difficult to find new clients? What are the growth figures like?

DH: Our understanding is that today it's more important to keep our clients than to attract new clients. Tough competition makes it difficult to attract new clients.

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KP: Do you think there is room for new companies on the Internet service provider market?

DH: Even though competition is fierce, nothing is impossible if you decide to enter a particular market sector. Talking about new companies I would say that, of course, experience plays a big role in doing business in Ukraine, but if a company can offer some innovative solutions and has a professional team, it could work.

KP: How has the technology changed compared to 2005? What have the biggest changes been?

DH: We live in a unique time when even the most extraordinary ideas can become reality. For our clients it is not important how they get Internet access but how fast and good it is.

KP: What are the main trends in the Internet service provider market?

DH: Broadband Internet access is the main trend. It has become the most popular type of Internet access. Also, the number of Internet service providers is growing as prices are falling. Starting this year, there is a vast increase in household broadband users not companies, and the revenues from such users will exceed income from corporate users.

KP: What is your forecast for the next one or two years?

DH: I can forecast an active development of the Internet service provider sector, voice mail and [digital subscriber line] in Ukraine. More and more innovative services will come to Ukraine from the more technically advanced countries.

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COMPANY NAME Address E-Mail Web Site	PHONE Fax	TOP Executive	YEAR ESTABLISHED IN UKRAINE	OWNERSHIP, UKRAINIAN / FOR- EIGN (%)	SERVICES PROVIDED	REGIONS / CITIES SERVED	DATA TRANSMISSON SPEED	DIAL-UP COST	LEASED LINE Cost per month	INTERNET Cards Cost
IPS 04112 Kyiv 7-B T.Shamryla WND www.ips.com.ua	(044)594-2555 (044)594-2555	WND	1990	100 / 0	IP telephony, Internet, leased lines	Kyiv	100Mbps	WND	WND	WND
Infocom 01025 Kyiv 8 Volodymyrska infocom@infocom.ua www.infocom.ua	(044)230-5215 (044)230-5206	Vasyl Polischuk	1991	57 / 43	Data transmission, Internet, data center, complex network solutions, IP telephony	Countrywide	Up to 1000Mbps	WND	WND	WND
Adamant 02096 Kyiv 51-A Kharkivske shose manager@adamant.ua www.adamant.ua	(044)566-7722 (044)563-0563	Natalia Lagodich	1992	100 / 0	Fiber network, leased lines, dial-up, triple play	Countrywide	Up to 1000Mbps	WND	WND	WND
TeNet 65125 Odessa 2- A Velyka Arnautska sales@tenet.ua www.tenet.ua	(048)730-5333 (048)730-5302	Oleh Eliseev	1992	100 / 0	Dial-up, telephony, Internet cards, leased lines	Odesa	Up to 5120Kbps	From \$0.5	Up to \$150	N/A
Retcom 01001 Kyiv 111/113 Chervonoarmiyska info@relcom.ua www.relcom.ua	(044)247-4011	Alexey Bursuk	1993	100 / 0	Internet, supply and installation of anti-virus soft- ware, sale of GPS-navigators, IP telephony, web- site development	Kyiv	WND	From \$6.53 to \$36	Around \$60	From \$0.6 to \$26
BitterNet 46000 Ternopil 2-A Medova, 5th floor info@bit.eu.a www.bit.te.ua	(0352)430-913	Roman Tkachuk	1993	100 / 0	Fibere network, MAN, LL, dial-up	Ternopil and Ternopil oblast	100Mbps	From \$10	N / A	N/A
Lucky.Net 01001 Kyiv 55 Chervonoarmiyska admin@lucky.net www.lucky.net	(044)205-4455	WND	1994	100 / 0	Internet, dial-up, leased lines, LAN	Kyiv	Up to 1000Mbps	WND	From \$30	From \$0.5
Faust 03150 Kyiv 39 Predslavinska manager@faust.net.ua www.faust.net.ua	(044)529-0520	WND	1995	100 / 0	Leased lines, dial-up, call back	Kyiv	Up to 1000Mbps	From \$5 to \$40	From \$6	N/A
Inter-Telecom 01034 Kyiv 8 Lysenka service@cyfra.ua www.cyfra.ua	(044)206-7733 (044)206-7720	Taras Kolesnik	1995	100 / 0	Broadband, domain registration, VPN	Kyiv and Kyiv oblast	10 /100 / 1000Mbps	N / A	Up to \$100	N/A
SpecAutomatica 61072 Kharkiv 23 Avhusta, office #308 info@sa.net.ua www.sa.net.ua	(057)714-3727 (057)717-9611	Vyacheslav Yepishin	1995	100 / 0	Internet, wireless network integrator	Kharkiv and Kharkiv oblast	100Mbps	N/A	Up to \$500	N/A
Golden Telecom 01001 Kyiv 19-A Khreschatyk info@goldentele.com www.goldentele.com	(044)490-0000	WND	1996	0 / 100	Local and international telephony, leased lines, ADSL, mobile operator	Countrywide	100Mbps	N/A	Individually	N/A
Utel 01001 Kyïv WND info@unet.net.ua www.unet.utel.ua	(800)500-0800	WND	1996	100 / 0	Dial-up Internet access	Kyiv	WND	Up to \$40	WND	WND
Valor 61001 Kharkiv 32 Pushkinska, office #210 office@valor.ua www.valor.ua	(057)714-9520 (057)719-4238	Serhiy Fomin	1996	100 / 0	Dial-up, leased lines, Internet cards	Kyiv	Up to 256Kbps	Up to \$10	\$150	From \$2 to \$100
Volz 03039 Kyĭv 7 Holosiyivska, suite #3 WND www.ldc.net	(044)247-4007 (044)247-4009	WND	1996	100 / 0	Dial-up, leased lines	Kyiv	Up to 2048Kbps	From \$0.5	Up to \$400	N/A
IT Systems 01001 Kyiv 3 Kollektorna admin@Visinternet.net www.itsinternet.net	(044)594-1018 (044)599-7167	WND	1997	100 / 0	Fiber network, Internet, leased lines	Countrywide	Up to 256Kbps	N / A	Up to \$200	N / A
Navigator-Online Company 01001 Kyiv 13/1 Vandy Vasylevskoyi info@naverex.net www.naverex.net	(044)489-1349 (044)489-1352	Alexander Dyachenko	1998	100 / 0	Leased lines, fiber network, corporate network, hosting co-llocation, virtual co-llocation, domain registration, IP telephony, home network	Kyiv	UA-IX - 1 Gbit/s, Foreign - more than 100Mbps	WND	WND	N/A

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WEB STITE Astral-Kiev 02033 Kyiv 37 Zhylianska admin@astral-on.net www.astral-on.net	(044)490-5708	WND	1998	EIGN (%) Ukrainian - Austrian venture	Internet, leased lines, IP telephony	Kyiv	Up to 1000Mbps	From \$0.5	From \$40	N / A
Express 01001 Kyiv 3/5 Smirnova Lastochkina, office #10 info@express.net.ua www.express.net.ua	(044)455-8080	WND	1998	100 / 0	ADSL, leased lines, dial-up	Kyiv, Zaporizhya, Dnipropetrovsk	256Kbps	WND	Up to \$100	From \$0.5 to \$10
NBI 03150 Kyiv 106 Chervonoarmiyska info@nbi.ua www.nbi.com.ua	(044)201-0203 (044)201-0205	WND	1998	100 / 0	Ethernet, dial-up, wireless Internet access	Kyiv	From 128Kbps	From \$10 to \$20	Up to \$80	N/A
Data-Express 83000 Donetsk 197-B Artema info@donbasstele.com www.donbasstele.com	(062)332-8201 (062)332-8202	Vitaliy Ivanov	1998	100 / 0	Telephony, Internet, data transmission, leased lines	Donetsk and Donetsk oblast	From 128Kbps	WND	WND	WND
KlevWeb.com 01001 Kyiv 20 Espalandna, office #20 office@kw.ua www.silvercom.net	(044)235-8784	Oleksandr Kapshuk	1998	100 / 0	Leased lines, dial-up, VPN	Kyiv	Up to 2048Kbps	N / A	Up tp \$500	N / A
Technological systems 01001 Kyiv 9 Leontovicha, build. #3 sales@tsua.net www.tsua.net	(044)235-2572 (044)455-7711	Tatiana Popova	1998	100 / 0	Leased lines, hosting	Kyiv	Up to 256Kbps	N / A	Up to \$200	N / A
Whet 04071 Kyiv 25/49 Pochainynska, 2nd floor, office #30 info@wnet.ua www.wnet.ua	(044)590-0800 (044)593-0200	Alexey Kleschevnikov	1999	100 / 0	Leased lines, WiFi	Kyiv	20Mbps	N / A	Up to \$1000	N/A
PolesyeNet 10025 Zhytomyr 17-B Vyruka, apart. #6 isp@polesye.net www.polesye.net	(0412)449-131 (0412)331-943	Roman Feschuk	2000	100 / 0	Internet, domain registration, web-site develop- ment	Zhytomyr and Zhytomyr oblast	Up to 1 Gb	From \$ 0.3 to \$16	Up to \$50	N/A
DataGroup 03005 Kyiv 31/33 Smolenska info@datagroup.com.ua www.datagroup.com.ua	(044)538-0008	WND	2000	100 / 0	Satellite Internet, fiber network, IP telephony, data center	Countrywide	WND	N / A	WND	N/A
Silver Telecom 03067 Kyiv 4 LLepse blvd info@silvertele.com www.silvertele.com	(044)351-1011	V. Galich	2000	100 / 0	Fixed telephone lines and Internet	Kyiv	Up to 100Mbps	N / A	Up to \$100	N/A
Sitel 01042 Kyiv 4/6 P.Lumumby, office #304 suppor@sitel.com.ua www.plus.sitel.com.ua	(044)206-1906 (044)206-1974	Hryhoriy Chekhun	2000	100 / 0	Internet cards	Kyiv, Brovary	WND	WND	N / A	Up to \$20
Merlin Telecom D1001 Kyiv 10 Starokyivska info@merlin.net.ua www.merlin.ua	(044)236-9596 (044)230-4828	WND	2000	100 / 0	Internet provider	Kyiv	Up to 2048Kbps	N / A	Up to \$500	N / A
Starcom 04073 Kyiv 5 Sklyarenko Info@starcom.net.ua www.starcom.net.ua	(044)467-5505 (044)467-5705	Yevgeniy Rimek	2000	100 / 0	Leased lines, dial-up, IP telephony	Countrywide	512Kbps	Up to \$30	Up to \$200	N/A
SkyVision Ukraine 01030 Kyiv 10-A Vozdvyzhenska sales@skyvision.net.ua www.skyvision.net.ua	(044)235-4490 (044)235-5162	Evsey Shvarts- man	2000	10 / 90	Satellite Internet, video conference, remote edu- cation	Countrywide	Up to 1024Kbps	N / A	Up to \$40	N/A
Sitel 01042 Kyiv 4/6 P. Lumumby sales@sitel.com.ua www.sitel.com.ua	(044)206-1947 (044)206-1974	WND	2000	100 / 0	Dial-up, IP telephony, leased lines	Kyiv	Up to 2048Kbps	From \$0,5 to \$20	From \$50 to \$250	N/A
Goodwin Online D1001 Kylv 10 Dymytrova, 3rd floor, office #4 billing@g.com.ua www.g.com.ua	(044)361-0930 (044)238-0201	Nikolay Kyanitsa	2000	100 / 0	Dial-up, leased lines, radio channels	Kyiv and Kyiv oblast	512Kbps	Up to \$30	Up to \$300	N/A
IPNET 194210 Kyív 20-A Heroiv Stalinhradu mail@ip.net.ua www.ipnet.ua	(044)428-9850 (044)428-9860	Dmytro Grysh- chuk	2001	6,25 / 93,75	Internet provider	Kyiv	100Mbps	N / A	From \$20 to \$70	N/A
Evitel 11001 Kyiv 40/52 Tarasivska 1/fice@evitel.net www.evitel.net	(044)451-4606 (044)451-4607	Serhiy Levchuk	2001	100 / 0	Internet provider, leased lines	Kyiv	256Kbps	N/A	Up to \$110	N/A
Volia 02218 Kyiv 27 Raduzhna nfo@volia.com www.volia.com	(044)502-2250	Sergey Boyko	2002	0 / 100	Analogue and digital TV, High-speed Internet, NVoD	Kyiv, Lviv, Cherkasy, Kharkiv	WND	N / A	N / A	N/A
D-Net D1133 Kyiv 36-B LUkrayinky nf0@d-net.com.ua www.d-net.com.ua	(063)747-8171	Dmitriy Sheludko	2003	100 / 0	Internet, IP telephony, ADSL, leased lines, fiber network	Countrywide	100 / 1 000 / 10 000Mbps	WND	WND	N/A
Transtelecom 1001 Kyiv 139 Chervonoarmiyska 1fice@Utc.net.ua www.ttc.net.ua	(044)454-0098	Dmitriy Shevchenko	2003	100 / 0	Internet, IP telephony, leased lines	Kyiv and Kyiv oblast	Up to 2048Kbps	N / A	Up to \$500	N/A
/edekon 33151 Kyiv 40 Ushynskoho nfo@vedekon.net www.vedekon.ua	(044)239-1560	WND	2003	100 / 0	Internet provider	Kyiv, Odessa, Lviv, Dotesk, Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano- Frankivsk	Up to 2048Kbps	N / A	Up to \$70	N / A
Podol Internet 1001: Kyiv 55 Obolonska, suite #39 nfo@podol.net	(044)592-9060 (044)417-8503	Eugene Iowa	2006	100 / 0	Internet / VLAN	Kyiv	10 /100 / 1000Mbps	N / A	512Kbps - \$20 1Mbps - \$30 2Mbp - \$51 4Mbps - \$72 10Mbps - \$195	N / A
skyÖSL 9900 Lviv WND skydsl@skydsl.lviv.ua	(067)374-4484	Yaroslav Brukh	2006	100 / 0	Satellite Internet	Countrywide	Up to 4000Kbps	N / A	From \$10	N/A
ElVisti J3032 Kyiv 2-A M.Kryvonosa nfo@visi.net	(044)239-9091 (044)247-3940	WND	WND	100 / 0	Dial-up, leased lines, Internet cards	Countrywide	100Mbps	Up to \$50	Up to \$300	From \$ 0,5 to \$10

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On behalf of our client – one of the international companies successfully operating in Ukraine, EXON Recruiters is currently looking for an outstanding candidate to fill the position of

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Main responsibilities:

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- Identify needs for process changes
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- Manage the deployment and roll out of modified or new business solutions

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international Logistic Center

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Requirements:

- University degree in law
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Secretary / Translator will perform administrative support functions, which may include clerical work such as personnel, registry, and procurement. More specifically, s/he will perform the following duties: Interpretation and translation of documents;

 Assist the preparation of progress reports and other reporting documentation of the project; Draft official correspondence related to project

activities Assist in the development of project work plan;

Arrange appointments for supervisor, receive visitors, place and screen telephone calls, respond for routine requests for information;

- Maintain office filing system, prepare meetings;
- Working on communications issues';
- Collect, register and maintain information on project
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 Undertake other assignment as necessary.

Qualification/ requirements:

 Bachelor's degree in law, international relations or equivalent Fluent in Ukrainian and English, both written and

- Proven experience in working in Word and Excel;
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- Ability to multi-task and work under pressure and

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Government of Canada Gouvernement du Canada

Information Technology Professional (Systems Administrator)

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Conditions of Employment: Ability to obtain and retain an Enhanced Reliability security clearance

Basic Requirements:

- Education : graduate with a specialisation in computer science or related discipline; or combination of education, training and work experience
- Knowledge of Microcomputer hardware, Microsoft Windows Operating Systems, utilities and diagnostic Tools. Theory and practice of local-area networking, internetworking and Communications. A written test will be administrated
- Languages: English essential. Ukrainian or Russian desirable. French an asset
- Experience: in providing competent user support over the telephone and in person; supporting and administering a LAN and its environment; working with Corel Office Suite products.

Closing date: September 12, 2008 (before 17:00)

Candidate should read the full description under: http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/canada-europa/ukraine/menu-en.asp Only electronic application to kyiv-ag@international.gc.ca

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- d. Make sure that the training materials meet appropriate standards
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- f. Contribute to the preparation of other materials and publications
- g. Assisting in maintaining schedules and arranging meetings
- Undertake other assignment as necessary

Qualification/ requirements:

- Bachelor's degree, preferably legal education
- Fluent in Ukrainian and English, both written and
- Proven experience in working in Word and Excel
- At least 2 years of working experience; experience in either HR development and/or training-related activities
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The Successful Applicant

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НА ЗАМЕЩЕНИЕ ВАКАНТНОЙ ПОЗИЦИИ

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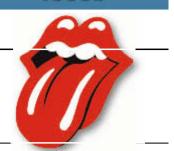
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New TV show from Serdyuchka

The new TV show of Ukrainian pop icon Virka Serdyuchka (stage image of Andriy Danylko) is going to start broadcasting on Ukraina channel in October. According to the plot, the show will take place in Serdyuchka's country house, where she will receive various celebrities. During the show, Serdyuchka and her famous guest will be preparing dinner, watching a movie or performance, and of course the guest will be questioned by Virka. At Serdyuchka Show, the main star will be accompanied by her "mother," played by actress Inna Belokon, which you can see in most Serdyuchka videos, and on most public appearances of the original character.



Miss World 2008 moved from Ukraine

The plans to hold the finals of Miss World 2008 beauty pageant in Kyiv on Oct. 4 were canceled due to the conflict between Georgia and Russia. This was announced by City Council deputy head Vitaliy Zhuravskiy, whose niece Irina Zhuravska won the national Miss Ukraine 2008 contest and is to represent the country at Miss World 2008. The organizers decided to move the finals from Kyiv for the sake of safety of the contestants and all participants, and now the pageant is likely to take place in some exotic country with warm climate.

Independence Day party



By MARIA LEONTIEVA leontieva@kpmedia.ua

yiv is preparing to celebrate the 17th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence Day,

tion "Barvysta Ukrayina" ("Colofrul Ukraine") will take place there on Aug. 20-24.

On Aug. 23 the festivities will begin with Ukrainian national flag-raising ceremony at Maidan Nezalezhnosti. During the day, Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko will lay flowers at the memorials and monuments of great Ukrainian public figures such as Taras Shevchenko, Mykhaylo Hrushevskiy, Prince Volodymyr, Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytskiy, the Monument of Glory and the Holodomor 1932-1933 memorial. Also, grand opening of the monument to legendary film director Oleksandr Dovzhenko at 21 Khreschatyk is planned for Aug. 23. The same day, traditional youth ath-

letic relay race Estafeta Nezalezhnosti

(Independence Race) will start

off Maidan Nezalezhnosti and an

All-Ukrainian Festival of Creative

Families of National Minorities will

be held at the Central Culture Park

(next to Volodymyrskiy Uzviz). Various images of the national flag of Ukraine, various Ukrainian symbolic souvenirs, greeting cards, ribbons in colors of the national flag and badges with the state symbol are going to be handed out to people in the streets by the representatives of the social program National Flag in Every Family. That day churches and temples of Kyiv will lead prayers for Ukraine and Ukrainian people. The actual Ukraine Independence Day, Aug. 24, will start with a military parade at 10 a.m. on Khreschatyk. Fans of folk art and music should head to Spivoche Pole for performances of craftsmen, masters of various arts and amateur musicians. The 53rd annual exhibition of flowers will take place there as well. A charitable concert of the honored Ukrainian artist, accordionist Ihor Zavadskiy, will take place at the Central Cultural Park. And at the city

park Partyzanska Slava (Arsenalna metro) expect a festive concert dubbed "Kozatskomu Rodu Nemaye Perevodu" ("Cossack Kin will Never be Extinct"). Exhibition of works by embroidery artist Anastasia Stahurska and a fair



Once again a really long weekend is approaching in Kyiv - the Independence Day on Aug. 24 happens to be on Sunday this year, and as a result Monday becomes an extra day off.

When a national holiday the scale of Independence Day comes, it brings lots of options for entertainment, so that all you have to do is join in. However, the massive celebration has its disadvantages.

Being the capital, Kyiv is a favorite weekend hangout for people from the rest of the country, and an absolute must for any big national holiday. Considering an extra day off, it's inevitable that out-of-towners will take the city by storm. And please don't take me wrong – I have nothing against fellow Ukrainians. However, when some Ukrainians youngsters, with their reckless-abandon style of partying, gather in large numbers in the city's central streets, I prefer to stay away.

I confess having a fear of massive celebrations. Some years back, on another Independence Day, I found myself downtown in late afternoon. I had to meet somebody on European Square and as soon as I got out of the metro at Maidan. I was shocked to find myself in a sea of people! I started feeling almost claustrophobic, and was close to panicking, as I pushed my way through the crowd little by little towards the square. So now, I avoid any massive public gatherings in the city center, unless it's a carefully organized event, like the recent Paul McCartney concert. Besides, it's not all about numbers- it's the behavior of certain drunken individuals who can start bothering you at any given moment, start an unexpected fight or throw glass bottles around. So what else can you do to celebrate? For instance go to another city - but tickets might be scarce and expensive during the festive days. You can also have a picnic, but all popular picnic areas in town will of course be packed. So it's either a dinner and a movie at home, or escape to the country... However I'm not trying to scare you away from massive Kyiv-style partying - it might be fun and exciting, or at least exotic if you've never seen it before.

which means an extra day off (Monday, Aug. 25), lots of fun, drinking and festive chaos in the streets, especially Khreshchatyk and Maidan Nezalezhnosti. The exact times for most events are not yet known, but if you hang around the center from the early morning next weekend, you won't miss anything.

All festive events on the occasion of the celebration of Ukraine's Independence Day will be held from Aug. 20-24. Celebration will begin with the opening of the international art festival "Obiymys, Ukrayino!" ("Let's hug, Ukraine!") taking place at the Ukrayinskiy Dim cultural center (Yevropeyska Ploshcha) on Aug. 20-22. Besides, the nationwide exhibiof national masters in weaving and ceramics will open at Ivan Honchar Museum (29 Mazepy) in time for the Independence Day celebration.

At the same time, Hetmanstvo Museum (16B Spaska) is going to present an exhibition "Lvivske Hutne Sklo." As always, the grand finale to the festivities will be a concert at 7 p.m. on Maidan Nezalezhnosti, featuring Ukraine's favorite artists, such as rock bands Vopli Vidoplyasova, Okean Elzy, Druha Rika, and Tartak, and pop stars Tina Karol and Ani Lorak, who took second place at Eurovision Song Contest 2008, though Ukrainian media prefer calling her the winner of the contest. The show will be closed with fireworks at 10 p.m.

Got some ideas you'd like to share? Want to promote your next big event? Contact Editor Alexandra Matoshko at matoshko@kpmedia.ua, or call 496-4563!

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MOVIES



Movie in English: "Evening"

"Evening" is the second work of director and famous Hungarian cameraman Lajos Koltai. The drama explores the romantic past and emotional present of Ann Grant and her daughters, Constance and Nina.

As Ann lies dying, she recalls, and is moved to convey to her daughters, the defining moments in her life 50 years prior, when she was a young woman. Harris is the man Ann loved in the 1950s and never forgot. Their love affair lasted only two days but it changed Ann's life.

Zhovten (26 Konstyantynivska, 417-2702). Through Sept. 3. See Movies for more information.

Future Shorts: "Everybody Dance!"

The "Everybody Dance!" Future Shorts collection is composed of short films and music videos, including Mexican short "Ver Llover" ("Watching it Rain") by Elisa Miller, which won the Palme d'Or as short film at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival. So did Alma Harel's music video "Pa Bailar Con Julieta" for the Bajofondo Tango Club. Also check out German thriller about illegal Russian-speaking workers "Between Walls" plus many more cinematic treats including The Chemical Brothers music video "Do it Again" and an R.E.M. video from film "Son of Rainbow" directed by Garth Jennings.

Zhovten (26 Konstyantynivska, 205-5951). Through Aug. 28.

LIVE MUSIC



Numer482

Numer482 will play the same program as they did at their solo concert in Geneva during the European Soccer Championship 2008. Numer is a rock band, which sings its romantic songs in Ukrainian. The

-FRIDAY 22

band was founded about six years ago in Odesa and called Numer482 by its front man Vitaliy Kyrychenko. The title came from the first three figures of the bar code of the goods made in Ukraine. Mass media already dubbed Numer482 "Ukrainian Red Hot Chili Peppers."

44 (44B Khreschatyk, 279-4137). 10 p.m. Tickets Hr 40. SUNDAY 24

TIK

TIK (the name can be deciphered as Melancholy and Culture) from Vinnytsya will give a concert dedicated to Aug. 24th's Independence Day. Several years ago musicians released their biggest hit so far, "Oleni" ("Deers"), containing a line about "unshaven deers" and later on presented their brave remix for the song "Vchytelka" ("Teacher"). In May they released debut album "LITERADYRA" and gained "Not a Pops" award from Jam FM as Best New Artist of the year. Now TIK is playing on tours all over Ukraine and working on its second album. **Partyzan (28th km Novoobuhivska route, Pidhirtsi village). 9 p.m. Tickets Hr 120 to Hr 500.**

CLUBS

DJ Dieselboy

Kyiv clubbers have gotten used to seeing leading European deejays during the last few years. But American drum'n'base specialists are rare guests. One of them is Damien Higgins a.k.a. Dieselboy, coming to make his debut visit to the city. In 2000 Dieselboy became the first American d'n'b musician whose single "Invid" entered the Billboard dance chart. Six years later his compilation "The Human Resource" took the 14th place in that same chart along with Madonna, Gorillaz and Depeche Mode.

Most Open Air (Moskovskiy Bridge, Druzhby Narodiv Park). 11 p.m. Tickets Hr 90.

——SATURDAY 23

- FRIDAY 22

DJ Apparat



Iconic German deejay Apparat a.k.a. Sasha Ring will play his famous mix of IDM and techno accompanied by Berlin veejay team Tramsforma Visuals. Ukrainian live project Tomato Jaws and UAM Club resident Eddy Good will support the guests. Together with Italian singer Gianna Nannini Aparrat wrote

tracks for "Bruschello" opera, and with his Berlin friend Ellen Alien he conquered dance floors of all continents. Apparat's lastest album "The Walls" was included into the Top 20 best albums of 2007 in Beatport.com, one of the largest retailers of club music.

UAM Beach Club (Hydropark, Venetian Beach, 360 61 14). 11 p.m. Tickets Hr 100.

Hardfloor



Hardfloor is a German techno duo, consisting of Oliver Bondzio and Ramon Zenker. Hardfloor's most famous track is "Acperience 1." Their distinctive acid house sound is credited to their virtuoso skill at manipulating Roland TB-303 bass synthesizers, they reputedly use up to six of these

machines at once. The group were criticized for their formulaic but commercially successful remixes, yet their own releases consistently explore new territory. **Privilege (2 Parkova Alley, Green Theater). 10 p.m.**

SPORTS

WEDNESDAY 27

Dynamo vs. Spartak Dymano Kyiv will again play against its fiercest opponent Moscow Spartak, but this time in Kyiv. On Aug. 13 the teams played against each other in Moscow – for the first time in many years. Dynamo triumphed over Spartak with a score 4:1. Dynamo and Spartak have been rivals for a long time. Dynamo won the USSR Championship 13 times, with Spartak right behind with 12 championships.

Valeriy Lobanovskiy Dynamo Stadium. 7 p.m. To be broadcasted by Inter channel.

GALLERIES





"Fairy Tales for Adults." Sculptures by Natalia Derevyanko-Mudruk.

Natalia Derevyanko-Mudruk believes her bronze statuettes to be actually living their separate lives next to her. Her

fairytales are about these little heroes who are romantics, dreamers and adventurers. They dream about victories, inventions and glory, so they play the same games as people do. Derevianko-Mudruk graduated from the National Academy of Fine Art and Architecture. She lives and works in Kyiv.

Tryptykh (34 Andriyivskiy Uzviz, 279-0759). Through Sept. 3.

—SATURDAY 23

"Vienna." Photos by Gerhard Trumler. Gerhard Trumler is a world-famous profes-

Gerhard Trumler is a world-famous professional Austrian photo artist whose photos are exhibited around the world in galleries

from Tokyo and Rome to Budapest and Berlin. Trumler's works are published in the most famous world magazines such as Zeit (Hamburg), GEO (Paris), and Ovation Magazine New York. One of his books "Athos – the Holy Mountain" was recognized by the President of the Republic of Athos as the most beautiful photo book on the Holy Mountain in the 20th century. In Kyiv we'll see 90 of his works.

Bottega (22B Mykhaylivska, 279-5353). Though Sept. 11.

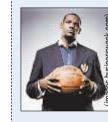
SPORTS

- SUNDAY 24

European Wakeboard Masters

European Wakeboard Masters – most prestigious wakeboarding tournament in Europe will be held in Kyiv on the 17th anniversary of Ukraine's independence. 20 wakeboarding stars from the different parts of the world will compete for the victory. The lineup includes atheltes from eight European countries, Russia and the Republic of South Africa. **Hydropark, Venetian channel. 1 p.m.**

- MONDAY 25



Men's Gold Medal Game Apart from the closing ceremony, the

Olympics: Basketball –

Apart from the closing ceremony, the Men's Basketball Gold Medal Game is the last significant moment of 2008 Olympics that is left to enjoy. Few people doubt that US national team with Kobe Bryant and Lebron in the lead will play in the final.

The question is who will be their opponents. In any case it will be an eye-catcher and enthralling sight. The First National Channel will broadcast the game only in the early morning because at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday when the game starts the channel will broadcast prayer for Ukraine and the military parade. **First National Channel, 5 a.m.**







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MOST OPEN AIR

Moskovsky Bridge, Druzhby Narodiv Park Fri 22 Dieselboy, Stinger, Stepkillah, Evgeniy Fomenko, Jike, Widestream, Shifted VJ Crew Sat 23 kaoz b2bS, Ewe, razor (Germany), D-Plexer, Damaskin, **Qlectr, Nique Unique**

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Tomato Jaws, Eddy Good, Rustam,

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Fri 22 DJs Kon, Zlata, Aleksandr

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Rostyslav Domiszewski, of Fashion TV Ukraine



Where did you learn your English? I studied English at the university, but mainly I learned it at my present job when I realised that I really need to know this language to be successful.

How did it help you in your career? My job as general manager at Fashion TV Ukraine channel includes a lot of traveling, which is impossible without knowledge of English, also it allows me to negotiate with my foreign business partners, which is the main part of my work.

Your favorite places (ways) to spend free time in Kyiv? In winter I especially like Vernisazh restaurant on Andrvivsky Uzviz. The owner of this place is a French man from Normandy. He's always glad to offer you a big glass of good beer, the cozy atmosphere and an absorbing story about his motherland. Irish pub on Mykhaylivska is also one of my favorite places – I love it that they have live music there. In summer I like spending evenings in the Druzhby Narodiv park, watching the wake boarders train on the water rope-way or just wandering around.

What's your idea of a perfect weekend? Go to Prague, Vienna or Paris to visit the concert of my favorite musician

What's the key to success in life? To live in this moment, don't look back and don't think about the distant future enjoy your life today and you will be happy.

Your biggest pet peeve? I get really upset when I see injustice or meanness - these two vices are the greatest threats of the mankind.

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How would your friends describe you? They would probably say, that I am a cheerful person and that I particularly like fishing and traveling, but most of all I like spending joyous weekends with them in my country house.

What was your childhood dream? My biggest dream was to travel all over the world - to meet other nations, to discover their life, to try their national food and now this dream has almost come true.

Favorite movie? From the latest it's the comedy about rock musicians "Tenacious D in the The Pick of Destiny.

Favorite author? Gabriel Garcia Marques and Bulgakov - whatever I read, I always compare it with their works.

What's in your CD player at the moment? Ukrainian rock singer Yulia Lord, but before her I was listening to Dave Gahan and Amy Winehouse.

What is the best place you've traveled to? That is my last trip to Altay - incredible nature, magnificent landscapes and fascinating fishing. I strongly recommend Altay to those who suffer from awful heat in Kyiv.

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National Circus

MOVIES

story takes place in America, which is crossed by a girl (Jones) looking for eternal love and encountering peculiar characters on her way.

KING OF CALIFORNIA

Comedy, USA (2007) Directed by Mike Cahill Starring Michael Douglas, Evan Rachel Wood and Paul Lieber

Language: English Comedy by Mike Cahill tells a strange story about

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called Ducard, who urges him to become a ninja in the League of Shadows. However, Wayne returns to his native Gotham City, takes the name of Batman and starts cracking down on crime and corruption.

Starring Christian Bale, Heath Ledger and Maggie

It all began when eight-year-old Bruce Wayne

(Christian Bale) witnessed the murder of his parents

and started to feel guilty for their deaths. The boy

ends up under the influence of a mysterious instructor

LA LUNA EN BOTELLA Comedy, Spain (2007) Directed by Groio Starring Eduard Soto, Dominique Pinon and Leigh Zimmerman

Language: Spanish

THE DARK KNIGHT

Language: English

Gyllenhaal

Action/ Crime/ Drama. USA (2008)

Directed by Christopher Nolan

"La Luna en Botella" ("Moon in a Bottle") is a synonym for everything impossible in the world. A company of friends who often hang out together in a cafe search for happiness. One of them has to finish a novel in a month and seeks inspiration, another falls in love with a girl, who totally ignores him. Inimitable French actor Domini Pinon ("Ameli," "The City of Lost Children") plays the cafe owner.

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 enrolls the famous singer Norah Jones and such Hollywood stars, as Jude Law, Rachel Weisz and Natalie Portman. The

Charlie (Michel Douglas) who is admitted to a mental hospital, while his 14-year-old daughter Rachel, is left behind, and, overlooked by supervision service, lives on her own, working at McDonald's. After leaving the hospital, Charlie decides to start a treasure hunt for Spanish gold he believes to be hidden under a supermarket, and Rachel, skeptical at first, joins in.

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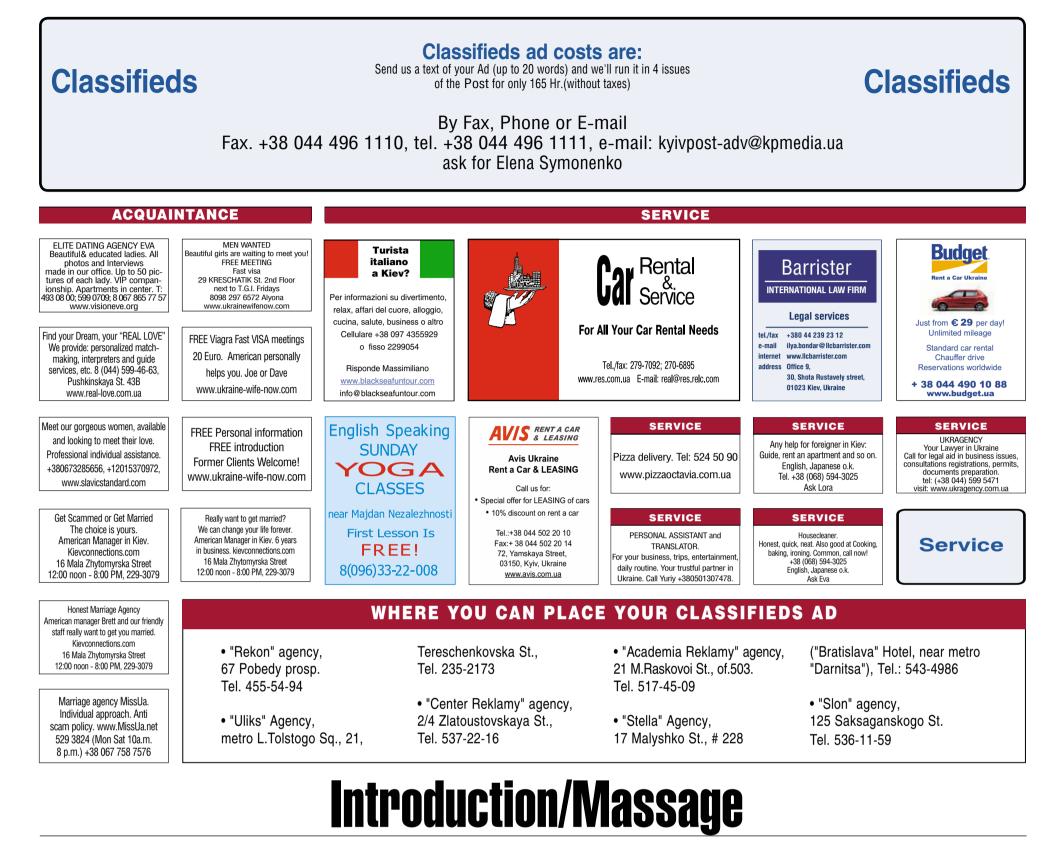
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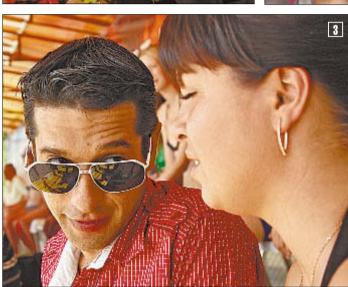
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op duo Alibi (1) and musician Eduard Prystupa a.k.a. Dilya (2) were among celebrity guests at the premiere of the film "Elegy" at Ukraina cinema on Aug. 14. Show host Maxim Nelipa (3, left) looked excited watching the ladies play ball (4, 5) at the semi-finals of Maxim beach volleyball championship among model agencies of Kyiv and Odessa at UAM Beach Club on Aug. 16. The 4th Beach Frisbee Tournament Kyiv Hat took place in Hydropark on Aug. 16 (6). The frisbee pros (7, 8), tried their best competing for the main prize. (Alina Rudya and Yaroslav Debelyi)





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Joints themed after famous acts: from the Cavern to the Doors

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hile Ukraine hadn't yet produced a musical act to catch the attention of the world (I'm only talking modern ones here) and internationally worshipped bands visit the capital quite seldom, it doesn't mean there are less music fans living in Kyiv than anywhere else. Good proof of this are clubs and bars named after iconic bands like the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Depeche Mode, The Doors and Pink Flovd.

Wednesday: A hard day's break at The Cavern Club

Wednesdays always make me feel sort of like an active outsider. When I'm in the highest spirits for partying, all my friends are earth deep in their hollows to accumulate energy for the weekend. The only thing I can do is to hold up and try to find some cozy place for the evening. All I need is unobtrusive service, live music and a friendly atmosphere, and all that I can find at The Cavern Club, generally known as the Beatles cafe on Pushkinska. The first time I visited The Cavern, it still called itself a restaurant. The format change did it good and brought in the arty spirit. The design remained untouched the same brick walls decorated with graffiti in a style of the "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" video, numerous posters and record plates of the Beatles, memorabilia, press-cuttings, drawings and the like. The Beatles theme is noticeable in the menu as well - all the dishes are named according to their songs. If you don't want to eat anything you can amuse yourself reading the names (especially their English translations - hilarious). The busiest part of the cafe is the bar, decorated with funny items such as statuettes, a fat cat moneybox, green apples and a toy rat hanging down from the glass holder. A laid back atmosphere rules the Cavern and spreads as far as the toilets. Their walls serve as some kind of visitors' forum, where everyone can leave a message that sometimes may receive a reply.

As I approach the club its summer terrace is humming with voices, and all tables are busy. Inside The Beatles' record is blasting, the TV sets are broadcasting a football match (Spartak vs Dynamo), the visitors, including several of my friends, are agitated to the point – I'm not the only one in the city craving for a party.

I pick a pina colada (Hr 45) and here we go. In several minutes two guys, Mika and Serge, with guitars and a tambourine are getting up the stage. The repertoire is obvious - The Beatles. Of course The Beatles is not the only music to be heard in The Cavern, but one way or the other - it's always rock'n'roll!

Thursday: Sheltering at Crazy Mama's

While The Cavern is more a place for drinking and listening to music, the rock'n roll cafe Shalena Mama (Crazy Mama) is ready to delight your stomach. The Rolling Stones-themed place is an ideal pre- or after-party spot for rock fans. Along with its convenient location and the fact that it's open around the clock, Shalena Mama has reasonable prices as well.

Walking through the narrow hall I chose one of the red tables and sat on a cozy red leather couch. The cafe was mostly empty but while I examined the menu visitors kept on streaming in. Soon both the hall and the open terrace were full. A small red-colored menu with the famous The Rolling Stones mouth-andtongue symbol contained an assortment of American and Thai dishes naturally named after songs. After a long meditation, I chose a Thai dish called "Hard Black" - dumplings filled with salmon and fried in a sov sauce (Hr 53), the famous apple pie with caramel and ice cream labeled "Brown Sugar" (Hr 37) and simple green tea (Hr 25). The music some pop video clips running on TV, and The Stones atmosphere was supported only by posters, funny pictures, I ordered turned out to be very tasty, the pie was a mistake. It proved to be not just a slice but a whole pie the size of a plate. It would be all right for two people or just one good eater but for me of it on a plate with a sigh of regret.

Friday: Get your kicks at the Depeche Mode 101 Club

The Depeche Mode 101 Club appeared the weirdest place I have visited for a long time. I had a premonition of something strange already on my way to the place. Walking down Baggovutivska street, I noticed that the street num- all in all there were around ten ladies bers were all mixed up. As I began to and three gentlemen, two of which were

I noticed DM letters on the side of a building. Then I saw a small terrace near the entrance, and stairs down into the hall. Inside, small tables surrounded by chairs with cheap draping, but everything looked rather cozy in the half-light of candles and several lamps. The walls, adorned with DM lyrics, UK symbolic, and posters of the musicians looked rather stylish, again due to the dimmed lighting. As a Depeche Mode fan, I could appreciate their effort. I didn't impress me much. There were took my seat at a corner table near the entrance (probably according to some deep uncertain feeling of self-preservation) and went through the menu. and record plates. Although everything A California roll for a common price of Hr 28, cheese cake with berries (Hr 25), and herbal tea for Hr 10 was my choice. Surprisingly, there weren't any alcohol options except beer. As one of my friends explained to me later on, it was too much, and I had to leave most all alcohol at Depeche Mode is bought at the kiosk nearby. Thus I was sitting with a candle burning in the emptied tequila bottle used as a candleholder, absent-mindedly watching the muted DM video clips on TV, tapping in the rhythm of the DM songs.

Actually the night's program promised a Depeche Mode party that night, so I expected a big audience. However give up hope of ever finding the club deejays. The ladies in casual jeans and

T-Shirts with DM signs were drinking beer, laughing, taking pics, and dancing flabbily. The gentlemen, on the contrary, were setting the night on fire. The company seemed to know each other well, so it was a kind of party for a closed circle of friends. Apart from stale sushi and frozen cheese cake, the atmosphere was very simple, jolly and friendly. As I was also told, sometimes the club hosts young music bands, the proof of which was a lonely percussion set in the corner.

Saturday: Broken hopes at The Wall

I'm talking about The Wall cafe on Velyka Zhytomyrska, yet it turned out to have as little connection to Pink Floyd as the one on Bessarabska square. The only thing reminding of the wall breakers was the sign and a few photos of the band over the bar. The interior, music, and the menu doesn't differ from any middle-range cafe in Kyiv. The same European (dry tiramisu for Hr 35) and Asian (sushi roll "The Wall" for Hr 60) offerings, the same TV set showing the concerts of Zuccero, same dark walls adorned by mirrors, and simply nothing to bring in the peculiar spirit of the famous name.

Sunday: Ending with The Doors

I imagined a visit to The Doors cafe could make a great finish to a fabulous weekend. No way. Apart from the sign

with two "O's" in the form of tablets, there was nothing from the legendary band at The Doors cafe, not a single photo even. Still there is something psychedelic in the interior, a mix of originality and cheapness. Before getting inside the hall you have to walk through an old Wild West saloon door. On the wall in front hangs a wooden board with door numbers and old kevs. Under the ceiling one sees a huge tree branch studded with keys and red stripes. The menu stuns with weird offers. All of the dishes seemed to have the same ingredients mixed in wild proportions. The real shock was to see my pancakes (Hr 30), that turned out absolutely tasteless, arrive with two plastic packs of jam lying in the middle of the plate. The tea (Hr 10) and sweets (Hr 11) soothed my disappointment a bit.

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A few things to do till fall and see summer off in style

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For all you sun worshipers, get out there and enjoy the last days of summer! Sad, but true ... summer is winding down. It seems like only yesterday we were all making big vacation plans, perhaps a long-term getaway, an adventurous extreme dream or a quiet seaside ease.

For those that have missed out be it lounging next to a television or swamped with work, no worries, you still have the last few weeks to break free, with some perfectly acceptable options right here in the Kyiv region. The summer-style partying at some Kyiv venues will continue into the autumn, and options to take a short trip out of town along the Dnipro on boat, or for a picnic, are still very much open. So party up!

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At nights the nightclubs are rocking, allowing all escapades to continue well into the morning. UAM Beach Club on the Hydropark is considered a cut above the rest, with top-notch DJs from all over the world, and outstanding live concerts. Daily beach-parties begin at midnight and will have you grooving to soulful, deep and beach-house music. The energetic sounds, bright disco lights and letloose cocktail solutions will keep you partying well into the morning, ready to refuel with a nap on the beach. The only reason to leave is to take a shower.

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Searching for Turkish at Vanila and a Cili meal

Food

August 21st. 2008

By Mark Rachkeych

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he only indication Turkish food is served at Vanila Cafe is a pyramid of bright red cans of Cola-Turka seen through a large window from the street, apparently used to block the barista's view or the passerby's.

Knowing ahead of time that it's a Turkish place run by Turks, my wife and I visited Vanila on a scorching hot late Sunday afternoon for a light dinner. And light it was but more on that later.

For those who know little about Turkish food aside from the ubiquitous Euro street-food known as Doner Kebab (vertically cooked lamb meat, thinly sliced and served in a pita or with rice), the cuisine is a fusion of culinary traditions from Central Asia, the Mediterranean and the Balkans. The cuisine is simple, so much emphasis is placed on making the "perfect" dish. It traditionally offers a wide variety of dishes abundant in vegetables, herbs, and spices. Lamb meat and veal are widely used as well as seafood from the Black Sea regions of the country that are fried, grilled, or steamed slowly using the bugulama method.

The place is new and advertises itself from a semi-underground, storefront cafe with a small staircase leading down, supported by an elaborate, ornamental wrought iron banister that extends to the interior of the cafe. The inside is sleek, almost too modern with many mirrors – a ploy designers use to give the optical illusion of space – and lined with vanilla-cream colored synthetic leather sofas along the walls. I counted eight tables during my visit with one occupied by a quartet of Turks chatting away while a plasma TV played Turkish music videos.

The menu offered traditional Dolma (literally means "to be stuffed") dishes and my favorite are stuffed green peppers, grape vine leaves or egg plant. The stuffing usually is rice, other vegetables, and ground meat. Grilled kebabs were listed as well as other Turkish mainstays like rice pilaf dishes, minced meat (choose lamb or veal), and a variety of salads known to the country including the classic Mediterranean desert, Baklava.

The trouble is the menu's main function was to peruse for our reading pleasure. To our disappointment, only three

entrees (all starters), one garnish, and one dessert were available. They didn't even make Turkish coffee. Was Sunday simply a "dead" day at Vanila, as they've ran out of their weekly supply of ingredients already or we had to know the right people at the cafe to get a proper meal, and we didn't? Anyway, having such small a choice, I abstained from eating anything, and my wife ordered a plate of chicken wings and rice (Hr 30), which was quite all right, though there was nothing particularly Turkish about it. Also we each had a can of cold Cola-Turka (10 Hr) ... and took off around the corner to a place that delivers on everything listed on its menu - Cili Pizza.

VANILA CAFE

30 Saksahanskoho (Lva Tolstoho Metro) Open 8 a.m. till midnight English language menu: No **English-speaking staff: No** Average meal: Hr 100

Hot pizza and more

Offering over 40 different pizzas (including calzones), Cili Pizza was a smashing success given its hustle and bustle atmosphere that is equated with good pizzerias.

The place is expansive and has an outdoor patio (where we sat to avoid the heat from the pizza ovens), and two floors inside (all non-smoking). The ground floor has the central pizza making station for everybody to see – as a kid I think I would have marvelled at this process and see it through until my pizza gets placed into the oven.

I had the Mexicana pizza (Hr 42 for a 35 cm diameter pie) whose crust was thin, light, and crispy but not flaky and was constant to the center. It's topped with spicy minced ground beef, red peppers, roasted onions, a garlic sauce that doesn't overpower, oregano, and of course, a mystery cheese (not mozzarella). The pizza sauce lacked the zesty tinge known to North American pizzas yet, yet the overall taste was fine.

All in all, the pizzas offered are creatively crafted with toppings carefully chosen to blend and not cancel each other out - I was reminded of a California pizza chain from back home.

My wife had a strawberry fruit



assortment of dishes on the menu. (Serhiy Zavalnyuk)

smoothie (Hr 15) that lacked enough crushed ice to cool her off (maybe they let it stand too long since it came with my pizza) and I opted for an ice cold Slavutych draft (Hr 13 for 0.5 liter).

Apart from pizza, Cili offers lasagne, eight salads from Greek, tuna fish, to a curious shrimp and almond salad. And their beer snacks are perfect: bread sticks with cheese sauce, foccacia bread with crispy fried flank and spicy chicken wings among others.

Cili is writ in the pizzeria's name because many dishes and pizzas have jalapenos and they come in different sizes to satisfy a kid up to a party of four. The chain is Lithuanian in origin, established in 1997, and offers delivery service in the center, Podil, Pechersk, and Shevchenko region neighborhoods.

CILI PIZZA 48 Chervonoarmiyska, 391-2233 (Lva Tolstoho Metro) Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. **English menu: Yes English-speaking staff: Yes** Average meal: Hr 100

RESTAURANT NEWS

The fourth restaurant of Planeta Sushi chain opened at Sahaydachnoho street, close to Kontraktova Ploshcha. Planeta's regular menu was supplied with some original additions: apart from sushi with salmon and tuna, you can have sushi with foie gras. A whole menu page is dedicated to designer rolls (Hr 65 to Hr 85), which both taste great and look very attractive on a plate. Also you can try semi-fried sushi with traditional kinds of seafood.

PLANETA SUSHI 41 Sahaydachnoho, 594-2086 Open Mon-Thu 11 a.m. till midnight, Fri-Sat 24 hours

Karavella is offering a grill-menu including: "Poseidon's Dinner" of giant shrimp, dorado and scallops; royal shrimp Jumbo with wild rice and vegetables; scallops shashlik; "Mermaid" - tiger shrimp shashlik in bacon. Also the summer salad menu is still available, offering "Aphrodite" - a mix of various kinds of lettuce with fennel, arugula and basil seasoned with wine sauce; "Narcissus" lettuce mix with salmon and butterfish cubes; "Hawaii" concasse of tomatoes, artichokes, mango, lettuce mix and parmesan.

KARAVELLA 2 Dniprovska Naberezhna (Patona Bridge), 553-6892 Open 11 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 freshly-squeezed juice of lime; Ultramarini – a mix of Gin, blackberry liqueur, vermouth and fresh lime juice; Kyivtini of canned cherry tomatoes puree with vodka, Beherovka and fresh lime juice; and also Appletini, Raspberry Martini, Belissimo, and Green Tree.

MAROKANA

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Hunting for medals in Beijing

August 21st, 2008

Swifter, higher, stronger: Ukraine's athletes take home gold



one is the Soviet practice of factory-farming Olympic stars, an era when promising kids were taken from their parents for long periods and immersed in full-time training.

Nevertheless, Ukraine's top athletes displayed world class performances in 11 disciplines. The delegation had amassed 18 medals, including five gold, five silver and eight bronze medals when this edition of the Kyiv Post went to print.

The results so far, five medals behind their 2004 Olympic performance in Athens, have exceeded the expectations of Ukraine's Sports and Youth Minister, Yuriy Pavlenko, who predicted this year's 254 competitors would only bring home half of their previous tally of 23 medals.

Thus far, Ukraine fared well in athletics, wrestling and shooting, earning three gold, three silver and two bronze medals. Especially thrilling was Ukraine's gold in the women's team saber event, which saw Olga Kharlan come from behind a huge team deficit to oust the Chinese.

Disappointing were Ukraine's gymnastics showings and the Bondarenko sisters losing in the bronze medal women's doubles tennis match. Moreover, silver medalist, Lyudmila Blonska, tested positive for steroids and could be stripped of her medal. Still, outstanding performances came in archery (Viktor Ruban) and Natalia Dobryanska's gold in women's heptathlon.

This time, the government promises medal winners \$140,000 for gold, \$100,000 for silver and \$70,000 for bronze medals won.

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