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Pavlo, Please Come Home

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUIZ

Why does Yushchenko want Lazarenko back in Ukraine?

- A. To put the ex-premier on trial
- B. To smear Yulia
- C. To see a bandit who was actually sent to prison

Convicted money launderer and former Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko, shown in 1998 photo. (PHL)



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The case of Pavlo Lazarenko, one of the most corrupt politicians in the lawless 1990s and former patron of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, came roaring back into the public spotlight with developments in two nations.

In Ukraine, President Victor Yushchenko's administration on Sept. 25 said it intends to seek extradition from the United States of Lazarenko, presumably to stand trial for corruption charges from his notorious tenure as former President Leonid Kuchma's prime minister from 1996-1997.

Stepan Havrysh, deputy secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, said Ukraine has a strong chance of bringing Lazarenko back to Ukraine. He said talks are under way with U.S. authorities and that the likelihood of success "is sufficiently high,"

→ Ex-prime minister considered one of the sleaziest in Ukraine

even though the two nations do not have a formal extradition treaty.

Meanwhile, in the United States one day later, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld eight of 14 counts in Lazarenko's convictions for laundering money, part of the ill-gotten fortune he amassed during his brief reign. The three-member appellate court

ordered his resentencing, setting aside Lazarenko's previous 9-year prison term and \$10 million fine.

Lazarenko has spent the last five years in house detention somewhere in the U.S., presumably near the San Francisco area, after having served a little more than four years in prison from 1999 to 2003. On Oct. 1, Lazarenko faced a judge in California for a hearing into whether his \$86 million bail should be revoked.

How to interpret the events — and what they might mean for Ukraine's roiled political waters — is now the subject of intense speculation.

The return of Lazarenko could spell political, or even legal, trouble for Tymoshenko. She is alleged to have profited obscenely from her association with him. In the 1990s, Tymoshenko led the now-defunct United Energy Systems of Ukraine, which — with Lazarenko's patronage — won lucrative

agreements to import Russian natural gas cheaply and re-sell it on the domestic market for an exorbitant mark-up.

Tymoshenko has always denied any wrongdoing in her relationship with Lazarenko or any association with his alleged crimes, calling such charges politically motivated. The accusations of Ukrainian prosecutors against Lazarenko, spelled out in 2000, are extensive: involvement in the 1996 murder of parliamentarian Yevhen Shcherban and the 1998 slaying of parliamentarian Vadym Hetman, abuse of office, extortion, fraud, embezzlement, and theft of state property.

Anders Aslund, a former Ukrainian economic adviser, estimated that Lazarenko siphoned off as much as \$1 billion, according to media reports in March 2004. To date, Lazarenko is the only high-level Ukrainian politician tried and convicted for financial crimes — even though many → 16

Yushchenko disappoints American audience

BY YULIYA MELNYK
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — American business leaders are disappointed that Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko has not made more progress in his promise to curb corruption.

The disenchantment surfaced during Yushchenko's breakfast meeting with the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council on Sept. 29, just hours before his White House meeting with U.S. President George W. Bush.

Bush and Yushchenko discussed Ukraine's NATO membership aspirations, the Georgian war, energy security and Kyiv's domestic political crisis during their afternoon Oval Office meeting, but in public remarks gave little indication about the substance of those talks.

"We also discussed the domestic political situation in Ukraine, which in my opinion is far away from being tragic, and not dramatic," Yushchenko said. "Ukraine has enough democratic resource and tools to give sufficient response to any crisis that may occur in the Ukrainian parliament. And this is probably where the Ukrainian strength and optimism is."

Both presidents are deeply unpopular in their own nations, some say politically impotent. Their meeting took place as both are facing domestic crises — Bush over the growing financial credit crunch and sagging economy, and Yushchenko over his political split with Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

During the earlier breakfast meeting with roughly 100 representatives and guests of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council, Yushchenko urged U.S. companies to invest in Ukraine. But he simultaneously suggested that Ukraine's political crisis could be part of a Russian plot to weaken his country and make it the Kremlin's next target after Georgia.

Few in attendance were willing to share their sharpest criticisms of Yushchenko on the record. And none openly confronted Yushchenko during a brief question-and-answer session that followed the president's long-winded speech.

But Peter Chykaliuk, managing director of Raelin Enterprises, summed up the prevailing sentiment.

"There is big disappointment with the corruption issue in Ukraine," Chykaliuk said. "We used to → 19

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Ukraine Abroad



Somali pirates in small boats patrol alongside the hijacked Ukrainian cargo ship Faina. The mostly Ukrainian crew of 20 men was taken hostage on Sept. 25. Warships surrounded the vessel in the Indian Ocean. (AP)

Somali pirates holding Ukrainians hostage

As this edition of the Kyiv Post went to press, pirates were still holding hostage 20 men, most of them Ukrainians, aboard the cargo ship Faina off the Somali coast. The pirates were promising a fight to the finish and demanding a \$20 million ransom and the ship's cargo of T-72 tanks and other weaponry in exchange for releasing the crew members alive.

Journalists tried to find the home port and ownership of the Faina, without definitive success, following the Sept. 25 hijacking. An Associated Press reporter, tracking information that the Faina is owned and operated by Kaalbye Shipping Ukraine, put in a call. But the woman who answered the phone at the Odesa-based company denied ownership. Other media have reported the Faina is operated by Tomex Team, another Odesa-based company. Its representatives declined to comment, the Associated Press reported.

Wherever the ship and men are now, they were still in harm's way on the Indian Ocean as of Oct. 1.

Ukraine's inflation rate tops in all of Europe

Russia had the second highest inflation rate among European countries

in January-August, surpassed only by Ukraine. According to International Monetary Fund data, Ukraine saw the highest year-to-date inflation at 14.7 per cent, followed by Russia at 9.7 per cent.



British TV host Dawn Porter

London puts spotlight on mail-order romance

Ukraine's reputation as a place to find love will likely be enhanced by Dawn Porter, a British TV personality, who

made a trip to Odesa to investigate the mail-order bride business for a recent series. "Women, for example, want to get out of Ukraine so badly that they will marry a Western man they hardly know," according to a Sept. 28 article by Kate Burt in the London-based Independent newspaper.

The highlight of Porter's excursion was a party that brought together potential brides and grooms. "Rather disappointingly for the men, the booze and buffet seems the biggest draw for the women," the article continued. "Many of the supposedly amorous women from the agency that the men had been e-mailing in advance of the holiday didn't bother turning up."

Porter goes on to slam Ukrainian men.

"With Ukraine's economy on the up, do [women] really need to entertain the idea of finding a husband in this way? The problem is less about the economy, more about the dearth – and low caliber – of men," the article said, then quoted Porter: "There were all these gorgeous girls in the streets, but you couldn't say the same for the men."

Yushchenko's speeches could be shortened

Brief speeches are evidently not Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko's strong suit. On a Sept. 23 trip to the Council of Foreign Relations in New York, Yushchenko gave a long-winded speech after an introduction by Chrystia Freeland, U.S. managing editor of the Financial Times newspaper. Afterwards, Freeland said: "Usually it's journalists who get politicians in trouble, but President Yushchenko has now gotten me in trouble because of my absolute failure to discipline him on the length of his speech."

Polish leader: Russian aim in Georgia stopped

Poland's President Lech Kaczynski has alleged that Russia's military action in Georgia was aimed at toppling the Georgian government and that it sealed his country's decision to host a U.S. missile shield vehemently opposed by Moscow.

"First, Russia wanted to carry out an annexation of two provinces (Abkhazia and South Ossetia). Second, there was an attempt to topple the

(Georgian) government," Kaczynski said in an interview due to appear in the Oct. 6 international edition of Newsweek magazine. "The West was capable of one thing: not allowing this toppling of the government." Many in Ukraine and abroad are fearful of Kremlin intentions based on the Georgia conflict.

Euro 2012 is on for now, but check back later

After much angst, European soccer's governing board on Sept. 25 decided that Ukraine and Poland will remain co-hosts of the 2012 European Championship. But the Union of European Football Associations warned they could lose the tournament if preparations fall behind schedule.



Dr. Ironfist, aka Vitaliy Klitschko, and Dr. Steelhammer, aka Volodymyr Klitschko, box in a new game.

The Klitschkos brothers have new phone game

Whenever 3G (Third Generation) technology takes off in Ukraine, mobile phone users will be able to box with the heavyweight champion Klitschko brothers, Vitaliy and Volodymyr. Artificial Life, Inc., is marketing "Klitschko Boxing – The Official Mobile Game" at www.artificial-life.com, the Hong Kong-based company's website.

"Your mobile phone will become a boxing ring and your thumbs will crash the hardest punches," according to the website.

In real life, the next fight involving a Klitschko takes place in Berlin on Oct. 11, when Vitaliy tries to regain the World Boxing Council heavyweight title against Samuel Peter.

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Crimean reporter wins vindication

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All things considered, Volodymyr Lutiev is lucky to be alive.

While other journalists who exposed corruption during the lawless pre-Orange Revolution era lost their lives, Lutiev merely spent a couple years in jail on trumped-up charges and has been harassed for the last nine years.

The case of the Yevpatoriyskaya Nedelya newspaper editor is a benchmark in Ukraine's progress to becoming a full-fledged democracy. While some hopeful trends are taking shape, Lutiev's supporters say his story illustrates how the nation's journalists are still hounded, how police investigations cannot be trusted and how too many judges still make unjust rulings.

"Unfortunately, the situation with freedom of speech in Ukraine has not improved fundamentally," said Nina Karpacheva, Ukraine's human rights ombudsman, who has actively intervened on Lutiev's behalf over the last six years.

Karpacheva said international ratings that praise Ukraine's recent advancements in freedom of speech are exaggerating the nation's improvement.

"The number of journalists harassed has not changed dramatically during the last several years," Karpacheva said. "More and more journalists are getting dragged into manipulating public ideology, serving oligarchic-clannish structures. The public relations of politicians and oligarchs are dominating over honest news today."

The ombudsman made her comments at a Sept. 23 press conference in which she praised a Sept. 17 Mykolayiv Oblast appellate court ruling that exonerated Lutiev.

The troubles began in 1997, Lutiev said, when he – working as both a journalist and Yevpatoria's City Council member – went public with accusations that city officials were "continuously stealing money from the city budget."

Some of Lutiev's articles started getting him trouble with one Crimean parliamentary deputy, Mykola Kotlyarevskiy, who the journalist accused of being part of a local criminal mafia. "At that time, Kotlyarevskiy was part of an organized criminal group that wanted to seize control over the city market," Lutiev said.

Kotlyarevskiy himself said in multiple interviews to the press that Lutiev's accusations were unfounded.

"I think the whole case was fabricated – they accused me of being a part of a criminal gang in Yevpatoria," he once told Ukrainska Pravda, an influential online publication.

Lutiev's troubles escalated in March 1998, when he was arrested and falsely accused of libel after leaflets surfaced, purportedly written by him, which accused a local organized crime group of robbery and murder. Lutiev said he had nothing to do with the leaflets, and there is no evidence that he did, but he still spent 65 days in a Simferopol pre-detention jail.

Lutiev said that harassment against him stepped up significantly in 1999, after he published a major article headlined "Times change," in which he made detailed accusations about financial abuses by Yevpatoria officials, including police officers and judges. He said the offices of his newspaper were set on fire, acid was poured on his car and strangers tried to entrap him in a murder-for-hire scheme.

His troubles escalated in November 2002, when authorities accused Lutiev of attempting to order the murder of Kotlyarevskiy. He was arrested. There was, however, no attempted murder – only bloody shots taken near Kotlyarevskiy's car and broadcast widely on TV newscasts. "On Nov. 11, 2002, Kotlyarevskiy and the organizers of the provocation spoke on TV, accusing me of the murder attempt," Lutiev said.

"The fabrication of the criminal case started six years of reprisals against the independent journalist," Karpacheva said.

Lutiev spent the next four years in and out of courtrooms and pretrial detention jails. He went on a 47-day hunger strike and was awarded a medal for courage by Karpacheva in 2005. Then, on June 12, 2006, a Sevastopol court convicted him and sentenced him to eight years in prison.

From the beginning, Lutiev had influential allies, including a local journalists' association. Journalists Lilia Budzhurova and Vladimir Pritula convinced Karpacheva and others, such as the Institute of Mass Communication and various government officials, to become involved.

Karpacheva believes that the intimidation campaign against Lutiev had one goal in mind: to silence him.

She also believes that, without allies, Lutiev may have been destined for the same fate as Georgiy Gongadze and Ihor Alexandrov, two prominent journalists murdered in 2000 and 2001, respectively, after writing investigative articles that exposed official corruption. In both the Gongadze and Alexandrov cases, the people who ordered their murders have never been identified or punished.

On March 15, 2007, Karpacheva appeared before Ukraine's Supreme Court and alleged that the charges against Lutiev amounted to "a pure act of revenge for his professional activity." The court canceled the Sevastopol court's conviction and redirected the case to the appellate court in Mykolaiv Oblast. After a new investigation, Lutiev was found to be wrongly accused. Even though the acquittal can be appealed, Karpacheva believes the high court's position will "remain the same – honest and objective."

"This is an unprecedented victory for justice in the defense of freedom of speech," Karpacheva said. "I would like to thank the Supreme Court of Ukraine, which consciously directed the case for the new examination not to Crimea, but to an absolutely different region, in particular to the court of Mykolayiv Oblast, which started the whole investigation over and ultimately acquitted Volodymyr Lutiev."

While Lutiev is well aware of the fate of Gongadze, he did not allow it to terrify him into silence.

"Many people tried to dissuade me from being so harsh in my publications," Lutiev said. Knowing that so many criminals became politicians in the 1990s, "I just couldn't. It would not have been me," he explained.

"Perhaps I could have done everything in a less severe manner," Lutiev said. "But there were no compromises."

His persecution will make him even bolder, he said, if he can find the financial resources to re-start the publication of his newspaper.

"I will continue to work in the same direction, maybe in even a harsher, more hard-edged manner," Lutiev said. "I cannot step out."



Ukraine's ombudsman Nina Karpacheva and journalist Volodymyr Lutiev (left) at a Sept. 23 press conference celebrate a court ruling exonerating Lutiev of criminal charges. Karpacheva said Lutiev was persecuted by officials in Crimea for his investigative journalism. The door to his newspaper office (above) was set on fire in 1999 as a part of an intimidation campaign (UNIAN)

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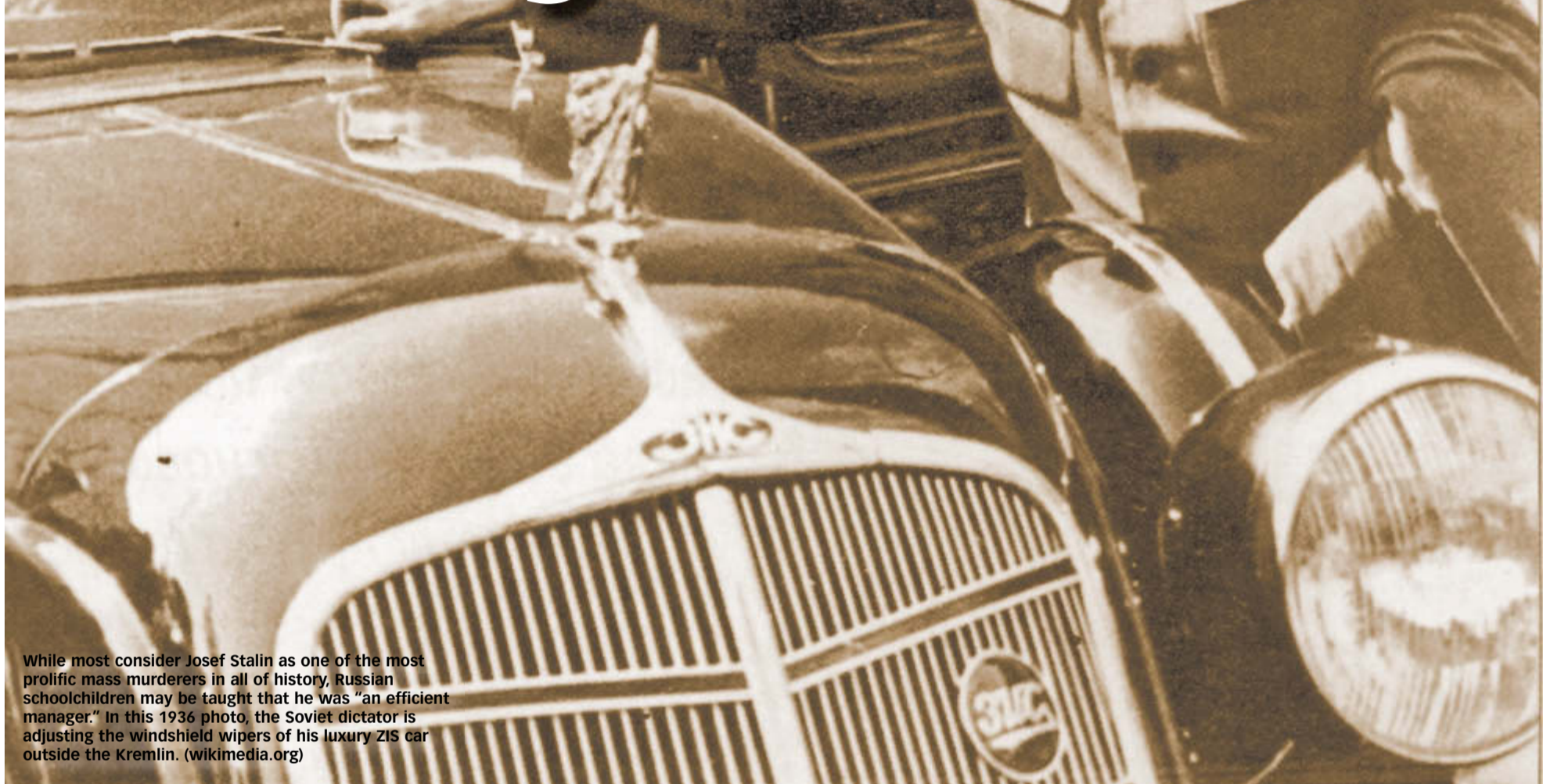
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Putin the spin on history



While most consider Josef Stalin as one of the most prolific mass murderers in all of history, Russian schoolchildren may be taught that he was "an efficient manager." In this 1936 photo, the Soviet dictator is adjusting the windshield wipers of his luxury ZIS car outside the Kremlin. (wikimedia.org)

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The foreign ministries of Russia and Ukraine are not the only soldiers in the ongoing war of words over the countries' shared Soviet history.

The battle over the past is also being waged in the classrooms of both countries. The stakes are high, as the victor may be able to win over the hearts and minds of future generations.

The Stalin-ordered Great Famine of 1932-1933, which claimed millions of lives, is a stark example of the conflicting historical views.

A current Russian version: "It should be stressed that there was no organized famine in the U.S.S.R.'s countryside. It was not instigated by authorities against one or another people or social group."

A current Ukrainian view of the same event: "The Holodomor of 1932-33 was for Ukrainians what the Holocaust was for Jews and the slaughter of 1915 for Armenians."

The statement exposes the increasingly widening gap between the two nations' understanding of history.

Since 2003, Ukraine has sought international recognition of the Holodomor (death by hunger) as an act of genocide against Ukrainians since 2003. President Victor Yushchenko has pursued the goal vigorously, drawing the ire of Stalin's apologists at home and in Russia.

The Russian version of the same tragedy is not an obsolete bit of Communist propaganda. It is what Russian education officials are recom-

mending for their country's school curriculum. It comes from the Russian Ministry of Education and Science's "Concept paper on Russian history from 1900-1945."

Ukraine blames the Communist regime and Stalin specifically for the famine of 1932-33, while Russia seems to justify – or at least minimize – Stalin's policies. According to the proposed Russian teacher's manual, starvation was caused by poor weather conditions and problems with collectivization.

The Russian manual now under consideration also explains away the Great Terror and mass repressions of the 1930s.

This is the Russian description of Stalin, one of the great mass murderers in world history: "It is important to show that Stalin acted as a very efficient manager in a specific historical situation, as a protector of the system, as an unwavering backer of the country's transformation into an industrial society managed from a single center, as a leader of a country which faced the threat of imminent large-scale war."

The rationalization of mass repressions in Russia's school curriculum was presented to teachers just before the beginning of the current school year, sparking debate in Russia.

Last year's textbook "History of Russia, 1945-2007" evoked criticism for its extremely loyalist coverage of the Soviet period and characteristic of Stalin as an "efficient manager." Yet the textbook was published and distributed in schools.

The shift in official interpretation of history is related to Russian Prime

→ Russian history now glosses over persecution and hails Soviet-era triumphs

Minister Vladimir Putin's view of the Soviet past. In 2005, Putin famously called the Soviet empire's disintegration the "greatest geopolitical catastrophe" of the 20th century.

Putin held several major meetings with the country's teachers where he emphasized the need to produce decent history textbooks – or those that teach history in the cheerleading manner that the former KGB agent evidently prefers.

"We need to remove all the layered husk and foam. Textbooks must include historical facts, they must nurture pride in the country and its history among young people," Putin said back in 2003.

With its resurgent oil wealth, cost appears to be no objection to nurturing pride in Russia – which means overlooking some of its darkest chapters.

"As to some problematic pages in our history – yes, we've had them. But

what state hasn't? And we've had fewer of such pages than some other [states]," Putin told teachers last year. "All sorts of things happen in the history of every state. And we cannot allow ourselves to be saddled with guilt."

Given the Kremlin's attention to historical issues, the contents of textbooks have turned into a political matter in Russia, observers noted.

"In the 1990s, there was a relative diversity in the interpretations of Russian history in the textbooks while the mainstream 'history of state and statehood' was quite critical in its estimation of the Soviet period," said Georgiy Kasianov, a Ukrainian historian. "In the 2000s, we see a tendency to glorify empire and its greatness and, thus, the apologetic estimation of the Soviet period, justifying the extremes of Stalinism by a renewed version of *raison d'état*."

Another Ukrainian historian, Stanislav Kulchytsky, said that Russian history textbooks provide a "light" version of Soviet history.

"Yes, they speak about repressions, but they try somehow to explain them...All in all, there is kind of a mixture of everything that is in line with the modern state-building process in Russia. They use the Red Army, the White Guard, and the Tsarist Army [to glorify Russia]," Kulchytsky said.

It remains to be seen if reinterpreted history wins over Russians minds. If the television project "Name of Russia" – Russia's equivalent of the BBC's 100 Greatest Britons – is any indication, Stalin's apologists are making progress: the dictator was ranked second behind

13th century Russian leader Aleksandr Nevsky.

Meanwhile, the situation with teaching history in Ukraine leaves a lot to be desired.

On the one hand, top Ukrainian officials are pursuing an approach similar to Putin's in establishing a "correct" version of history. On the other hand, the poor quality of Ukrainian textbooks is to blame.

Kasianov said the major problem with Ukraine's textbooks is institutional.

"The system for evaluating textbooks in Ukraine is non-transparent, muddled by conflicts of interest and ineffective. The main problem is that the primary consumers – parents, teachers and students – have no influence on quality and are forced to use what the state imposes upon them. It's not an issue of influencing the contents of textbooks. It's a question of the right to choose among several textbooks on a given subject that are different in terms of quality," Kasianov said.

"In contrast to Russia, these issues are actively discussed by professional historians and the public in Ukraine, but so far with little results."

Officials have become more involved in humanitarian disciplines, Kasianov said, citing Yushchenko's campaign to have Holodomor recognized as genocide against the Ukrainian people. The president's administration has also signalled to the Institute of National Memory that it should prepare a "correct" textbook on Ukraine's history.

"But the permanent political mess is drawing Ukrainian officials' attention away from more active interference," Kasianov said.

Russia, Ukraine relationship going sour, say polls

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The attitude of Russians and Ukrainians toward each other has deteriorated in recent months, according to parallel public opinion polls conducted by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology and Moscow-based Levada-Center.

The significant attitude change is the outcome of Russia's propaganda campaign against Ukraine, some say. The bigger fear is where all of this bad blood is leading.

"Russia spends millions on a propaganda of hate toward Ukraine among its citizens and Russia doesn't do anything without having a plan," said Taras Berezovets, director of Kyiv-based Polittech political consulting company. "This all has the clear aim to prepare society for more radical actions."

It's no surprise, say experts, considering the war of words that has broken out in recent months over many issues.

Moscow, for instance, is vehemently opposed to Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko's attempts to have the nation join the NATO military alliance. The Russian government also objects to Ukraine's attempts to have Stalin's Great Famine of 1932-33 recognized as genocide against the Ukrainian people. And Russia's five-day war in August with Georgia became a flashpoint after Yushchenko sided with Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili over the Kremlin.

To add fuel to the fire, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is quoted as having made condescending remarks about the divisiveness of Ukrainian politics and the viability of its statehood.

The comments of the leaders are having an effect on the people they represent, especially in Russia's case, where most of the major media outlets are subservient to the Kremlin.

"Public opinion is the same as state policy," said Oleg Savelyev, the spokesman for Levada-Center.

The results of the Levada-Center poll held Sept. 12-15 show that only 2.5 percent of Russians have a "very good" attitude toward Ukraine, while another 34.8 percent called their attitude "good." However, 36 percent have a "bad" attitude toward Ukraine and some 16.6 percent answered their attitude is "very bad."

That is a sharp deterioration over Russians attitudes in April.

At that time, "very good" had 5.5 percent support, "good" won 49.2 percent, "bad" got only 27.3 percent and "very bad" registered in single digits at 6.2 percent.

Ukrainians' attitudes to their northern neighbor also worsened, the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology poll indicated, but not by as much.

Currently, some 42.8 percent say they regard Russia as "very good," another 44.9 say their attitude is "good," while 6.8 percent have a "bad" attitude to Russia and only 2.2 percent say "very bad."

By comparison, in April, some 47.3 percent said their attitude to Russia was "very good," 40.7 percent said "good" and only 4.5 percent had a "bad" and 2.3 percent "very bad" attitude to Russia.

Pollsters say the results show that a deliberate campaign by Russia is succeeding in turning its population against Ukraine.

"Mass media [in Russia] is the main reason. Alternative points of view are not presented to the public," Savelyev said. "So the conclusion is that the attitude toward Ukraine is a result of state propaganda."

Savelyev said that the change in Russian public opinion between April and September was caused by several developments related to the military conflict between Georgia and Russia, including renewed tensions over the stationing of the Russian Black Sea fleet in Sevastopol until 2017.

But Russian anti-Ukrainian propaganda isn't limited by slams on Ukrainian politics.

"Even pieces on tourism in Crimea on Russian TV channels are presented disparagingly," Berezovets said.

Berezovets expects the propaganda to be accompanied by a more aggressive policy towards Ukraine, just as in Georgia. Before the Georgian-Russian military conflict, Russia started a domestic propaganda campaign against Georgia, Berezovets said.

Russia's strategic aim is to spread influence over the separate territories of the former Soviet Union. By the war in Georgia, Russia gained influence over South Ossetia and Abkhazia, he said.

"Russia's strategy in Ukraine is to bring some of Ukraine's territories out of its jurisdiction," Berezovets said.

Russia has informational influence in Ukraine and economic influence related to Ukraine's energy problems.

Russia's aim in Ukraine is to cause Kyiv's government to lose support and, simultaneously, to provoke a referendum in Crimea to separate from Ukraine, he said.

Another victim of Russia's negative propaganda was Estonia, he said. The Estonian government's decision to dismantle the monument to the Soviet unknown soldier in Tallinn in 2007 caused Russians to protest in Estonia.

Ukrainians, in turn, are reacting to this Kremlin propaganda with animosity of their own.

"Russia's national idea... is a policy of expansion, while most of its attention is paid not to establishing [domestic] order, but to spreading influence," said Iryna Bekeshkina, head of the Democratic Initiatives Foundation, the Kyiv-based think tank.

Ukrainian attitudes, in turn, are influenced by statements from Russian officials such as "Crimea doesn't belong to Ukraine." Ukrainians also have ongoing fears of Russian "gas blackmail" because of the nation's dependence on energy supplies from the eastern neighbor. In 2006, a pricing dispute led to a temporary 2006 gas shutoff.

Overall, however, Ukrainian public opinion has not changed as dramatically as Russia's.



"We have a much more stable internal political situation than our friends and neighbors in Ukraine. I won't sneer at it, or mock it. I can just pitifully watch what's happening there," said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, shown here in a file photo with Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko. (Courtesy)

"The attitude toward Russia is determined by Russia itself," Berezovets said. "And if Ukrainian citizens will hereafter feel that Russia is unfriendly to Ukraine, the attitude toward Russia

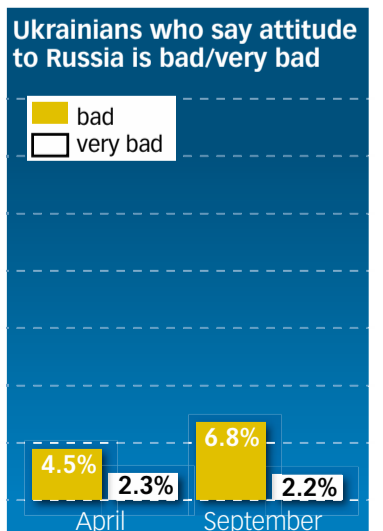
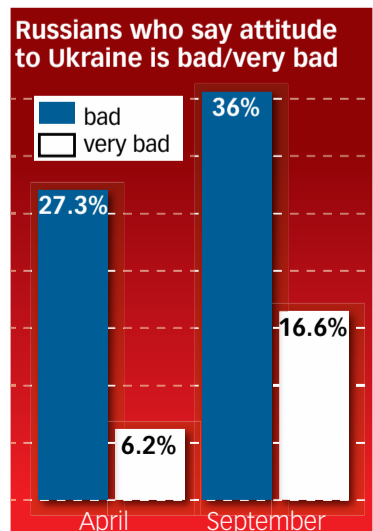
will become worse not only among people from western Ukraine, always skeptical about Russia, but even among those whose attitude is traditionally good or neutral."

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Cash-strapped farmers may not profit from record grain harvest

A woman working in the silo of Shamraevskoe farm in Kyiv Oblast shovels grain from this year's record-breaking harvest into a pile. Lacking the necessary funds, farmers in Ukraine are still dependent on archaic farming methods. Many could be forced to sell their crop at low prices because they do not have the means to properly store grain. (Natalia Kravchuk)

BY MARIA TYMCHENKO

Villagers in Shamraevskoe – a farm in Kyiv oblast – have every reason to be proud: the 55 tons per hectare they harvested in September is more than twice as much as Ukraine usually collects.

Moreover, it exceeds the average grain yield of the European Union, which has been less than 50 tons in the past several years. And they are not alone.

Ukraine's Ministry of Agrarian Policy estimated this year that the nation will harvest 50 million tons of grain – almost 20 million tons more than last year. Perfect weather helped produce



Leonid Tkachuk, director of Shamraevskoe farm

this year's record crop, as did improved farming techniques and the sowing of larger areas.

"This is the largest figure in all the years of [Ukraine's] independence," boasted Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

But there is no reason to celebrate yet.

While the record harvest finally gives the government something to be proud of, farmers are not particularly happy. Despite the abundance of high-quality wheat, most of the grain remains in storehouses, waiting for a buyer with a decent offer. And many cash-strapped farmers simply don't have access to sizable storage facilities of their own, thus they will not have the opportunity to cash in on this year's massive harvest by selling their crop at a high price. What's more, with export capacity limited due to constraints in Ukraine's ports, the domestic market is full of grain, keeping prices low.

Leonid Tkachuk, director of

Shamraevskoe farm, is convinced that the only ones who will profit from the record-breaking harvest are grain traders. Blessed with some of the richest soil on earth, Ukraine has since independence become a magnet for leading international grain trading firms such as U.S. companies Cargill, Bunge and Archers Daniel Midland, as well as European groups.

Large Ukrainian grain trading firms have also emerged. All have reaped sizable profits from past harvests in Ukraine. But farmers could once again take a hit, selling their crops for below-market value. As a result, they could find themselves once again cash-strapped in planning for next year's harvest.

In an interview with Kyiv Post's sister publication *Korrespondent* magazine, Tkachuk said grain traders are hounding farmers, eager to buy up their grain while prices are low right after the vast harvest. Farmers want to wait and sell for more. But most of the vast grain silo facilities in the country have in recent years been snapped up by traders. The few storage facilities accessible to farmers are not equipped to hold grain for long periods. In order to keep wheat and barley from going bad, they must be stored in tall, aerated structures.

Such elevators are beyond the reach of most farmers. In the words of Eugene Leng, chief executive officer of the crop-raising company Ukrzernoprom, one must invest no less than \$200 to keep one ton of grain. If, on average, an elevator holds two thousand tons of grain, then the cost of such an elevator is no less than \$400,000.

"In our conditions, grain will last a maximum of two months before it starts getting bugs," Tkachuk explained. So farmers must choose to sell their grain at clearance prices or let it rot.

Rodion Rybchinskiy, head of analytical services at agribusiness consulting company APK-Inform, said Ukrainian villagers have been in a stalemate for many years now.

"Currently, landowners have no other choice than to sell their grain to traders or keep it, because the government has removed itself from stocking up on grain for the State Reserves. This is the main reason prices are so low. The government announces a minimal price, but then doesn't buy anything itself. So grain traders proceed from

what is most profitable," the expert explained.

Whose fault is it?

While farmers blamed grain traders, analysts blamed restrictive government regulations that prevent investments from reaching either party.

The first policy is a ban on selling agricultural land, preventing farmers from receiving the benefits that come with ownership. The land is devalued because farmers cannot use it for collateral and, thus, cannot take out loans to invest in machinery or elevators. Grain traders, on the other hand, cannot make long-term plans and are hesitant to invest when the lease rate of land can multiply in one year.

Second, the export ban – only recently lifted – has prevented farmers in past years, when grain prices were high, from receiving market prices. The law was intended to keep domestic food prices low, but has had devastating consequences for Ukraine's farmers. Last year alone, export restrictions incurred more than \$1 billion worth of losses to producers, according to some estimates. Photos of decomposed grain being thrown into the Black Sea circulated through mass media all over the world.

Now it looks like similar restrictions might appear again. These restrictions – along with the government's general instability – have affected agricultural infrastructure by limiting investment,

resulting in completely inadequate storage capacities, transportation capacities and port capacities.

Andriy Yarmak, an independent agribusiness expert, said that significant amounts of grains and oil seeds will go to waste again. If last year the losses exceeded 1.3 million tons, this year they may reach 2 million tons. Yarmak estimated that Ukraine will lose \$1.4 billion in missed opportunities and lower prices. It's a sizable loss, comparable to the amount in annual state funding Ukraine uses to feed and supply its vast military of more than 150,000 soldiers.

"We have not yet had a government that would create a clear strategy for Ukrainian agriculture," Yarmak said. "All Ukrainian governments [of the past have supported] inefficiencies by providing subsidies. The Ukrainian government forgets that we are now considered to be a country with a market economy and still tries to set food prices [fearing a backlash from voters ahead of elections]. It discourages business and, frequently, farmers, whom they at the same time, try to support with subsidies."

All this, Yarmak claimed, was to gain a few extra votes.

Leonid Kozachenko, president of the Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation, in an interview with *Korrespondent*, said that Western banks are ready and willing to invest billions of dollars in coming years into Ukraine's agri-

cultural infrastructure. He predicted that vast investments are needed to bring Ukraine to Europe's technological standards, and doing so could boost harvests to 80-million-ton levels.

But such advancements are hindered by the Ukrainian government's continued use of protectionist policies, lack of free-market reforms and unstable politics.

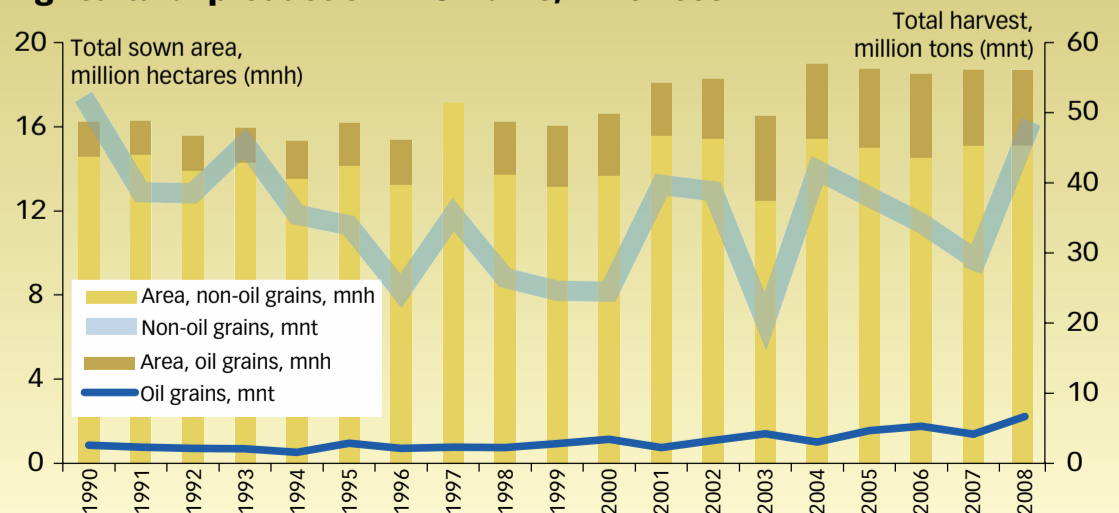
Kozachenko said: "We make a big deal [of agrarian subsidies], saying, 'Hr 100 per hectare from the government will save farmers.' But the farmers don't want Hr 100. They say, 'Keep your money. Don't act like you're supporting us. Instead, create conditions in which tens of billions of dollars can enter the country.'"

With global grain production down, this year could have been the lucky boost Ukraine needed. The country could have, according to some estimates, exported well more than 14 million tons of grain. But even with the lifting of export restrictions this year, it's too late. Past years of protectionist policies have curtailed investment that would have prepared Ukraine's infrastructure to better handle and capitalize on such vast harvests.

The losses will be embarrassingly high. And, in the words of Yarmak, "unfortunately, as always, nobody will take responsibility for this."

Korrespondent's Olga Timkiw contributed to this report.

Agricultural production in Ukraine, 1990-2008

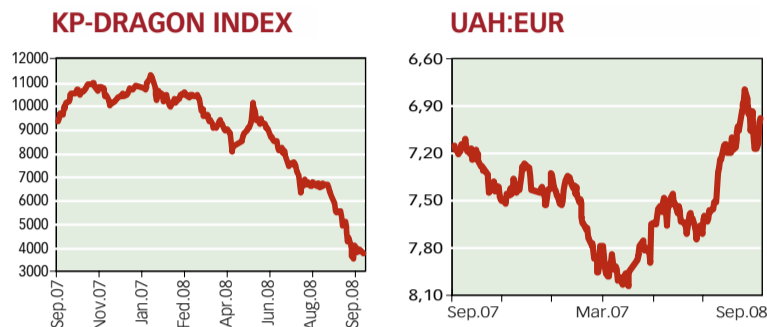


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STOCK MARKET COMMENTARY

With the fear on Wall Street subsiding (U.S. markets rebounded significantly in trading Sept. 30), local markets can take a short breather of sorts. The KP-Dragon index, though off 4.3% since last week, trimmed losses somewhat as brokers again made easy trades at month's end to boost their stats, resulting in a higher market turnover of \$43.4 million and a settling of stock prices. Bottom fishing for undervalued stocks may be gaining momentum, though buyers in size remain conspicuously absent. Parliamentary factions have all but halted coalition talks as Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko heads to Moscow Oct. 2 to discuss next year's price hike for natural gas imports with her Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin. Positive results from the talks could pave the way for a partial recovery in Ukrainian stocks.



MACROECONOMICS

Jitters spread across Ukraine's banking sector as the country's central bank, or NBU, announced Sept. 30 it would provide an emergency \$1 billion refinancing facility to Prominvestbank, Ukraine's 6th-largest bank by assets, following a run on withdrawals from retail deposits at the bank. Recent rumors in the press about the bank's insolvency were apparently triggered by a shareholder conflict and have nothing to do with the recent liquidity tightening in the domestic banking sector.

According to provisional estimates from the NBU, Ukraine's current account (C/A) deficit stood at \$7.5 billion in the first eight months of this year, or 6.0 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. The NBU said merchandise export and import flows slowed in August, bringing growth of exports during this period to 49 percent year-on-year and that of imports to 56 percent, or \$58 billion.

Net Foreign Direct Investments in Ukraine stood at \$1.0 billion in August, bringing eight-month inflows to above \$8.0 billion, NBU adviser Valeriy Lytvitskiy said on Sept. 25. Lytvitskiy said overall capital inflows in August reached approximately \$2.0 billion as inflows of mid- and long-

term borrowings remained buoyant at \$1.6 billion, only slightly below the \$1.7 billion from August 2007. These capital inflows fully covered the August current account gap of \$600 million.

Citing the growing risk of a currency crisis, driven by a widening current account deficit and deteriorating financing prospects, Fitch has revised its outlook on Ukraine's ratings to Negative from Stable while affirming the country's long-term foreign and local currency ratings at BB- and short-term foreign currency rating at B. The rating agency also cut its outlook to Negative from Stable on long-term foreign and local currency ratings assigned to nine Ukrainian banks, among them Ukrspbank and Forum Bank.

Ukraine's public debt declined by 1.4 percent month-on-month in August (-1.1 percent year-to-date) to \$17.4 billion, narrowing in relation to 12-month trailing GDP by 0.5 percentage points to 9.1 percent, the Finance Ministry reported Sept. 29. Changes in the public debt stock in August were caused mostly by a revaluation of direct and conditional external liabilities on the back of further appreciation of the U.S. dollar versus the euro and other currencies.

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Business Sense

with PAUL DAVIES

Editor's Note: Business Sense is a feature in which experts explain Ukraine's place in the world economy. To contribute, contact chief editor Brian Bonner at bonner@kpmmedia.ua

Best bets to profit on the global financial hurricane

Assuming financial Armageddon is avoided, either because the U.S. bailout plan is passed or because the doomsayers have exaggerated the effect of it not being implemented, what will be the key market drivers in Ukraine and where should the average person seek out the best returns?

With inflation still running at one of the highest rates in Europe and the Kyiv housing market sliding, a mixture of simple time deposits, agriculture land and selectively purchased Ukrainian equity would provide the right blend of security and potential upside.

Ukrainian banks are currently offering double-digit returns on one-year-time deposits, some of the best rates in the world for current accounts. Picking a large bank backed by a foreign parent is probably the best choice. The additional 1-3 percent return smaller banks offer doesn't compensate for the risk of those banks falling over if credit markets continue to tighten.

Ukrainian agriculture also has a bright future. Following the collapse of the U.S.S.R., the sector fell into decline but the potential for a return to former glories, this time with investors benefitting from profits, is stronger than at any time in the recent past. A combination of investment, consolidation, modernization and legal reform that will unlock the vast market potential of Ukrainian agriculture looks a relatively safe bet. The biggest problem with investing in agricultural land is the very tricky legislation that goes with purchasing land.

Investing in Ukrainian agricultural stocks gives the investor the best of both worlds by providing access to the sector as well as a clear exit. Overall, with stocks beaten down, investing in the sector now is inexpensive. Our top agriculture pick is the London Stock Exchange-listed Myronivsky Hliboproduct, also known as MHP. Known as a poultry company, it is Ukraine's largest agricultural producer. Its also the first sizeable Ukrainian agriculture holding to be listed outside Ukraine.

The backbone of the Ukrainian economy is steel and its associated industries, most notably coke producers, coal and iron ore mines. Although fluctuating global steel prices impact these industries and the Ukrainian economy significantly, ultimately companies in these sectors should be a priority for stock investors looking at Ukraine, especially with the market as heavily oversold as it is now.

Regardless of what you think of Ukrainian billionaire Rinat Akhmetov's politics, as an investor, his metallurgical companies are the most promising metals names in the sector. Azovstal is the most modern of Ukraine's steel companies and produces value-added finished steel products, whereas Enakievo Steel focuses on raw, bulk steel. These two companies have been traded more than any companies in Ukraine this year and are liquid names in the context of Ukraine's sometimes illiquid market.

Metinvest, Akhmetov's metals and mining holding is vertically integrated, with its energy needs met from DTEK, its electricity producing sister company. When markets improve, look for Metinvest to move forward with their IPO plans and to provide an interesting cash-out to investors with a 2-3 year horizon.

Investors would be well advised to give real estate a wide berth for the time being. Pessimism about real estate is rife all over the word, but Ukraine's real estate market was seriously overheated even by the standards of excesses elsewhere.

We expect property prices to fall and companies and projects to go into decline, with the storm hitting full force from next year. The darling of Ukrainian real estate, London-listed XXI Century Investments, this week reported a \$76 million net loss in the first half of 2008 on the back of an overzealous crediting strategy, a spectacular reversal from its \$1.2 billion net profit in the first half of 2007.

Some banking sector stocks are also looking shaky. A growing current account deficit led international credit rating agency Fitch to downgrade Ukraine's credit rating last week.

Standalone banks reliant on international borrowing will be hardest hit. This comes on top of a legacy of loose credit policies of several banks and overarching global pessimism. It would not be a surprise to see some streamlining of the banking sector, although with 150 banks operating in Ukraine that may be welcome.

Turning to currency, the hryvnia has depreciated suddenly against the dollar. This was perhaps influenced significantly by Naftogaz, Ukraine's state oil and gas company, buying dollars to pay for Russian gas.

So far the National Bank of Ukraine has not intervened to prop up the hryvnia, seemingly regarding the weakening as a temporary phenomenon.

Longer term foreign exchange fluctuations are very difficult to predict, especially given the current uncertainty on the political front and with the dollar whipsawing against every other currency. However, we expect to see a Hr/\$ rate of 5.05-5.10, largely as a result of continuing investor sell-offs, in the next three months or so.

We may see a drop to a 4.90-5.00 range in the 6-9 month horizon as that selling pressure lessens, moving back towards Hr 5.0, or a little higher, in nine to 12 months as the current account deficit weighs on the hryvnia. Any continuing deterioration in steel prices will increase the current account deficit further, meaning a knock-on effect for the hryvnia.

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High hopes for aerospace

The world's largest airplane, Ukraine's Mriya 225, flies over the Hostomel air port just outside Kyiv during the 6th annual Aviasvit XXI airshow. Ukraine inherited a massive aerospace industry from the Soviet Union and produces some promising airplanes, such as the cargo giant seen above and other planes demonstrated at the airshow. But the country has struggled to market its planes efficiently and, as a result, do not land sizeable contracts to fund mass production. (Ukrinform)

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Residential development projects screech to a halt

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Ukrainian residential property developers are facing difficult sailing as the world financial hurricane gathers strength. A glance at Kyiv's skyline quickly reveals the tell-tale signs of trouble: Many construction cranes are idle.

In the wake of the world liquidity crisis, property developers have been hit. There are few buyers who can qualify for mortgages at current interest rates and loans from banks are scarce. As a result, developers are scrambling to raise financing for their construction projects, particularly residential.

Sergiy Maksimov, president of VAB

Bank, said it's very easy to explain why the cranes have stopped moving. The state of residential development in Ukraine is "very bad," Maksimov said.

Seventy five percent of Ukrainians "cannot qualify for bank loans and, at the same time, developers cannot secure loans on favorable terms to continue construction," Maksimov said.

The situation has devastated domestic developer XXI Century. Traded on the London Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Market, the Kyiv-based real estate development firm has lost more than 80 percent of its value since July 1. After briefly enjoying a 52-week high of \$31.24 per share, XXI Century's price has plummeted to \$5.34 per share.

The slowdown and difficulty in obtaining financing has forced the once high-flying developer to scale back its operations and focus on projects that promise the best return in the short run. XXI Century has tried to sell some of its projects in the pipeline to raise cash, but thus far few buyers can be found.

The current slump ends seven years of dramatic growth, during which more than one million square meters of fresh residential space were constructed annually and yearly prices surged by double digits.

"While the company still believes in the Ukrainian residential market, particularly premium apartment developments, the company is in the process of re-prioritizing projects and accelerating them. Primarily [they are focused on] commercial and premium residential, [which] promise the highest return in the near term," said Dmytro Vasylev, XXI Century's director for corporate communications.

Similarly, the Mirax Group, a Russian developer, halted work on its \$500 million project to build Ukraine's tallest building. Due to the deepening international liquidity crisis, slow sales and soaring construction costs, the company placed a construction moratorium on the mixed-use Mirax Plaza project, according to the group's press service. Construction could resume next spring if the world financial crisis passes, the company adds.

Industry experts expect that if the financial crisis continues into winter, downward pressure will be placed on

residential property prices, particularly affecting mid- and economy-class housing. But with borrowing costs rising, the final purchase price might not decrease for many homebuyers, experts say.

"We see the prices coming down slowly now. But we expect a drop of nearly 20 percent in the secondary and mid-class housing markets by the end of the year. Some are even predicting a 25 percent correction," says Terry Pickard, chairman of NAI Pickard.

Another factor pushing high-rise apartment prices down is the surging number of suburban cottage developments. Three years ago, there were a handful of registered suburban projects.

Today there are well over 100. Ukrainians increasingly see a free-standing home with a yard as better value. And despite the prospect of getting stuck in Kyiv's notorious traffic congestion, they are flocking to the suburbs.

The horizon isn't entirely black for the country's real estate developers. The commercial real estate market continues to offer significant upsides, experts say.

The amount of office, retail and warehouse space in Kyiv is among the lowest per capita in Europe. As a consequence, rental rates for commercial real estate in Ukraine far exceed the European average. And with demand so much higher than supply, investors still see double-digit rates of return.

"Due to the intrinsic supply and demand disequilibrium in Ukraine's office and retail space segments, com-



Sergiy Maksimov, President of VAB Bank

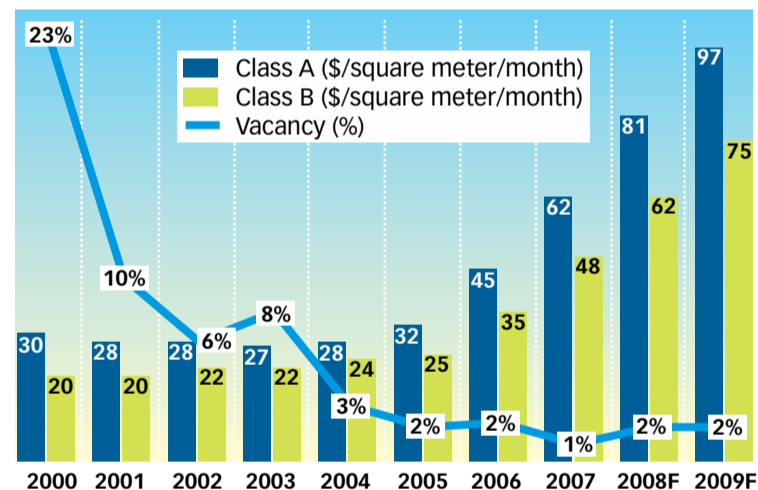
mercial real estate will weather the world-wide liquidity storm relatively well compared to the residential market," said Sergiy Sergiyenko of CB Richard Ellis, a global real estate management firm.

The residential market is expected to reach a new equilibrium by the beginning of next summer, industry experts predict.

In the meantime, developers are expected to sit tight and ride out the storm in the residential market, says VAB's Maksimov.

Only time will tell when the cranes start moving over Ukraine's construction sites again, he adds.

Office rental rates vs. vacancy



Source: Colliers International



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EFG's Bowers: 'We are not going to see the bubble burst'

BY JONATHAN HOLMBERG

Gerald Bowers serves as general director in Ukraine for EFG Property Services, a property investment, development and management group active in Eastern Europe.

EFG is the real estate arm of the Swiss-based Eurobank EFG group.

In addition to his role at EFG, Bowers serves as general director for the British Business Club in Ukraine, a networking organization for investors.

In a Kyiv Post interview focused on Ukraine's property market, Bowers said that the residential real estate sector is in a cooling phase, but insists the commercial segment continues to boom.

KP: What is the situation today in Ukraine's real estate market?

GB: The residential market has calmed. Last month, in August, there was a slowdown in the number of transactions [mortgages]. Prices are not increasing. But prices have not deteriorated because the demand is still there.

KP: How about the suburbs, the so-called cottage developments?

GB: It is going very well. We are now seeing a shift away from the center. People are increasingly attracted by the price and value. You can buy a cottage house for about \$3,000 to \$4,000 per square meter with land. That's a lot less than you would pay in the city center.

KP: This despite the lack infrastructure, schools and shopping?

GB: They are tolerating it for the moment. But there are new developments that include schools and shopping centers, the infrastructure we take for granted in the West. The development in Obukhiv is an example.

KP: Is residential real property due for a correction?

GB: I do not think we will see a decrease in prices. We are not going to see, as people say, the bubble burst. We are now approaching a calming in

→ **Property developers shift aim away from Kyiv towards regions**

the residential market. A good analogy is Moscow. The bubble never burst in Moscow. I will admit that people are mystified by the prices in Ukraine. It is more expensive than Berlin, Prague or Budapest. But, there is no secret. It is the classical market situation, with demand dictating price.

KP: How about the commercial real estate market?

GB: We are still seeing a strong growth in rental prices for commercial property. Class A office space now rents for at least \$75 per square meter per month. With class B, you're looking at \$50-\$60. There is a significant number of Ukrainian companies relocating to Kyiv from other cities, and we still have a steady influx of multinationals. The supply is simply far behind demand.

In retail, prices are still increasing, especially in shopping centers. We have a situation now where shopping center owners have introduced tender processes.

If a retailer wants space, they must submit a tender and may have to offer a higher rent, pay an upfront fee or both.

In response we are seeing out of town locations being developed as genuine business parks with infrastructure, banks, restaurants and hotels.

KP: What is happening in the logistics infrastructure development?

GB: There is a huge demand for warehousing. This is where foreign developers have an edge. There are not too many Ukrainian firms with experience developing warehouses to Western specifications. Bonded and environmentally controlled warehouses are very lucrative.

KP: What developmental challenges are keeping supply low?

GB: I sometimes think that the Kyiv city administration really knows how to control the expansion of real estate. The frustrating thing for all developers is that it takes three years, sometimes four, to go from concept to getting a construction permit and breaking ground.

That is why there are so many projects in the pipeline and some fall by the wayside. Let's face it: A lot of it has to do with corruption. You simply will not get the permits if you don't know the right people.



Gerald Bowers, General Director of EFG Property Services Ukraine

KP: What are the trends in the regions?

GB: Unfortunately we always seem to focus on Kyiv. But if you are a property developer, you are concentrating on the regions, primarily the five major cities [Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Odessa, Donetsk and Lviv]. The regions are experiencing more demand and growth than Kyiv. It is cheaper to build in the regions and it is easier to deal with the governmental authorities there. There is less red tape.

KP: Today, what are the most promising real estate opportunities?

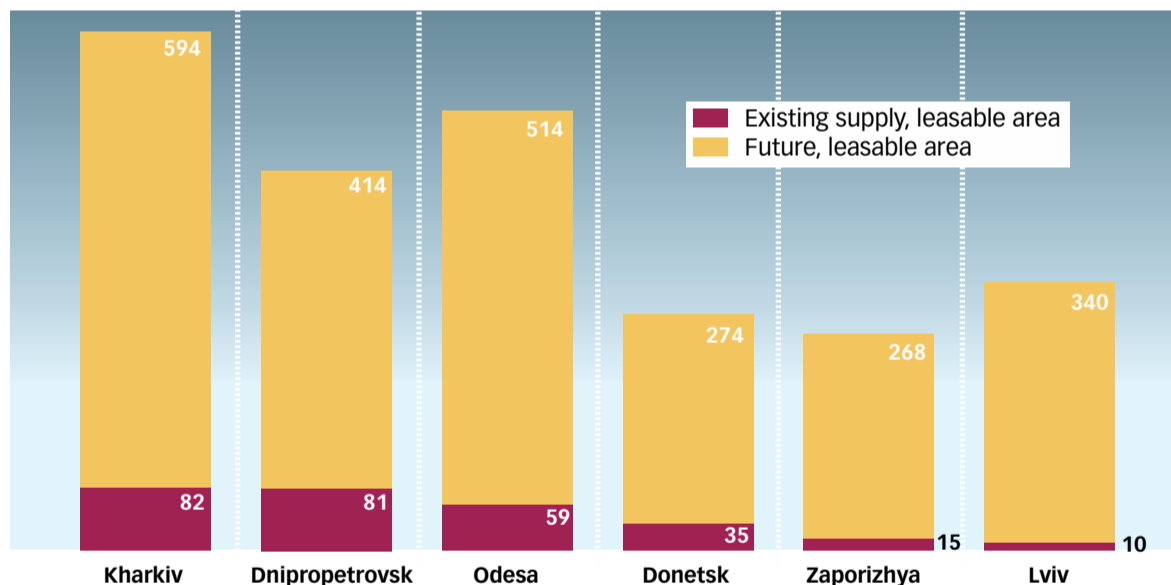
GB: Out of town business and shopping centers. There still aren't enough shopping centers in Ukraine. Compared to the West, Ukraine has very little retail space per capita.

KP: What is your forecast for the real estate market?

GB: A year from now – in the residential market – I don't think we will see significant change. Prices will not increase as they have done in the past.

In the commercial real estate segment, we will see significant growth. We will not approach saturation for five years. There are not too many places like Ukraine left where commercial real estate yields are as high as nine percent per year.

Existing and prospective retail space supply in Ukraine's major cities thousand square meters



Source: Colliers International

Changing markets

The Kyiv Property market: Brief overview from Roy Gregory FRICS HOD Valuation and Advisory Cushman and Wakefield.



2008 and has seen a rapid deterioration in market conditions in Ukraine due to the knock on effect of the Credit squeeze in the US and Western Europe.

Due to its relatively small size the property market has been quick to react to the lack of funds and many projects have ground to a halt as developers run out of money.

The worse hit market is probably Residential. While pent up demand is enormous the demand by investors/speculators has dried up and with an already small mortgage market virtually drying up the low cost economy class market especially is badly hit.

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Offices: The only market of any significance is in Kyiv and while demand remains high supply is still low hence the soaring rental rates – some quoted at \$100 per m2 plus VAT and service charges. Most new space is delivered core and shell adding to the already huge cost burden to the potential tenant.

With no genuine class A office buildings in Kyiv, the developers have set their sites on building bigger and bigger space in inefficient buildings.

Many have slowed down construction or simply stopped as they seek Bank finance or private equity finance in every part of the world, mostly to no avail. The projects likely to succeed are the ones that get built and leased. With little or no capital markets transactions this is a market waiting to happen, the question is when.

Retail: Good demand across Ukraine, plenty of schemes but again a lack of finance is hindering development.

Logistics: An spate in the construction in logistics Ukraine over the last 3 years saw a temporary slowdown and fall in rents in many places where prices for tenants taking large space for extended lease periods saw prices fall to as low as \$5 per m2 per month.

Hotels: Very slow progress in the development of this sector with the

permit stages a seemingly endless process of administrative red tape.

Land: Plots with full project permits are the exception rather than the rule and the problem with ownership rights tends to overshadow the market due to the reluctance of western financial institutes to accept the rule "building interest overrides the land interest. With some plots having only land use while the building remains and others with very limited lease life (5 years) the market has slowed down. This is compounded particularly by the credit squeeze which is and will hit land owners who have borrowed large sums based on high land values. Higher interest rates on none income producing assets is set to influence the market very negatively and we expect values to plummet over the next 12 months.



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(044)289-0425	Semen Lazutenkov	1991	100 / 0	101	Development, real estate project management, lease and sale	Office, retail, hotel and conference facilities	4,895	1 year	WND	WND	\$12.13 million
EDVA , 01004 Kyiv, 25 Chervonoarmijska, edva@edva.com.ua, www.edva.com.ua											
(044)234-9370	Elena Morgun	1991	100 / 0	WND	Sale, lease, real estate valuation	Office, warehouse, shop, restaurant, cafes, residential, land	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Tetiana , 03186 Kyiv, 34 Povitroflotskiy Prosp., office #30, reaty@tatuana.kiev.ua, www.tatuana.kiev.ua											
(044)246-0038	Anatoliy Sobolev	1991	100 / 0	15	Lease, sale, purchase, legal support, repair and construction work	Residential	5,850	1 year	WND	WND	WND
NAI Pickard , 01001 Kyiv, 9 Prorizna, office #20, info@naipickard.com, www.naipickard.com											
(044)279-3454 (044)278-7577	Terry Pickard	1992	0 / 100	39	Leasing, sales, acquisition, property investment strategy and planning, property market reports, valuation, consultancy on structuring for IPO, corporate financial services and tax planning, property and project insurance, virtual reality modeling, 3D marketing presentation	Office, retail, industrial, land, hotel	16,200	1 year	WND	14,000	WND
Blagovest , 01601 Kyiv, 2 Mechnikova, blagos@blagovest.ua, www.blagovest.ua											
(044)499-4060 (044)499-4070	Iryna Luhanina	1993	100 / 0	WND	Sale and lease consulting, expert appraisal, complete legal support of the bargain	Office premises, trade spaces, restaurants, separate buildings, production and logistic premises	WND	WND	WND	WND	Around \$4 million
INCONS , 01054 Kyiv, 10 Pavlovska, info@incons.com.ua, www.incons.com.ua											
(044)484-6885 (044)484-1387	G. Kokoshynskiy	1992	100 / 0	15	Real estate operation, real estate management, market research, real estate valuation	Residential, land	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Real Estate and Service , 01034 Kyiv, 8-A Pushkinska, office #15, real@res.relc.com, www.res.com.ua											
(044)279-7092	Andriy Petrovskiy	1992	100 / 0	12	Residential and commercial real estate lease, car rental	Office, warehouse, residential	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Jones East 8 , 01004 Kyiv, Kruty Uzviz 5, suite #5, mail@joneseast8.com.ua, www.joneseast8.com.ua											
(044)490-6962 (044)288-0377	Philip Hudson	1993	0 / 100	40	Architecture, consultancy, real estate, development, construction	All commercial real estate	15,000	1 year	\$45	2,000	WND

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(044)246-6126 (044)235-5533	Nataliya Abramova	1993	100 / 0	50	Sale, purchase, lease, hotel service	Office, warehouse, restaurant, houses, industrial, service stations, land	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Key Realty , 01001 Kyiv, 6 Malopidvalna, office #4, krealty@zeos.net, www.keyrealty.kiev.ua											
(044)278-2776 (044)279-0690	Nadezhda Moysyenko	1993	50 / 50	16	Residential, commercial leasing and sale, property management, market research, advisory services	Offices, warehouses	WND	6 month	60	WND	WND
DTZ , 01030 Kyiv, 19-21 B.Khmelnytskoho, Leonardo Business Centre, office@dtz.kiev.ua, www.dtz.com.ua											
(044)590-3060 (044)590-3060	Nick Cotton	1994	0 / 100	More than 50	Commercial and residential agency, brokerage and occupier services, land acquisition services, valuation services, appraisal and research consultancy	Office, logistics, retail, residential, land	17,286	3-5 years	\$10.50	WND	WND
Ayris , 01067 Kyiv, 81 Saksahanskoho, office #8, ayriscom@ukr.net											
(044)501-9290	Oleksandr Volkov	1994	100 / 0	8	Lease, sale, purchase, legal support	Offices, warehouse, property complex, residential, land	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Asset Management Company Tekt , 03150 Kyiv, 64 Chervonoarmiyiska, office@tekt.com.ua, www.tekt.com											
(044)201-6392 (044)201-6394	Vadim Gryb	1995	100 / 0	85	Brokerage, securities trading, loans and deposits, venture capital investments, assets management	Business centers, administrative buildings	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
First Realty Brokerage , 04119 Kyiv, 83-A Melnykova, office #808, 8th floor, office@frbrokerage.com.ua, www.frbrokerage.com.ua											
(044)459-7069	Vadim Livshyts	1995	50 / 50	10	Brokerage and consulting, investment deal support	Office, warehouse, retail, land plots, income generating projects	35,700	2 years	WND	WND	WND
Vash Dim , 01001 Kyiv, 3 Trykhsviatylska, yourhome@yourhome.com.ua, www.yourhome.com.ua											
(044)278-4010	Andriy Anisimov	1996	100 / 0	72	Sale and purchase, lease	Office, warehouse, trade, industrial, restaurant	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
TEREN PLUS , 01033 Kyiv, 20-B Shota Rustaveli, office #24, info@teren.kiev.ua, www.teren.kiev.ua											
(044)289-3949 (044)284-3561	Serhiy Shevchuk	1996	50 / 50	20	Market research, real estate advisory, office and residential premises lease and sale for foreign entities, tenant representation, property management	Office, warehouse, residential, hotel apartments	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Colliers International , 01004 Kyiv, 34 Velyka Vasylkivska, colliers@colliers.com.ua, www.colliers.com.ua											
(044)499-0000 (044)499-0009	Yuriy Nartov, Alexander Nosachenko	1997	0 / 100	60	Sale and lease, investment consulting, valuation, market research, concept development	Offices, retail, industrial, land, hospitality	WND	WND	WND	WND	\$2 billion, globally
Couderq & Partners Ukraine , 01001 Kyiv, 63 L.Tolstoho, admin@couderq.com.ua, www.couderq.com.ua											
(044)493-3286 (044)289-3523	Elena Suhova	1997	WND	9	Brokerage, consultancy, investment, development, appraisal	Office, retail, warehouse, industrial	WND	3 years	\$45	WND	WND
C.I.T. , 04071 Kyiv, 13/34 Mezhyhirska office #14, admin@cit.ua, www.citrealty.com											
(044)463-6696 (044)536-1793	Eduard Brazas	1997	100 / 0	32	Lease, purchase and sale of residential and commercial real estate	Office, warehouse, trade, residential	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Apartment , 04071 Kyiv, 19 Mezhyhirska, admin@apartment.kiev.ua, www.apartment.kiev.ua											
(044)463-6262 (044)463-7755	Alexandr Andreev	1997	100 / 0	10	Sale, lease, purchase, consulting, development, assessment	Conference-halls, offices, warehouse	WND	24 hours	WND	WND	WND
Arcom , 04070 Kyiv, 52 Pochaynynska, office #1, market@arcom.com.ua, www.arcom.com.ua											
(044)417-24 31 (044)425-78 89	Benoit Monnet	1999	0 / 100	9	Architecture, engineering, consulting, project and construction management	Commercial centers, office centers, public and residential buildings	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Kiev City Real Estate , 01001 Kyiv, 70 Pochaynynska, office #1, info@kievcityres.com.ua, kievcityres.com.ua											
(044)425-7705 (044)425-7707	Kravchenko Irina	2000	100 / 0	10	Rent, sale, consulting	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
ASTERA , 04071 Kyiv, 2-A Kostiantynivska, kiev@asteragroup.com, www.asteragroup.com											
(044)501-5010 (044)501-5011	Geoffrey Cox	2001	0 / 100	200	Brokerage, research and marketing, property development strategy, property management, valuation, investment analysis, legal services, auctions	Trade centers, office buildings, warehouses, street retail	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
PROSPECTS DEVELOPMENT , 01133 Kyiv, 21 Lesi Ukrayinky, office #25, info@prodevelopment.eu, www.prodevelopment.eu											
(044)254-2350 (044)254-3811	Eugene Zakman	2001	WND	About 15	Strategy consulting, marketing and architect consulting, investment consulting, brokerage	Multifunctional complexes, shopping centers, office centers, business park, logistic park, recreation complex	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
ANK , 01054 Kyiv, 16 Turhenivska, ank@mycard.net.ua, www.ank.com.ua											
(044)486-3775 (044)237-8221	WND	2001	WND	WND	Purchase and sale, lease, real estate management, legal services	Office, industrial, residential	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
CITIZEN , 01001 Kyiv, 152 Horkoho, office #12, citizen75@list.ru											
(044)240-7103	Artem Ovsepjan	2002	100 / 0	16	Rent and sale	Restaurants, shops	12,000	3 years	150	6,000	\$1.4 million
Semida-Service , 01133 Kyiv, 28 L.Ukrayinky, office #41, kvservice@voliacable.com, www.kvartservice.kiev.ua											
(044)284-8311 (044)286-3281 (044)284-8822	Viktor Nesin	2002	100 / 0	More than 30	Real estate sale, lease and purchase, real estate related legal services	Office, shops, residential	WND	3 months	WND	WND	WND
J&L Consulting , 79007 Lviv, 11 Sholom-Aleykhem, j-l@j-l.com.ua, www.j-l.com.ua											
(032)297-0597 (032)297-0595	Anders Johansen	2003	0 / 100	20	Real estate, legal support, agricultural land lease	Commercial, industrial and agricultural property	20,000,000 farm land, 170,000 industrial land	5 years	WND	116,500	WND
Budivelna Rieltopska Companiya , 01030 Kyiv, 5 Leontovycha, offices #101 - 102, office@brc.com.ua, www.brc.com.ua											
(044)235-6647	Yana Bespalova	2003	100 / 0	15	Sale, lease, purchase of real estate	Offices, storage, buildings, markets, trading space, town houses, factories, mills, land	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND

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(044)205-3746 (044)237-4777	Natalia Yevtushenko	2004	100 / 0	About 20	Valuation, consulting, mediation services	Office, warehouse, industrial, trade, land, garage	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Business-Standart , 04050 Kyiv, 17-D Hlybochytska, bst@bst.kiev.ua, www.bst.in.ua											
(044)537-5260 (044)581-0124	WND	2004	WND	WND	Office real estate lease	Office	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Dobrosvit , 01001 Kyiv, 6 Kostyolna, www.dobrosvit.com.ua											
(044)490-5522	Ruslan Kyiashko	2004	100 / 0	30	Commercial and residential real estate lease and sale	Industrial, farms	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Arco Real Estate , 01054 Kyiv, 15 Turhenivska, www.arcoreal.com.ua											
(044)490-2266	Iouri Nikitin	2005	0 / 100	65	Intermediary services in real estate	Office, trade	6,300	1 year	WND	WND	WND
Realtor Online Group , 01032 Kyiv, 127 Saksahanskoho, office #5, admin@realtor-online.kiev.ua, www.realtor-online.kiev.ua											
(044)234-8759	Andriy Vasilyev	2005	100 / 0	Over 10	Real estate sale, mortgage, apartment service	Residential	WND	1 year	WND	WND	WND
AN Constanta Group , 03087 Kyiv, 27-B Chokolovskiy Blvd., iah@bigmir.net											
(044)243-2711	Ihor Khutornoy	2005	100 / 0	7	Sale, purchase, real estate expert valuation	Office, industrial, farms	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Parker & Obolensky , 01030 Kyiv, 17/52 B.Khmelnytskoho, Leonardo Business Center, info@parker-obolensky.com, www.parker-obolensky.com											
(044)581-1000 (044)581-1001	Lembit Loo	2006	100 / 0	67	Real estate rent and sale	Office, land, warehouse, trade	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Knight Frank , 04071 Kyiv, 39-41 Horyva, office #80, Valentina.Vlasova@ua.knightfrank.com, www.knightfrank.com.ua											
(044)545-6122 (044)545-6123 (044)545-6124	Yaroslava Chapko	2006	0 / 100	20	Strategic consulting, valuation, project promotion, market research, financial markets and investments, services to developers	Office, retail, industrial, warehouses	WND	3 years	WND	WND	WND
Avantis , 02099 Kyiv, 5-B Yaltynska, office@avansisgroup.com, www.avansis.com.ua											
(044)223-1481	Olha Hayduchenko	2006	100 / 0	About 20	Purchase and sale of residential and commercial real estate	Office, warehouse, shops	WND	WND	WND	WND	WND
Harant-Nerukhomist , 04115 Kyiv, 5 Shamrylo, suite #1, garant-estate@ukr.net											
(044)322-9845 (044)458-4923	Andriy Palkin	2006	100 / 0	10	Lease, sale, consulting	Offices, warehouse, hotel, restaurants, industrial, residential	WND	From 1 week	WND	WND	WND
DomX , 03680 Kyiv, 3 Chervonoarmiyskiy Prov., info@domx.com.ua, www.domx.com.ua											
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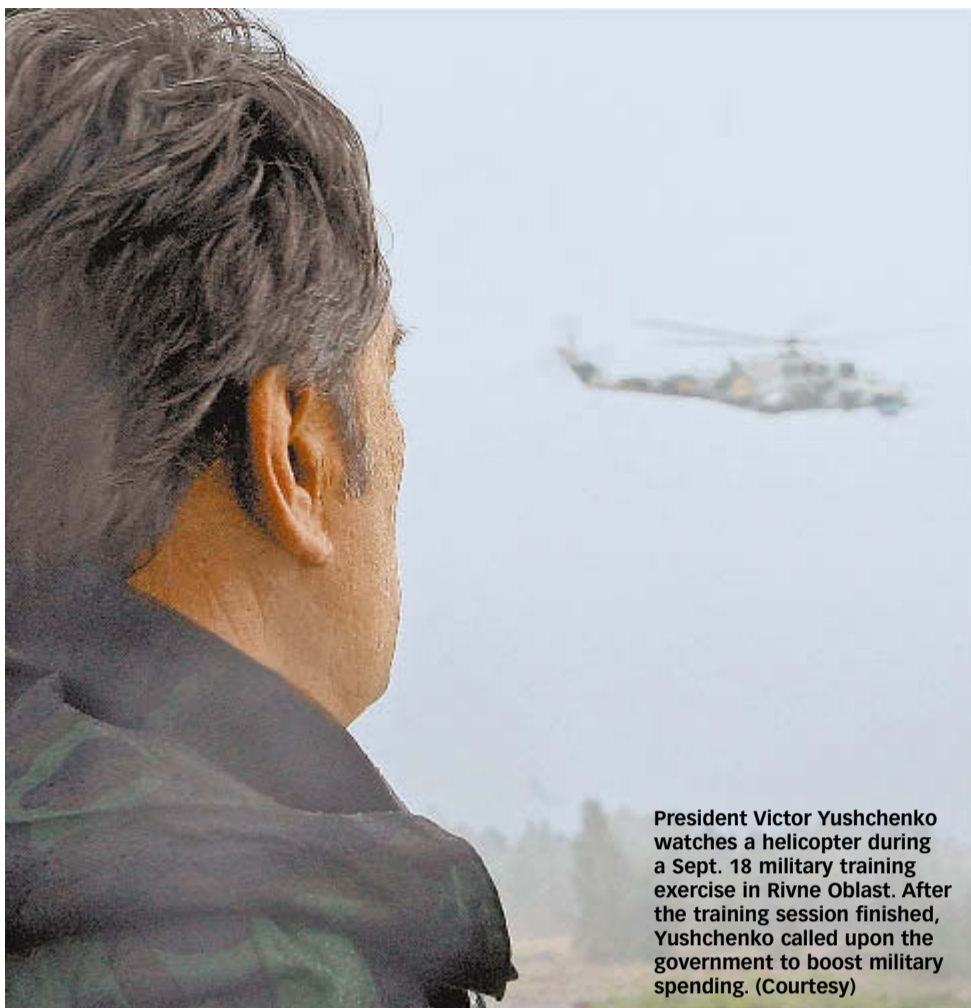
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President Victor Yushchenko watches a helicopter during a Sept. 18 military training exercise in Rivne Oblast. After the training session finished, Yushchenko called upon the government to boost military spending. (Courtesy)



The Kolchuga radar vehicle, a mobile air-defense system produced by Ukraine, is displayed in a Topaz factory hangar in Donetsk (above). Ukraine exports this unique system capable of detecting stealth aircraft. (UNIAN)

Ukraine's army remains poor as military export boom continues

BY ZENON ZAWADA

While Ukraine's Defense Ministry is struggling to feed its soldiers, the nation's military hardware exporters are raking in record revenues, revealing a stark gap between the military-industrial complex and its poorly financed armed forces.

The government's paltry financing of the armed forces in 2008 – Hr 9.9 billion or roughly \$2 billion – amounted to about one percent of the gross domestic product, the defense minister complained, while the Russian Federation earmarked seven percent of GDP for its military and Turkey set aside five percent.

Defense Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov raised public alarm in early September when he said the army lacked funds to feed soldiers after November. He said he would draw from the armaments budget to pay for food in a ploy to draw attention to the military's problems.

Top Arms Exporting Countries, 2000-2007

	Country	Sales, \$ billion
1	USA	52.8
2	Russian Federation	43.7
3	Germany	14.3
4	France	13.2
5	United Kingdom	8.1
6	Netherlands	4.8
7	Sweden	3.4
8	Italy	3.4
9	China	3.5
10	Ukraine	2.9

Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Meanwhile, Ukrainian military exporters, the majority of which are state-owned enterprises, generated an unprecedented \$1 billion in revenues in 2007, according to Mykhailo Samus, assistant director of the Center for Army Conversion and Disarmament Research in Kyiv, a think tank.

The record sales, increasing about 20 percent year-on-year, preserved Ukraine's position as a top ten world arms exporter.

The biggest arms exporter, UkrSpetsExport, reported record export sales of \$300 million in the same period, the company said. Figures on profits are not publicized, Samus said.

Most revenues come from the export of Soviet-era hardware, ranging from finished rockets to helicopter engines, to former Soviet states, as well as governments in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Ukrainian factories also repair and update military equipment.

Azerbaijan is among the biggest clients for armaments such as artillery and aircraft. China consistently buys the most missiles and launch systems, while the Russian Federation's helicopters exclusively use Ukrainian chopper engines.

The gap between prospering exporters (state-owned businesses that act as intermediaries) and the suffering military has formed because the entrepreneurs have no financial obligations to the armed forces, experts said.

The Hr 100 million (\$20 million) that UkrSpetsExport paid in taxes last year funded the state budget, without being earmarked for the defense ministry, Samus said.

Although Ukrainian legislation requires financing the defense ministry with three percent of the gross domestic product (GDP), or about Hr 32 billion (\$6.4 billion) for 2008, no government has even approached two percent of GDP, Samus said.

The Hr 9.9 billion allocated in this year's budget by the government of former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich is "the lowest rate in the years of independence," Yekhanurov complained. "There hasn't been a worse rate in relation to GDP."

Yulia Tymoshenko, who took over as prime minister late last year, outdid her predecessor when unveiling the 2009 budget on Sept. 16, in which the military budget was boosted to Hr 17 billion (Hr \$3.4 billion) but its percentage of GDP decreasing even further to 0.85 percent.

Although President Victor Yushchenko also suggested Hr 17 billion in military spending for the 2008 budget, he has criticized Tymoshenko's offer, using the under-funded military

as the latest round in attacks on his political rival.

Visiting a military training base on Sept. 18, the president said only \$7 to \$8 per day was allocated for feeding each Ukrainian servicemen - a quarter of what Russia spends. Meanwhile,

→ \$8 is spent per day to feed each soldier – a quarter of Russia's expenditure

"contract" volunteers in the army earned the equivalent of \$175 per month – a fifth of what many Kyiv taxi drivers take home.

"My question to the government is: When will we at long last treat our own soldiers with respect?" Yushchenko said, threatening to veto the 2009 budget if defense spending didn't increase.

Some analysts have said that Yushchenko's attack against Tymoshenko on the military funding issue unfair, suggesting budget funding is simply too scarce year after year. Moreover, the president blocked attempts by the Tymoshenko government this year to boost state revenues by privatizing state-owned factories and firms, potentially raising \$5 bil-

lion in fresh revenue that could have helped boost defense spending and help the nation's broke healthcare system among other things.

Regardless of which government is in charge and who gets the blame, the consistent result is that Ukraine's defense ministry can only buy three to five percent of the military hardware produced by the nation's 300-plus military hardware factories, most of which are state-owned.

"We call that an inverted pyramid," Samus said. "Russia has a square, buying 50 percent of its military production, and the U.S. has a pyramid, buying 95 percent."

About a quarter of Ukrainian military hardware is bought by the Russian armed forces, experts said, all of which are parts, such as Motor Sich helicopter and airplane engines.

Ukrainians needn't be concerned that their spare parts will be eventually used against them, Samus said, because Russia in turn exports much of its finished hardware.

But accusations from Russia that Ukraine supported the Georgian army are also unfounded, as UkrSpetsExport figures revealed that 6 percent of Ukrainian military exports are shipped to Georgia, or \$60 million, equal to \$13 per Georgian citizen. In comparison, the Ukrainian armed forces bought about \$180 million in arms from its own factories in 2008, or \$3.90 per Ukrainian.

Only the Ukrainian government is to blame for so much being exported, Samus said.

"The state is supposed to provide for the appropriate level of financing for the Defense Ministry, not the exporters," Samus added.

Tymoshenko agrees to Yushchenko demands

BY RON POPESKI

(Reuters) — Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko said on Oct. 1 that she accepted conditions posed by the party backing Ukraine's president to keep her government team in office and spare the country a new parliamentary election.

But Tymoshenko said she doubted President Victor Yushchenko would agree to cooperate. The two stood together in the 2004 "Orange Revolution" that brought the president to power with pledges to move closer to the West, but are now at loggerheads.

Four years of political turmoil has put long overdue reform on hold and brought to a halt privatizations vital to budget revenues.

Tymoshenko has twice served as premier, but the latest "orange" team collapsed last month when the president's Our Ukraine party walked out.

"We accept all the conditions, ultimatums, demands and arm-twisting from Our Ukraine...in order to avoid providing any grounds to wreck the coalition and hold an early election," Tymoshenko told a news conference in Kyiv.

"We do not agree with them. We just accept them to preserve the democratic coalition and uphold democratic policies," she added.

Our Ukraine's demands focus on relations with Russia and the recurring issue of how to divide up power within Ukraine.

It accuses Tymoshenko of being too passive in criticizing Russia's actions in Georgia to curry favor in Moscow and wants her to denounce Moscow's "aggression."

She says Yushchenko's strident sup-

port for Georgia has spoiled ties with the Kremlin.

Our Ukraine also wants the abandonment of laws cutting presidential powers, approved when Tymoshenko formed a tactical alliance with former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich - the main adversary of the "orange" protesters in 2004.

With politicians focused on their chances in a presidential election due by early 2010, invective has become personal.

Talks to restore the "orange" coalition or form a viable alternative have made little progress. Should no coalition be put in place this month, Yushchenko can dissolve parliament and call an election, the third to the chamber in as many years.

Tymoshenko said the president was bent on a new poll.

"I am certain that once we accept these ultimatums, the president will issue new ones," she said. "All these ultimatums are linked strictly to someone wanting an early election."

She repeated that the smallest group in parliament, led by the assembly's centrist former chairman Volodymyr Lytvyn, had agreed to join the "orange" team. Such a configuration would hold 248 of the chamber's 450 seats.

But Lytvyn has been skeptical about such a deal. Both Yushchenko and officials in Tymoshenko's bloc have suggested that an election may now be inevitable.

No major party stands to gain from a new parliamentary race. Polls show Tymoshenko and Yanukovich vying for the lead with about 20 percent support, with Yushchenko in single figures.



Russian gas giant Gazprom has said it is charging a record price of \$500 per 1,000 cubic meters for gas exported to Europe. Ukraine is currently paying \$180, a rate which could double next year. (UNIAN)

Record Russian gas price before key Ukraine talks

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russian gas giant Gazprom, on the eve of critical talks with Ukraine's prime minister, said on Oct. 1 that its export gas price for Europe has reached an all-time high of over \$500 per 1,000 cubic metres.

Chief executive Alexei Miller's statement amounted to serving notice to Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko that she would get no easy ride in her bid to secure a deal to shield Ukrainian industry from an abrupt increase to market levels.

"As of today we can say that the price growth dynamic has surpassed Gazprom's expectations, and the price for the gas supplied by Gazprom to Europe exceeded \$500 in October," a Gazprom statement quoted Miller as saying.

Gazprom has long said it wants to switch to market prices with ex-Soviet states and has suggested it could significantly increase the price for Ukraine, currently at \$179.50 per tcm.

Ukraine has acknowledged that it will one day have to pay market rates.

The key issue is when they will take effect.

Tymoshenko told journalists in Kyiv that ministers had approved a framework for the talks which implement President Victor Yushchenko's order for a long-term gas accord that would make clear when Ukraine would have to pay the market price.

"I hope that we can sign the agreement, but I would be cautious about any predictions because the talks will be difficult," she said.

"There is no doubt that there will be a price increase, because we are gradually, year after year, moving towards a market price."

Gazprom has suggested the price for Ukraine could more than double to \$400 in 2009. Tymoshenko last week said that level would cause an "absolute shock" to the country's economy.

The Russian government said this week that Tymoshenko and her Russian opposite number, Vladimir Putin, would discuss "various aspects of trade and economic cooperation, and also mutual activities in the energy sphere".

Russia's Interfax news agency said Tymoshenko would sign a deal in Moscow which would show Russia's support for her government without any mention of a final gas price.

"This agreement is of political nature and aims to support the government of Yulia Tymoshenko," Interfax quoted an informed source in Moscow as saying.

Tymoshenko, who is in negotiations to form a new ruling coalition, has been accused by critics at home of turning to Moscow for political backing after earlier being noted as a critic of the Kremlin, especially over energy policy.

Europe closely watches gas talks between Russia and Ukraine after a pricing dispute briefly cut transit supplies of Russian gas to Europe in January 2006.

Russia supplies a quarter of Europe's gas and its gas export monopoly Gazprom has warned Kyiv that prices for Ukraine will more than double in 2009 after oil prices rose to a record earlier this year.

Lukashenko: lift sanctions

MINSK (Reuters) — Lukashenko urged the West on Sept. 30 to lift sanctions against his ex-Soviet state despite criticism of an election by Western monitors who said the poll fell short of accepted standards.

"We are waiting for you to lift the sanctions which you introduced and which have offended the entire Belarussian people," Lukashenko told Anne-Marie Lizin, a senior monitor.

"Why have you erected an iron fence around us? This iron fence must be removed."

Reporters at the meeting said Lukashenko noted the positive and negative remarks of the report by more than 400 monitors. The European Union and United States accuse Belarus of violating fundamental rights and have imposed sanctions, including travel restrictions on the president.

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Yushchenko seeks Lazarenko

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However, many consider the Yushchenko administration's threat to extradite Lazarenko to be hollow and that it has more to do with his ongoing political feud with Tymoshenko. The president and prime minister, former Orange Revolution allies, have severed their ruling coalition in parliament.

"This is a political move to discredit the prime minister," said Taras Berezhovets, a political analyst in Polittech, who has consulted Tymoshenko's camp. "Lazarenko will probably offer testimony and evidence in exchange for freedom. The president's moves don't look clean here."

However, Tymoshenko's opponents insist that she has never fully explained her relationship with Lazarenko. And one U.S. prosecutor has suggested the fiery female politician was not cooperative in the investigation into Lazarenko.

Yushchenko's deputy chief of staff, Andriy Kisliński, has recently cited Tymoshenko's alleged involvement in Lazarenko's wrongdoings.

"According to Lazarenko's lawyers, the imprisonment term assigned by the American court to the former prime minister... will end this year. Perhaps someone wants the 'Lazarenko case' to be left without a legal verdict in Ukraine and Pavlo Ivanovych [Lazarenko] himself to not return to his homeland at all," Kisliński said.

"Such a 'silent' scenario would ensure that Lazarenko's former associates and partners avoid nervous stress and sleepless nights," Kisliński added, referring on Sept. 30 to Tymoshenko as Lazarenko's former "political associate and business partner."

Meanwhile, U.S. lawyers who prosecuted and defended Lazarenko said that it is unlikely he would be extradited or return to Ukraine anytime soon. Lazarenko's defense attorney,



Pavlo Lazarenko, then-leader of the Hromada political party, and Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, his former ally, are shown at a party convention in Kyiv in 1997. (UNIAN)

Dennis Riordan, called the suggestion that Lazarenko will be back in Ukraine any time soon "preposterous."

"There is no legal way that Lazarenko can be returned to Ukraine within the calendar year of 2008... even if there was a treaty in place. Extradition proceedings can last up to one year," Riordan said.

Lazarenko's defense team, meanwhile, plans continuing appeals of his conviction.

The prospect of Lazarenko's return to Ukraine "is a mystery to me" said Martha Boersch, who prosecuted Lazarenko when she worked for the U.S. attorney's office in San Francisco.

Boersch also noted that the most serious charges against Lazarenko were upheld on appeal.

"The wire fraud counts may have been dropped, but not the money laundering convictions," Boersch said. "I do not believe the nine-year sentence will be reduced significantly, if at all. But

that decision will be up to the district court judge."

While Lazarenko has spent a little more than four years in prison, his last five years in house detention are not credited to his nine-year sentence, his defense lawyer explained.

In 2003, a team of U.S. prosecutors and Lazarenko's defense lawyers traveled to Ukraine to gather testimony from dozens of witnesses, including Tymoshenko. The delegation was led by Boersch, then-chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force for the San Francisco federal prosecutor.

"Tymoshenko appeared with her lawyer, but she declined to answer questions citing the Ukrainian Constitution's equivalent of the Fifth Amendment... Tymoshenko did not come to the United States to testify, and she did not otherwise cooperate with the United States' investigation," Boersch said.

The investigation was eyeing alleged payments made by gas trading com-

panies linked with Tymoshenko to offshore accounts that then-Prime Minister Lazarenko controlled.

Tymoshenko's testimony might have strengthened the case against Lazarenko, Boersch said, adding that the Russian Federation also declined to cooperate with the investigation.

Concerning his relationship with Tymoshenko, Lazarenko has sent mixed messages over the years. In a widely-published interview immediately following the 2004 Orange Revolution, when Yushchenko and Tymoshenko were still allies, Lazarenko heaped praise on Tymoshenko for helping reduce Ukraine's gas debt to Russia when he was prime minister.

"My attitude towards Yulia Tymoshenko has remained exclusively positive. I knew Yulia Volodymyrivna back in Dnipropetrovsk as an excellent professional capable of completing the most complex tasks," he said in December 2004.

Lazarenko's tone was less positive after Yushchenko and Tymoshenko split in the autumn of 2005. Speaking live on Ukraine's Inter TV channel in November 2005, Lazarenko said: "To absolutely honestly answer the question on relations, I need to meet with her and discuss a lot of different nuances. I will answer about the relations after [our] meeting. There will be a lot of interesting things, so interesting that they can turn much in the arrangement of political forces in Ukraine upside down."

Lazarenko added: "I do not think that she is burning with a desire to meet."

Most recently, Tymoshenko has kept her distance from Lazarenko. Responding to the possibility of his return to Ukraine, Tymoshenko dismissed them as politically-motivated actions by Yushchenko ahead of the presidential elections.

"In the name of doing battle with Tymoshenko, parliaments are being dismissed, democratic coalitions are being ruined, Lazarenko is being imported... decrees are being prepared on the dismissal of parliament and appointment of a new prime minister. I think that instead of ruining the country, the president should issue a decree banning Tymoshenko," she said on Sept. 29.

Lazarenko, for his part, wants to return to Ukraine, according to his brother Ivan, who is deputy head of the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast council, where Pavlo also won, in absentia, a seat during the 2006 general elections.

"Of course he wants to come back to Ukraine. This is his native land. His parents are here. He was born here," said Ivan Lazarenko.

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv said that it is not aware of any possibility of Lazarenko's imminent return.

"There were no discussions to our knowledge regarding Lazarenko's possible return," said Nancy Pettit, the embassy's press attaché.

Staff writer Mark Rachkevych contributed to this report.

Highlights of the rise and fall of Pavlo Lazarenko

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Born on Jan. 23, 1953, Ukrainian ex-Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko quickly rose up the Soviet elite ladder. He started as a collective farm manager at the age of 24, and served in the Soviet Army from 1971 to 1973.

In 1978, he graduated from Dnipropetrovsk Agricultural Institute. He was named head of a district agricultural department in 1984 and from 1985-1987 served as a district council member in the Communist Party.

In 1991, he worked his way up, getting appointed deputy head of Dnipropetrovsk's Oblast council. Within one year, he took over as governor of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, and made a leap to Ukraine's central government in 1995 as deputy premier in charge of energy issues.

Within a year, he was prime minister himself, holding the position in 1997 until President Leonid Kuchma ousted him. Portraying himself as an oppositionist to Kuchma and a contender for the presidency, Lazarenko formed his own party, Hromada, and was elected to parliament in 1998. He was viewed as a serious challenger to Kuchma's grip on power, but one year later, he was taken into U.S. custody and has since been convicted of money laundering.

June 1996-July 1997

Prime minister of Ukraine. According to the United Nations, Lazarenko looted approximately \$200 million during this time. Other estimates alleged he cheated the Ukrainian people of up to \$1 billion. And in 2004, Transparency International named Lazarenko the eighth most-corrupt political leader in recent history.

March 1998

Lazarenko is elected to Ukrainian parliament as the head of his Hromada opposition political party.

September 1998

Lazarenko purchases a mansion set on 18 acres in northern California once occupied by the Hollywood star Eddie Murphy. The property in Marin County boasts two helicopter landing pads, five dog kennels, a barn-sized ballroom, granite floors inlaid with brass, and gold-plated doorknobs and sold for \$6.8 million - paid by Lazarenko in cash.

Sept. 14, 1998

The General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine launches a criminal investigation into Lazarenko alleging he misappropriated large amounts of state property.

Dec. 2, 1998

Lazarenko is detained on money laundering charges attempting to cross the Swiss-French border by car holding a valid Panamanian passport in violation of Ukrainian law prohibiting its citizens from holding dual citizenship. He was released on bail from a Geneva prison for \$2.7 million after spending several weeks there and returns to Ukraine.

Feb. 17, 1999

Ukrainian parliament waives Lazarenko's parliamentary immunity from prosecution and prosecutors file embezzlement charges against him. Lazarenko fled Ukraine on the eve of the parliamentary vote and eventually was detained at New York's JFK airport on February 20, 1999 where he immediately requested political asylum. He was detained in the United States in March 1999.

May 18, 2000

A San Francisco grand jury indicts Lazarenko for money laundering and transportation of stolen property.

June 29, 2000

Lazarenko is found guilty in absentia by a Swiss court for laundering \$6.6 million through Swiss banks. He was given an 18-month suspended sentence and had \$6.5 million confiscated from his Swiss accounts.

June 30, 2000

President Leonid Kuchma asks Washington to extradite Lazarenko to Ukraine. Kuchma also indicates that he will sign any necessary documents to expedite this process; there is no extradition treaty between the two countries.

June 13, 2003

Lazarenko is released on \$86 million bail and placed under house arrest in an undisclosed San Francisco apartment, required to wear an identity bracelet and pay for his own security.

May 7, 2004

A San Francisco court rules that Lazarenko was not guilty of 23 out of 53 counts against him.

June 3, 2004

A federal jury in San Francisco convicts Lazarenko of 29 felony counts after 10 weeks of trial and four days of deliberations.

May 20, 2005

U.S. federal court judge withdraws 15 counts against Lazarenko.

July 12, 2005

Prosecutor General of Ukraine, Svyatoslav Piskun initiates extradition discussions with US representatives. Apparently, Ukrainian investigators were handed all documents concerning Lazarenko case.

Aug. 25, 2006

The San Francisco District Court sentences Lazarenko to 108 months in jail and fines him \$10 million for money laundering and sale of illegally acquired property abroad when he was Ukraine's prime minister.

Sept. 25, 2008

Stepan Havrysh of the National Security and Defense Council announces that an interagency working group of experts from Ukrainian law enforcement bodies have reached a preliminary agreement within the USA on the possible extradition of Lazarenko.

Sept. 26, 2008

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco reverses 6 of 14 criminal convictions against Lazarenko. The court overturned five convictions of wire fraud. A sixth conviction, for interstate transportation of stolen property, was reversed because prosecutors failed to document an illicit bank transaction. The case was remanded for resentencing for the \$20 million Lazarenko laundered through U.S. banks.

Oct. 1, 2008

Pavlo Lazarenko was scheduled to be back before a judge in California where proceedings were under way to have his \$86 million bail revoked. He will be re-sentenced after a federal appeals court upheld most convictions against him.

Disasters-in-waiting and ways to avoid them



Traffic is just one of the Kyiv city's multiple problems that require thoughtful measures from the local government. Dr. Volodymyr Nudelman predicts the current city development plan might worsen traffic jams. (Natalia Kravchuk)

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Dr. Volodymyr Nudelman is a walking encyclopedia on facts and figures related to his native Kyiv. He's got a recipe for how to cure many of its illnesses, having studied the city's growth and development from the days of Soviet glory, post-Soviet collapse and now the new era of rampant commercialism. He is an academic with a doctorate in geographical sciences and a member of the Ukrainian Academy of Architecture. He is a modest man who travels around the city by public transport. But there is nothing modest about his extensive knowledge of the city, its problems and how to fix them.

KP: What are the main problems of the capital at the moment?

VN: The greatest roadblock is that the Kyiv city government has no strategy or perspective for the city's development. For a while, the Ukrainian capital was progressing spontaneously, only driven by primitive market forces and the wishes of a small group of oligarchs.

Kyiv is totally overpopulated now. The number of citizens exceeds five million – a figure that had been originally planned for the year 2020. The number of cars has gone up to one million. New skyscrapers pop up downtown in the city each month. At the same time, the capital's infrastructure hasn't been upgraded in the last 20 years. Roads, sewage and energy systems are overloaded.

Some parts of Kyiv's sewer system were built in 1917. Water leaks are huge in these parts of the city and enormous amounts of money go to fixing the old equipment instead of buying new systems. The loss of energy from leakages is equal to one year's worth of output by a nuclear power plant. As a result, the energy share in water production is 40 percent, while the European standard is five percent.

The road infrastructure is also in poor condition. According to acceptable national standards, Kyivans should not spend more than 45 minutes traveling to work each day. But that is impossible in the city today.

[Communist ideologist] Karl Marx once said that in the near future the wealth of society would be estimated by the amount of free time. In Kyiv this

→ **Kyiv city expert warns of potential threats**

rate is very low.

KP: Is the Kyiv government trying to solve these problems?

VN: Considering the lack of accessible land and overpopulation of the city, the Kyiv City Council decided to extend the city's borders. According to the general plan, the city will grow by 60,000 hectares from the current 83,600. Officials plan to annex territories west of Kyiv, up to the Irpin River; to the south down to the city of Ukrainka, and northern lands including Vyshgorod city. These territories are the most expensive areas in the vicinity of the capital. And I am sure that after joining Kyiv, they are going to be sold off fully during the next land grab. Such a change is disadvantageous for both Kyiv residents and the villagers.

Upgrading the new territories bringing them in line with the capital's standards will require huge investment. It also means that problems that exist in the present borders of the city will not be solved.

Rural residents will be deprived their usual lifestyle. Access to the Dnipro River, to the forests and numerous

benefits which are given by law to country residents will be cut off.

The issue of different mentality should also be taken into account. Village and city dwellers do get along well. They have different perceptions on life and will find it difficult to mix together.

KP: So, how should the problem of limited land resources be addressed?

VN: I am sure we can avoid expansion of the city territory. Moscow is a good example here. It's population density is twice as high, but the local government has no plan to increase its territory until 2020. The Moscow government satisfies its city housing and business construction needs using existing land resources. Kyiv can do this too.

To improve the capital land fund we should do the following. Firstly, we must move industry out of city. Then, move the city and national government out of the city center, and give out all the empty buildings to private investors, providing desirable territory for construction.

Investors will get the desirable territory for construction. For example, the Agriculture Ministry [located on Khreshchatyk] is a great place for a five-star hotel. This step will also reduce the number of cars that fill the center each day. Then, the city can give away outdated housing, which accounts for about one quarter of all housing in the city.

KP: What are the main infrastructural threats in Kyiv?

VN: I guess the most serious problem for the Kyivans is the sewage system. It is completely out of date and badly in need of modernization. In three or four years the city may face an ecological disaster, with all the waste contaminating the water of Dnipro River. A land plot that was designated for a new sewage processing plant by the previous city government has already been



Dr. Volodymyr Nudelman is a city development expert. He talks about Kyiv's infrastructural problems and offers his own radical solutions. (Ukrinform)

sold by the new city government. And there is no other suitable space for it in or around Kyiv. The only way out is to buy new European technology that will cut the waste 100 fold. Some remains can be recycled to produce phosphate fertilizer. Unfortunately, the technology costs 500 million euros, which our government is not willing to pay.

The second problem is the city's aging gas pipeline system. It has not been modernized since Soviet days. In the near future pipes could leak trigger-

ing accidents. Finally, the city budget is not big enough to fund modernization and solutions for all of these problems. Nothing can be done without funding from the state budget.

Also, Kyivans are losing valuable recreational resources. It is a real tragedy. The city population consumes 10 million tons of oxygen per year, while reproducing only 30,000 tons. The oxygen deficit requires a green area of about 25,000 square kilometers around the city.

Born to be rich

Ukraine's richest man, Rinat Akhmetov, and his younger son, Almir, were on their way to a Shakhtar football team training session when this file photo was taken in Donetsk on Feb.24. Almir is involved in karate, according to media reports. Akhmetov has two heirs to his business empire and an estimated personal fortune of \$31.2 billion to split between them. (UNIAN)



BY KORRESPONDENT MAGAZINE

Inherited wealth is a part of the world's financial reality, as bulging bank accounts and the advantages that wealth brings are passed from generation to generation. But in Ukraine, it is a relatively new phenomenon.

The nation's next generation of financial elite, the sons and daughters of current billionaires, are growing up. The names of Ukraine's richest heirs are only starting to emerge in

the public limelight. But they could become household names before long -- similar to the way their fathers' names emerged a decade ago after the shady privatizations of the 1990s.

Assuming their parents don't blow their entire fortunes on luxuries and bad investments, the following list represents the potentially top 20 richest kids of Ukraine, according to Korrespondent magazine, a Russian-language sister publication of the Kyiv Post.

What they do with their wealth will

affect the nation as well. Will they invest in projects that help raise everyone's standard of living? Or will they acquire yachts and mistresses on the southern coast of France?

The future inheritances were derived by splitting the father's estimated fortune equally among his known children. And these estimates are derived from estimates themselves, taken from Korrespondent's latest annual ranking of the top 50 richest people in Ukraine.

The richest heirs in Ukraine

Rating	Child	Potential fortune in \$ billions	Age	Father	Father's total estimated wealth in \$ billions
1	Damir Akhmetov	15.6	20	Rinat Akhmetov, owner of System Capital Management	31.2
2	Almir Akhmetov	15.6	11		
3	Kseniya Martynova	4.9	17	Oleksiy Martynov, co-owner of Privat Group assets	4.9
4	Maria Pinchuk	4.4	26	Victor Pinchuk, founder of investment and consulting group EastOne	8.8
5	Kateryna Pinchuk	4.4	4		
6	Son of Victor Nusenkis	3.3	no data	Victor Nusenkis, co-owner of Energo concern	3.3
7	Angelika Kolomoiska	3.3	23	Ihor Kolomoisky, member of PrivatBank's supervisory board	6.6
8	Hryhoriy Kolomoisky	3.3	9		
9	Tetyana Potapova	3.2	no data	Volodymyr Boiko, director of Illich metal works	3.2
10	Ivanka Firtash	2.9	17-18	Dmytro Firtash, co-owner of RosUkrEnergo	2.9
11	Ivan Zhevago	2.6	13	Kostyantyn Zhevago, owner of Finansy i Kredyt bank, Poltavsky ore plant and AvtoKrAZ	5.2
12	Elizaveta Zhevago	2,6	no data		
13	Oleksandr Yaroslavsky	2,6	12	Oleksandr Yaroslavsky, head of Development Construction Holding	2.6
14	Kateryna Bogolubova	2,07	24	Hennadiy Bogolubov, head of PrivatBank's supervisory board	6.2
15	Mykhailo Bogolubov	2,07	5		
16	Son of Hennadiy Bogolubov	2,07	no data		
17	Kateryna Taruta	1.2	24	Serhiy Taruta, Head of the Industrial Union of Donbass Corporation's board of directors	2.4
18	Tetyana Taruta	1.2	no data		
19	Yulia Haiduk	1.2	no data	Vitaliy Haiduk, president of Industrial Group Consortium	2.4
20	Denis Haiduk	1.2	no data		

Damir and Almir Akhmetov

Rinat Akhmetov, Ukraine's richest man and president of Shakhtar football club, has two sons. Damir is 20. He and his family do not advertise what he plans on doing with his life, but he has plenty of choices among his father's vast interests in metallurgy, coal and food industries, energy, communications and mass media. According to Ukrainian media, he manages a Donetsk company called Lux, a metal trader and intermediary. He has a younger brother called Almir, 11, who recently has been appearing at soccer matches with his father. Media reports also suggest the boy is quite good at karate.



Maria Pinchuk

She is the daughter of Victor Pinchuk and Olena Arshava, his ex-wife. Maria graduated from Dnipropetrovsk University, specializing in psychology and English language and literature. She then went to Oxford to continue her studies. Maria, 26, is a shareholder in Firma Dime Ltd, which sells nonferrous metals. She also owns real estate in London. Her wealth is reflected in her appearance: at the opening of her father's Modern Art Center, photographers caught her wearing diamonds, carrying an expensive Louis Vuitton bag and wearing a watch by Franck Muller, a luxury brand. Maria is not the only

heir to his father's business empire. In 2004, Victor Pinchuk had a daughter, Kateryna, with his wife, Olena Franchuk, the only daughter of ex-President Leonid Kuchma. They are also raising Roman Franchuk, Olena's 15-year-old son from her first marriage.



Angelika Kolomoiska

Angelika, 21, is the only daughter in the family. She has a 9-year-old brother. Her father's estimated fortune is \$6.55 billion, but she is not spoiled, Korrespondent says. Her friends often talk about her in superlatives: she is sharp and persistent. According to some, she wanted to study psychology, but her father insisted on a business education. Currently, Angelika is working in her aunt's art salon in Geneva, Switzerland, where she has lived with her parents for a few years. She may have inherited passion for art from her father, a famous art collector.



Kateryna Bogolubova

After five years in the Kyiv International Relations Institute, she graduated as an international civil lawyer. Kateryna then decided against a career in law and went to business instead. She opened a jewelry boutique in Kyiv called Axioma. According to her friends, she wants to live in Ukraine, a choice that makes her father rejoice.

Oleksandr and Serhiy Kalynovsky

While not in Korrespondent's Top 20 list of Ukraine's richest kids, Oleksandr and Serhiy are stepsons to Dmytro Firtash, the country's top gas trading tycoon. Their mother, Maria Kalynovska, is Firtash's second wife. She is challenging the legality of their recent divorce and seeks to gain half of his fortune. Serhiy caused a tragic car accident on Kyiv's Shevchenko Boulevard, where two people were killed in the summer of 2007, including a police officer. He has fled Ukraine to avoid prosecution.

Yushchenko, Bush meet as both face domestic crises

→ **1** have more hopes connected with Yushchenko." He added that, without political stability, Ukraine "will not get the necessary investments."

The disappointment puts these American business representatives in the same company as many Ukrainians: in search of fresh political leadership for Ukraine due to a dissatisfaction with the eternally-feuding troika of Yushchenko, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and Party of Regions leader Viktor Yanukovich.

Members of the business group arrived with a list of grievances and hoped in vain that Yushchenko would provide some concrete answers.

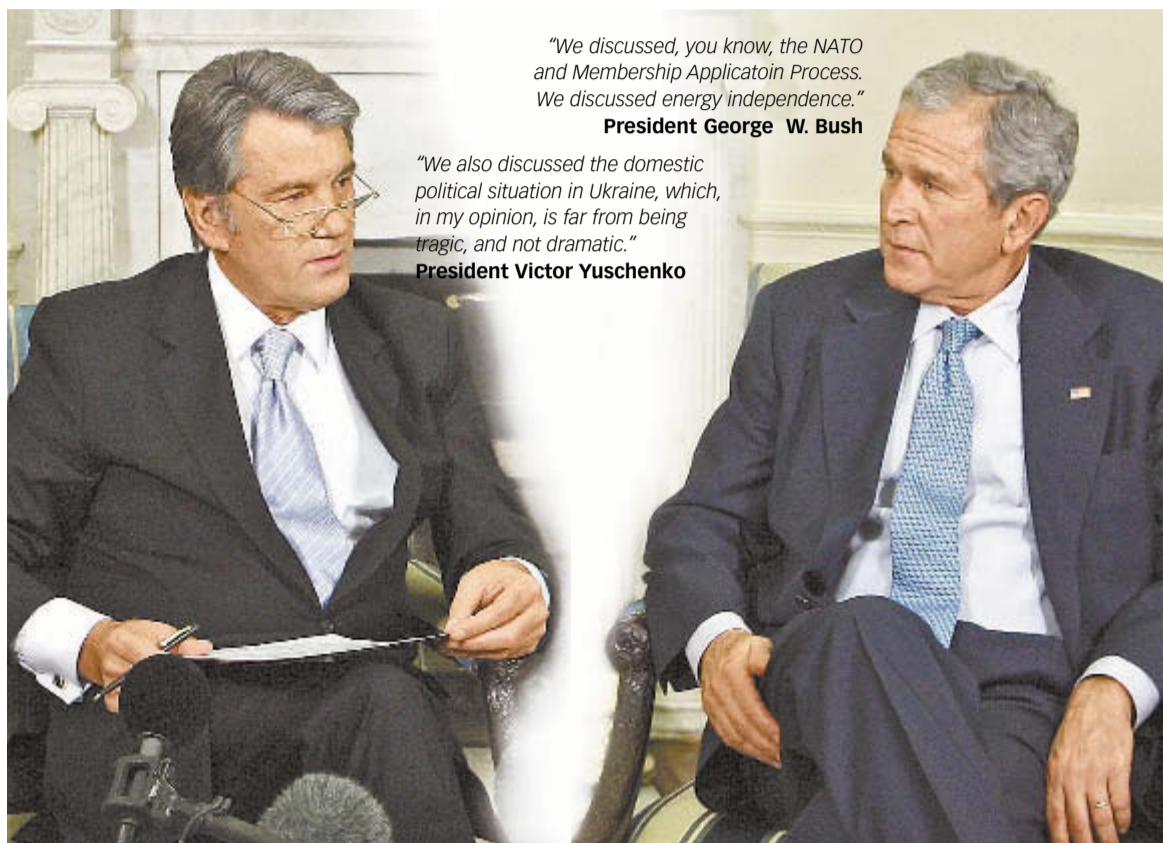
One such case, cited by the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv in a Sept. 26 press release, involves a bitter shareholder conflict at Kyiv's Borschahivskiy Chemical-Pharmaceutical Plant. One of the sides in the conflict is a U.S. company. The American Embassy has urged "an equitable resolution" of the case.

Other examples cited by Americans doing business in Ukraine included Houston-based Vanco Energy, the company which along with Ukrainian and unnamed partners aims to explore the Black Sea for oil and gas. Yushchenko supported the project and clashed over it with Tymoshenko. She opposes the project and claims it yields too much of Ukraine's hydrocarbon reserves into the hands of Russian interests.

Another case cited is Maxwell Biocorporation, the pharmaceutical giant which opened a 150,000-square-foot facility in the town of Boryspil this year.

The audience consisted of the US giants, who patiently waited for the leader of the Orange Revolution to give them an overview of the current situation in Ukraine and the destiny of their money.

But instead of receiving clear answers to their worries, those gathered at The Metropolitan Club in Washington sat patiently through a long speech from Yushchenko about Ukraine's strong "democratic resource" and how the



"We discussed, you know, the NATO and Membership Application Process. We discussed energy independence."

President George W. Bush

"We also discussed the domestic political situation in Ukraine, which, in my opinion, is far from being tragic, and not dramatic."

President Viktor Yushchenko

U.S. President George W. Bush greets Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko on Sept. 29 in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, D.C. Both presidents are deeply unpopular in their nations. (Courtesy).

"political situation in Ukraine is far from being tragic, and not dramatic."

He also obliquely accused Russia of meddling to create a domestic crisis. He called recent events in the Ukrainian parliament "Georgia II," the aim of which is to destabilize the nation. Russia's five-day war with

Georgia, Yushchenko said, is further proof that Ukraine needs to protect its security by joining the NATO military alliance.

Concerning domestic politics, Yushchenko cast doubts on the ability of Yulia Tymoshenko's bloc, Yanukovich's Regions party and the Communists

to form a ruling coalition. If a ruling coalition is not formed by an October deadline, the president could dissolve parliament and call snap elections that might further weaken his own Our Ukraine bloc.

Yushchenko described his political break-up with Tymoshenko in the bitter humor of a jilted lover, blaming it on "the infidelity of the partner."

But clear impatience surfaced with Ukraine's political sideshows.

Jack Heller, attorney of the company Heller & Rosenblatt from Washington, D.C., warned that American foreign policymakers "may finally require from the Ukrainian leaders better performance in terms of struggling against corruption."

Otherwise, Heller said, U.S. interests may lean toward better relationships with Russia, finding better anti-terrorism or space cooperation preferable to the eternal discussion of Ukraine's "strong democratic resource."

For the most part, however, people in attendance masked their disappointment with polite praise for Yushchenko.

He is still revered after surviving a near-fatal – and still unexplained – dioxin poisoning from his 2004 campaign and going on to lead the democratic Orange Revolution with Tymoshenko, vaulting him to power in 2005 and overturning a presidential election rigged for Yanukovich.

In addition to the business leaders, the Washington meeting was also attended by current U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor, as well as three of his predecessors – William Green Miller, Steven Pifer and John Herbst.

"We will always respect Victor Yushchenko as a brave man who did a lot to promote democratic values in Ukraine," Miller said.

The president was introduced by Morgan Williams of SigmaBleyzer, the president of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council, who said: "Mr. President, the businesses in attendance today have billions of dollars invested in Ukraine, have created thousands of jobs and are totally committed to an independent, strong, democratic, prosperous Ukraine, driven by a private, market-driven economic system under the rule of law."

Companies represented include: 3M, AES Corporation, Aitken Berlin, American Continental Group, American Councils on International Education, Baker & McKenzie, BBC World Service/Ukrainian Service, Boeing, Bracewell & Giuliani, Bunge, Cargill, Chevron, Coca-Cola, ContourGlobal, Crompton Group, DHL Express, DRS-Technical Services, Edelman, First International Resources, and Global Trade Development.

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Editorial

Bandits to jail

Like a jack-in-the-box, Pavlo Lazarenko suddenly sprang up from the past. Stashed away for the past nine years, mainly in prison or under house detention in the United States, the former prime minister who looted the nation is suddenly hot news again.

President Victor Yushchenko's administration said it will seek the extradition of the prime minister who tried to make government his personal fiefdom in 1996-1997. But the officials didn't sound convincing.

The Ukrainian media grabbed the bait eagerly, making a big deal out of it and predicting doomsday for Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, who once had Lazarenko's support in the lucrative scheme of purchasing Russian gas on the cheap and re-selling it for extortionist prices in 1990s. Tymoshenko's company, United Energy Systems, got fabulously wealthy.

Lazarenko ended up convicted of money laundering, while Tymoshenko launched a spectacular political career, taking his old job as prime minister twice since 2004. She is now better known as the Orange Princess than the Gas Princess, as she was called in the old days.

The latest news about Lazarenko is from the federal appeals court in San Francisco, which on Sept. 26 upheld his conviction on eight counts of money laundering and conspiracy, while overturning his conviction on six other charges.

But what U.S. investigators uncovered in his case is just the tip of the iceberg. Much skulduggery and wrongdoing can be found. This is true of Lazarenko's case, as well as of other top crimes Ukraine has yet to solve – murders of journalists and politicians, election rigging, the president's poisoning, and corrupt privatization deals, to name just a few.

The resurrection of Lazarenko's case is a welcome reminder of all these unsolved crimes and all those in hiding, such as ex-Naftogaz chief Ihor Bakai.

Lazarenko belongs in jail, in either Ukraine or the USA. So far, it seems that he is wanted in the motherland to pour more dirt on Tymoshenko, rather than the tardy pursuit of justice. Bandits belong in jail. If Ukrainian officials don't have the guts to put them there, they should leave Lazarenko where he is and instead buy U.S.-bound one-way tickets for many more politicians.

NATO mirage

In a frantic attempt to drum up support for Ukraine's claim of a speedy accession to NATO, President Victor Yushchenko has been traveling far and wide. He visited the United States twice in a week, France just before that, and is scheduled to go to Italy and Great Britain the early days of October.

Courting the world's policymakers in both hemispheres seems to be a lame attempt at boosting Ukraine's chances to receive a Membership Action Plan to join NATO at the next summit in December. The previous summit in April postponed a decision on Ukraine and Georgia. The issue gained more momentum in the wake of Russia's five-day war in Georgia in August.

But as the president's push for NATO increases, so does the resistance towards Ukraine's potential membership. Too many voices have been raised against it lately, and they are getting more influential.

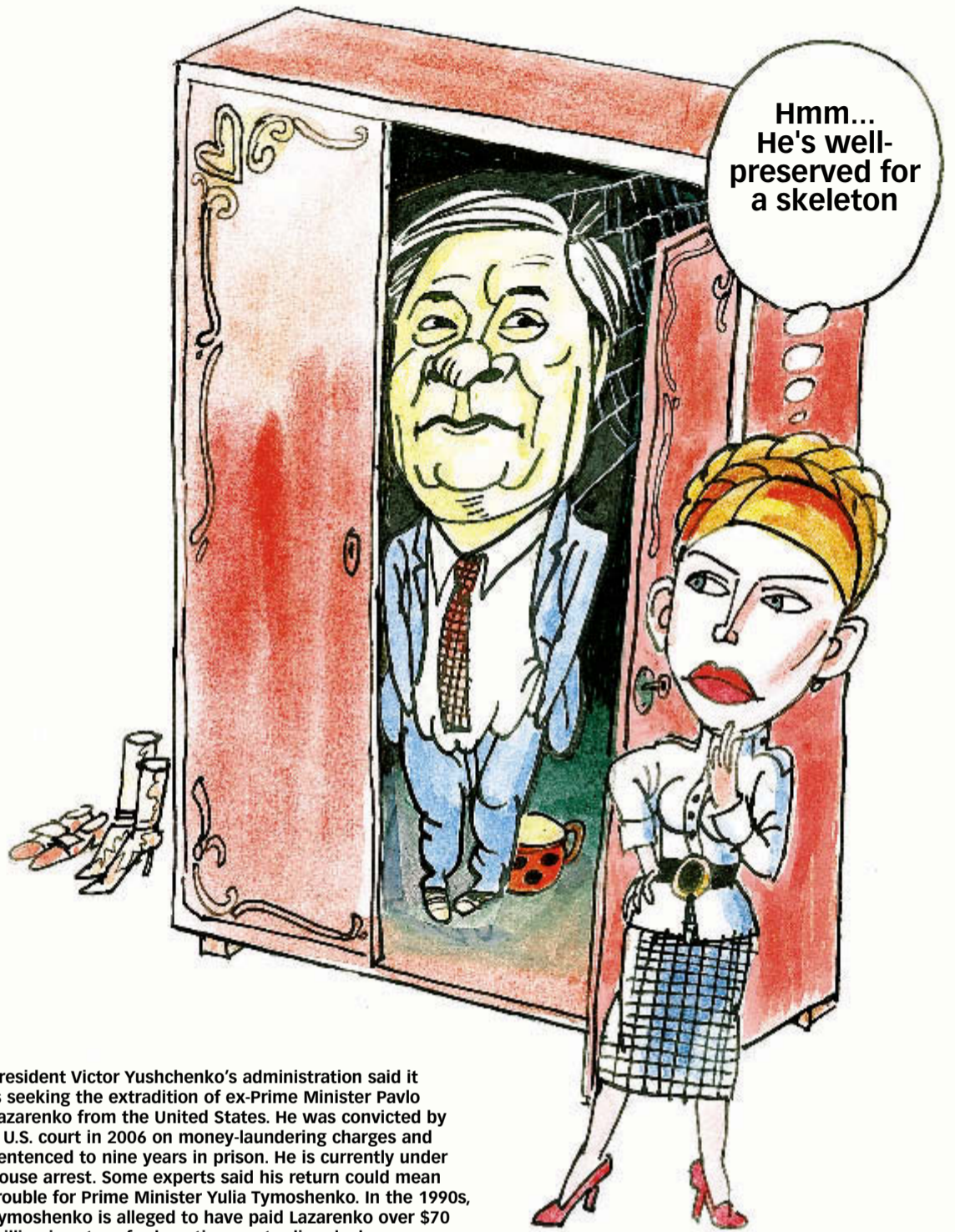
True, Ukraine still has vigorous support from outgoing U.S. President George W. Bush, but his is politically impotent. Former U.S. ambassador to Russia Jack Matlock said recently that the admittance of Ukraine would create a "dangerous gulf" between Washington and Moscow. Top officials in Turkey, France and other alliance members have expressed concern and said Ukraine's advancement would be disadvantageous.

Even within Ukraine, influential politicians have called to halt the NATO application process. Anatoliy Hrytsenko, former defense minister, said Ukraine should concentrate on regional security programs and forget about NATO for now. The public, of course, is deeply divided over the prospect of NATO membership.

Now that Ukraine is frequently mentioned as a potential victim of Russia's bullying, it appears that few in the West want to stand up for Ukraine. Not if the bully controls the natural gas taps.

But Ukraine itself does little to get out of this geopolitical mess. Wearsome infighting, no vision for developing the pro-Russian Crimea and a deteriorating relationship with Russia have contributed to the world's perception of Ukraine as a troublesome place, and has reduced its chances for European Union and NATO memberships.

Membership in NATO and the European Union should remain a strategic goal, especially while a power-hungry KGB autocrat controls the Kremlin. But Ukraine needs to first clean up its domestic mess and show itself to be a stabile partner for the West before it has a chance to achieve its dreams.



President Victor Yushchenko's administration said it is seeking the extradition of ex-Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko from the United States. He was convicted by a U.S. court in 2006 on money-laundering charges and sentenced to nine years in prison. He is currently under house arrest. Some experts said his return could mean trouble for Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. In the 1990s, Tymoshenko is alleged to have paid Lazarenko over \$70 million in return for lucrative gas trading deals.

Letters to the editor

USA going the way of Soviet Union?

Dear editor,

The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. The United States, as we know it, is collapsing now in its own way – in a financial meltdown and an impending economic catastrophe. Government intervention to rescue the banking system is now the only possible recourse, says U.S. Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson. In other words, socialism for capitalists is the way to go. And capitalism for workers.

The cause of the fall of these two powers is the same: unsustainable military spending.

The Soviet Union cracked because its economy was not strong enough to keep up with military spending during the Cold War.

The U.S., with 5 percent of the world's population, has been spending as much as the rest of the world on its military – most of it borrowed money after President George W. Bush's tax cuts. Permanent war in Iraq and Afghanistan has become a bottomless pit.

The culture of debt has spread from the fiscal chaos in the U.S. government

into Wall Street and Main Street. The ideologically motivated Bush-Cheney regime has been obliterating the vestiges of regulations enacted during the Great Depression that served as a firewall for many years. Weighed down by debt, the system cracked.

And now, caught with its pants down, the conservative movement has panicked and turned to the government for a solution. An unthinkable change is now under way in the USA: mountains of private debt are to be nationalized as soon as the powers that be figure out how to control this process without contamination by some massive fraud.

Media attention is now focused on obscuring the connection between the war and the financial meltdown now under way. We still have use for war heroes, besides baseball heroes, for self-exaltation. Anglo-Saxon pride won't allow the establishment to acknowledge the connection and bring the troops home right away.

But if "the surge" has succeeded as claimed by the Bush Administration, why are we still in Iraq? As for

Afghanistan, it was a losing proposition even before it started. Throughout history, no one has been able to conquer that country. The British had their lesson there in the 19th century, although they tactfully are humoring Uncle Sam by sending some token troops now.

Meanwhile, the stampede toward the taxpayer bailout of Wall Street is causing another upsurge in oil prices and a dollar dive in anticipation of runaway inflation, while the Federal Reserve Bank's activism in bailout proceedings and money "infusion" in all directions is seen as an indication that the central bank has abdicated its primary role of safeguarding the value of the U.S. currency.

Cooler heads realize that, despite the ongoing rush for some imaginary "solution," the country cannot avoid taking some tough medicine – including a severe economic slump – for the damage done by the Bush era and the resulting financial chicanery and meltdown.

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Stepan Bandera: Hero or Nazi sympathizer?



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A new date is approaching that once again will spark infighting and mutual accusations in Ukrainian society. New Year's Day 2009 marks 100 years since the birth of Ukrainian nationalist leader Stepan Bandera.

Bandera took charge of the fight for Ukraine's independence in the early and middle part of the last century. He was killed in Munich in 1959 by Soviet special agent Bogdan Stashynskiy. The murder was followed by a sensational court hearing covered by the world's biggest media.

For the first time ever it was proven that the highest officials in Moscow ordered the elimination of the regime's political opponents. The world finally realized it, and Bandera was added to the list of tragic historical personalities destroyed by the Communist regime.

In Ukraine, however, things are very different.

He has been gone for nearly half a century, but people continue quarreling over him even more than over living political activists. The difference in approach is huge: some people consider him a hero, while others claim he was a Nazi servant and traitor of Ukraine.

The author of this column filmed a documentary about this old hero of today's scandals, called "The Three Loves of Stepan Bandera." The subject got me interested because it had to do with the fight for Ukraine's independence. At the same time, the concentration of tragedies and drama was so high that even Shakespeare would have trouble digesting it.

Take, for example, the personality of Bandera's killer. Lviv student Bohdan Stashynsky agreed to cooperate with NKVD (The People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs). He was given a terrible choice: either cooperate or his whole family – which had ties with the resistance movement led by Bandera – goes to Stalin's camps for 25 years. This was equal to a death sentence.

But after killing Bandera, Stashynsky surrendered to police in West Berlin.

After the release of the documentary in 1998, nobody accused me of trying to split society or promote the "traitor of the Ukrainian people and Nazi servant." I perceived Bandera to be a weighty personality from recent history, a person who could generate heated discussions among historians only. But suddenly, after the last presidential election in 2005, the name Stepan Bandera gained power again.

So, what happened then?

In the times of the Soviet Union, Stepan Bandera and his brothers-in-arms were scarecrows for the country's citizens. The Communist Party, which declared itself internationalist, was fiercely fighting against the so-called "Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists." A Moscow that could not tolerate the very thought of Ukraine becoming an independent state painted all those who fought for it in the blackest colors. So Bandera became the symbol of Ukrainian bourgeois nationalism.

He was the leader of the Organization of Ukrainian



Stepan Bandera, controversial fighter for Ukraine's independence, is resting with his family in this 1950s photo from the family album. (Ukrinform)

Nationalists (OUN), which declared in the 1930s that its primary goal was fighting for Ukraine's independence. It declared war against all governments that controlled ethnic Ukrainian lands or territories where ethnic Ukrainians had a majority.

First and foremost, the leaders of the Communist U.S.S.R. destroyed the Ukrainian intellectual elite through an artificial famine in 1932-33, when a minimum of six million people died.

One of Bandera's achievements was the creation of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) which carried out armed resistance in the forests and mountains of Western Ukraine against both the USSR and Germany during WWII.

After the war was over, the UPA continued to fight. Compared to other peoples, it was the Ukrainians who turned out to be the most persevering. While other nations laid down their arms by the end of the '40s, the Ukrainian mass resistance movement lasted till the mid-1950s. Individual fights continued way into the early '60s.

The UPA fighters got a lot of praise from the Nobel Prize winner and recently deceased writer Alexander

Solzhenitsyn. He wrote in his fundamental research of the Soviet system, "The Gulag Archipelago," that the UPA fighters who landed in camps directly from forest footpaths, fought against the spirit of slavery that reigned there, and initiated several revolts.

It seemed that after Ukraine pronounced independence in 1991, all fighters for Ukrainian statehood would get the recognition they deserved. For a long time this subject remained relatively neutral – it did not cause particularly heated discussions.

But after the changes in power of 2005, a new ideological campaign started against President Victor Yushchenko, who insists that all Ukrainians who fought on opposite sides of barricades – both UPA and the Soviet Red Army fighters – should shake hands and reconcile, like the Spanish did after their civil war.

But Yushchenko's opponents started to exploit stereotypes that had been forced onto Ukrainians for decades. As part of the pro-Russian population's nostalgia for the Soviet Union, it was agreed that "serving" Hitler was the greatest of Bandera's faults. At the same time, they turned a blind eye toward the fact that Germany and the Soviet Union cooperated.

OUN and Bandera haters continue perceiving the U.S.S.R. as the medium of truth and all good that broke the neck of the "beast of fascism." They again turn a blind eye to the fact that the Communist regime of the U.S.S.R. differed very little from the Nazi regime of Germany.

It doesn't even occur to them that the relations with the Germans were tactical, while the strategic goal was achieving Ukraine's independence. They deny that OUN had its own interests and was fighting for them against the will of the states at war.

Even Russia's ex-president Vladimir Putin scolded the Ukrainian Insurgent Army. If this tiny army that never had more than 100,000 fighters at a time continues to keep the leaders of a huge nuclear state awake at night, it means that it had a spiritual victory.

And so did its leader and inspiration, Stepan Bandera.

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Which human rights are abused most frequently in Ukraine?



Halyna Klyuchikova,
Private entrepreneur

"I consider the right for education to be persistently abused in Ukraine. The new test system

[for university admission, which uses school graduation tests as alternatives to entrance examinations] destroyed the opportunity for many to receive a good education."



Nadia Tumanska
Pensioner

"How can we speak of human rights in Ukraine, if most of them are violated by those who should

be guarding them in the first place – Ukrainian law enforcement structures. Speaking of freedom of speech, regardless of the fact that the situation has improved significantly, news is still "ordered" and is not reliable in most cases. However, I should admit that freedom of choice does exist in Ukraine today."



Vitaliy Terletskiy
Student

"There is no equality among people in Ukraine today due to huge economical disparity

between upper and lower classes and the absence of a middle one. It causes oppression and the infringement of human rights of the lower classes by the ruling one."



Serhiy Panov
Student

"There is no freedom of choice. The fact I pay for my university education should give me the right

to choose which courses to attend and which to omit. Well, there is no such option for me today at my university."



Serhiy Burenko
Furniture maker

"Even though Soviet times are gone, the right to reside and work where one wants

and not be stuck in the place one is registered, is still violently abused. Generally, the situation with human rights has improved."

Stepan Bandera: Jan. 1, 1909 - Oct. 15, 1959

Stepan Bandera was born on Jan. 1, 1909, in the village of Staryi Uhryniv in Stanyslav region, which is now called Ivano-Frankivsk, on then-Polish territory. His father was a Greek Catholic priest.

In 1929, Bandera joined the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN). Its declared aim of existence was the creation of an independent Ukrainian state. In 1936, Bandera was arrested and sentenced to death by a Polish court. He was fortunately granted amnesty and his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

He was found guilty of organizing the murders of high Soviet and Polish officials in Lviv and Warsaw, whom the OUN considered to be discriminating against ethnic Ukrainians. After the division of Poland between the Soviet Union and Germany in 1939, Bandera was released. He concentrated on developing the OUN.

After the breakout of war between the U.S.S.R. and

Germany, the OUN, under Bandera's leadership, declared the restoration of the Ukrainian independent state. It happened on June 30, 1941, in Lviv, which was then occupied by the Germans.

Because of this act, Bandera was arrested by the occupying German force after he refused to revoke his declaration. He was sent to a concentration camp in Sachsenhausen. At the same time, two of his three brothers were sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where they died in 1942.

Throughout the rest of his life, Bandera headed the OUN, which was the leading resistance movement in Ukraine, together with its military subdivision, the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA). They considered both Stalin and Hitler their enemy.

Bandera was murdered by a KGB agent on Oct. 15, 1959, in Munich.

'Orange' coalition fatigue: Political fighting only diminishes nation's standing abroad



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I can only imagine how tired Ukrainians must have become of what passes for political dialogue between the Yulia Tymoshenko and Victor Yushchenko camps. Here in the United States – as, indeed, in most of the democratic world – we also have political squabbles and disputes. They are a healthy part of what the public needs to know in choosing their elected officials. As we get closer to elections, the average American will be inundated with dozens of 30-second, provocative commercials on a daily basis.

But, thankfully, Americans also realize that – on the day after – the shrillness will end and there will be reconciliation – ceremonial if not real. That reconciliation will carry over into the newly-elected president's term of office, and the rancor of the campaign will become muted as the political debate shifts to policy disagreements and occasional press conferences.

What passes for "democratic" political dialogue in Ukraine is both unseemly and embarrassing. Unfortunately, most of the "noise" comes from the president and prime minister, the two squabbling "Orange coalition" leaders and their supporters. The three other parties – after conducting themselves like a mob of adolescent hoodlums at the beginning of the new parliamentary session – have simply taken a back seat to enjoy the "show." They understand the public's revulsion and fatigue at the continuous mudslinging within the democratic camp, and are hoping to reap its electoral benefits.

Does anybody in the Tymoshenko and Yushchenko camps realize how ineffective their invective has become and how much credibility each has lost in the process? Does either of the two heads of government realize how they besmirch and demean Ukraine's image in the world, and how more and more foreigners are coming to the conclusion that Ukraine is a hopeless case?

Although there is fault on both sides, it appears to me that the president – more than his prime minister – bears responsibility for setting the tone for his government. He is, after all, the person

→ It is not too late for democratic forces to regain citizens' trust

primarily responsible for Ukraine's international stature. He can, if he chooses, in quiet discussions with his political partners and opponents, insist that all their "dirty laundry" remain in-house rather than be exposed for all the world – including Moscow – to manipulate and exploit.

Unfortunately, the president and, especially, his top advisers appear to be the principal provocateurs. If parliamentarian David Zhvania was responsible for Yushchenko's dioxin poisoning in 2004, then Ukraine's law enforcement should have the evidence and make it stick. If Yulia conducted treasonous discussions with the Kremlin,

then she should be charged with the crime and proceedings begun to remove her from office. But if the evidence is not there, if there are only surmises and suspicions, then, Mr. President and Mr. [Victor] Baloha [Yushchenko's chief of staff], bite your lip, bide your time, keep a watchful eye and remain silent.

It is not too late for the democratic forces of the country to regain the trust and confidence of its citizens. The first thing they must do is to agree that they will no longer air their disputes in public. They must repress, for the good of the country, all public manifestations of their personal dislike for each other. They must be seen as working together, despite their personal and political differences. In other words, they must be seen as a model of a working democracy... a system in which opposing views are discussed in a civil manner and compromises are reached for the benefit of their countrymen.

This one small shift in the manner in which Yushchenko and Tymoshenko and their staff conduct their transactions will restore domestic and foreign confidence in Ukraine and flow as a welcome, refreshing breeze over a very tired and burdened land.

Letters to the editor

Travelers should closely examine facts of 'low-cost' airlines

Dear editor,

I read with interest the article by staff writer Alina Pastukhova (Kyiv Post, Sept. 25, "More low-cost airlines expected in October") on the flood of low-cost airlines seeking to break into the Ukrainian market. Well, I'm one of those experts who likes to criticize the so-called "low-cost" airlines and here's why.

First off, the advertising style used until recently by the majority of low-cost airlines in Europe has just been outlawed by the European Union as dishonest and misleading to the public. Wizz Air used the same style in Ukraine, where they are not dishonest – yet.

Next, I believe that all good business deals should have a mutual benefit to both parties. So what is the mutual benefit to Ukraine of the influx of so-called cheap flights? The politicians initially claimed that they were bringing cheap flights to the people. Now they are saying, well, they are cheap if you book them two months in advance. But that has been true of almost every

airline in the world for decades.

The low-cost airlines claim that you can get real bargains and, in some cases, you can, so long as you book months in advance, don't read the small print, don't expect a confirmed seat or don't have the audacity to carry luggage.

The fact is that the cost of running a Boeing or an Airbus is the same, irrespective of who is flying it. They come from the same factories, are leased from similar companies, the fuel costs are virtually the same and so are the landing charges and airport taxes. So how can they offer such low prices? The answer is they can't.

It's a con: If you take the cost per seat spread over one month, then the average price per seat is the same for low cost carriers as it is for the more traditional carriers. It's just a marketing ruse based on highly questionable advertising, and here's an example.

Wizz Air advertising stated in big bold letters that the price of a ticket to Simferopol was Hr 79. This summer

that ticket price peaked not at \$100, as your journalist illustrated, but \$313 one-way or \$626 return, which is as much as you would pay Aerosvit to fly to Thailand and back. The economics are simple. You cannot charge less than cost and expect to make a profit. So where do the low-cost airlines in Ukraine plan to save money?

Simple again. They don't set up real operations in the country. They don't have their servicing or maintenance done here. They don't employ that much local labor and, most importantly of all, they don't pay taxes.

So, on the one hand, we have a government supporting low cost airlines who are marketing offers that, at best, are questionable, while on the other hand it's costing them tax revenue and foreign earnings, while at the same time the tax police and customs are fleecing the rest of us for all they can. To put this into perspective: Ukraine International Airlines, in which the government owns a 61 percent share, have paid over \$1 billion in taxes and

profits to the government since their inception and are now 29th in the league of top Ukrainian export earners. Perhaps the government should forfeit the taxes from Ukrainian airlines on the condition that they provide the public with really low-cost flying? At least it would be honest...

Now we hear that foreign low cost airlines have been granted the right to fly to London, Dortmund and Milan by the Ukrainian government.

The British Government, and I dare say the Germans and Italians, will not be quite so accommodating, insisting that the Airlines comply with international law, which states that the beneficial interest of the airline should rest in the country from which the flight originates. They are not being difficult; they are, unlike the Ukrainian government, simply protecting their domestic airlines in line with international laws to which Ukraine is a signatory.

The beneficial interest of Wizz Air Ukraine does not reside in Ukraine, unless of course they set up a real

operation. It resides in an offshore company registered in the Netherlands. Under this registration they can maybe fly from Amsterdam to London but the interconnect flight to Kyiv would have to be on an airline legitimately registered in Ukraine.

Should we really care? Well, yes, as no government should be supportive of any business venture that is founded on the basis of misleading the public and depriving the exchequer of much needed revenue.

If foreign airlines, low cost or otherwise, want to set up in Ukraine, let them do so, but on the same terms as local airlines. Make them pay taxes just like the rest of us. And let them compete on a level runway and not under some corrupt myth of bringing low-cost travel to the people.

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Columnist wrong to blame social ills on loss of femininity

Dear editor,

Lena Redko's opinion piece on U.S. women and their femininity (Kyiv Post, Sept. 25, "U.S. women don't enjoy their femininity enough") began promisingly.

Her explanation that allowing a man to behave as a gentleman without losing one's respect is very true and beneficial for women to hear. However, her final statement, citing that a U.S. woman's loss of femininity is the reason why babies are forgotten in cars or stores, and the reason for the high divorce rate, is completely misinformed.

First, it is important to note that besides the East Coast of the United States, many U.S. regions still believe in gentlemanly behavior. I grew up in Ohio, the Midwest, and women can expect men to open the door for them, pass the coat, and give a hand when needed. In fact, they bemoan the lack

of manners when a man does not do this. The expectation of gentlemanly behavior goes even further in the West and South, where a man is frowned upon and even verbally reprimanded for not opening the door, handing a woman her coat and even rising when a woman comes or leaves the table.

Second, I do not know how Ms. Redko drew the conclusions that it is unfeminine women who forget babies, but it is completely inaccurate. Several cases have been by a working mother, but just as many have been by mothers with drug problems, stay-at-home mothers and single mothers. There have even been documented cases of drunken men, single dads, and both parents forgetting their children in the car. This clearly indicates that "loss of femininity" is not the cause of this behavior.

Further, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, the majority

of marriage and divorce organizations and, even Christian churches, do not blame divorce rates on a lack of femininity. Each cites that the main reasons for divorce are: a lack of commitment to the marriage, a lack of communication between spouses, an inability to manage or resolve conflicts, differences in personal and career goals, financial problems, different expectations about household tasks, different expectations about having or rearing children, and cultural and lifestyle differences.

Research done on the causes of divorce reveals that a lack of communication is one of the leading causes of divorce. Divorces often happen because people rarely discuss their expectations in detail prior to marriage, are less willing to work on their marriages afterwards and would like quick solutions rather than having to resolve issues.

Each of these reasons does not lead to the conclusion that a woman not being feminine enough is to blame. The concerns of balancing a job and family, in fact, are usually attributed to the lack of time a man spends with his children as a result of work, and not vice versa. This, however, is not to be blamed on either the man or woman, but on a societal misplacement of values with money and power overtaking love and family.

So ladies and gentleman, my advice: femininity can mean different things to different people, and to have a successful family and marriage, the key things are to truly love your partner unconditionally, and accept him or her.

Now, for the Ukrainian ladies: the type of men coming to Ukraine to find brides are not exactly the "ideal catches" in the United States, and many come because they could not find a woman in their own country to love

them. If they were good men, then why would they need to spend so much money on finding a woman? Most single men and women usually resort to blind dates, and local dating agencies, rather than spending thousands of dollars to marry someone they hardly know. It is something to think about before drawing Ms. Redko's conclusion that unfeminine American women are the reasons American men are looking for wives in Ukraine.

I agree that many women in the United States go a bit too far in accusing men of being sexist when they behave like a gentleman. However, the most important thing is to just be yourself, and if you respect and love yourself, then you will get that great promotion, find your true love, and have a happy life.

*Larissa Paschyn
Kyiv*

Kyiv, Bucharest spar in court over 'rock'

(Associated Press and Staff Reports) The United Nation's highest court last month held hearings on a case between Romania and Ukraine that will do much more than decide the status of a small island on the Black Sea.

Legend has it that Achilles was buried alongside his lover, Patroclus, on Snake Island, which resembles more of a rock protruding from the Black Sea, just some 35 kilometers off the coast of Ukraine and Romania. No trace of Achilles has yet been found on the island, but companies in both countries are eyeing vast quantities of untapped oil and natural gas in the vicinity.

A ruling in the complicated case, heard by the International Court of Justice in The Hague, is not expected until next year. But if Romania, which filed an appeal in 2004, gets its way, the judges will recognize the tiny landmass off Ukraine's coast of the Black Sea as no more than a rock. Such a ruling would put much of the energy reserves near the island into Romanian hands.

Ukraine has in recent years worked hard to develop what it views as an island, stretching 662 meters by 440 meters. Ukraine has tried to prove it can be farmed and sustain life. If the judges buy the argument, then Ukraine's Black Sea borders would stretch further from this island, encompassing Black Sea territory where sizable oil and gas reserves may lie.

Romania took the dispute to the International Court of Justice, commonly called the "World Court," after years of negotiations failed to draw a line acceptable to both Bucharest and Kyiv.

The 15-judge tribunal is the United Nation's judicial arm dealing with disputes between member states. Its findings are binding, although it has no power of enforcement. Both sides presented their case last month, but a decision is not expected until late this year, or early next year.

Romania filed the case against Ukraine, challenging Kyiv's view of the landmass as an island, in 2004. Speaking at the start of hearings last month, Romania's representative accused Ukraine of unfairly distorting maritime border rules.

Bogdan Aurescu, director general of Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, accused Ukraine of exploiting its ownership of Serpents Island, also known as Snake Island, to propose a more southerly line in its favor. Aurescu said the island was illegally annexed by the Soviet Union and handed to Ukraine at its independence.

Volodymyr Vasylenko, the Ukrainian representative to the court, has said his country holds a strong chance of winning the case, but warned that a final ruling may not come until the first half of 2009. Ukraine's authorities have gone through vast lengths to demonstrate the self-sustainability of life on the island, a key point needed to win the case.

They have installed a bank machine, mobile telephone service and tried to cultivate farming, among other things. Ukraine has also set up a border checkpoint, a post office, a medical center and a museum on the island. Some 90 people live on the island; supplies are flown in by helicopter.

The discovery of major oil and gas deposits in the mid-1990s prompted arguments over access to areas in the Black Sea. Romania and Ukraine signed a treaty in 1997 agreeing to negotiate a border settlement, and not to exploit the oil in the disputed area in the meantime.

Aurescu told the court his country's counterproposal is drawn up based on accepted principles for setting maritime boundaries. Romania, though, does not aim to raise territorial claims and had recognized this piece of land in the Black Sea to be Ukrainian territory in the basic political

treaty in 1997 reaffirming it in a border agreement between the two countries in 2003.

Vasylenko said "The Hague Court has a reputation of never fully satisfying the aspirations of any of the sides, often times offering a compromise decision."

"So we do not expect the judges to satisfy 100 percent of the claims of either of the parties." But ultimately, any decision, be it in Kyiv's favor or not, would be good for both sides. Apart from dividing up what could be vast hydrocarbon finds, it will remove a painful and long-lasting conflict from the bilateral relations of two neighbors that are rare pro-western allies in the region, Vasylenko added.



Ukraine and Romania are battling in international court over the status of this small Black Sea island. Romania argues that it is a rock; Ukraine sees it as an island. If Ukraine wins the case, its maritime border in this energy-rich region will increase. (Courtesy)



Romania, Ukraine to gain from The Hague ruling



BY ADRIAN SEVERIN

The final round of hearings took place in the International Court of Justice in The Hague on Sept. 19 in a case brought by Romania against Ukraine to determine the two countries' maritime boundary in the Black Sea. The 15 judges (including two arbitrators independently proposed by the parties) will now retire to consider their decision, not expected before 2009.

Media reporting on the issue in both Romania and Ukraine has largely ignored the fact that its resolution will remove a significant irritant from the bilateral relationship and help improve interaction between Bucharest and Kyiv at a time when this is urgently needed as a result of events in Georgia, their respective Black Sea neighbor.

As foreign minister of Romania at the time of the signing of the 1997 Border Treaty between Romania and Ukraine, I agreed with my Ukrainian counterpart, Hennadiy Udovenko, to include a provision whereby Romania or Ukraine could refer the contentious maritime border issue to the International Court in The Hague if bilateral negotiations did not deliver a result. Despite 34 rounds of negotiation, Romania and Ukraine were unable to agree on how to delimit the maritime border and Romania took the case to the International Court in 2004.

Of course, both sides would have liked to have solved the issue bilaterally.

However, the International Court will provide for a fair and civilized resolution of the dispute that goes back as far as the days of the Soviet Union.

Both Romania and Ukraine have committed themselves to implement the decision of the International Court. I think that it is worth reflecting on the civilized and mature way in which Romania and Ukraine are approaching their unresolved issue.

We have seen the other extreme recently in Georgia, where a so-called "frozen conflict" erupted into war. This demonstrates to me that Romania and Ukraine have a shared security culture, and I believe that this common interest will be vitally important in the coming years as Ukraine seeks to pursue its course of integration into Euro-Atlantic structures.

It is important to consider what the International Court's ruling will deliver. Firstly, it will provide a fair and reasoned judgment that will benefit both parties. This is definitely not a zero-sum game. Indeed, after the end of the procedure both Romania and Ukraine will be able to develop their respective parts of the subsurface of the Black Sea that have been off limits pending the resolution of the dispute.

Although there are believed to be significant oil and gas deposits in this area, their scale and economics need to be studied in detail. There may be opportunities for collaboration in exploiting these resources.

Secondly, closure of the issue will allow Romania and Ukraine to concentrate on the broader challenges to security and stability in the Black Sea region. Romania is not only a friend of Ukraine but a committed supporter of

the country's integration into the Euro-Atlantic area.

Ukraine's ability to stand on its own two feet and make its own choices is central to future regional security arrangements. Former Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the NATO Summit in Bucharest in April that introducing the issue of NATO could bring Ukraine to the point where its "statehood could be called into question." The Russian side has never

→ Romania and Kyiv key allies despite island spat

clarified the meaning of this statement but it has continued to state that it will do everything it can to stop Ukraine joining the military alliance.

This is not for Russia to decide. It is an issue that lies at the heart of a country's sovereignty and must, in this case, be left to the citizens of Ukraine. No country large or small has the right to deny Ukraine this choice.

Similarly, Russia has no business to declare Ukraine or any other close neighbor part of a zone of its "privileged interests." If it wants to build close and constructive relations with these countries, that is another matter. Just as Romania supports Ukraine's

bid to join NATO, it is also firmly behind its efforts to become a member of the European Union. Along with many Romanians, I was disappointed that the recent EU-Ukraine Summit did not offer Ukraine a tangible prospect of membership at a time when this is urgently needed.

This was a missed opportunity that risks further magnifying doubts in Ukrainian society that the country really is welcome in Europe. Ukraine needs to see doors that are open rather than shut.

At the same time, Ukraine needs to demonstrate greater resolve and unity in pursuit of its aims. Ukraine's leaders must recognize there are limits to the political divisions that Ukrainian society can tolerate. Pursued to their extreme, these also have a strongly negative impact on the efforts of Ukraine to draw closer to Western institutions.

In this respect, the resolution of the maritime border dispute between Romania and Ukraine is too important to be the subject of internal politics in either country. Leaders in both have a responsibility to present a consensus view of the issue to society based on facts. This will ensure respect for whatever decision the International Court delivers and reinforce the basis for taking relations forward and unlocking more of their potential.

As a new member of both NATO and the EU, Romania is well-placed to assist Ukraine on the long road to making itself compatible with both institutions. We know from our own experience the effort and commitment required. We have much readily transferable expertise and we are well-placed to support Ukraine in arguing its case, since we

are close neighbors by land and sea borders. We sense the pressure that Ukraine now feels as a result of the events in Georgia.

What Ukraine needs least of all, it is now experiencing in the form of increasing anti-Western sentiment in Russia and a further deterioration of Russia's relations with the West. It should not be forgotten that Ukraine also has a dispute with Russia about its Black Sea boundary and, unlike the situation with Romania, there is no possibility that this will be resolved in The Hague.

Similarly, there are several voices in Russia suggesting that the Russia-Ukraine State Treaty signed in 1997 (the same year as Romania's Treaty with Ukraine) that recognizes Ukraine's territorial integrity could be reopened if Ukraine were to join NATO.

This is a disturbing prospect; the maritime border dispute with Romania is something very minor in comparison. It is being resolved in The Hague in a civilized, fair and mutually respectful way in line with international practice. This is what allies and good neighbors do when they cannot settle complex issues on their own and it sets the stage for future strategic cooperation between Romania and Ukraine.

In the long run, Ukraine will benefit more from Romania's support and friendship than from a few additional square kilometers of the sea shelf.

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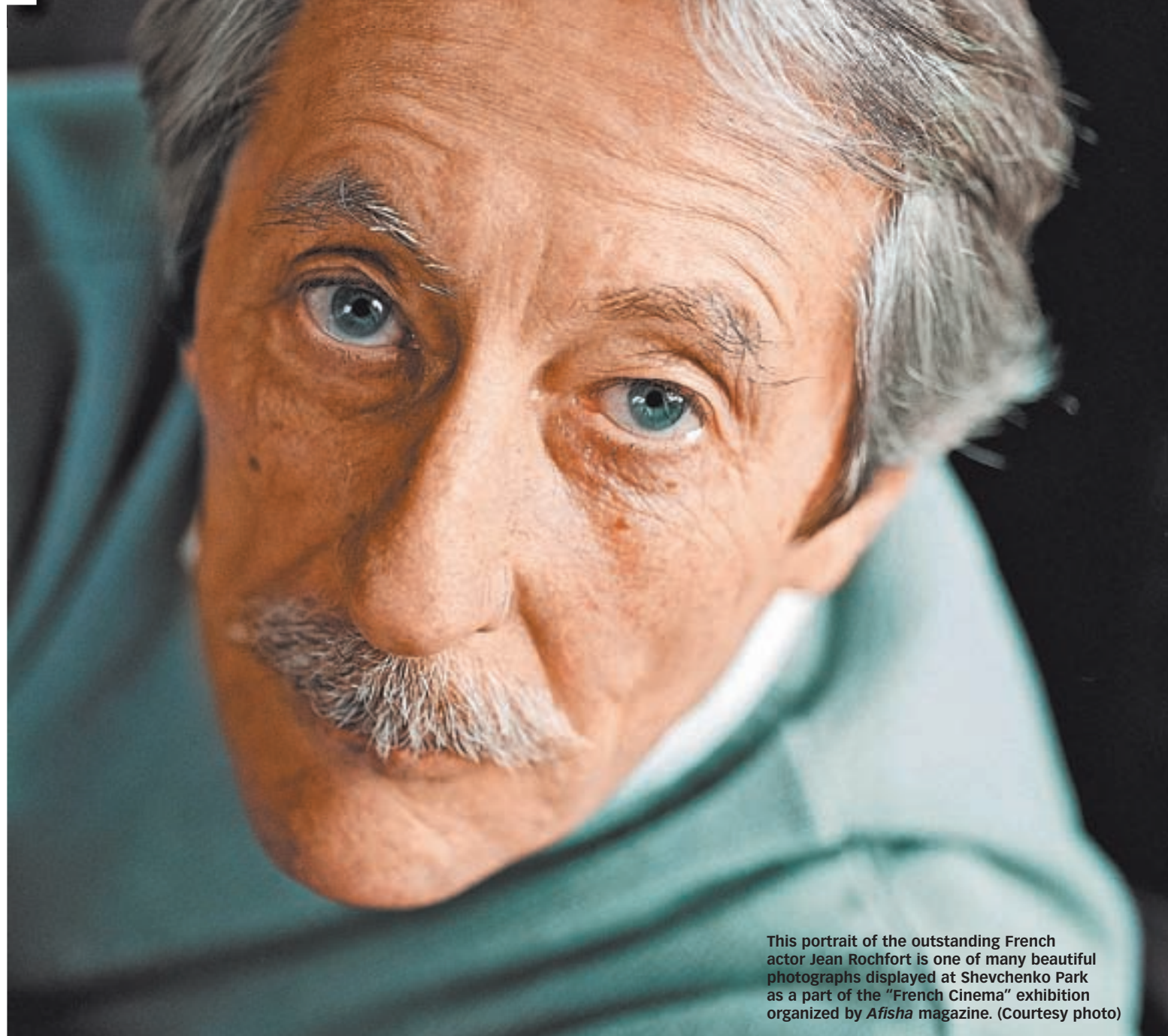


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French Cinema photo show



This portrait of the outstanding French actor Jean Rochfort is one of many beautiful photographs displayed at Shevchenko Park as a part of the "French Cinema" exhibition organized by Afisha magazine. (Courtesy photo)

The photo exhibition "French Cinema," organized by Afisha magazine, is taking place in Shevchenko Park. The open-air art show seems well-timed for the Indian summer that finally arrived in Kyiv. Walking through the sunlit alleys of the park, you will be able to admire photographs of French movie stars taken by Carole Bellaïche and Frederic Poletti, photographers of influential French film magazine *Cahier du Cinema* (Notebooks on Cinema), which was founded in 1951.

Future cult directors Jean-Luc Godard, Francois Truffaut and Claude Chabrol used to write reviews of their favorite films for this legendary magazine. *Cahier du Cinema* re-invented the basic tenets of film criticism and theory. The magazine's authors also championed the work of directors Jean Renoir, Roberto Rossellini, Kenji Mizoguchi, Max Ophuls, and Jean Cocteau by centering their critical evaluations on a film's mise en scene. Also the magazine was essential to

the creation of the Nouvelle Vague, or New Wave of French cinema, which centered on films directed by *Cahiers* authors such as Godard and Truffaut.

Stars of French cinema Catherine Deneuve, Isabelle Huppert, Charlotte Rampling, Louis Garrel, Jane Birkin, Jean Rochfort, as well as cult directors Aki Kaurismaki and Philippe Garrel appeared in different times on the pages of *Cahier du Cinema*. Now we can see their portraits in Kyiv. Among them

is a beautiful photograph of actress Fanny Ardant who was the last muse of Francois Truffaut. Ardant appeared in two of his last films, "Confidentially Yours" and "The Woman Next Door." Francois Truffaut died in 1984, a year after Fanny gave birth to their daughter Josephine. Fanny Ardant refused to stop filming. She played in 68 films, receiving a Silver Berlin Bear and Cesar.

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→ Flipping channels last Friday night, I stumbled on a piece of TV news that stunned me exceedingly. It showed John Malkovich and Kevin Spacey leisurely chatting at a press conference ... in Yalta?! No way! And yet there they were. Two of the most outstanding American actors were now in Ukraine, just a train ride away. It was almost as if they were sitting at my kitchen table, drinking tea.

The upcoming Ukrainian film festival Molodist annually promises some big film stars as guests and jury members, but many of those they invite never make it here. There was even once talk of Jack Nicholson coming to visit. But it didn't happen. This year Molodist officials announced to be expecting directors Wim Wenders and Emir Kusturica and French veteran actor Alain Delon. Well, those might as well come. Film directors tend to come here if there is a good purpose. Roman Polanski came in 2005 to open Molodist with his movie "Oliver Twist" and Stephen Spielberg came to present a documentary on the Holocaust in Ukraine that he co-produced. French actors are also frequent visitors. Gerard Depardieu, probably the most-loved Frenchman in the former Soviet Union, already went skiing in the Carpathians with President Victor Yushchenko and appeared in a TV commercial for KyivStar, singing a lullaby in Ukrainian.

Some stars come undercover. For example, Australian singer Natalie Imbruglia secretly shot a music video in the streets of Kyiv. Even if you've never heard of it, it's easy to recognize some familiar sites shown in the video. American teen comedy star Ashton Kutcher recently slipped in and out of Ukraine unnoticed. His goal was to visit sacred places of his religion Cabbala, and he didn't actually hide - no one seemed to recognize him. Elijah Wood also passed through the city somewhere while filming "Everything Is Illuminated" (2005). Though the story took place in Ukraine, the film for the most part was shot in the Czech Republic. Only a few scenes were filmed in Odessa and Lviv.

Kevin Spacey and John Malkovich came quite openly as special guests at the opening of the restored Chekhov Theater, where the iconic playwright himself watched his own plays onstage 100 years ago. Their visit was organized by Russian billionaire and patron of the arts Aleksandr Lebedev, who financed the restoration of the theater. He claimed that the actors weren't paid to come; they came because they were interested.

Moreover, Spacey, Malkovich and Lebedev shared a vision to create a center of theater culture in Yalta, so that the best directors and actors of the world could come and stage Chekhov plays at the theater. Sounds really ambitious and too good to be true. Imagine what it would do Yalta's tourist industry! Still, the fact that two great actors are interested in developing something in Ukraine cannot but fill me with hope. Perhaps first an international theater and then a real moviemaking industry will come to Ukraine?

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Female Images in the Ukrainian Art of 1950-80s

How was the Ukrainian woman portrayed between the '50s and '80s? ANN Gallery and Art-Capital auction house decided to answer this question with the art exhibition "Female Images in the Ukrainian Art of 1950-80s." Another purpose behind the project is to show private collections to the public. Kyiv collectors Leonid Astrakhanskiy, Borys Grynyov and Rostyslav Lytvynchuk agreed to provide their "gems" for all to see. The exposition shows the works of one of the most expensive Ukrainian artists Mykola Hlushchenko. His paintings are sold for \$100,000 to \$200,000 at international auctions. The expressionist and colorist Hlushchenko is famous not only for his landscapes, but also for his activity as a Soviet spy. Hlushchenko finished a private art school in Berlin and then lived in Paris where he was friends with French writer Romain Rolland and artist Pablo Picasso. At the upcoming art show, the guests will be able to see his portrait of an unknown woman "Near the Mirror" (1969). It is done using monotype technique, which means it is an imprint from glass to paper.

Another outstanding artist featured in the exhibition is Tetyana Yablonska, who died three years ago. Her 1970 work "Marichka" depicts a young Ukrainian woman in a shawl. Yablonska's paintings are estimated at \$50,000 to \$100,000.

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Groove Armada

London electro-dance duo Groove Armada consists of deejays Tom Findlay and Andy Cato. The group started to play in the mid-90s in a club also called Groove Armada, after a '70s disco in Newcastle. The musicians are considered an outstanding example of British progressive house that combines electro and live music, shanson and rap, retro and ultra modern elements. Among ardent fans of the duo is Sir Elton John, who chose Groove Armada to perform as a warm-up act at his concert. Groove Armada's most popular album, "Vertigo," was certified silver in the UK in 1999 and then was released in the United States.

Now Groove Armada is probably best known for producing music that has featured in numerous media, including advertising campaigns, movies, TV-series and computer games. Their most successful single "I See You Baby" remixed by British deejay and musician Fatboy Slim was used extensively in Renault UK television marketing campaign advertising the Renault Megane in 2003. Another song "If Everybody Looked The Same" appeared in a 2001 Mercedes-Benz United Kingdom television advertisement. Groove Armada also made an appearance on the soundtrack of the popular TV series "Sex And The City," remixing the show's theme tune into an extended chill-out track. "Edge Hill" is featured in the 2001 movie "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" starring Angelina Jolie. Groove Armada will play in Kyiv as special guest stars of the DJUCE Music Drive 2008 festival.

PALATS SPORTU
Palats Sportu metro station, 246-7405.
Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
Tickets Hr 100 to Hr 300.

Ukrainian MTV stars concert

This Saturday we'll finally find out the name of the Best Ukrainian Act at MTV Europe Music Awards 2008. Online voting on the official site www.mtv.ua ends on Oct. 4 and, on the same day, five Ukrainian bands nominated for the title of Best Act will play a show at an open air stage on Kontraktova Square. These are Esthetic Education, Boombox, Druha Rika, Quest Pistols and S.K.A.Y. The concert will air live on the MTV Ukraine channel. The winner will be announced according to voting results at the ceremony's official web site ema.mtv.ua. To obtain the actual award – an MTV sign on the spring – the winner will travel to the official ceremony to be held in Liverpool, U.K., on Nov. 6.



Druha Rika
(www.gazeta-ov.ru)

The main competition will most likely take place between three participants – Esthetic Education, Boombox and Druha Rika. Esthetic Education, fronted by Belgian Louis Franck, is known for its alternative sound with Western quality, which most local bands fail to create. It was formed in 2004 after Dima Shurov and Yuriy Khystochka left Ukraine's most successful rock band Ocean Elzy and teamed up with Frank. Hip-hop and R&B band Boombox is one of the most successful Ukrainian acts of the last few years, standing out not because of some outer glitz, like its many show biz colleagues, but because of soulful vocals and smart, touching lyrics. Druha Rika is one of the major pop-rock formations on the Ukrainian stage, releasing songs and performing since it was founded in 1996. The band was chosen by Depeche Mode frontman Dave Gahan to open his Kyiv show in 2003.

Last year Ukrainian singer Lama was chosen the Best Ukrainian Act at MTV Europe Awards, which is considered one of the most significant events in the musical world. During the last 15 years, holders of EMA Awards have been Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake, Madonna, Spice Girls, Robbie Williams, Eminem and others.

KONTRAKTOVA SQUARE
Oct. 4, 5 p.m.
Free admission.



Rhine on the Dnipro

One of the biggest centers of modern art in Eastern Europe, PinchukArtCentre starts its third year of work with an amazing exhibition. It showcases 24 photographs by world-famous German photographer Andreas Gursky and 18 video installations from German patron Julia Stoschek's collection. The project is dedicated to the Weeks of German Culture in Ukraine.

53-year-old Andreas Gursky is called "the eye of God" due to his special vision of reality. His photo collages created between 1987 and 2008 are mixes of skyscrapers, big office buildings, stock brokers, Formula 1 routes, interiors of galleries and clubs. His static photographs present a conceptual opposition to the mobile images of video art from Julia Stoschek's Collection. Stoschek financed exhibitions in the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Last year she opened her private collection to the public, showcasing new media – photos, videos and installations. In Kyiv you can see the works of Bruce Nauman, a representative of 1960s classical video art, and works by modern masters of video art – Christian Jankowski and Robert Boyd.

PinchukArtCentre
1/3-2, Chervonoarmijska/Baseyna, A Block, 590-0858.
Through Nov. 2.
Tue-Sun, noon till 9 p.m.
Free admission



Killa Kela

London master of beat boxing Killa Kela was invited as the main star of MTV Ukraine 'sparty dedicated to the channel's first anniversary. Beat boxing is a so-called vocal percussion that was invented between the 1970s and 1980s. It's an art of creating beats and rhythms using only your mouth. By now beat boxing has evolved to imitating scratching and different musical instruments. Today the true beat boxing masters sound like deejays with well-packed turntables or even like real bands.

Lee Potter's (a.k.a. Killa Kela) talent was discovered by famous British deejay Vadim, who released Killa Kela's debut mix "Antistatic" on the JazzFudge label in 2000 and then invited him to participate in his live project, The Russian Percussion. Since then Killa Kela has grown into a successful musician, taking part in Rock Steady Crew and The Scratch Perverts cult formations.

On the musician's official site, the Kyiv concert is marked as a "full show." This means that Killa Kela is likely to bring his Spit Kingdom band along with him and together create an amazing cocktail of hip hop, drum'n'bass, raga-jungle and breaks. Ukrainian electro musician The Maneken will also play at MTV Ukraine's Birthday party.

TSAR PROJECT
1V Hrushevskoho, 278-6246.
Oct. 3, 10:30 p.m.

Classical Music/Theater

THE NATIONAL OPERA OF UKRAINE

50 Volodymyrska, 279-1169

Fri 3 "Corsair" by Adan (ballet)

Sat 4 "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini (opera)

Sun 5 "Don Quixote" by Minkus (ballet)

Tue 7 "Swan Lake" by Tchaikovsky (ballet) Performances begin at 7 p.m.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC

2 Volodymyrsky Uzviz, 278-1697

Fri 3 19th International festival Kyiv Music Fest. "Kyiv Kamerata presents..." National company of soloists of Ukraine. Kyiv Karemata, art director and main conductor Matyukhin. Works of Tsepkenko, Frolyak, Havrylets, Almmashi. 4 p.m.

19th International festival Kyiv Music Fest. Symphonic Parallels. Children's choir Shchedryk, State Academic Symphonic Orchestra of Ukraine, conducted by Ponomarchuk. Works of Shintke, Dychko, Stestyn, Homelska, Kolodub, Stankovych.

Sat 4 19th International festival Kyiv Music Fest. Future in the Past. Academic Symphonic Orchestra of Ukraine, conducted by Syrenko. National Academic Choir of Ukraine Dumka, conducted by Savchuk.

Symphonic works of Kravtsov, Hubarenko, Lyashenko, Skoryk. Concerts start at 7 p.m.

TCHAIKOVSKY NATIONAL MUSIC ACADEMY OF UKRAINE

1/3-11 Horodetskoho, 279-5606

Fri 3 19th International festival Kyiv Music Fest. Musical dialogues: Ukraine-Japan. Choir of new music Rikoshet of National Union of Composers of Ukraine, art director Pilyutikov, conductor Ratsyuk. Works by Horikoshi (Japan), Takahashi (Japan), Sato (Japan), Zahaykevych, Bezborodko, Pilyutikov.

Sun 5 19th International festival Kyiv Music Fest. Choir assembly. Concerts start at 7 p.m.

HOUSE OF ORGAN AND CHAMBER MUSIC

77 Chervonoarmiytska, 268-3186

Sun 5 19th International festival Kyiv Music Fest. "Ukrainian Requiem" dedicated to tragedy of Holodomor. Lyatoshynskiy Classical Music Company, conducted by Andriyevskiy. Works of Kozarenko and Shcherbakov.

Movies



Keira Knightley looks gorgeous as always in the new drama "The Edge of Love." (outnow.ch)

– the star of Guy Ritchie's criminal comedies "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" and "The Snatch" – investigates a series of murders that follows the discovery of an unpublished novel by Charles Dickens in the cellar of an old Thames sidepub. Gradually, he becomes obsessed with a century old murder in the pages of the manuscript.

THE BAND'S VISIT Comedy/ Drama, Israel/ France/ USA (2007) Directed by Eran Kolirin Starring Sasson Gabai, Ronit Elkabetz and Saleh Bakri Language: English/ Arabic/ Hebrew

The absurdist movie "The Band's Visit," the first feature of beginner director Eran Kolirin, has already won a sack of awards, among which are Award of the Youth, FIPRESCI Prize, Un Certain Regard – Jury Coup de Coeur at Cannes Film Festival 2007 and Scythian Deer at the film festival Molodist in Kyiv last year. The plot evolves around an Egyptian Ceremonial Police Orchestra that arrives on tour in Israel. No delegation meets them at the airport and they have to cope with problems by themselves.

THE EDGE OF LOVE

Biography/ Drama/ Romance, UK (2008)

Directed by John Maybury Starring Keira Knightley, Sienna Miller and Matthew Rhys Language: English

John Maybury, director of sci-fi thriller "The Jacket," decided to return to his old interest – biographies ("Love Is the Devil: Study for a Portrait of Francis Bacon" shot in 1998). This time the scope of his interest extends to persona of the famous poet Dylan Thomas (Matthew Rhys), who happened to love two women at the same time. The melodramatic story is shown on the backdrop of the Second World War horrors.

CITY OF MEN

Crime/ Drama, Brazil (2007)

Directed by Paulo Morelli Starring Douglas Silva, Darlan Cunha and Jonathan Haagensen Language: Portuguese

Little is known about the Brazilian movie director Paulo Morelli, whose "Lapide" was nominated for the Best Short Fiction Film Award during Molodist 1998. What is known is that his new film "The City of Men" again deals with life on the Latin American continent. In the slum in Morro da Sinuca, a couple of days before turning eighteen years old, Laranjinha tells his best friend and orphan Acerola that he misses his unknown father. Acerola decides to help his friend and they discover that he is in prison.

THE RIDDLE

Drama/ Thriller, UK (2007)

Directed by Brendan Foley Starring Vinnie Jones, Vanessa Redgrave and Jason Flemyng Language: English

"The Riddle" is the first work directed by British journalist, screen writer and producer Brendan Foley. In the story a journalist played by Vinnie Jones

KYIV

19 Chervonoarmiytska (Lva Tolstoho metro), 234 7381, 251 2199. www.kievino.com.ua

The Band's Visit – From Oct 2 The City of Men – From Oct 2

ZHOVTEN

26 Kostiantynivska (Kontraktova Ploscha metro), 2055951, 4173004. www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua

The City of Men – From Oct 2 The Riddle – Ongoing

KINOPANORAMA

19 Shota Rustaveli, 287 3041, 2871135 Mister Lonely – From Oct 2 The Edge of Love – From Oct 2

ODESSA KINO

3 Prospect Peremohy, Ukraina mall, 4th flr., 496-1551/11, http://kinoodessa.com The Edge of Love – From Oct 2



Live Music

@Tractor

Olexandr Pipa, ex-guitarist of Vopli Vidoplyasova rock band and founder of the band Borshch started a new project, @Tractor. The title means tractor and attractor at the same time. The new band debuted on the Rock Sich festival that was held in Kyiv at the beginning of September. Then @Tractor went on tour to ten Ukrainian cities with Australian indie band Asleep In The Park and Pan Pupets from Ivano-Frankivsk. The tour finishes in Khmilna Bochka club, where @Tractor and Asleep in the Park will be supported by new ex-pat punk band C-Men.



Khmilna Bochka 3B1 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho Oct. 5, 9 p.m.

ART CLUB 44

44 Khreshchatyk, 279-4137

Thu 2 Lela Brazil Pro

Fri 3 Jankoy Brother's

Sat 4 Corridor

Sun 5 Blue Band (Jam)

Mon 6 Silvery Tone

Tue 7 Top Orchestra

Bochka Khmilna

3B-1 Khmelnytskoho, 390-6106

Fri 3 Bells, Natural Studio, Animals Session

Sat 4 Red Rocks, J Sound, Chill

Out

Sun 5 @Traktor, Asleep In The Park, Pan Pupets, Vytivky

Mon 6 Saharova&Band

Tue 7 Angie Nears

BOCHKA PYVNA

17/1 Moskovsky, 461-8788

Thu 2 Zhyttia abo Nezhyt, Tetra Color

Fri 3 Tres Deseos

Sat 4 Foxtrot Music Band

Sun 5 Mister Jazz

Mon 6 Jazz in City

Tue 7 Sergei Ovsianikov

DOCKER PUB

25 Bohatyrska, 451-8528

Thu 2 Tex Mex

Fri 3 Ot Vinta

Sat 4 Bratia Karamazovy, Mr. Och & his Root Boys

Sun 5 Foxtrot Music Band

Mon 6 Angie Nears

Tue 7 More Huana

Docker's ABC

15 Khreshchatyk, 278-1717

Thu 2 Magma

Fri 3 Mad Heads XL, Tres Deseos

Sat 4 Tex-Mex, Red Rocks

Sun 5 Crossfire

Mon 6 Merry Weather Hunters

Tue 7 Tres Deseos

ROUTE 66

87/30 Zhylanska, 239-3865

Thu 2 KruiZ, More Huana

Fri 3 Chill Out

Sat 4 Second Breath

Sun 5 Universal Pictures

Mon 6 Animals Session

Disco

DJ Hell

Reputed Munich deejay Helmut Gayer aka DJ Hell is coming to present his new album "Teufelswerk" ("Work of Devil") in Kyiv. The CD consists of two parts. The first is called "Day" and includes instrumental ambient music. The "Night" part is an example of varied techno. Throughout his 30-year long career, DJ Hell played various music. In the beginning of the new millennium, he mixed disco, glam, new wave and minimal techno. Now he has switched to entirely different styles – post rock and "liquid" punk.



Prime club 8 Prospect Nauky, 524-2209. Oct. 4, 11 p.m.

ARENA DANCE CLUB

2A Baseyna, 492-0000

Thu 2 Show Monro, DJs Rocket, Lady Kate

Fri 3 Lepa i Filka, Denis Simachev, Low Budget family, DJ Rocket

Sat 4 Comedy Club UA, DJs Anastasia, Lutique

Sun 5 PJ Battle, DJs Rocket, Vit

BARSKY

5 Chervonoarmiytska, 496-0606

Fri 3 DJ Eva Birthday Party: DJs Eva, Bro, Alfred, Light

Sat 4 Epic Night: DJs Alfred, Bro

Sun 5 Cubana party

SHOOTERS

22 Moskovska, 254-2024

Thu 2 Strip day: DJ Vova Black's, MC Sapko

Fri 3 Love party: DJs Alex Small, Badrove

Sat 4 Pajamas party: DJs Roma Rio, Jumper, MC Burn

Sun 5 DJ Roma Rio, MC Jumper

Mon 6 Punch party: DJ Badrove, MC Ruzhui

Tue 7 DJ Jumper, MC Kuzia

PATIPA

10 Muzeiny provulok

Thu 2 Leon: Gold Party, DJs Hot Juice, Speedy, Nazar

Fri 3 Crazy Angels party: DJs Viva Dior, Miss FTV, Eva

Sat 4 Shanghai Surprise party: DJs Doomsky, Romantic, Intel

Sun 5 Shake Your Ass party: AGP Family, Juicy M, Speedy, Phatam

XLIB CLUB

12 Frunze

Fri 3 Pigs in Space

Sat 4 Mover ec Event, Petz on Prozac (Finland)

Sport



Youth Rugby Tournament

In past years, the John Marsh Memorial Youth Rugby Tournament has brought together kids from Ukraine, Moldova, Russia, Poland and even the Baltics, making it a truly international tournament and a one-of-a-kind event in Ukraine. The tournament is largely funded by ex-pat donations. One of the lead organizers, the British ambassador to Ukraine will hand out the prizes at the final on Sunday. The Ukrainian entrants to the tournament

are strong teams and, thanks to the generous support of the ex-pat rugby community, they are producing high-quality teams that can play with the best of their peers in the region.

Spartak Stadium 105 Frunze

Oct. 4, 11 a.m. till 6 p.m.; Oct. 5, 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Galleries&Exhibitions

YA GALLERY

55/57 Voloshka, 537-3351

Daily 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Paintings and installations by Tiberiy Silvasi.

Through Oct. 13.

RA, RA PHOTO

32 Khmelnytskoho, 235-3619

Daily 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

"Islands." Paintings by Yaroslav Prysyzhnyuk.

Through Oct. 7

KOLO

15 Lesi Ukrainky, 286-6978

Open Tue-Sat 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

"Wind in Manes." Photography exhibition.

Through Oct. 17.

FRENCH INSTITUTE IN UKRAINE

104 Antonovycha, 529-4157

Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

"Dress Code." Photographs by Stephan Gizart.

Through Oct. 18.

THE NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF UKRAINE

6 Grushevskoho, 278-7454

Wed-Thu 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.,

Fri Noon – 8 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oleg Minko. Paintings.

Through Oct. 19

"From Venice to Dresden."

Baroque graphic arts from Dresden Cabinet of Engravings.

DA VINCI

5 Chervonoarmiytska, Arena-Class, 1st floor, 499-1376

Daily from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

"Summer, Sea, Nu." Alina Maksimenko." Paintings.

Through Oct. 23

KOLO ZASPY

Koncha Zaspas, Damba, 1km, 520-8020

Tue – Sun Noon – 8 p.m.

Paintings by Fedir Zakharov.

Through Oct. 23.

BOHDAN AND VARVARA KHANENKO ARTS MUSEUM

15 Tereshchenkivska, 235-0206

Wed-Fri 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.,

Sat-Sun noon – 8 p.m.

Florentine Mosaics by Yuriy Mandahanov.

Through Oct. 27

CENTRAL ARTIST'S HOUSE

1-5 Artema, 272-0535

Exhibition dedicated to Artist's Day.

Through Oct. 20

See some of Kyiv's unusual museums



"Mozart and Salieri" (middle) and "Forest Fairy" (right) are just a few of Parsuna's amazing collections of hand-made dolls. (Oleksiy Boyko)

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All of us from time to time play the part of a regular tourist – with a map in our hands and a list of must-see sites, and still feeling a bit lost in a new city. Sightseeing in a group is safer but less interesting – you're going to see only what the guide chooses to show you. And walking through museums, you will have to concentrate on keeping track of your fast-moving excursion, unable to examine everything that interests you. Such hurried and confusing tours are likely to cause a long-term allergy to all museums in general. The key to receiving pleasure from visits to museums is simple – museums require time and solitude. Provided with that, a museum tour can be a real pleasure. Unfortunately, Kyiv is not as rich with worthy museums as some other ancient capitals are. Even if you're a newcomer to the city, it won't take much of your time to look through the most famous museums. Still, there are smaller and lesser known museums and galleries presenting original constant exhibitions, which can provide you with an exciting experience.

State Museum of Theater, Music and Cinema

The museum belongs to the historic and cultural complex Kyivo-Pecherska Lavra, but is barely paid attention to by those who come to see the caves, churches, and Scythian gold. It happened so that I got into this museum together with a tour group, something I dislike. We had to wait in a small hall for almost half an hour, expecting our tour guide. During this time, I examined the walls hung with posters, photos and theater playbills from the beginning of 20th century, some of them featuring the outstanding Ukrainian actress Maria Zankovetska. Finally we followed our guide through exhibits dedicated to the origins of Ukrainian theater, the life and work of Ukrainian composer and conductor Borislav Yatsyshynskiy, and ended up in a hall dedicated to

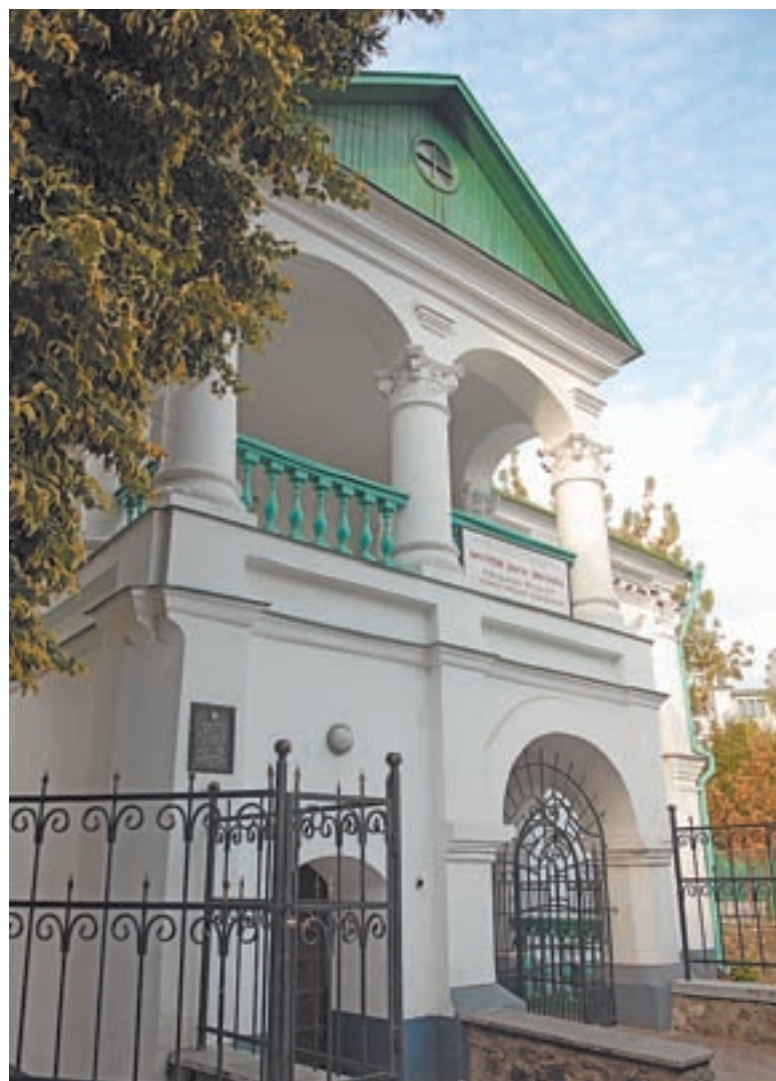
the prominent Ukrainian theater and cinema director Les Kurbas. The tour, a bit dull but enriched with facts was under way, yet after five minutes I was distracted by small stage models and sketches of costumes resembling the style of German expressionism. The latter is hardly surprising, since in the first decades of the 20th century Kurbas studied in Vienna. Gradually I moved away from my group, further and further, till I discovered a side cor-

ridor hung with posters depicting Vira Holodna, the cult actress of Ukrainian silent movies. Enchanted by the silence and emptiness of the place I went forward, passed a red hall decorated with figures of workers, revolutionaries, communist slogans, and descended the stairs to the first floor. I found myself at a mildly illuminated neat blue-and-white empty hall. Passing this anglic Art Nuveau room decorated with photos telling the history of theater, I came

across an old round wooden vertep – the word translates as "cave" – and means a portable puppet theater used on East Christian Christmas from the first half of the 17th century. In a quiet and mild voice, the guide told a visitor about the origins of vertep, simultaneously spinning the creaking construction filled with small dolls depicting Biblical characters.

House of Peter the First

A small two-story house with a green roof on the corner of Khor'yva and Kostyantynivska is known as the House of Peter the First, where the Russian ruler stayed in 1706 while preparing for the Russian-Swedish war. Though the house changed owners and its appearance numerous times, it remains one of the oldest stone buildings of the 17th century in Kyiv. Since the last renovation, the House looks very similar to its original appearance and has been open to the public since summer 2007. I often pass it while walking in Podil, but only recently decided to go inside and see what the interior looks like. It turns out the House of Peter the First houses the Museum of Charity. Paying a symbolic admission fee of Hr 2 I walked in and found out that at the end of 1913, 86 charity organizations functioned in Kyiv, 47 of which helped the poor, as well as elderly people and infants, 15 – the crippled and ill, and 24 of them helped school kids. On the walls of several tiny rooms I saw maps of Kyiv from the time of Peter the Great hanging on the walls, photographs of charity leaders and graduates of charity schools, icons, and Kyiv's sights in various historical periods. At different times the house had different inhabitants, like the insane dissident composer Artemiy Vedel, who was forcefully kept there, or the noted doctor Feofil Yanovskiy, who rented rooms in the house. Finally, an orphanage operated there but was dismissed in 1917. Narrow showcases expose items that have remained from the time when the place was used as a house – glass bottles, clay jars, books and newspapers. Rare furniture items



The House of Peter the Great, one of the oldest buildings in Kyiv, is presently also a home to the Museum of Charity. (Oleksiy Boyko)

include sofas, tables and clocks from the 18-19th centuries. Another advantage of the House is the view from its small windows, helping you get a sense of old Podil.

Parsuna Doll Gallery

At my first acquaintance with the gallery Parsuna, I practically stumbled upon it during one of my tours around the city with a photo camera. Upon opening a glass door decorated with a forged greenish handle, I saw handmade dolls in bright costumes. The note on the door said the entrance fee constitutes Hr 5, but I saw no cashiers around and no one asked me to pay, so I wandered around for free (I confess). Dolls stood on pillared bases, looking like small models of people. Further on the shelves weird works by Dmitry Kravtsov were arranged – brightly colored and lacquered combinations of elephants, crocodiles, fishes, and what not. Most of all, I was amazed by Harlequin-like dolls with faces of sharp lines and thin arms clothed in rich fabric. They resembled marionettes from the chests of Mangiafuoco, the theater director from "Pinocchio" by Carlo Collodi. Among smaller dolls on the back shelves were elves, dwarves, princesses, and other fairy-tale creatures. The warm and unobtrusive atmosphere of Parsuna surely has something to do with its exhibits, which, in their turn, have a obvious connection to childhood. The temporary exhibition at the gallery also includes paintings. As for the dolls, they are made by Ukrainian, Russian and foreign artists, who, by the way, lead doll making classes right in Parsuna (Hr 1,500 for a course of eight lessons, Hr 3,500 for individual classes, materials included). In case you find a doll you'd like to take home with you, you can easily buy it for an average of Hr 2,000.

As I was searching for museums and galleries that could showcase some rare and unusual items, I was disappointed to discover that most of them were closed – either for renovation or due to some unknown reasons. One of such missed opportunities was Netske gallery on Kruhlouniversytetska that presents the art of Japanese netsuke (carved ivory or wooden figures believed to bring good fortune to its owner). I've seen part of their exposition when it was temporarily shown in other places and was amazed by its beauty. Hundred-year-old and modern netsuke are created by authors of various nationalities, including Ukrainians. When I reached the gates to the gallery just recently, a notice said that the gallery is closed till Oct. 6, so in a week you can try your luck and drop by.

Another disappointment awaited me in the Sacred Treasures of Ukraine Museum on Desyatynna Street, which displays icons from personal collections in various regions of Ukraine. The museum boasted three hundred icons from the 15th – 19th centuries and 50 paintings by Mariia Primaghenko, the genius of folk craft who never had formal art education. The guard courteously informed me that the museum is closed for renovation and will be opened "closer to winter."

The same story with a relatively new Museum of Model Cars on Taras Shevchenko boulevard – "Sorry. Closed for renovation."

State Museum of Theater, Music and Cinema

21 Mazepy, 280-1622

House of Peter the First
6/9 Kostyantynivska, 463-6797

Parsuna
43 Khoryva, 425-2415

Netske
4 Kruhlouniversytetska, office 1A,
492-0013

Museum of Sacred Treasures of Ukraine

12 Desyatynna, 278-8308

Museum of Model Cars

1B Shevchenko, 234-2215

Pamper yourself with exquisite spa procedures

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In Venice, they do it in a special private gondola. In California, they like it with diamonds on their back. In the Czech Republic, they are soaking in beer for a change.

The world is going mad with wild and whacky spa treatments – a mixture of massage, aromatherapy, and sauna designed to pamper body and soul.

Kyiv is also beating through the mud and weed of regular spa practices and is proud to present a list of extraordinary therapies.

The world is small, as we are told, but there are people with hands of gold. Buddha's Gold massage tops our list of the most extraordinary ways to relax in Kyiv beauty centers.

Golden lady

Brace yourself for an hour of golden touch in Diva Spa, located at Opera Hotel. In candlelight, a mix of shea butter and gold leaf, which is about 92 percent pure gold, will be rubbed into your skin. For Hr 500 a session, it is designed to be as luxurious as it is relaxing. It may be even somewhat healthy.

Some gold salts have anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. Historians have long maintained that Cleopatra slept in a gold mask every night to preserve youthful skin. It was also regarded as a key to youth in ancient Chinese medicine.

If not for the health aspect, you will most likely remember this posh ritual every time you look in the mirror. The gold apparently remains in the skin for up to 28 days after a treatment, thus leaving a radiant glow and fighting off damaging free radicals to prevent premature aging.

Tea party

While most health addicts switched to properly brewed tea, Spa Studio in

→ Try Thai massage, choco bath and more

Obolon district is still using teabags, on our back though. Masseurs take small steamed parcels stuffed with 20 different kinds of Thai herbs to detoxify your body and fight the autumn blues. For up to two hours, not just you, but all the visitors in the spa center will smell ginger, lime and other invigorating herbs from the teabags used on you. After the ceremony, you will be left for a little nap and then sent home in a cab. Beauticians do not recommend driving after the Herbal Siam treatment, which will cost you Hr 530.

Sci-fi spa

Remember Leeloo, the "perfect woman" from Luc Besson's science fiction thriller "The Fifth Element" played by Milla Jovovich? Fitness club 5th Element has a spa jet capsule that's likely to make you feel a bit like Milla.

As you lie wrapped in seaweed, warm infrared light will penetrate your skin, making you feel rejuvenated, according to the specialists of the club. This procedure (Hr 360) is especially recommended for those suffering from jetlag.

Champagne with chocolate

For an intoxicating bath with detoxifying effects, dive into a champagne bath at the Oriental Spa Center. Natural carbonic acid is likely to strengthen your immune system and make your skin feel tight and soft. The pleasure comes with bill though. For soaking in five bottles of popular So viet champagne

mixed with water, rose petals, and candles, be prepared to pay Hr 700. Otherwise, get the same make of fizzy wine for Hr 18 in a local super market and make a little alcohol feast for your body and soul at home.

If a single chocolate square can put a smile back on a woman's face, imagine what a chocolate bath could do! Stress relief hormones – endorphins, found in 'black gold' are responsible for making a woman happy. And caffeine is known for its anti-cellulite qualities. A variety of these treatments in Kyiv spa centers is as large as a choice of candies in a super market. They are a lot more expensive than sweets though, up to Hr 500 for a session.

Ultimate pleasures

If chocolate gets women going, a bath with essential ylang-ylang oil supposedly works its aphrodisiac powers on men. This small flower with an exotic name comes from cananga trees that grow over five meters high per year. Beauty experts at Allegranza center add its oil to a turquoise jacuzzi bath which then works its magic powers on a client together with a special tonic laser. We are told that you will feel a tidal wave of sexual energy in less than an hour just for Hr 122. In Indonesia, ylang-ylang flowers are traditionally spread on the bed of newlywed couples, so there must be something special about them.

To feel like a cupid bouncing off the clouds, no need to travel to Asia for an authentic experience. In Wai Thai spa in Kyiv's center, real Thailanders will dress you in a linen robe and recite a prayer to Buddha's doctor, who apparently invented the legendary Thai massage. As you lay on a firm mattress, a masseur will draw the so-called "sen" energy lines on your body with his hands, elbows or feet. Warm herbs, peels and wraps should work magic against skin problems, muscle aches, cellulite and stress.



Buddha's Gold massage at Diva Spa has a healthy effect on your skin, leaving you relaxed and luminous. (Yaroslav Debelyi)

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→ American actor John Malkovich (1, left), Russian patron of the arts and owner of the National Reserve Corporation Aleksandr Lebedev (1, right), and American actor and director of The Old Vic Theatre in London Kevin Spacey (2) speak at the press conference at Chekhov Theater in Yalta on Sept. 25. (UNIAN)



Premier Fashion Party held at Buddha-Bar on Sept. 25 featured lots of V.I.P. guests. Among them were Our Ukraine deputies Irina Herashchenko (3, right) and Mykola Katerynchuk (4, middle), and many other elegant ladies and gentlemen (5), including TV host Katya Osadcha (6), Champion swimmer Yana Klochkova (7, left) and singer Olga Polyakova (7, right). (Oleksiy Boyko)





The exhibition "Rhine on the Dnipro" festively opened at P inchukArtCentre on Sept. 27. Businessman and gallerist Victor Pinchuk (1, left) discussed arts with German photographer Andreas Gursky (1, right), whose works were presented at the exhibition. German singer and actress Natalia Avelon (2) didn't hide her admiration of the photographs, while ex-President Leonid Kuchma (3, right) looked more composed. Art collector Julia Stoschek (4) who provided video art from her collection for the exhibition, was the center of attention, while artist Serhiy Poyarkov (5, left) and other guests (6) were busy sharing their impressions from the exhibition. (UNIAN, Alina Rudya)



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Georgian dining at Marani



Taste Marani's delicious home-style dishes on a backdrop of Georgian landscapes. (Oleksiy Boyko)

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Small, family-owned restaurants usually have the advantage of offering personal, warm service. They employ just a few servers who soon get to know their regulars, intimate atmosphere and have fresh food that comes fast, given their small seating capacity.

The Marani cafe bar in Pechersk is just that. It is situated on a side street off Lesya Ukrainka Boulevard (once you cross Kutuzova Street), across from the Kyiv Institute of Technology and Design.

Marani, which means wine cellar in Georgian, is owned and run by a chess player who once taught chess at New York University. The

place beckons the pedestrian to enter its underground eatery through large glass, no-fuss, rectangular doors – the scene of any entrance to a well-stocked wine cellar. My wife particularly noticed a row of banged-up, metallic buckets containing dimmed yellow light bulbs hanging above as we descended the staircase.

We were met, as it turned out, by our

soon-to-be waitress and seated immediately as soft Georgian shanson played unintrusively, mostly love ballads from what we could decipher based on the tone of the male's soothing voice.

The cafe is divided into smoking and non-smoking areas, the former seating 12 buttressed by a bar counter and high stools, with the latter seating twice as many including a private, curtained booth for up to four.

A fake fireplace giving out a constant red glow was situated in the center of the far-side wall in our non-smoking area. The interior had neutral off-setting colors of red-tan, greenish-blue, and plenty of tiles affixed on the walls. Small, wooden mantle pieces hung ubiquitously, on which Georgian trinkets such as horns, knives, old kitchen tools, and other items native to the Caucasus region were strategically placed.

The menu offers authentic Georgian food and the fare is unpretentious if not basic: plenty of cold vegetable-based hors d'oeuvres, Georgian soups, veal, pork, lamb and liver shashlyk, fish dishes and salads containing the obligatory Georgian ingredients of nuts, peppers, garlic and herbs, and a compact selection of red and white Georgian wines.

This was a welcome divergence from the thick menus offered at many of Kyiv's restaurants where much time is wasted sifting through pages, remembering what you want and on which page, only to discover that the items you choose are unavailable that day. Then you have to start the process all over again while a mental debate begins as to who is more frustrated – you or the server waiting to take your order.

Already familiar with Georgian food in Kyiv, which is quite good given the disproportionate number of Georgians living here (as opposed to Moscow where every corner has a venue offering cuisine from the Caucasus), we were quick to choose and share the following dishes. For starters, eggplant with walnuts (Hr 35) which were curi-

ously coated with dried curly spices and topped with pomegranate and filled with minced garlic. The cheese lover I am, I opted for the Mengrel Khachapuri (Hr 34), which is a thinly crusted, lightly buttered pie filled and topped with a slightly salted goat cheese, and had the Chakhokhbili Soup (Hr 28), a tender chicken soup with eggs whipped in vinegar and a transparent light meat broth flavored with garlic, parsley and fennel. My wife and I then ordered a round of pork and veal shashlyk (Hr 46 and Hr 44, respectively), which arrived straight off the brazier, tender, and topped with marinated onions and parsley and accompanied by a spicy homemade (not store bought) nutty Satsebeli sauce (Hr 7) loaded with tangy herbs. A medley of grilled vegetables (Hr 40) complemented the meal: mushrooms, onions, eggplant, tomatoes and zucchini. For some reason they were doused with oil and spices which proved too salty and were superfluous. The entire meal was washed down with a semi-sweet Georgian red wine from the Alazani Valley (Hr 150) in eastern Georgia, where the climate is warmer so the Rkatsiteli grapes grown there are sweeter than most Georgian wines. This particular wine had light fruit tones and a straw color that darkens as the wine ages.

As expected, the service was personable and fast, given the fact that we were the only ones dining there on this late Sunday afternoon. The prices were surprisingly democratic, as the term is used in Kyiv to mean cheap. I can't wait to return for a larger feast and have no fear of over-ordering and not being able to settle up.

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Stilyaga provides stylish shoes for urban hipsters

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The word "stilyaga" is a slang word for a stylish guy/girl that comes from the Soviet era. Being called "stilyaga" was, at the time, by no means a compliment. If you looked fashionable and "cool," it indicated that you were a lazy bum, spending too much of your time and energy on trying to look good, falling under the rotten influence of the West and, therefore, a destructive element to society.

Now that the word "stilyaga" has almost become an anachronism, there is a Kyiv chain of shops that adopted it for its name. The chain is known as the top place to go when it comes to shopping for fashionable urban-style footwear by such brands as Converse, Dr. Martens, Steele, Lesta, Grinders, Wishot and others, as well as funky accessories.

For years now, Stilyaga has been a popular gathering place for the city's hip non-conformists – emos, punks, hip-hoppers and skaters who go there when they need a new pair of shoes, and, of course, all other fans of cool and quality footwear. It's almost a club with its own atmosphere, worth visiting just to get a sense of it.

Founded in 1908 in Massachusetts, the Converse company was the first to invent basketball shoes and later teamed up with legendary player Chuck Taylor to manufacture one of the most famous sportswear lines in the world. It later turned into urban fashion wear. Converse shoes are popular among Hollywood actors and rock stars as much as among city hipsters. The most famous Converse shoes line, Chuck Taylor All Star (also known as "Chucks" and "Cons") are canvas shoes with rubber soles, low-top or high-top – running up to your ankle bone that come in a variety of colors, with new models appearing every season. Artists create custom imprints and patterns specially for Converse.

But one detail never changes – a round logo with a star inside on every shoe. At Stilyaga, regular models – plain black, white, blue, or red will cost you Hr 320, the fashion models – Hr 390.



Are you looking for colorful "Chucks," Dr Martens boots or South Parks bags? Stilyaga is the place to go. (Oleksiy Boyko)

There are also leather Converse shoes, especially fitting for cold weather.

Originally invented in 1960 as comfort working shoes, Dr. Martens boots unexpectedly became the highlight of the contra-culture that was just emerging in England, and were adopted as the preferred footwear of various youth movements – skinheads, mods, glams, punks, grunge, ska, hardcore, and Britpop. These massive leather boots resemble army shoes (which initially gave the idea to creator Dr. Martens) with air-cushioned soles, a.k.a. "bouncing soles," and trademark yellow stitching. These are still mainly popular among youth subcultures, as well as anyone who likes universal footwear, as they suit any weather. Dr. Martens, produced by AirWair company, come in a variety of forms – from regular-sized to tall boots, running up to under your knee. The common choice of color for these boots

is black, but there are colorful types – blue, cherry red, yellow, green, "dirty white" and new models with imprints of skulls and other spooky ornaments. The selection of shoes runs from Hr 450 to Hr 900 on average.

Another popular streetwear shoe brand, Grinders, likewise appeared in the raging '60s in England. Classical models are similar to Dr. Martens, but Grinders are somewhat heavier with a welted sole. Grinders also has a line of biker boots.

The Slovakian company Steel produces shoes with screw soles in styles similar to Grinders and Dr. Martens with prices not going much higher than Hr 530 and a great variety of shapes and designs. Boots are divided into types by number of eyelets – there can be 3, 6, 8, 10, 15 and 20. Considering that each kind has up to 20 different color options, you get quite an impres-

sive selection to choose from. Images of British flags are frequently used. Many colors are presented both in original and "dirty" versions, as if black shoe-polish was smeared onto them.

The Wishot brand produces skater shoes, hip and convenient for an average price of Hr 300. The shoes from Polish company Lesta are mostly leather sports footwear, with a selection of sports glam style this fall – sneakers and boots – some embellished with crystals. Bustagrip is great footwear for travel and outdoor activities, able to stand any weather.

Apart from shoes there is a variety of fashion accessories to complete your hipster look. There is a good choice of caps by the famous brand Cangol, colorful emo-style ties, badges with socks and purses with images of Skeleton Jack from the "Nightmare Before Christmas" animated film. The latter became a

hit image, especially among emo-kids. There are also bags by Converse and bags with the likes of Popeye the Sailor, Betty Bop, Spongobob Square Pants and South Park characters. The latter are not excellent quality. The pictures are a bit faded, but it's the only option for fans of the iconic cartoon series.

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Camaieu

Well-known for its numerous boutiques (almost 600 worldwide), leading French brand Camaieu has been offering a large range of fashion options for young women seeking a European look and quite affordable prices since 1984.

Following fashionable trends, the company makes plain clothes for all occasions. When first entering Camaieu at Chervonoarmiyska to check out its latest autumn collection, nothing caught my eye except ordinary-looking grey-colored and unpretentiously cut clothes that looked as if they were designed for an office mouse. But after I took a closer look at the place, and explored both its first and underground floors, I quickly changed my opinion. There were some nice garments indeed, and even the grey-colored ones could work fine, if properly combined.

This fall Camaieu is offering several collections:

"College Years" is designed as student fashion, with various striped shirts and plisse skirts, college jackets and jumpers; "Ballade Folk" is full of checkered materials, country-style shirts

and jeans of grey and ground colors; "Autumn Impressions" makes a hippie flashback with a range of transparent chiffon dresses, blouses and tunics with bright flowery patterns, which perfectly combine with wide belts with massive buckles, to be worn around the hips; the name "Scottish De file" speaks for itself – famous Scottish plaid patterns are to be found everywhere – on dresses, plisse skirts and jackets; and finally, for special occasions, check out the elegant line "Private Evening" made up of white blouses, feminine suits, classic little black dresses and double-breasted coats – austere and romantic at the same time.

Camaieu's store has two floors with four halls overall, spacious fitting rooms and friendly staff. The assortment includes everything from clothes to bags and accessories. Collections are updated twice a week, and come with attractive prices and wearable original designs in a wide range of colors. There are a lot of knitted clothes, which are duplicated in different colors. The wide size-ruler and the prices are pleasing as well: t-shirts for Hr 69 to Hr 139, blouses for Hr 139 to Hr 319, and jumpers for Hr 179 to Hr 369. The light overcoat will cost you Hr 899 and jeans – Hr 269.

One big counter right next to the cash desk is filled with various earrings, beads, scarves, gloves, belts, etc. With only Hr 100 in your pocket, you can buy lovely brightly-colored beads, a pair of hair bands or colored gloves. One of their good triumphs is stocking goods manufactured in Spain.

High-quality tights and leggings are priced for Hr 50. So far, there are two Camaieu stores in Kyiv. The opening of the third boutique is planned for the beginning of October on 1 Prospect Myru in Darnytsya district.

Cop. Copine

The Parisian line for saucy girls, Cop. Copine, in contrast to Camaieu, has been around in Kyiv for several years. Previously, you could only find select items from Cop. Copine collections in some multi-brand stores, if you got lucky. But finally their mono-brand store was opened at Bilshovyk shopping center. Cop. Copine, created by designer Leon Nedelian, has been quietly creative and prolific for more than 20 years now. In earlier days, the label was called Copain Copine, French for "boyfriend girlfriend," but later was slightly shortened. Innovative fabrics, textures, asymmetrical shapes and unusual embellishment techniques are compelling forces behind each Cop. Copine garment, sustaining the enthusiasm of their fans. If you enjoy exploring dynamic, idiosyncratic styles, you should pay close attention to the brand. Their latest autumn collection is already hanging on the racks in the store. The collection is all about deep colors, rich fabrics, luxurious knitwear and sophisticated, feminine design. There is denim, shoes, bags and other accessories. Those who are already familiar with the brand know that their charm isn't about the color palette, but the fabulous cut line. Their



The French brand Camaieu sells classical and youthful styles for very affordable prices in downtown Kyiv. (Oleksiy Boyko)

monochrome (one of this season's main trends) tunic with a stylish cut and relaxed ease will give you an interesting visual flair without overdoing the funky element. Combine it with metallic jewelry, leggings and jeans for varied looks. Woolen coats are offered for about Hr 1,400, and the average price for various vests, shirts, jumpers, and skirts fluctuates at Hr 600. A seasonal sale comes to Cop. Copine, too. But to my regret, most remaining cool items are presented in one size only – mostly too big for me. All collections are divided not by types and design of the clothes but by sizes – from 36 to 42. Each of the four racks holds items

of only one size, which considerably simplifies sorting out what to try on. Take note that all their original stuff is protected by a rubber orange label logo – a figure of a little man with lifted hands. That way you always know it's not fake.

Cop. Copine

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Theater director Vladislav Troitskiy shares his plans

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The new theater season is already here, bringing us scores of fascinating plays to see. I felt it was a good time to chat with Vladislav Troitskiy, a theater director who is hot in Kyiv's stage life.

While his main job is head of the Dakh Center of Contemporary Arts, Troitskiy is heavily engaged in a number of other culture-related projects. He is one of the organizers of Gogolfest, the much-talked-about Ukrainian art festival; takes part in Molodist, an annual cult film festival; is involved in cultural education; and – if that's not enough – stages performances abroad.

Troitskiy comes from Russia, which he left with his parents at the age of 11. When the time came to choose a direction after school, he had an opportunity to study in St. Petersburg or Moscow, but he chose Kyiv.

After graduating from the technical department of the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Troitskiy gradually changed his sphere of activity. "It was destiny," he remarked. "I got into a theater studio: it became a hobby that captivated me more and more," he recalled.

He progressed in theater so much that eventually he was invited to teach acting at the Karpenko-Karyi Theater Institute. He did it for three years, but

now he only teaches at Dakh, where some of his former pupils play.

In addition to his "Sunday school" at Dakh, where people can come regardless of whether they have an actor's diploma, Troitskiy is now starting a new educational project – the Laboratory of Contemporary Arts called "Bursa." He says it will be a "synthesis of music, theater, visual arts and cinema."

Initially, the students will have to study at the Lavra gallery in Kyiv's Pechersk district, and then move to Arsenal, a large modern arts center which is currently under reconstruction.

"While Gogolfest takes place only once a year, Bursa will be there the whole year round. Teachers will come from abroad, not to give master classes but to teach systematically," Troitskiy shared.

He said the whole plan would be next to impossible without state support, but the trickiest thing is to find students. "Not all of them are ready to study contemporary art, which doesn't bring a lot of money and thus is non-prestigious," Troitskiy explained.

The main aim of Bursa is to bring up professionals in the field of contemporary art. Troitskiy says that currently "the country is suffering from provincial stagnation – there are no artists to create anything worthy, there are no journalists to write well about art. Same goes for other culture-related occupations."

He said government indifference towards the high arts (ballet, academic music and theater) is the main cause of such a poor state of affairs. The other one, he said, excusing his old man's griping, is the "frailness of modern youth." He said that the modern generation doesn't have any revolutionary impulse, any desire to say "everything you do is awful!" and attempt to create something scandalous instead.

Their only form of protest is to dye their hair emo-style, watch art-house cinema and read modern writers – they consume art, but rarely create it, he said. Moreover, it is unpopular to be educated and knowledgeable.

"Most teenagers who come to the Theater Institute don't know what it



The head of Dakh Center for Contemporary Art and theater director Vladislav Troitskiy hopes to keep the Ukrainian modern art movement alive by bringing young enthusiasts into his modern arts laboratory. (Oleksiy Boyko)

actually is and their only aim after graduation is to work at the Ivan Franko Theater and play in a TV-series. A stable salary is all they want," he said ironically.

Troitskiy went on griping about the population in general. He said most Ukrainians have a poor grasp of certain philosophical concepts, such as dignity. "People should understand that they have no right to do something bad not because of others, but because of themselves, because it's against their ethics," Troitskiy explained. "The country's major heroes are dishonest, amoral and cynical thieves – anything but decent people. A state cannot be built with such examples," he said.

Gogolfest, organized by Troitskiy and his Dakh, became one of the possibili-

ties to spark creativity in modern artists and make art prestigious. During a whole month the festival, which took place in May for the second consecutive year, displayed paintings and installations, staged performances, held concerts and showed movies by Ukrainian and foreign modern artists.

"Unfortunately, although I can bring to Ukraine such masters of contemporary theater as [Romeo] Castellucci and [Thomas] Ostermeier, I can barely find someone to represent the Ukrainian side," Troitskiy complained.

Still, he was able to name directors whose work he considers worth seeing. Among them were Dmytro Bohomazov, Andriy Zholdak, and, of course, performances by Dakh.

Troitskiy and Dakh also actively

participate in the Molodist annual film festival, scheduled to start on Oct. 18 this year.

Dakh will stage the opening and closing ceremonies of the festival. This year its symbol is Baron Munchausen, a legendary fictional German traveler, who told preposterous stories about his adventures as a soldier and hunter.

The performances will be radical and industrial, with lots of metal constructions "to avoid any concerns about fire," smiled Troitskiy.

The reason for such a sarcastic remark is that last year's performances couldn't go according to their initial plan because of constant nagging from some officials about the use of easily inflammable materials, like wet leaves that had to cover the stage.

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Ukraine mourns Babyn Yar



Ukraine commemorated the 67th anniversary of the Babyn Yar Nazi massacre on Sept. 25. An elderly Ukrainian woman lights a candle at the monument commemorating the victims (1), Ukraine's Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko holds flowers during a wreath laying ceremony (2) an elderly man stands in front of a monument (3), Nina Matviyenko, singer at the presentation of Anatoliy Kuznetsov's book "Babi Yar" at the National Great Patriotic War Museum (4), Anatoliy Kuznetsov, photos at the National Great Patriotic War Museum (5). (Oleksiy Boyko, AP)

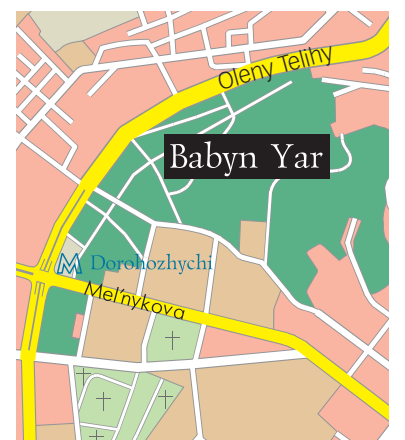


On Sept. 29 Ukraine marked the 67th anniversary of Babyn Yar, the Nazi massacre of tens of thousands of victims in a Kyiv ravine. After German forces entered Kyiv in 1941, members of the Einsatzgruppe (Nazi mobile killing unit) supported by other SS and German police units, murdered over half the Jewish population of Kyiv. According to reports by the Einsatzgruppe to headquarters, 33,771 Jews were massacred in two days as well as non-Jews including Romas (Gypsies), communists, and Soviet prisoners of war. It is estimated that some 100,000 people were murdered at Babyn Yar.

Today Ukraine commemorates the genocide victims and has opened its archives in an effort to ensure that such a massacre never happens again. Last week, a fuller version of the book "Babi Yar" by Anatoliy Kuznetsov, an eyewitness of the tragedy, was released. The book was first published in 1961, but heavily censored by Soviets. For the first time, the full version will be available in Ukrainian and Russian languages. Kuznetsov's book includes memoirs of the tragedy's eyewitnesses, archive information and official documents from 1941-1943.

Ukraine's top politicians also commemorated the tens of thousands of massacre victims by laying flowers at the monument commemorating Babyn Yar victims in Kyiv's Svyrets region.

- Alina Pastukhova



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12 Luhova, shopping center Karavan,
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253-5400

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57/3 Chervonoarmyska,
287-7508

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Tel. 537-2223

Community listings

BUSINESS CLUBS

"Free English Discussions on Canada" Temporary Foreign Worker Program will be held every Sunday throughout August and September. Reserve a seat by emailing jason@osrec.com No phone calls please.

The British Business Club in Ukraine meets every Saturday for Business Discussions and once every month for networking membership of the BBCU is by invitation only and is open to individuals and companies. Please email: rbrady@bbc.com.ua

ENGLISH CLUBS

The "Only English" Club organized by NAI Picard in Shooters (22 Movskovskaya) with native speakers. Thursdays, 19:00-22:00. For more details contact: lbogatenko@naipickard.com, tel: 8044-270-7345

Improve English speaking skills and have fun. Be prepared to speak in English most of the time with native speakers. Conversational club, thematic discussions on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information please contact Vadym. email: vadis@ukr.net 80667674407

Free International conversation club on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at English Language Center. Interesting topics for discussion, studying the Bible sometimes. Join us at 2B Nikolsko Slobodskaya Str. of. 277 (m. Levoberezhnaya) and 76 Irpenskaya str. Off. 31(m. Akademiatorodok). The ELC LTD. Tel. 5811989 www.english.in.ua

Free speaking club every Saturday, starting 2 pm at Lan School at Kiev, Peremoga ave. 7A, http://www.blcis.com info@blcis.com

Are you a native English speaker? We are glad to invite you to make an English Speaking Club with us. Call 80676203120(Olga) email Olga.Bondar@atlantm.com.ua

Conversational club, thematic discussions on Saturdays. If you came to Ukraine this is possibility to meet other people to study Ukrainian culture, get to know its customs, traditions. Please contact Elena mob. 8 067 661 51 06 e mail: lo_ahed@mail.ru

Native English speakers. Meet well-educated, ambitious, and talented young people. Share your English skills and make new friends. Every Sunday at 10 AM near Metro Station Beresteiska at the International Institute of Business Dehtyariivskaya 51. Please contact Mark Taylor at jmt26@hotmail.com.

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CONVERSATION PRACTICE
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Ukrainian girl is looking for English practice with native speakers in return for Russian practice. Please contact Victoria 80676017319(leviktoria@mail.ru)

Spanish lessons / conversation practice

in exchange for French lessons (elementary level) or English conversation practice write to eterno@inbox.ru or call 80683539359

Ukrainian girl looking for English-speaking friends. Kyiv sight-seeing on weekends. I think we'll find a lot of things to talk about. Please contact Yulia. cheary@narod.ru, 8 068 361 77 21

Ukrainian girl, 29 is looking for English, Italian, German, French, Spanish friends to exchange Russian/Ukrainian practice, also business ideas. tel.: 8 0633228956 Julia email: juliaitaly@gmail.com

FREE RUSSIAN conversation practice in exchange for ENGLISH practice (native speakers). Sasha, 30. Help new expats to adjust to Ukraine. (sightseeing, socializing etc) +380975763706 bakara a2000@yandex.ru

I'm looking for English conversation practice with a native speaker in exchange for Russian. Elena: prehelen@bigmir.net

Spanish guy (30 y.o.), new in Kyiv would like to practice Russian with Ukrainian native speakers, preferably females in exchange of English, Spanish or French. 809 8540 1655. bushpilot2001@hotmail.com

English guy, 32, living and working in Kyiv is looking for a Russian language tutor for flexible tuition, maybe including socializing etc. I need to turn basic conversation and comprehension skills into fluency! Happy to help with English language practice in return. Please email: lsepaul@gmail.com

Australian guy, 33, willing to provide English practice for Ukrainian practice during fun outings. Please send e-mail & photo, to kangaru75@gmail.com

Professional Russian classes in exchange for English classes. Need a native English speaker. Contact: Irina 8 067 402 87 04.

Free Russian/Ukrainian conversational practice in exchange for English conversational practice with native speakers. I am also interested in education in Europe business contacts and interesting ideas. Please contact 8 093 921 60 50. Alex.

A native English speaker will exchange language practice for either Spanish, French, German or Italian with the relevant native speaker. Ask for Sophia 80637528141 or email: lebalaites@orange.fr

Russian/English conversation practice in exchange for French and Italian conversation practice with native speakers, on weekends. Please, contact Irina by email at irinasn@ukr.net.

If you are interested in exchange of ideas and English/German/French for Russian conversation practice feel free to call 80976821709 or write me: email box@yandex.ru (Natasha, 23)

Ukrainian girl (27) is willing to communicate and spend free time with American native speakers. Feel free to write me to lexia2005@yandex.ru

Ukrainian girl, 25, looking for English, German or Spanish practice with native speakers in return for Russian practice. Call Svetlana 8 095 4352520, svetlana554@mail.ru

Ukrainian girl is looking for English conversation practice with native speakers in exchange for Ukrainian/Russian conversation practice. Please contact Tatiana at stardom@ukr.net or 8 050 539 09 35

Ukrainian guy offers Russian/Ukrainian communication practice in exchange for English. Please contact Taras 8 066 395 28 77, email: sitar@ukr.net

Want to improve your French or get information about France? French guy would like to practice Russian and discover Kyiv in exchange. Contact Jeremie at jeremie.kiev@gmail.com

Ukrainian guy, 23, is looking for English friends to have conversation practice. Alex. 80667007140

I am looking for English conversation practice

(Sightseeing or free Russian lessons are possible). Natalia (34 y.o.) +38 0974697972 (10 a.m.7 p.m.)nataliak@ukr.net

Ukrainian guy, 29, engaged in finance, interested in socializing with colleagues, English/French practice. No limits for talks: from weather to establishing joint business. Serhiy +380.67.7406820, kobserg@yahoo.com

Free Russian/Ukrainian conversational practice in exchange for Hebrew/English conversational practice with native speakers. I am also interested in ideas exchange and business contacts. Please, email at yael@bigmir.net

Ukrainian/Russian native speaker would like to help for English/Scandinavian new coming expats adjust to a new country (socializing, etc.). Please, email to Mila at mitiko@bigmir.net

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Cybernetic Association Toastmasters Club invites enthusiastic, goal-oriented people to learn and improve their communication and leadership skills in friendly learning and supportive environment. We meet every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at American Councils at Melnykova, 63. For details please contact Irina Nikolaenko at irina_s@ukr.net or call 80676059827

ArtTalkers Toastmasters International Club invites those interested in improving public speaking, communicating skills and creative abilities to join its meetings on Saturdays at 11 a.m. at the British Council (Library room), 4/12 Hryhoriya Skovorody (metro "Kontraktova ploscha"). Call +38 067 934 2899 or e-mail at infojanet@ukr.net. http://arttalkers.wordpress.com

Dnipro Hills Toastmasters Club would like to invite success-oriented people to learn and develop public speaking, presentation and leadership skills. Join us Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the International Institute of Business at Dehtyariivskaya, 51. For detailed information, please contact Andriy Yaroshenko at andr_eyaroshenko@gmail.com or call +380 (95) 846 9999.

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

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

The American Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters Club invites English speaking professionals to advance their presentation and communication skills in friendly and supportive environment. The membership is opened for employees of companies members of American Chamber of Commerce. We meet every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., at the Chamber Conference Facility (Horizon Office Towers, 42 44, Shovkovychna vul., LL2). For further detailed information, please contact VP PR Marina Seredkina at marina.seredkina@novartis.com

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email: apartment.kiev@yahoo.com. Ivan.

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INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

The International Women's Club of Kyiv (IWCK) welcomes women from around the world to join our support network and participate in our extensive social and charitable programs. For more information, look at our website www.iwck.org, call or email the IWCK office to Yaroslava Neruh who is IWCK Program Coordinator: 234 3180, office@iwck.org. Address: 39 Pushkinska, #51, entrance 5, door code 38.

10th Annual Meeting of the League of Professional Women Saturday, October 27, 2007; "Opera" Hotel. 4.00 8.00 p.m., Kyiv. Registration fee (UAH 150 by Oct. 19, UAH 200 after). Quiz with prizes <History and LPW activities during 10 years>, presentation, Pear Garden Theater performance. For more information see www.lpw.iatp.org.ua contact: lpw_network@i.ua, tel.cell 80681984377

The Rotar act Club KyivCenter meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Ivana Franko str. 16/2 in the library of Adama Litzykevycha. For more information, please contact Olga Oleksyuk +38 067 332 30 39 or e-mail: olga.wow@ukr.net. Web site www.rotaract.kiev.ua.

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

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

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

The Kyiv Multinational Rotary Club welcomes Rotarians in Kyiv and new potential Rotarians. Our meetings are held in English at take place every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Bukovyna Restaurant located at 107 Zhylivskaya Street. For more information please email us at Kyiv.MultinationalRC@gmail.com.

The Kyiv Lions Club is one of 45,000 Lions Clubs around the world, we raise funds and provide services to help those most in need in our community by supporting charities in our chosen sectors of giving, Children, the Disabled, and the elderly. We meet on the second Monday of every month in the downstairs bar of the Golden Gate Irish Pub at 19:00. For more information contact Paul Niland on +380 44 531 9193 or paul.niland@primerosfunds.com

The Kyiv Rotar act Club meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Stoned Baboon, 39 B. Khmelnytskoho. For more information, please contact Oleg Lukashik at 80506432802, or email victoria.e@mail.ru, or lucas41@mail.ru.

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Amateur English Theatre invites people (25-40 years old) to try themselves on the stage. It is free of charge. If you are artistic, have a loud voice and can attend rehearsals each Saturday 14:00-17:00, call us 2235919

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RELIGION

CHRIST CHURCH, KYIV. We are the Anglican/Episcopal Church, serving the English-speaking community in Kyiv. We meet Sundays at 3pm at St Catherine's German Lutheran Church, 22 Luteranska Street, 5 minutes walk from Khr eshatyk. Bible study is on Tuesdays at 7:30pm - please call Todd on 8 050 355 25 19 for more information. www.acny.org.uk/8592

You are invited to the St.Paul's Evangelical Church. Roger McMurrin is its founding pastor. Music for worship is provided by the K yiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. Worship services are held every Sunday at 2:30 pm at the House of Artistic Collectives (Verivoka Choir Hall, 4th floor) at 50/52 Shevchenko Blvd. Telephone: 235 45 03 or 235 69 80.

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, KIEV. English and Spanish Bible Study Classes. We invite you to weekly services at 10.30 a.m. Saturdays at 13A Miropolskaya str. (m. Chernihivska, 2nd stop by tram Boichenka. Central entrance of two-story building). Tel.: 80937576848, 8044 542-3194.

Word of God Church offers Bible Studies every Sunday & Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sunday school, nursery for children. For more information call: 5175193.

Science of Kabbalah teaches methods to find the answer to question about sense of life. Lessons for beginners are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at City Center of Health, 29 Vladimirska, St. www.kabbalahportal.org, tel. 3310361, (050) 8658218.

International Baptist Church invites you to our English language worship services (Sundays 10 am). We are located near Yuritska Metro in the downstairs hall of Transfiguration Church, Verbitskogo Street 30B. http://livingvinechurch.goglepages.com/ Bible study Tuesday evening. Do come and join us, visitors welcome. We meet at 3 pm every Sunday, at the German Lutheran Church, 22 Luteranska Street, 5 minute walk up the hill from Khr eschatyk metro. Contact 234 1447 angkyiv@yahoo.co.uk acny.org.uk/8592

The Evangelic Presbyterian Church of the Holy Trinity invites you to our worship service, held in Ukrainian and Russian with simultaneous English translation. We meet each Sunday at 50/52T Shevchenko #402 (4th floor). Worship begins at 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday school begins at 11:20 a.m. Pastor Ivan Bespalov (tel. 2467576). Email: ibespalov@mail.ru.

Kiev International Bible Church, an English language evangelical non-denominational church meeting at 10:30 am Sundays at 34A Popudrinka, between Darnytsya and Chernihivska metro stops, is a Bible centered church for the nations and place of joy for people wanting growth, and fellowship. Contact: 501-8082 or kievIBC@gmail.com.

International Christian Assembly meets on Sundays at Holosiyvska 57 near the MIR hotel on the first floor. English Fellowship gathers at 10:30 a.m. and Korean Fellowship gathers at 1 p.m. Please call Paul (8050 3822762) and Olga (8050 695-9205), or go to www.icakiev.com.

SOCIAL, SPORT AND HEALTH CLUBS

KYIV RUNNERS' CLUB. Has one member now. Serious effort to meet with people who enjoy amateur running in order to build up a team of local runners. Please express your interest to pvasakos@gmail.com

Kyiv Hash House Harriers club meets every second Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Bierstube, 20 Chervonoarmyska St. (in the courtyard, under the arch, near L'va Tolstoho metro station). For more details visit website www.h3.kiev.ua.

"Fighter", the only English speaking Marshal Arts Academy. We study Muai Thai boxing, Wing Chun, and meditation invites everyone interested in self defense and self development. For further info, please call 8(067) 503 83 39 Patrick.

Kyiv Cricket Club (KCC) invites you to play/learn cricket on every Saturday 10 AM at VASHOD Stadium, Prvakzalnaya 6, Opposite to Darnitsa Vokzal. For further info, please call, Thamarai (Tom): 4902691 or 80674017077.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Individual consultations, psychological support in divorce, family relations, stress management, health issues, relaxation, self-esteem, personal development. Call Elena: +380972946781.

Alcoholics Anonymous English Speaking Group meets Sat 10.30 am at 17d Kostyolna St. Meets Sun, Tues, Thurs at various locations. aa.kyiv@ukr.net 8067 2348699 / 8050 3315028 (Jon)

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Lysenko	Excellent	3	80	200

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Location (St.)	Condition	Rooms	Area	Rent, \$
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Baseyna	Excellent	1	40	1500
Schekovitska	Excellent	1	50	1600
Turhenevska	Excellent	1	40	1200
Yaroslaviv Val	Excellent	2	60	2800
Naberezno-Khreschatitska	Excellent	2	55	2500
Mezhyhirska	Excellent	2	55	2500
Shchorsa	Excellent	2	75	2500
Lesi Ukrainki	Excellent	2	60	1900
Mikhailivskiy Lane	Excellent	3	85	3000
Reytarska	Excellent	3	120	5000
Institutska	Excellent	3	80	3500
Lva Tolstoho	Excellent	4	120	4500
Saksaganskoho	Excellent	4	155	4500
Horkoho	Excellent	4	120	5000
Velyka Zhytomirskaya	Excellent	4	150	4800
Salutnyi lane (house)	Under renov.	5	160	5500
Observatorna	Excellent	6	190	6000

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