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## Korolevska everywhere, but is she going anywhere?

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Her face is plastered on billboards across Kyiv and many other Ukrainian cities. Magazines feature her on their front covers. She appears on television shows and news programs more than most opposition politicians.

But most Ukrainians don't even know who Natalia Korolevska is, according to

pollsters, and only 13 percent of voters would support her in a presidential ballot.

Korolevska, 36, was a lawmaker in ex-Prime-Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's BYuT minority faction until she was kicked out earlier this month. She had aroused much suspicion by her ambition and apparent attempts to use protests against Tymoshenko's jailing last autumn to boost her own popularity.

She now heads the Ukraine-Forward

party, the former Social Democratic Party of Ukraine, a marginal group she took over last December after leaving Tymoshenko's party.

Her intense advertising campaign, which experts estimate has cost millions of hryvnias, is the latest attempt by a politician to boost their ratings by shelling out huge sums to increase visibility.

But despite Korolevska's maneuver-

ing and expensive campaign, she hasn't made a breakthrough in polls ahead of the parliamentary elections scheduled to take place on Oct. 28.

"The intensity of an ad campaign does not necessarily transform into popularity," said Andriy Bychenko, a sociologist at the Razumkov Center.

He said politicians won't raise much support through advertisement alone.

Analysts argue that it takes →9



# Cheesy War

Blocks of cheese are soaked in a cold brine at one of the last stages of cheesemaking. Ukrainian cheesemakers have become targets of a Russian import ban started on Feb. 7. Russians say Ukrainian cheese is of low quality and diluted with palm oil; Ukrainian cheesemakers say that Russia is again playing politics in a bid to get Ukraine to join a Moscow-led Customs Union. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

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**DUBNO, Rivne Oblast** – After years of political sparring over gas, Russia and Ukraine have again gone to war – this time over cheese.

Earlier this year, Russia banned imports from seven Ukrainian cheese makers, citing low quality, a move that could cost the country millions of dollars.

Political analysts say the standoff

could be designed to pressure Ukraine into joining a Moscow-led Customs Union of former Soviet republics and discourage it from a free trade agreement with the European Union.

Up to 85 percent of Ukraine's exported cheese is shipped to Russia. The ban means that Ukraine may lose up to \$300 million in income, or 60-70 percent of the annual revenue from cheese exports, said Tetyana Telezhko, an analyst from Dragon Capital.

Russia's chief health inspec-

tor Gennadiy Onishchenko does not miss an opportunity to say in public that Ukrainian dairy products often fail to comply with Russian safety requirements.

"The sale of 32 tons of cheese has been suspended on the Russian territory," Onishchenko said in March. Up to 120 tons of Ukrainian cheese were seized on the border. A special commission was deployed to Ukraine on March 26, which checked one dairy producer and found no irregularities,

Interfax agency reported.

Ukrainian producers say Russia's accusations are fictitious. "This situation has nothing to do with cheese. Neither the statements nor the figures are real," said Iryna Grekova, a representative of KOMO-IMPEX, a major Russian distributor of KOMO cheese, one of the seven brands banned.

"For Russia, banning is a way to put pressure on Ukraine and make it enter the Customs Union," said Maria Kolisnyk, an agricultural →15

## State budget losing big money to Switzerland

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In the past two years, the U.S. and European Union have cracked down on Switzerland serving as a haven for money linked to financial crimes.

Ukraine, however, has not followed suit in attempting to stop financial outflows from its massive shadow economy, which is drowning in corruption.

Switzerland has for almost 80 years held the reputation as the undisputed leader in housing →8

## Makar dies after assault on March 9

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Oksana Makar, the 18-year-old woman from Mykolayiv whose brutal gang rape shook Ukrainians and many across the world, died on the morning of March 29 after a grueling three weeks of hospital treatment.

Her lungs started bleeding and heart stopped on 7:30 a.m. Doctors struggled to save her for two more hours. She was formally declared dead 9:30 a.m.

"We did everything we could," said Dr. Emil Fistal, head of Donetsk Burn Center, where Makar was transported from a Mykolayiv hospital on March 16. Earlier Fistal said Makar had little chance to →15

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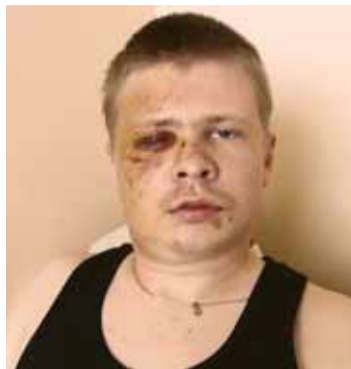
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# Investigative journalist abducted, then beaten

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Rostyslav Shaposhnikov

Walking out of his apartment on a recent morning, journalist Rostyslav Shaposhnikov could not have anticipated that he will remember the day – March 24 – for the rest of his life.

As Shaposhnikov approached his car, he was attacked by four men who dragged him into a black SUV and took him to a grove outside Kyiv. The attackers tried to suffocate Rostyslav, placing a plastic bag on his head, and then beat him severely.

Luckily for the 26-year-old, two bicyclists scared the attackers off. Five days after the abduction, Shaposhnikov is still recovering in the hospital from a serious concussion, back injuries, hematomas and eye wounds.

"As they were beating me I asked why. They said: 'We are just executors. Pay back you debts and behave better.' But I do not have any debts," Shaposhnikov says.

Police opened a criminal case on violent robbery. The abductors took the journalist's cell phone. But the prosecutor changed the case to an assault on March 26. They have reported no arrests so far.

Police officers in Ukraine know Shaposhnikov well. He runs the website roadcontrol.org.ua that investigates corruption and other violations by traffic police. The result of his and other activists' work includes hundreds of violations caught on camera and uploaded online, the firing of several police officers for wrongdoing and dozens of court cases won.

Since the founding of roadcontrol.org.ua in 2008, its work has often been highlighted on national news, revealing road police officers demanding and taking bribes and breaking the law.

The police tried to shut down the critical web page in February when the court ruled that they forge videos and allow offensive comments. The site was shut down briefly, but after the public criticism, the judge cancelled her own decision.

"Last summer four road policemen attacked our activist and had him arrested for three days for ... assaulting them. When we appealed in court with the video of the incident, we were approached by a man who threatened us. He said if we proceed

they will shut down the website and put us in jail. This Monday we should have met with a prosecutor to give evidence," says Shaposhnikov.

Andriy Dzindzha, another activist of roadcontrol.org.ua, was attacked in 2011 by a Kobra special police unit officer who was trying to prevent him from filming his incident with a pulled over driver. This case is now being investigated by Kyiv city prosecutors.

Working as an investigative journalist can be deadly in Ukraine. The most high-profile murder cases include the Sept. 16, 2000 murder of Ukrainianska Pravda website founder Georgiy Gongadze and the July 7, 2001 killing of Ihor Alexandrov in Donetsk Oblast.

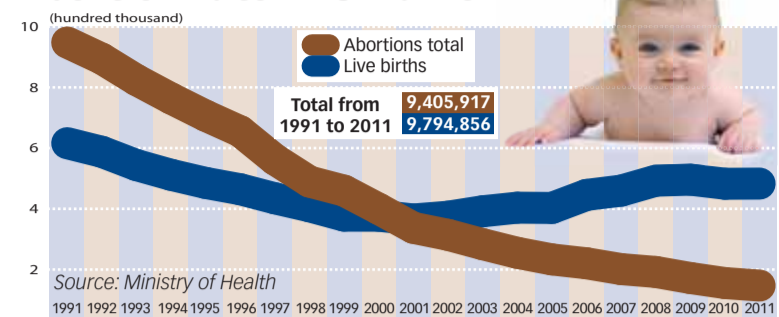
Volodymyr Polishchuk, spokesman for the Interior Ministry, says police are looking into whether the assault is connected to Shaposhnikov's profession. "Since he is accusing policemen of ordering the attack, the case will probably be investigated by the general prosecutor," Polishchuk said.

He says police are happy with what roadpolice.org.ua does since the website helps expose crimes by officers: "And we do take action [based on their investigations]," Polishchuk said. "Some were fired. Some received warnings."

Activists have little faith in the Interior Ministry, however, and plan a March 30 protest. "If they do not find my abductors, it will be a very bad sign for journalists and activists in the country," Shaposhnikov said. "They will realize that every day they can be attacked and even killed for something they reported, and nobody will be punished."

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## Abortion rate in Ukraine



The head of Ukraine's Greek Catholic Church claims that 40 million unborn children were aborted since national independence in 1991. However, official statistics show 1 million abortions in 1991, declining to 156,000 last year.

# Greek Catholics spark debate over abortions

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Sviatoslav Shevchuk

Ukraine's Greek Catholic Church sparked an abortion debate after a recent talk of its leader to students in western Ukraine. An ultra-right member of parliament was quick on his feet to register a draft law banning abortions, while doctors, women's organizations and other pro-choice groups warned that the move would be disastrous for Ukraine.

Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholics, in a speech earlier this month said "over 20 years of independent Ukraine we have knowingly and willingly killed 40 million children." He went on to say that those children who were born are "the ones who accidentally avoided the lethal hand of their parents." He said his church will address the government to consider banning abortions altogether. Shevchuk was immediately criticized for distorting statistics to make a point. Health Ministry figures indicate that the number of abortions is about eight times lower than the bishop suggested, and going down. It is down from 1 million in 1991 to 156,000 in 2011.

The church argues that official figures fail to count the abortions that end at the earliest stages of pregnancy with pills. It claims unregistered abortions are common. The ministry claims its figures it's figures factors all cases in, as well as all illegal abortions discovered by the police.

But that did not persuade Andriy Shkil, a right-wing parliamentarian who registered a bill to ban abortions on March 12. His draft suggests that abortions should only be allowed as an exception in special medical circumstances, in case of death of the child's father, if the family has a history of disability or in case of teenage pregnancies under 16.

Shkil said abortions in Ukraine costless than visiting a dentist. "We need to stop the situation when doctors kill children using public funds," he said.

Dozens of women's organizations came out with a public appeal against the move. "None of us women endorse artificial interruption of a life," they wrote. "But it does not mean that women should be denied the right to make choices and decide about their bodies and their destiny."

Halyna Maystruk, a gynecologist and head of the Foundation of Women's Health and Family Planning, said that in neighboring Poland, an abortion ban did not increase birthrates. Instead, Polish women now go to Germany or France for an abortion, while less affluent families often opt for Lviv in Ukraine.

But most Ukrainian women don't have the option of going abroad. "The black market will be running. Providers of these services will be people who have no relation to medicine and the cost for the medical sector will be huge," warns Maystruk. Instead of rela-

tively cheap abortions, the health-care system will have to pick up the costs that could include expensive surgeries and rehabilitation.

"The consequences can be terrible – we have the experience of the Stalin times, particularly from 1946 to 1955, when thousands of women in Ukraine were dying during [illegal] abortions. Today, women are not dying from abortion," Maystruk says.

Shkil says that the high mortality rate in the Stalin years was caused by a complete ban on abortions, even for medical reasons. He believes that his law leaves enough room to avoid that.

Vyacheslav Kaminsky, chief gynecologist at the Health Ministry, is against an abortion ban. "Instantly some criminal proposals will arise, therefore they will do it on the streets," Kaminsky says. He said Ukraine's current legislation on abortion is in line with European standards.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in 2008 argued that a ban "does not result in fewer abortions, but mainly leads to clandestine abortions, which are more traumatic and cause the increasing of maternal mortality or development of 'abortion tourism,' which is costly, postpone the time of abortion and leads to social inequality. The legality of abortion has no impact on the needs of women in abortion, but only on her access to safe abortion."

Both supporters and opponents of the ban agree that abortions have severe social consequences. According to Kaminsky, the reason for 80 percent of abortions is poverty in the family. Representatives of the church and women's organizations say that the state needs to address the problem by creating conditions where giving birth to a child is less financially burdensome.

Also, Maystruk says that a major campaign on contraception is needed. "Ukraine has a big problem with the use of contraception, especially in rural areas and among people with financial constraints," she says.

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## Real, - launches new hypermarket concept in downtown Ocean Plaza Shopping Center



A real, - hypermarket is to open this fall in the Ocean Plaza shopping center. The project is being implemented by corporate partners UDP and KAN Development, and is currently under construction in a downtown business district in Kyiv.

The real, - hypermarket will be the first of a new generation of hypermarkets of its type in Europe. Focused on gaining deeper insight into customers' needs, and oriented towards their consumption style, it will also employ innovative approaches to goods layout and store decoration. The new hypermarket's concept will be based on the logic of the buyer's needs, lifestyle and habits.

Primarily, the concept for the new real, - hypermarket, which will be Ocean Plaza's largest tenant, implies a shift from a buying vision (vendor focused) to a customer-needs vision (client focused).

"Thinking about new the concept for real, -, we tried to figure out what's important for people," says Director General LLC of real, - Hypermarket Ukraine Antonio Baptishta.

"We're not trying to influence their logic, but restructure ourselves completely, as if we ourselves were the customers. We created the store design in a logical way, put shelves and freezers for customers in convenient positions for shopping, decorated the shop in a way that makes it clear what things are and where they can be found, and generally tried to make customers feel comfortable in the shop.

"We're carefully analyzing the work of all shopping centers in Kyiv, and are confident that the Ocean Plaza shopping center's convenient location will draw in a large number of visitors to our store, and the shopping center as well."

The decision to open the first real, - store in Kyiv at the Ocean Plaza shopping center was prompted by the center's unique downtown location, the large flows of transit traffic nearby, the area's ease of transport accessibility, and the proximity of a subway station to the entrance to shopping center itself. The combination of these features will ensure there are plenty of visitors to the new hypermarket, "Baptishta says.

LLC real, - Hypermarket is the Ukrainian division of the German real, - hypermarket chain, itself a division of the international holding company METRO Group. Today, METRO Group has more than 2,100 stores in 34 countries, each of which has more than 290 employees. The new generation real, - hypermarket will be the first of its type in Kyiv.

The Ocean Plaza, which is currently under construction at 176 Antonovich Street, opposite the entrance to Lybidskaya metro station, will be the largest downtown shopping center in Kyiv. The first section of the shopping center to open will have a total area of 165,000 square meters. It is planned for opening in the fall of 2012.

The project partners are companies UDP and KAN Development, and the project's exclusive agent is UTG company (Ukrainian Trade Guild).



# Why Transfer Pricing?

**T**ransfer pricing is a term that describes the process of paying taxes on international transactions between arms of the same corporation. Lately, transfer pricing ceased to be a concern solely for tax specialists: Ukrainian businesspeople and policymakers alike have woken up to the importance of its regulation.

Transfer pricing has come under the spotlight for two reasons: First, in our globalised setting the share of international transactions within corporations is rising dramatically; Second, transfer pricing is a powerful tool to secure budget income by taxing global corporations, to prevent profits being squirreled away in offshore zones, and preventing the double taxation of multinational corporations.

What is at issue here is ensuring that Ukraine can put the proper management of regulation of transfer pricing Ukraine into place, starting from scratch. Creating a platform for effective transfer pricing rules is no easy task. That's why the European Business Association is taking an active part in developing a set of transfer pricing rules, stimulating debate on tax policy and focusing on specific issues, such as the regulatory compliance of transfer pricing, and all of the possible criteria for its use.

Chairman of EBA Tax Committee Vladimir Kotenko of Ernst & Young, gives a detailed overview of transfer pricing.

## Why transfer pricing?

Using transfer prices can allow businesses to bring down their overall tax burden by keeping low margins in high-tax jurisdictions and shifting profits to low-tax countries. To combat these practices, many developed countries have introduced sophisticated TP regulations that require businesses to perform intra-group transactions at arm's length prices.

In Ukraine, TP rules have been underdeveloped for many years. The Ukrainian TP rules have been limited to one paragraph, paragraph 1.20 to be precise, in the Law of Ukraine On Taxation of Enterprises' Profit. The wording of this paragraph was upgraded in 2002 and has not changed much since then. These provisions on TP contained some basic concepts; however, they lacked methodology and guidance for practically implementing them. As a result, TP regulations have never been fully functional in Ukraine.

In practice, the Ukrainian tax authorities sometimes challenged transactions in which sale prices were below the cost of goods (services). Curiously enough, in these cases the authorities often did not even question the arm's length level of the contract price, but rather disputed the business nature of the transactions (as they arguably were not aimed at generating profit).

Sometimes the tax authorities viewed manipulations with prices as evidence of the absence of business substance. This gave the authorities a basis for claiming the invalidity of the relevant agreements and reversing their tax implications.

Notably, the tax authorities tended to avoid TP reassessments as such (i.e. when the reassessments are based solely on the argument that the contract prices are not at the arm's length level). The reason could be that the authorities bear the burden of proof in these disputes and were not well-equipped to build strong cases. They lacked resources and a methodology for searching out and analyzing comparables.

All the above has made abuse of TP principles a favourite and relatively easy way to get profits out of Ukraine. Indeed, one could either sell goods cheaply from Ukraine to a low tax jurisdictions and leave profit margin over there or to purchase goods and services at



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the inflated prices from/through low tax jurisdictions. Sensing that something needs to be done about that ease of tax evasion, the lawmakers have attempted to introduce new TP rules.

In the Tax Code, the TP rules are squeezed together into Article 39 (will take effect as of 2013).

The major changes impacted price evaluation methods, covered transactions, sources of information for computing the arm's length price, procedure for TP-related tax reassessments (funny enough, as a result of those changes one may argue that until 2013 there is no procedure for TP reassessment at all). The Code introduced the concept of Advance TP agreements with the tax authorities. set a highly controversial rule about arm's length price of imported goods (according to the new regulations it may not be lower than the customs value). Literally, this means that in all transactions with goods that were historically imported to the customs territory of Ukraine, the arm's length price may not be lower than the customs value. This provision does not allow for any flexibility for promotional discounts, reduction of price for damaged or slow moving goods, etc. The negative impact would be aggravated in situations when the customs authorities reassess the customs value of imported goods to a level significantly higher than the contract price.

Remarkably, in contrast to the more developed TP legislation of many other countries, the new Ukrainian rules have no TP documentation requirement for taxpayers.

## Will it work at all?

Although representing a step forward in comparison to the effective regulations, the new TP rules that the Tax Code establishes are still far from the world's best practices. A major concern is that the new TP rules will not function and that, despite the changes in the law, TP will remain an underdeveloped area of taxation in Ukraine.

The following important elements are still missing from the Ukrainian TP system:

- The Ukrainian authorities do not possess appropriate knowledge and resources to be able to control compliance with the TP rules, and
- There is no detailed methodology for applying various methods for determining the arm's length price.

Both elements are crucial for a workable TP system and they could become an issue in Ukraine.

The Ukrainian authorities must invest a lot of effort and money in building up their TP expertise and resources. The TP rules may be promising in terms of tax collection, but there is a long way to go before the authorities can apply the TP rules and transform them into tax assessments.

The European Business Association is taking an active part in stimulating debate on tax policy overall and focusing on specific issues, such as transfer pricing. EBA is committed to mobilize its membership to produce comprehensive proposals in the area of transfer pricing.

## Will it alone improve the tax situation?

Transfer pricing reform is essential to combating the cross border tax fraud. It is not a panacea though. That must be sad for those officials who believe there can be found two-three major (magic?) things to do to improve the tax situation dramatically and now. Transfer pricing reform must go hand-by-hand with de-bureaucratization of the business life in Ukraine, simplification of the tax rules for a vast majority of business actors, establishing a level playing field and many other things, of which EBA will not stop reminding the authorities.

## Is transfer pricing a specific Ukrainian point for concern?

Ernst & Young Global Transfer Pricing Survey, which summarizes transfer pricing practices and audit experiences across a large number of countries, shows that in developed nations transfer pricing is considered to be a leading tax issue. Because it has implications for each and every business process, transfer pricing creates significant challenges for taxpayers and attracts more and more attention from tax authorities. The Survey evidenced that taxpayers find themselves in the challenging position of documenting and defending their transfer pricing.

Meanwhile, the OECD, in defining the transfer pricing framework for the vast majority of its developed country members, continues to update its transfer pricing guidelines.

According to the Survey, today's transfer pricing is characterized by the following trends.

### Tax authority staffing

Tax authorities are taking steps to develop their approaches to managing transfer pricing reviews.

For example, some drive up significantly the number of transfer pricing economists. As part of the transfer pricing focus, the authorities create dedicated transfer pricing practices, establish transfer pricing councils and boards to coordinate transfer pricing reviews, issue detailed guidelines.

### Tightening disclosure requirements

Along with increased transfer pricing staffing, tax authorities in developed countries are introducing new transfer pricing disclosure requirements. These requirements aim at increasing the transparency of taxpayers' intercompany transactions and their transfer pricing risks.

### An increasing risk of challenges

The Survey shows that the number of transfer pricing reviews has increased globally.

The risk of a challenge by the tax authorities continues to increase.

### Expansion of transfer pricing scope on emerging markets

As practice shows, the scope of transfer pricing is expanding not only in developed countries but in many emerging markets as well.

## Editorials

## Dizzying spin

It's not surprising that President Viktor Yanukovich and administration-toadying news media milked a private meeting between the Ukrainian president and U.S. President Barack Obama for all it was worth – and then some.

The presidential chat took place on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul, South Korea, on March 27. Yanukovich deserves international respect for surrendering the nation's remaining stocks of bomb-quality uranium in the interests of reducing the global threat of nuclear terrorism. But Yanukovich as usual selectively recalled what he and Obama discussed, at least according to the White House account. He also went on, in a March 28 interview with the Wall Street Journal, to puff it up even further. "After my meeting with President Obama, we came to the conclusion that the trust between us is growing. We have reached an eye-to-eye position. All issues that are on our agenda, they will be completed," Yanukovich said.

The White House account acknowledged the positives, but also said that Obama "underscored the importance of demonstrating the vitality of Ukrainian democracy by ensuring free, fair and transparent parliamentary elections in October. The president also raised U.S. concerns about selective prosecutions of the political opposition."

But reading the March 28 front page of *Segodnya*, one of Ukraine's most popular daily newspapers, one would think that a momentous international breakthrough had taken place. "Yanukovich's international isolation ends" read the headline along with a photograph of the two embracing presidents.

One should not be under the delusion that Yanukovich is being welcomed back into the international community. In fact, the *Segodnya* story offered the backhanded acknowledgement that Yanukovich faces international scorn for persecuting political enemies, imprisoned ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko chief among them.

Owned by Rinat Akhmetov, a Yanukovich ally and richest of Ukraine's billionaires, *Segodnya* estimated the length of the Yanukovich-Obama chat at 15 minutes. *Kommersant* daily earned a sharp rebuke from Yanukovich press secretary Darka Chepak by suggesting the talk lasted no more than four minutes. The debate over the minute count is what an unhappy president resorts to when relationships with partners are ebbing and he has nothing of substance to boast about.

However, the White House itself left Yanukovich's meeting with Obama vulnerable to spin. From the photos of a smiling, touchy-feely Obama shaking hands with Yanukovich, many people can easily conclude that the Ukrainian president is no longer a pariah. The White House would have been better off arranging a meeting between the presidents followed by a short question-and-answer session with journalists. Only a direct, sustained approach with the credible threat of measured sanctions will work with Yanukovich, who has yet to take the West's warnings seriously.

## Oksana Makar

The best way to honor the short, tragic life of Oksana Makar is to never forget her – and let her grotesque murder become the catalyst for ending this nation's all-too-prevalent culture of violent misogyny and impunity for the elite.

These disturbing facets of Ukrainian life collided on March 9 when three young men met the 18-year-old Makar in a Mykolayiv bar and invited her to one of their homes. She made the mistake of accepting and paid for it with her life, which ended on March 29, three weeks after her assailants gang raped her, choked her and set her on fire – leaving severe burns to more than half her fragile body. The attackers wrapped her naked body in a blanket and dumped her at an abandoned construction site.

It is far from clear that the authorities, despite prodding by public pressure and clear evidence of who is guilty, will punish the three men responsible for her murder. Two are reportedly connected to ex-local officials.

The assault on Makar extends beyond the physical, to attacks on her character, as if to minimize what happened. We don't care how uneducated or careless Makar may have been in life. She was a young woman trying to make her way in a brutal, mafia-like society wracked by severe poverty. She was described as liking nightclubs, boxing and bungee jumping. Now she is no more.

What remains instead is a sick society in which perverted privileges are granted for the wealthy, the authorities and those with high social status, while 46 million citizens hope to just stay out of their marauding ways.

If you're a woman who dares to spurn the advances of the married son of a lawmaker, you could get beaten up and dragged by your hair around a restaurant for 20 minutes, as happened on July 4 to Maria Korshunova at the hands of Roman Landik, who only got a suspended jail sentence for the crime.

But there is reason for hope.

After two of Makar's suspected assailants were initially set free, the public outcry became so fierce that police and prosecutors had to re-arrest them and make it look like they will really investigate. In Makar's memory, let's keep the pressure on the authorities and try to cleanse society of sexist and violent actions.



**NEWS ITEM:** Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich milked his 15-minute private meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama for all it was worth. The talk took place on March 27 on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul, South Korea. Yanukovich won praise for agreeing to surrender all of Ukraine's stocks of highly enriched uranium in the interest of global nuclear security. While Yanukovich touted the positives, he played down what the White House said were Obama's admonitions reminding Yanukovich of "the importance of demonstrating the vitality of Ukrainian democracy by ensuring free, fair and transparent parliamentary elections in October. The president also raised U.S. concerns about selective prosecutions of the political opposition." The U.S. has called on Yanukovich to free ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, sentenced to seven years in prison for what many regard as a trumped-up charge of abusing her position in reaching a 2009 natural gas deal with Russia.



**NEWS ITEM:** During Savik Shuster's political TV talk show on March 16, Vice Prime Minister Sergiy Tigipko promised to find an extra Hr 14 billion of the needed Hr 16 billion to fund increased social expenditures, including better pensions, that President Viktor Yanukovich promised during a government meeting on March 7. He said the money will come from "growth in the economy."

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# What John Demjanjuk could have taught us

STEPHEN PASKEY



On March 17, John Demjanjuk died in a German nursing home. Demjanjuk spent 35 years of his life fighting charges that he served as a Nazi guard. In 2009, he was convicted in Germany as an accomplice to the murder of 27,900 Jews at the Sobibor extermination camp in occupied Poland.

For three years, I served as lead attorney on the U.S. government's deportation case against Demjanjuk. Five years later, I believe that the Demjanjuk case demonstrates not the triumph of law, but law's limitations.

I do not mean to suggest that Demjanjuk was falsely accused. His service as a guard at Sobibor is beyond dispute. The key evidence consists of a wartime German identity card bearing his name, his photograph and unique biographical details: his date and place of birth, his father's name, the color of his eyes, the scar on his back. Credible experts have repeatedly examined the card. In every detail, from the ink and paper used to the signatures of Nazi officials, the card is unmistakably genuine.

Demjanjuk's service at Sobibor and other Nazi camps is confirmed by six Nazi documents gathered from archives in three countries. Any claim that the documents were forged and then scattered across Europe and the former Soviet Union as part of a Soviet plot to frame Demjanjuk is absurd. Even Demjanjuk's own lawyers abandoned that claim. In the second U.S. trial, his lawyers argued instead that the man the documents depicted was either Demjanjuk's cousin or someone who had stolen his identity.

Unlike the concentration camps, which were sites for Jewish slave labor, Sobibor existed for the sole pur-



John Demjanjuk arrives for a session of his trial on May 10, 2011 in Munich, Germany. Demjanjuk was convicted of helping to murder 27,900 Jews and others while serving as a guard at the Nazi death camp of Sobibor in occupied Poland during World War II. Demjanjuk denied the charges and was appealing the verdict when he died on March 17 in a nursing home at the age of 91. (AFP)

pose of killing large numbers of Jews. As a Sobibor guard, Demjanjuk's daily duties required that he march Jewish men, women, and children at gunpoint from trains to the gas chambers. His role was essential to the camp's operation.

From a purely legal perspective, the German court correctly concluded that Demjanjuk was an accomplice to murder.

And yet, even if reasonable people accept that conclusion, they can disagree about whether the case against him was "just." Demjanjuk long ago ceased to be a flesh-and-blood man in any public sense.

Instead, he became a character in competing public narratives, a vehicle by which people of differing opinions argued about accountability for genocide.

For those who supported the prosecution, the Demjanjuk case proves that there is no statute of limitations for genocide, and that even the smallest cog is essential to the work of a genocidal machine. To some survivors and their families, the case provided a strong affirmation that their stories of suffering were important. To some prosecutors, the case became a contest of wills, a determined effort to prove the truth against one man's stubborn denial. → 16

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Do you think it was a good idea for U.S. President Barack Obama to meet privately with Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich at the Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul, South Korea, on March 27, especially in light of the West's criticism of Yanukovich for persecuting his political opponents? We asked guests at a U.S.-Ukraine Business Council forum in Kyiv on March 28.



**Jim Bown,**  
president  
of Vanco  
Pryker-  
chenska  
oil and gas  
company.  
"It's a good  
thing they  
met. It's just  
a matter of

courtesy."



**Jaroslawa  
Zelinsky  
Johnson,**  
lawyer  
"Sure,  
why not?  
Diplomacy  
is diplo-  
macy. People  
should be  
talking.

American diplomacy isn't changing. They still require Ukraine's leaders to meet democratic standards, but America does not want to isolate Ukraine. It was a very short meeting and not exactly a diplomatic coup for Ukraine. It's not a state dinner in the White House."



**Oleg  
Trykoz,**  
accounting  
"From my  
perspec-  
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very impor-  
tant that  
Yanukovich  
meet with  
Obama and

discuss his view of developments in Ukraine...it's critical for America to push for democratic reforms in the economy and in political life."



**Volodymyr  
Tkachenko,**  
metallurgy  
"I support  
permanent  
contacts. If  
they have  
contact, they  
have the  
opportunity  
to influence

the situation. If they lose this contact, then there will be more problems for Ukraine."



**David  
Barrett,**  
consultant  
"It's good  
that they  
met. We  
need more  
of that in this  
world. I think  
the only time  
you say not  
to meet is in  
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## Should Ukraine reinstate death penalty for murder?

### Ultimate punishment can help deter crime



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The case of Ukrainian Oksana Makar, the 18-year-old Mykolayiv woman who died on March 28 in a hospital after being gang raped, nearly strangled to death and set on fire by three young men, has revived talk about reviving the death penalty in Ukraine. The nation banned capital punishment 12 years ago, barely using it in the years leading up to the ban.

But the case of Makar shows that it may be necessary to reinstate it. Makar's murderers, who burned the woman alive and then went to buy some tea from a street kiosk as if nothing happened, are facing between 15 years to life in prison.

But the law allows a convict to plea

for a parole after spending 20 years in prison, which raises a question about the whole idea behind a life sentence.

Even if Makar's alleged killers and rapists get life sentences, they might get out of jail in their forties. Makar was only 18 and she died after three weeks of agony.

Moreover, once we say that taking away a murderer's freedom is a fair punishment for taking away a person's life we get onto a slippery slope of making judgments about the value of freedom versus the value of life, we start to compare the two. But who are we to do that?

We can't punish someone who took someone's life by taking their freedom because we will never know if it's too little or too much. On the other hand, taking a murderer's life is paying them back with his own coin.

The ancient eye-for-an-eye principle is the best justice. The only modern renovation it needs is accurate → 16

### Courts too unreliable; everyone has rights



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Human life is not something to treat lightly. Whether you believe in God or not, it is something unique and amazing. Not to mention that in modern society, the right to human life is indispensable, along with the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as most constitutions in democratic states (including Ukraine's), protect human life.

According to Amnesty International, an international watchdog, the death penalty violates the right to life. This argument against capital punishment is mocked by those who stand for killing criminals, with eye-for-eye arguments.

However, with the numerous pitfalls of any judicial system, there is always the risk that an innocent person will be executed. That is exactly what happened to 29-year-old Oleksandr Kravchenko in 1983, when the state executed him for a crime he did not commit. The crime was actually committed by Andrei Chikatilo, a notorious serial killer in the Soviet era. The fact that Chikatilo was also executed, in 1994, does nothing to correct the horrible mistake of killing an innocent person.

The same miscarriage of justice could have been repeated with Maksym Dmytrenko, who has spent eight years in jail for a crime he has nothing to do with. He would have died by now if Ukraine still had death penalty as an option.

Dmytrenko was tortured in 2003 until he admitted he had raped and killed an underage girl. He went to prison. Even though another man confessed to this crime more → 16

YES

NO

# Bank association leader calls for ouster of NBU top management

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In most countries, banking associations tend to support the head of the central bank, with measured criticism leveled at a technocratic figure that is, in essence, one of their own.

In Ukraine, however, it appears the Association of Ukrainian Banks is calling for the resignation of National Bank of Ukraine chief Serhiy Arbuzov, who reportedly has personal ties to President Viktor Yanukovich's family. But the call should not be seen as a sign of unity among the banking community, into which politics and diverging interests have driven a wedge.

At a March 27 press conference, the bank association's head Oleksandr Sugonyako blasted the NBU's monetary policy and the government's overall economic strategy, questioning their professional competence.

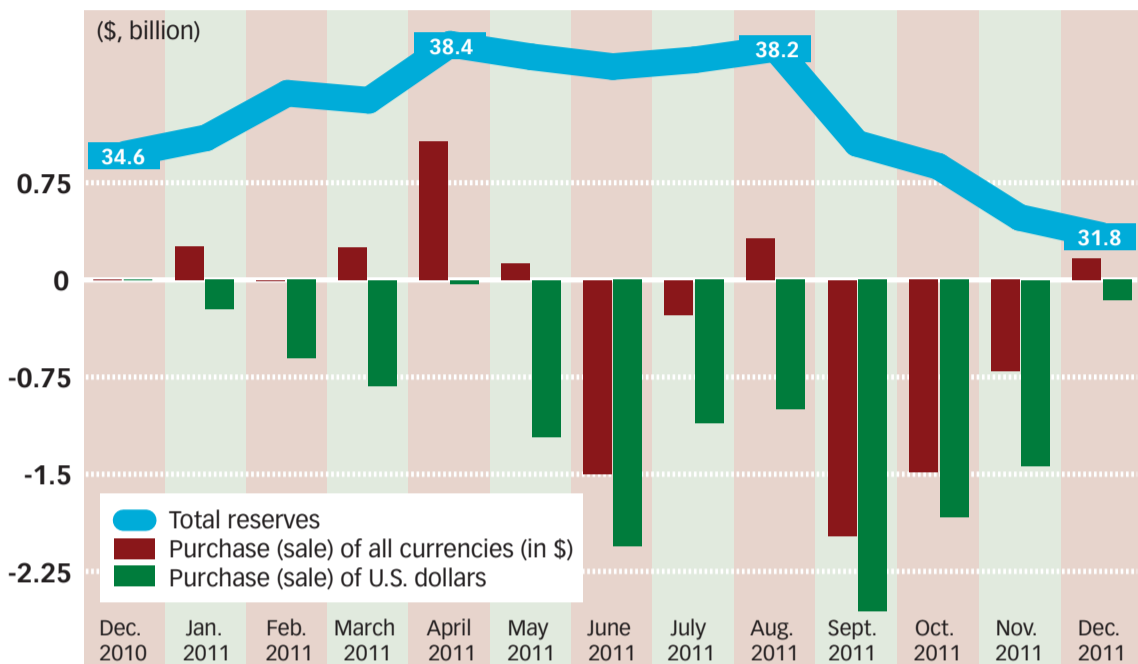
"We are headed down the same path as Belarus," Sugonyako said, referring to the crisis that ravaged Ukraine's northern neighbor last year producing a currency collapse and triple digit inflation. "There they held, held, held until the presidential elections and finally collapsed," he added.

According to the banking sector representative, the central bank's monetary sins include maintaining a strict currency exchange rate and low inflation policy at any cost. This has caused the country's foreign currency reserves to fall by close to 20 percent since August last year.

Together with a tightening of bank liquidity, which saw interbank rates peak at 32 percent in November compared to 3-5 percent a year earlier, this has choked off economic growth, Sugonyako said. He also criticized monetary authorities for failing to bring the current account deficit under control, or speaking out against the president's "populist" social program that aims to provide mortgages at 10 percent below market rates.

The banking community now wants the president to dismiss Arbuzov, Sugonyako said. "But they cannot say this out loud, like me, because they are in business and this could cause them and their shareholders problems," he

Ukraine's foreign currency reserves fall sharply



Source: NBU, AUB

Last year saw Ukraine's foreign currency holdings fall overall, but its U.S. dollar reserves took the biggest hit

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added. "The association is free to do this, though."

Yet the association may not wield the clout it once did. And while the central bank declined to comment on his words, several representatives of large banks instead criticized Sugonyako, describing him as marginal and out of order. Experts say large banks, particularly foreign-owned, have

distanced themselves from Sugonyako in previous months, many quitting his association. His increasingly caustic remarks about the government are increasingly viewed as unwanted political activism. On March 27 Khreschatyk Bank announced it would leave the association, claiming the leadership's ambitions had prevented the group from fulfilling its goals.

"This is populism expressed by Mr. Sugonyako, who lost the backing of the entire banking community as a whole," said Alexander Valchyshen, head of research at the Kyiv-based investment bank ICU. While Sugonyako raises important topics, Valchyshen said he fails to reflect their nuances, concentrating on convenient issues easily used to inflame the public.

"I would treat [Sugonyako's statements] as a political assault on Yanukovich," Valchyshen said.

But distancing themselves from opposition activities is not the only reason why banks are switching alliances.

Sugonyako's association is "mainly" an advocacy for small banks, said Oleksandr Zholud, a senior analyst at Kyiv-based think tank International Center of Policy Studies.

That's because the voting system gives one vote per bank, giving equal representation regardless of size, while the country's top 10 banks represent roughly half of the system. Thus, it makes sense for them to lobby their positions through alternative organizations, like the Independent Banking Association of Ukraine.

Asked about how valid Sugonyako's points were, Zholud said these were "real problems," though the interpretations vary as to how grave they are. Listing the main current economic risks, he mentioned prices for strategic imports and exports, the government's ability to borrow abroad, and loose fiscal policy, notably the recently announced social program.

According to the analyst, by raising pensions and subsidizing mortgages



Serhiy Arbuzov



Oleksandr Sugonyako

the government could end up spending an additional \$3 billion.

But dismissing the central bank head wouldn't help much, Zholud said.

The market place needs the stability and predictability that come with a long-serving central bank head.

"The idea is to have a central banker as long as possible so others can get used to his policies," he claimed.

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# Economic Snapshot

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## Debt reaches \$126 billion but declines as percentage of gross domestic product

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Ukraine's gross external debt continued to increase in 2011, rising by 7.6 percent compared to 2010, or \$8.9 billion, bringing the cumulative total to \$126 billion, Kyiv's Dragon Capital wrote in a March 21 note to investors.

There is no reason to panic, however, as Dragon Capital points out that debt as a percentage of gross domestic product declined by 9.5 percentage points – to just 77 percent of GDP, both public and private.

The increase in total debt was largely due to more corporate borrowing. Combined liabilities by businesses increased by \$7.1 billion, reaching a net \$50 billion.

Looking ahead, Dragon Capital cited National Bank of Ukraine figures in estimating that the nation's debt repayments due this year stand at \$57 billion. That's a massive amount. If repaid, the pressure to devalue Ukraine's currency, the hryvnia, would be immense. But, according to Dragon, only a small part of the amount due this year will be actually repaid, because the "a large share" of the corporate borrowings in 2011 were "related-party lending" and could be easily refinanced.

The largest redemptions, according

to Dragon Capital, will come from commercial banks; the central bank will also need to cover loans falling due to the International Monetary Fund. In the end, debt as a percentage of GDP may even decline to 71 percent by year's end, Dragon concluded.

What to make of the mixed results? "Ukraine is a particularly difficult call to make at the moment," according to Timothy Ash, managing director of emerging market research at Royal Bank of Scotland.

Analyzing the country's fiscal position in a note, he wrote: "On a stand-alone basis its credit quality is clearly deteriorating in my view. The current account deficit ended 2011 at around \$8.5 billion, and is unlikely to decline much in 2012, given likely fiscal pump-priming ahead of elections and expectations of higher energy costs. Official foreign-exchange reserves declined from their peak of around \$37 billion in April 2011 to just \$29.8 billion at the end of 2011, albeit showing relative stability in the final few months of the year, after hefty reserve depletion in Q3 2011."

According to Ash, Ukraine's overall sovereign debt burden "is not that high, but it faces a weight of external debt liabilities (\$2.5 billion) falling due

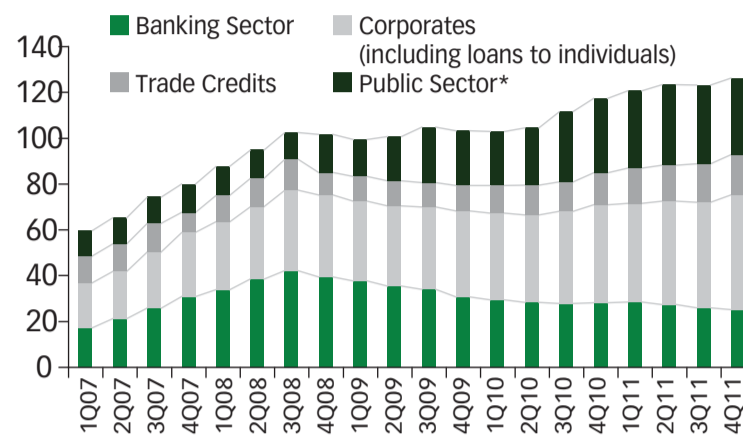
in June, plus it has to cover around \$3 billion in debt owed to the IMF."

Ash said: "The government has already signaled that it would like to reschedule debt liabilities to the IMF, which is hardly a reassuring message to investors more generally. Any such rescheduling to the IMF would require the government to bring the existing [\$15.6 billion IMF loan] program back on track."

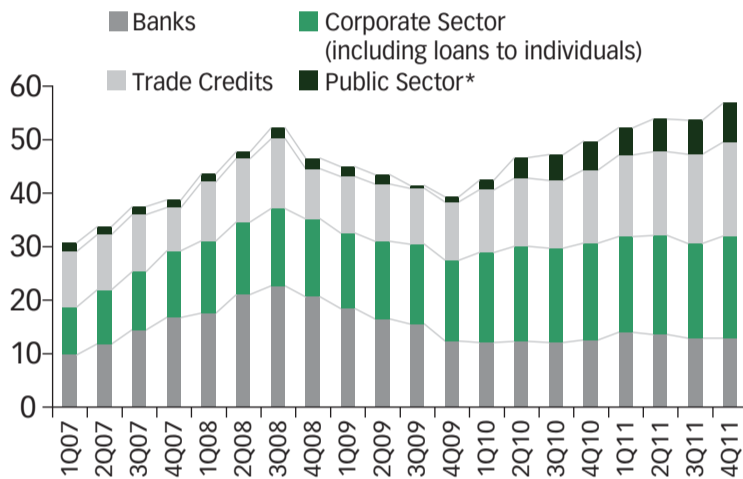
But this "seems difficult to imagine given that the government has ruled out household gas price hikes which have thus far been set as a key prior condition by the IMF to get the program back on track. Other comments from various government ministers and officials that the government wants to boost social payments this side of the elections suggests that the government is in no mood for likely harsh IMF conditionality," Ash added.

Pointing to political strains between Kyiv and Brussels over alleged political persecutions of President Viktor Yanukovich's rivals, and with Moscow over natural gas import prices, Ash concluded that investors and banks would seek to be "adequately compensated for the risks" if they are to help Kyiv roll over debt this year through Eurobond placements in syndicated loans.

**Gross External Debt Stock by Sector (\$, billion)**



**External Debt Maturing Within 12 Months (\$, billion)**



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# How to catch a thief, a liar and even a cheating spouse

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"I don't have time to play poker," says Evgeny Spiritsa, head of the Moscow-based International Academy of Lie Recognition. "But my students are very successful."

With almost 20 years of experience in lie-detection training and psychological profiling, Spiritsa has worked with security personnel, politicians, business executives and betrayed spouses. People attend his occasional weekend seminars in Kyiv to learn the craft and use in their business and personal lives.

Basing his work on the research of Dr. Paul Ekman, the prototype for Cal Lightman in the famous television series "Lie to Me," Spiritsa applies behavior psychology to identify when a person is concealing information.

The basic premise is that the communication structure differs between people concealing the truth or not. Those who don't conceal the truth have a regular speaking flow, while those with something to hide stumble on a decision point for the strategy to follow. That is when an astute observer can pick up on signs indicating deceit.

"The body cannot contradict the mind," says Spiritsa.

While nose scratching is an easy telltale sign, others are more subtle. Legs pulled outwards indicate ease,

while pulling them back is a sign of stress – as is moving the head slightly back or sideways.

People also employ a number of strategies to get past awkward questions, like challenging the other person's credentials, questioning the question, feigning amnesia or responding with compliments. These can, depending on the context, all signal lies.

One way to confirm a lie, according to Spiritsa, is the so-called Colombo method, named after the beloved detective from the eponymous 1980s American television series. In the show, Colombo plays dumb by asking scads of seemingly harmless questions, while occasionally asking about highly specific issues to test a person's alibi.

The method is fairly simple. First, ask an easy, positive question to make the person feel comfortable. Follow up with a neutral one that demands reasoning but holds no emotional baggage. Then, lead into the test topic, asking about something general. Finally, ask about some minute detail, the specifics of which were unlikely to be thought up beforehand. The reaction will tell you everything.

Another way of testing the story is to run through it backwards – a challenging feat if it was made up.

In the TV series, Dr. Lightman watches for expressions that appear on people's faces while being questioned. These last only a fraction of a sec-

ond, meaning the technique requires months if not years of special training for any effectiveness.

Ekman himself looked for "naturals" who would be able to identify lies this way. He found 50 out of 20,000 tested. Secret Service agents, whose training already hones reflexes, were the only overrepresented group.

Asked about how realistic the "Lie to Me" TV series is, Spiritsa admits it may be over the top at times but nonetheless remains pretty accurate, especially the third season, which focuses more on the specifics of a profiler's work.

But the American psychologist's work is not his only source of material. Indeed, the Soviet KGB also had a specialized unit, called laboratory 30, aimed at developing alternatives to the traditional lie detector. Asked how they compared to their American counterparts, Spiritsa says they roughly achieved the same results, but that "ours were a little better." Ekman and his associates, however, were the only ones to turn it into a science and a business.

The secrets of the trade don't come cheap. A three-hour master class costs \$250, while the full weekend seminar will set you back \$300.

This doesn't mean, however, that the audience is only filled exclusively with business executives. "I want to work in human resources," said Olga Boiko, a student from the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. "People are often not ready to answer questions hon-



Evgeny Spiritsa

estly, and conceal something."

But there is one more reason why people flock to the training sessions, particularly women ages 20 to 55: testing a partner's fidelity.

Asked who lies better, men or women, Spiritsa said that men definitely have the upper hand, though women are better at identifying lies. That's just the way nature developed us, he said.

Fittingly, the base scenario used during the course was that of a husband coming late from a "business meeting" only to be questioned by a suspicious wife. Together with assisting in a vari-

ety of business deals, this makes up a big part of Spiritsa's work.

It is also the one that backfires most often. According to the lie master, after being interrogated, spouses often retort: "So I haven't cheated, honey. How about you?"

The Russian expert also trains politicians to appear more honest. He said a Ukrainian politician was seeking out his services ahead of the October elections, but wouldn't specify whom.

Spiritsa expects to come to Kyiv to hold such seminars on a regular basis. He is also discussing setting up a representative office in Ukraine, possibly in cooperation with the local training institute Powerschool.

He is always looking for volunteers interested in joining his group. The conditions? "Work for me as a slave for nine months," said Spiritsa. After that one can try to become a profiler on their own, though mastery takes two to three years.

Skeptics may have their doubts about whether such training will actually help consistently spot people trying to dupe you. But if a highly trained profiler asked the participants of Spiritsa's seminars if they believed in the effectiveness of the teachings, no "yes" could be counted as a fib.

According to Spiritsa, "the best way to conceal a lie is to believe it."

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## Ukraine a no-show as rest of world takes aim at Swiss banking secrecy

→1 the world's fortunes – sometimes ill-gotten. Around \$2.1 trillion, or 27 percent, of offshore wealth in 2010 had been stashed in Switzerland, according to findings by the Boston Consulting Group recently cited by the Economist magazine.

The small mountainous state of some eight million inhabitants eased its banking secrecy laws in 2009 under mounting international pressure.

The toughest stance has been taken by the U.S. Its Internal Revenue Service has already returned \$780 million from Switzerland in fines on tax evasion and has passed an act that obliges foreign banks to report on their citizen's accounts, which comes into force next year. Germany and Britain took a softer but safer path by negotiating a deal with Switzerland to implement a tax on offshore accounts that will be returned to the account owners' country.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's State Tax Service wouldn't even discuss what actions they plan to take to stop money from Ukraine being siphoned out to Swiss banks, referring to their undertaking as "confidential."

But the scale is estimated to be substantial. "Every politician who opens his mouth on the TV has a foreign bank account, opened one way or another," said Yaroslav Lomakin, founder of the Moscow-based consulting firm Honest & Bright that provides services of opening bank accounts in Switzerland for customers in Russia and Ukraine.

Tracking the real volume or origin of Ukrainian money in Swiss bank

→ Home to \$2.1 trillion of world's wealth

accounts is next to impossible, as the notorious secrecy is still in place. "Swiss banking secrecy had been lessened for Americans only, but in a strict confidentiality and with a great deal of limiting clauses," Lomakin said.

On the other end, there are all the necessary conditions in Ukrainian legislation for the money to legally flow out though offshore schemes to be safely tucked away in Switzerland. The major channel of such transactions is Cyprus, courtesy of a double taxation avoidance treaty with Ukraine.

Technically, in order to place money into a bank account in Switzerland, a license issued by the National Bank of Ukraine is obligatory. But its restrictions of no more than \$600,000 for an individual and only one year of validity make it dysfunctional.

"The procedure for receiving the license is there, but in practice our oligarchs don't use it, because it's unreal," said Roman Stasiv, a lawyer with Clifford Chance law firm who specializes in international banking transactions. Instead "they transfer money through offshore [countries], using a front man or directly by themselves. As a result, money accumulates

in Cyprus, and from there you can easily transfer it to different countries, including Switzerland."

Ukraine's government failed four times to vote for a denunciation of the treaty with Cyprus, which has existed since 1982. Serhiy Teriokhin, an opposition lawmaker and first deputy head of parliament's banking and finance committee, says this happens because government officials are the ones who use those channels: "A majority of parliament's members have interests in offshore zones. Therefore they wouldn't violate their own interests."

The most recent abolishment attempt took place in 2011. "Symptomatically, the [pro-presidential] Party of Regions did not vote for this draft law unanimously, [nor did] head of parliament Volodymyr Lytvyn," Teriokhin said. Experts expect the scenario to repeat when a new vote is held on the issue in the near future.

The reasons for continuously failing to block significant money outflows which bypass Ukraine's budget in the form of tax evasion, bribery and embezzlement, are similar to the absence of action in tracking them in Swiss accounts.

One of the few such cases that did come into the public spotlight was that of Pavlo Lazarenko, Ukraine's prime minister in the mid-1990s. He was convicted in 2006 by a U.S. court of fraud and laundering about \$200 million out of Ukraine. Some allege much more money was involved.

"Half a billion dollars went through intermediary accounts, a part of which was then transferred to Lazarenko's

private Swiss bank accounts," said Mykola Obikhod, the former deputy chief prosecutor that investigated the case.

Lazarenko is now months away from going free after having served his term in a U.S. prison. Meanwhile, Ukraine has failed to return any of the funds.

"Pennies are returned... around \$6 million by the decision of the Canton of Geneva," Obikhod said. Lazarenko was named the eighth most corrupt political leader in recent history by the Transparency International, the global civil society organization leading the fight against corruption.

But Lazarenko's case was only one of the many alleged dictators and corrupt politicians using Swiss banking secrecy to hide siphoned state money, despite the tough anti-money laundering legislation in Switzerland.

Nicolas Giannakopoulos, president of anti-corruption watchdog Inside.CO, said that even though Swiss banks have very high requirements in checking the beneficial owner and origin of the money, the crime has to be proven in the client's home country for action to be taken. "The verification is done here, but at a judicial level when they [dictators, politicians] are in charge nobody can do anything, except for a country itself," Giannakopoulos said. "And since this person is a [high governmental official] it means you will never have any document that would prove money laundering."

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Petro Poroshenko

## Chocolate tycoon named economy minister

(AP) Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich on March 23 appointed a confectionary tycoon the new economics minister as part of a government reshuffle ahead of parliamentary elections in the fall.

Petro Poroshenko, aged 46, was one of the leaders of the 2004 Orange Revolution that threw out Yanukovich's fraud tainted victory in the presidential vote. But he has drifted away from the Orange camp since then and has cooperated with Yanukovich, who was elected president in 2010.

Estimated at \$1 billion by Forbes magazine, his business assets include a number of confectionary plants, shipbuilding and auto-making enterprises and a TV channel.

Poroshenko will have to deal with a cash-strapped economy after the International Monetary Fund froze a \$15.6 billion loan over the government's refusal to implement austerity measures.

# Korolevska spending big to build her image nationally

→ **1** time to build up the trust of people, who after years of empty political promises tend to believe not in election campaign slogans but in real actions.

"People value real actions much more than slogans, advertisement campaign and promises," Bychenko said. "Throughout [20] years of independence people heard so many promises that if only 10 percent of all that was fulfilled, Ukraine would be the richest country in the world."

Volomydyr Paniotto, head of the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology, said Korolevska is struggling to raise her rating because of competition and infighting in the opposition. "It is hard for Korolevska to raise her rating as there are many opposition politicians to compete with and there is an internecine war going on in the opposition," Paniotto said.

Nevertheless, Korolevska has placed her bet on a series of posters carrying her portrait and the slogan "New Economy – New Country." The previous campaign showed her on the front page of *Kommentarii* magazine with a quote "Protect everyone."

The frequent appearance of Korolevska on TV and in magazines and newspapers has led to widespread claims she was paying for coverage. A recording played on News One channel on March 5 appeared to catch an advertising executive offering money for a clip about Korolevska to be shown as part of a news report. Korolevska has denied paying for coverage.

Her critics, including in the *Batkivshchyna* party, have speculated that wide exposure is a sign of her ties to President Viktor Yanukovich,

who is aligned with the oligarchs who own most TV stations. She denies the allegation.

Artem Bidenko, head of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Ukraine, estimated that up to Hr 10 million (\$1.25 million) has been spent on Korolevska's ad campaign so far.

Her press service did not give any figures about expenditures on her ad campaign, saying it is a "commercial secret."

A native of the eastern city of Luhansk, Korolevska worked for several years as a businesswoman. She worked for her family's ice cream business, which she has said her parents sold last summer, before moving into politics as a deputy in the BYuT faction.

Portraying herself as a defender of small and medium businesses, she led a few small protests calling for tax legislation that would be favorable for smaller firms. But her colleagues tossed her out of the Tymoshenko faction in parliament, accusing her of betrayal by not voting in support of a Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's resolution. That January resolution called for the amendment of the criminal code in a way that could set Tymoshenko free.

Opponents accuse her of trying to capitalize on Tymoshenko's name by vocally insisting that she is fighting for her release from prison. Others said she was trying to replace her erstwhile ally, using good looks and fiery rhetoric reminiscent of Tymoshenko.

Korolevska said her removal from the bloc had not been agreed with Tymoshenko, and that the current leaders had done it in order to sell places

on the party list for the elections.

"It was painful when two Chekists stuck a knife into my back," she said, apparently referring to top BYuT officials Oleksandr Turchynov and Andriy Kozhemyakin, using the old name for the Soviet KGB. "They exchanged [Tymoshenko's] values for informal agreements in order to seize power in the bloc in order to [be able] to sell places in the party list."

Korolevska has since taken her campaign to Europe, hosting a conference in Brussels on March 27 called "Next Steps in Ukraine's EU Integration."

Despite her extensive efforts, however, a February poll by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology places Korolevska's support as a potential presidential candidate at 1.3 percent, which is lower than the margin of error. Backing for her party is even lower.

In an interview with *Ukrainska Pravda*, she expressed confidence that her party will become popular enough to pass the 5 percent threshold for entering parliament.

Advertising expert Bidenko said Korolevska's low poll figures derive from low awareness of her as a political brand, as less than 40 percent of the nation knows who she is.

"A huge ad campaign is needed to raise this figure to 90 percent," he said, explaining why she is advertising so aggressively. He added that the next step is to boost people's loyalty by taking part in debates, for example. "It takes years" to accomplish, he said.

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## Yanukovich, Obama meet

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, left, and U.S. President Barack Obama speak during the Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul, South Korea, on March 27. The two leaders held a private talk after which the White House issued a statement saying that Obama urged Yanukovich to hold democratic parliamentary elections on Oct. 28 and raised concern about selective prosecution of political opponents, including imprisoned ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. (AP)

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# Tempting fate: Lawmakers take aim at fortunetellers

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When the authors of bill number 8371 wanted a vote on the final draft in parliament earlier this year, they faced unusual opposition.

"Some people threatened me with health problems like impotence if I proceeded with the law," said Yevhen Tsarkov, a Communist lawmaker who instigated the bill.

Tsarkov and other authors of the law say they received such threats after penning a law that bans advertising by magicians, fortunetellers, witches and others who claim to have supernatural powers.

"The threatening emails and text messages were constant. One of my fellow lawmakers who was earlier involved in the draft law withdrew as

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Kyiv In Your Palm circular continues to advertise the services of fortunetellers despite the legal ban. (Courtesy)

she couldn't stand the pressure," said Pavlo Unguryan, a member of parliament from the opposition Fatherland party, who co-authored the bill.

Nevertheless, the bill passed, was signed by the president and went into force earlier in March.

Advertisements for fortune tellers and supernatural healers have filled Ukraine's airwaves, newspapers and advertising circulars for years, promis-

ing happiness, health and protection from evil. One recent advert in a circular offers "treatment" using electric shocks. Another pitch promises to heal a bad back with a hammer. Others, in a mixture of religion and the supernatural, offer cures from "evil curses" and "charms to excite love" alongside photographs of the bible and icons.

Tamara, who advertises in the circular Kyiv In Your Palm, offers to solve problems for Hr 100. "First people come for a visit, and I use playing cards to see what their problem is. Then I tell them what can be done to address it – magic, special prayers, other means," she said.

But lawmakers say these fortunetellers, witches and supernatural healers are just taking advantage of vulnerable people.

"We received hundreds of complaints from parents and relatives of teenagers and pensioners who watched these daytime fortune-telling shows on TV and were calling there, and then receiving phone bills for up to tens of thousands of hryvnia," Tsarkov said. "Most of them did not know that they pay for the time they are on hold as well."

Official estimates by police and lawmakers say there are from 25,000 to 60,000 people make a living practicing fortunetelling, astrology, magic and traditional medicine. According to Health Ministry data, only 425 of them are licensed as practitioners of traditional medicine.

Fortunetellers, astrologers and palm readers were included in the national classification of professions since 2007, as many are registered as private entrepreneurs, despite working illegally without licenses proving their "special ability."

"Almost all witches are registered with the State Tax Administration as private entrepreneurs. They pay taxes and will receive a pension from the state, despite the fact that almost all of them work illegally and fool people," Tsarkov said.

Sociologists blame the popularity of services offered by tricksters on widespread superstitions and political and



The advertisement board placed just outside a local "witch" house on Shcherbakova Street in Kyiv. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

economical instability in Ukraine.

"The demand for this kind of services grows when the situation in the country becomes more unstable and unpredictable, like it used to be in the 1990s and during the 2008 economic downturn," said Yevhen Holovakha, deputy head of the Sociology Institute in Kyiv.

"Ukrainians are quite superstitious and traditionally many are inclined to believe that they have little, if any, control over their lives, so they seek guidance elsewhere," he added.

Apart from fooling people, police say, these witches-cum-entrepreneurs do not issue receipts and do not sign contracts with their clients. This makes proving the case of swindling in court virtually impossible.

"People also do not record the conversation with the magician, do not write down the numbers of the banknotes they pay with, so when they turn to police, even if we find the alleged swindler, we have no proof of wrongdoing," said Volodymyr Polishchuk, an Interior Ministry spokesman. He said these swindlers operate in an unregulated environment and that simply banning advertisements won't be enough.

According to police, 372 people were charged with fines for fortunetell-

ing in public places in 2011.

"Most of them are usually let go with the warning or pay up to Hr 50 fine. A criminal case is usually opened when the damage is around Hr 1,000," said Mykola Roshchin, a retired police officer who until recently was a spokesman for the Interior Ministry's Department of Criminal Investigation.

Roshchin recalled a recent case in Kyiv when a woman turned to a witch for a leukemia cure for her son.

"She paid her \$6,000 but her son was getting worse and the witch demanded more money. When the woman turned to us, a criminal case was opened and the witch returned the money. However, she was never prosecuted due to lack of evidence," Roshchin said.

Another swindler took the \$40,000 life savings of a woman in Uzhhorod in western Ukraine, promising to "multiply the money," according to Hanna Valyuk, a spokeswoman for Uzhhorod police. A criminal case was opened, but the magician was never found.

Few pay a much higher price after turning to traditional medicine practitioners with serious illnesses like cancer. A woman in Kyiv recently died of cancer after refusing hospital treatment and instead turning to an illegal tradi-

tional medicine "guru."

Lawmakers voted unanimously for the law, but some said it would not solve the problem.

"You cannot ban these people from providing their services, as the freedom of religion is guaranteed by the constitution. Also, it is always people's own choice to trust somebody or not. However, somebody benefits from this business being unregulated and shadow, as it brings big money, part of which undoubtedly going to local police for protection," said Vasyl Miroschnyenko, a lawyer specializing in administrative law.

While the law bans adverts in print and on television, the Internet remains unregulated. A quick search reveals dozens of sites advertising the services of people with "special talents."

"Since the ban was implemented we have not noticed increase in clients. Obviously, a different audience uses the Internet in Ukraine – these people are more educated and will not fall for a witch. However, many of them are interested in astrology, numerology and suchlike and turn to our experts who have been studying these subjects for years," said Vitaliy, a site administrator at www.prognostics.budarazh.com, which offers the services of astrologists and numerologists. He refused to give his surname.

Vitaliy said his firm gains an average of three new clients every day, who pay Hr 200-Hr 600 for a session in a rented single-room apartment in downtown Kyiv.

And the law itself appears to be having little impact, at least in print, with many adverts still carried in circulars. Fortunetellers and supernatural healers cite freedom of entrepreneurship, as their professions are on the state register of professions.

"We will have to eliminate magic, astrology and fortunetelling from the national classification of professions to make it work," said lawmaker Tsarkov, adding that his team is working on this.

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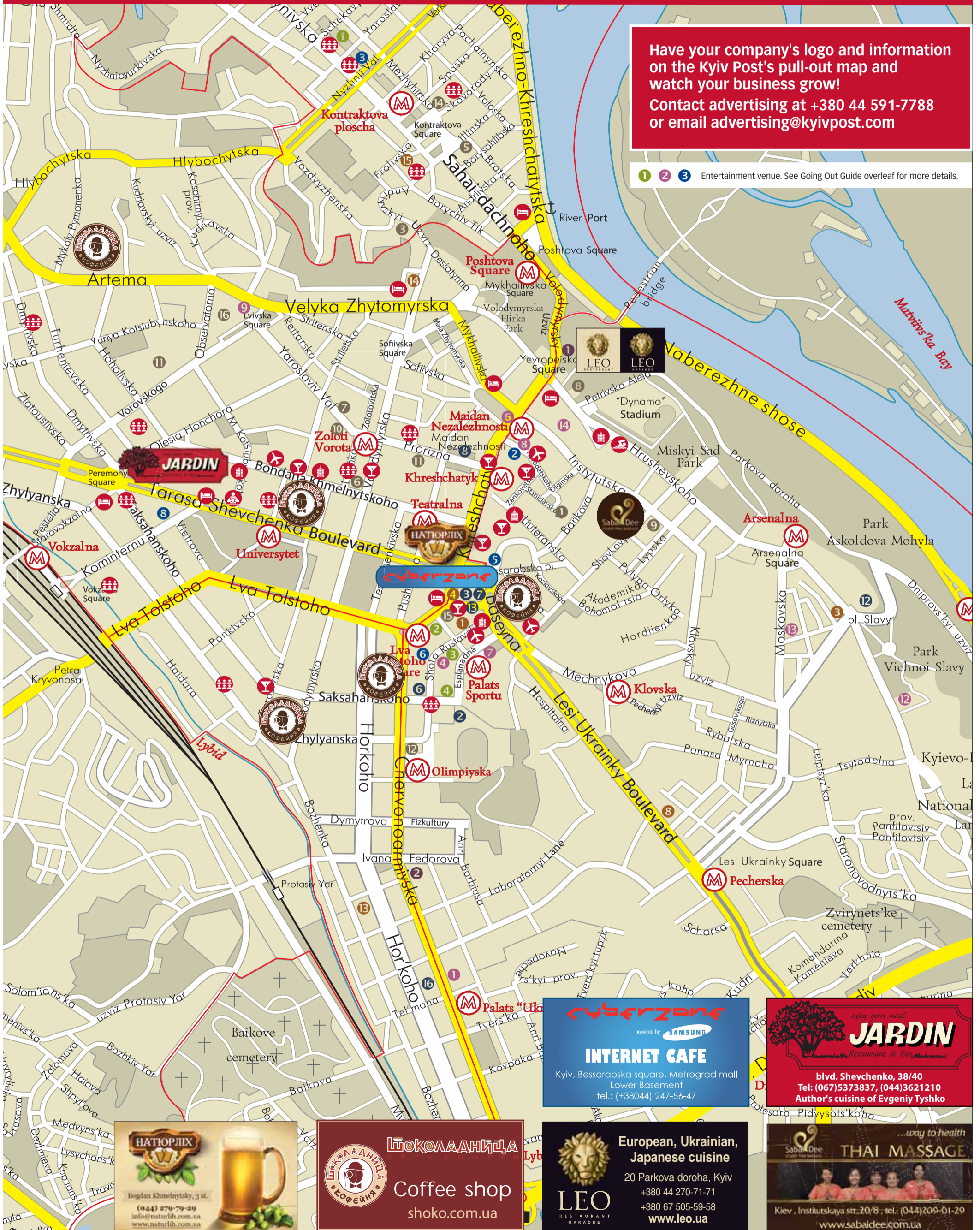
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March 31

## Charity night with a Scottish flavor

As one of the largest yearly charity events, Burn's Night will take place this Saturday in Kyiv. Organizers promise that this year it will be the party of all parties in the wild historic spirit of Scotland. Traditionally a successful and highly respected charity event dedicated to the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns, it has been celebrated in Ukraine for the last 16 years. A traditional dinner will be served including the famous haggis. Musical bands direct from Scotland will perform, along with Ukrainian stars. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for charitable projects implemented by the Kyiv Lions Club. Since 2002 the Kyiv Lions Club has raised and donated more than \$1 million for worthy causes in Kyiv and the surrounding areas. **Burn's night. ACCO International. March 31. 7 p.m. Ticket price/charity contribution \$200**

## Friday, March 30

## Classical music

**Winners Of The 9th Vladimir Krainev International Young Pianists Competition Playing.** National Philharmonic. 3:30 p.m. Free ①

**Subscription No. 10 "Symphonic Dimension".** Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine playing Haydn, Debussi. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 60-130 ①

**Classics On Fridays.** Works of Beethoven, Bruch, San-Sans (violin, piano, violoncello). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40 ⑤

**World Masters Of Jazz Arkadiy Shytkloper And Vadym Neselovskiy** (piano, French horn, Alpine horn). National Tchaikovsky Academy of Music. 8 p.m. ④

## Movies

**Go West! Love Shorts.** Zhovten. 12:35 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

**Shorts Attack.** Zhovten. 2:15 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

## Theaters

**Return Of The Prodigal Father** (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70 – 120 ④

**Murakami Passions** (tragicomedy). Chorny Kvadrat. 7 p.m. Hr 50 – 150 ⑤

**Uncle Vanya** (based on Anton Chekhov novel). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 40 – 70 ①

**Edith Piaf. Confession** (monoperformance, premiere). Palats Ukraina (small hall). 7 p.m. Hr 50 – 70 ①

## Live music

**Motor'rola And Crazy Train** (rock covers). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 ①

**Meri & More Huana** (cover bands). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 ②

**Wake Up** (cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 ④

**Konada** (eccentric rock). Babuin. 8 p.m. Hr 30 ⑤

**Vexlarsky Orchestra.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

## Yamato drummers

Created in 1993 almost by accident for a one-off performance, this impressive group of musicians now gives 200 performances a year. The **17-member band of male and female drummers** is a regular guest in Kyiv, but have never failed to amaze. With a range of drums accompanied by elements of dance and theater, their performances are so full of energy that sometimes it seems like they can power the city. All of their tours last year and this year are devoted to the victims of the devastating earthquakes that hit Japan in 2011.

**Yamato drummers. Palats Ukraina. March 31. 7 p.m. Hr 150-1,200**



March 31

## Clubs

**Sexy Party.** Egoist. 11 p.m. Hr 25 for females, Hr 50 for males ⑤

**Myztical Night.** Saxon Club. 11 p.m. Hr 20-40 for females, Hr 25-50 for males ⑤

**Bare Noize** (dubstep, UK). Sullivan Room. 11 p.m. Hr 110 ⑤

**Addicted.** Cinema Club. 11 p.m. Hr 60-80 ④

**Blue Daisy** (UK). Xlib. 11 p.m. Hr 70 ⑤

**Marengo Flirt Party.** City Entertainment in Sky Mall. 11 p.m. Free before midnight, Hr 50 for males after midnight ⑦

## Miscellaneous

**Artists' Books Exhibition.** Museum of Books and Printing of Ukraine. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hr 5-15 ②

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 80 ⑦

**Ukrainian Hair Party.** Crystal Hall. 7 p.m. Hr 100 ②

## Saturday, March 31

## Classical music

**Works of Vivaldi, Durante, Bach, Handel, Mozart** (organ). House of Organ music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 50-200 ②

**National Symphony Orchestra Of Algeria Playing Dvorak, Sauti, Smetana, Lysenko, Scherbakov, Belli.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 10-50 ①

## Movies

**Go West! Love Shorts.** Zhovten. 11:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

**Shorts Attack.** Zhovten. 12:50 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

## Theaters

**Love Letters To Stalin.** Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 40 – 80 ①

**Vasya Should Call** (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70 – 120 ④

**Solo For Clock Chimes** (lyrical play). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15 – 120 ①

**A Case In "Hotel Du Commerce"** (comedy). Koleso Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 60 ⑤

## Live music

**AC/DC Tribute With Easy Dizzy & Partizanskiye Vytivki.** Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 100 ①

**Motor'rola & Chumaki.** Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 ②

**Angie Nears.** Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 ④

**Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute.** Crystal Hall. 8 p.m. Hr 75-150 ②

**Den Zashchity Detei.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

## Clubs

**Monotonik Session.** Forsage. 10 p.m. Hr 30 for females, Hr 35-50 for males ⑩

**Sexual Revolution.** Bionica. 10 p.m. Hr 50-70 ①

**Dirty Raves.** Cinema Club. 11 p.m. Hr 70 ④

**Circus Party.** Seven Music Club. 11 p.m. Hr 60 ②

**Serious People Party.** Egoist. 10 p.m. Hr 15-25 for females, Hr 50 for males ⑤

## Miscellaneous

**Artists' Books Exhibition.** Museum of Books and Printing of Ukraine. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hr 5-15 ②

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 12 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 100 ⑦

**Burn's night. Charity event.** ACCO International. March 31. Charity contribution \$200 ⑤

## Shows

**Kalinov Most** (Russian rock). NAU Art Center. 7 p.m. Hr 150-350 ⑤

**Miss Ukraine 2012.** Opera. 7 p.m. Hr 100-2,000 ⑥

**Yamato drummers.** Performance by Japanese drummers. Palats Ukraina. March 31. 7 p.m. Hr 150-1,200 ①

## Sunday, April 1

## Classical music

**Burst Of Laughter.** Folk Band «Dyvohray» Playing Classical Music And Folk Songs. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80. ①

## Movies

**Go West! Love Shorts.** Zhovten. 11:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

**Shorts Attack.** Zhovten. 12:50 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

## Theaters

**Generals In Skirts** (comedy) Koleso Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 70 – 80 ⑤

**Trees Die Standing** (drama). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15 – 120 ②

**He Is My Sister** (comedy). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 100 – 600 ②

**Four Reasons To Get Married** (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70 – 120 ④

## Live music

**April Fools Day with Animals Session** (classic rock). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Free ①

**April Fools Day with Karnavalnaya Zhara.** Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free ②

**Miles Babies.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

## Clubs

**Tchaikovsky Party.** Prime Club. 11 p.m. Hr 40 ①

**R'n'B Boom.** Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 10-30 ⑩

**Clown Wars.** Saxon Club. 11 p.m. Hr 10-30 ⑤

## Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 12 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 100 ⑦

## Shows

**Lyapis Trubetskoy** (Belarusian rock). Stereo Plaza. 7 p.m. Hr 170-750 ⑤

## Monday, April 2

## Classical music

**Works Of Bach, Handel, Shostakovich, Henderson** (organ). House of Organ music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-70 ②

**Subscription No. 6 – "Violin music".** Works of Tartini, Brahms, Tchaikovsky. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 60-135 ①

## Movies

**Go West! Love Shorts.** Zhovten. 12:35 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

**Shorts Attack.** Zhovten. 2:15 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

## Theaters

**A Cynical Comedy.** Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15 – 120 ②

**He Is My Sister** (comedy). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 100 – 600 ②

**Emotion In Sound** (musical play, in Polish). Dakh Modern Art Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 70 ⑤

## Live music

**Ruki v Bryuki** (rockabilly). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free ①

**Animals Session** (classic rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free ②

**De Lux** (funk, soul). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free ④

**Vertitski.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

## Top beauty to be picked

Yes, Ukraine has many beautiful women. And it's about to pick the best of its best during the final **Miss Ukraine beauty pageant** on March 31. This year, 26 young ladies will compete to represent the nation in Miss World competition, which is scheduled to take place in Ordos, Inner Mongolia China, on Jul. 20. If the women themselves are not enough of an attraction, the competition will feature world famous socialite Paris Hilton on the jury panel, as well as a number of music and movie stars in the audience such R&B singer AKON, rapper Timati, Israeli model Bar Refaeli and Ukrainian actress Vera Brezhneva. **Miss Ukraine. Opera House. March 31. 7 p.m. Hr 200- Hr 100-2,000**



March 31

## Clubs

**Women's Night.** Vodka Bar. 10 p.m. Fee to be announced ⑥

## Tuesday, April 3

## Classical music

**Opera, Jazz, Blues. National Academic Symphonic Band of Ukraine playing.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 ①

**Works of Kerl, Buxtehude, Bach, Reger, Kolessa, Honcharenko** (organ). House of Organ music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 50-100 ②

## Movies

**Go West! Love Shorts.** Zhovten. 12:35 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

**Shorts Attack.** Zhovten. 2:15 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①

## Theaters

**A Dangerous Bend** (love detective). KPI Art Center. 7 p.m. Hr 110 – 290 ①

**Hedgehogs in Her Eyes** (love comedy). Chorny Kvadrat. 7 p.m. ⑤

**An Ordinary Story** (play in two acts). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 35 – 65 ①

**The Eldest Son** (lyrical comedy). Kyiv Academic Drama Theater in

Podil. 7 p.m. Hr 90 ⑤

## Live music

**Tres Deseos** (latino). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free ①

**More Huana** (covers). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 20 ②

**DrymbaDaDzyga** (folk rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free ④

**Guitar House Jam Session.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free ⑤

## Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 80 ⑦

## Shows

**Nino Katamadze.** Palats Ukraina. 7:30 p.m. Hr 50-1,000 ①

**Chris Botti** (American trumpeter). Zhovtnevy Palats. 7:30 p.m. Hr 100-1,200 ④

## Wednesday, April 4

## Classical music

**Russian Symphonic Music.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 ①

## Movies

**Go West! Love Shorts.** Zhovten. 12:35 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 25-40 ①



April 1

## Belarusian independent rock in Kyiv

The brightest representative of Belarusian independent rock, the one blacklisted in its homeland after participating in a series of protests against President Aleksander Lukashenko's re-election in 2010, **Lyapis Trubetskoy band** is about to present its new album in Kyiv. The concert is part of the band's ongoing tour of Ukraine and Russia called "Ne byts skotam" (not to be a beast), a phrase taken from the poem of Belarusian classical writer Yanko Kupala. "Not to be a beast means not to be indifferent to what is going on around. This is our motto," explains Sergiy Mykhalok, the band's lead singer.

**Lyapis Trubetskoy. Stereo Plaza, April 1, 7 p.m. Hr 170-750**



# Georgian jazz with Nino Katamadze

Georgia's best jazz voice Nino Katamadze will perform in Kyiv on April 3. The 38-year-old singer will be accompanied by Insight jazz band, performing musical compositions of her own. Her music is a mix of Georgian and modern world music schools, with surprising, strong, emotional and deep vocals. It has been defined of jazz, rock, pop and psychedelia. Critics say her music shouldn't be understood but rather to be inhaled, in large dozes, as an antidote from loneliness, panacea for stress, tincture against aggression and injection to cure from skepticism. This surprising project draws full audiences.

**Nino Katamadze. Palats Ukraina. April 3. 7:30 p.m. Hr 50-1,000**

**Shorts Attack.** Zhovten. 2:15 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Hr 25-40

### Theaters

**Confession Of The Nuns** (first women theater). Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 50 - 70

**Ladies' Night** (comedy-show). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80 - 350

**Torchalov** (scenes from "afterlife"). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 35 - 65

**The Greatest Good In The World** (premiere). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr

### Live music

**Mahagon** (Moldova). Docker Pub. 9 p.m. Hr 50

**Rockin Wolves** (rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30

**Kofei.in** (pop rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 30

**Jazz Wendesday with Bloom Band.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

### Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 3

p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 80  
French spring festival. Sofiivska square. April 4. Admission free

## Thursday, April 5

### Classical music

**Violin Miniatures.** Works Of Debussy, Ravel, Albeniz, Gershwin, Bloch, Szymanowski, Stravinsky, Skoryk (piano, violin). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80

### Movies

**Unforgivable** (drama). Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 60

**Trains, Planes And Automobiles** (comedy, adventures). Master Klass. 7 p.m. Hr 30

### Theaters

**The Human And Eternity** (philosophical comedy). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 40 - 80

**Anna Karenina** (drama). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 40 - 70

**Eight Steps Of Tango** (relationships through the prism of tango). New Theater on Pechersk. 7 p.m. Hr 80

**Frederique Or Avenue Of Crimes** (theater roman). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15 - 150

### Live music

**Chill Out** (disco rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free

**Bangladesh Orchestra.** Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30

**Anya Chaikovskaya & Acoustic Quarter.** Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

**Mahagon.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

**Vanilla Wave.** Babuin. 8 p.m. Hr 30

### Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 80

### Shows

**Zuccero** (Italian singer). Palats Sportu. 7 p.m. Hr 250-850

**Ania Chaykovskaya** (jazz). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

## Friday, April 6

### Classical music

**Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine playing Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Ravel.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100

**Classics on Fridays. Works of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, de Falla** (piano, violin). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40

### Movies

**The Art Of Love** (comedy). Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 60

### Theaters

**Lifelong Cheating** (premiere). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70 - 120

**Quartet For Two** (comedy). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 40 - 80

**The Lower Depths** (drama). Kyiv Academic Drama Theater in Podil. 7 p.m. Hr 90

**King Lear. Prologue** (with Dakha Brakha band). Dakh Modern Art Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 70

### Live music

**Antytila & Red Rocks** (rock covers). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Mad Heads UkrainSka & Ruki V Bryuki** (rockabilly). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Legkiy Flirt** (cover). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free

**Nota-G.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

**Sri Lanka.** Babuin. 8 p.m. Hr 50

### Clubs

**Amen Terrorists.** Cinema Club. 11 p.m. Hr 90

### Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 80

## Saturday, April 7

### Classical music

**Concert of Children's Musical School No.28.** National Philharmonic. 3 p.m. Hr 30-70

### Movies

**The Fields Of Enchantment** (drama). Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 60

### Theaters

**Sublimation Of Love** (comedy, contains erotic). Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 80 - 100

**Athens Evenings** (comedy). Molody



# French Spring to warm up Ukraine

The spring has been delayed by the snow and chilly weather as of late, but it's still coming. The first burst of positive emotions will be provided by the annual French Spring Festival that will give everyone a chance to be a part of the modern French cultural life without having to cross the border.

The festival brings a series of events in theater, cinema, circus, fine arts, literature and music. They will travel to six major cities in Ukraine - Kyiv, Donetsk, Lviv, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kharkiv. In the capital, the grand opening should not be missed. It will take place at 8:30 p.m. on April 4, on Sofiivska Square. The main highlight will be provided by Tanse street theater and the Crazy Bell-Ringers show. Twenty six musicians will take part in the show, using a vast chandelier as a prop. Thousands of spectators come to the show every year, which comes highly recommended by the Kyiv Post Lifestyle team.

**French spring festival. Sofiivska square. April 4. 8:30 p.m. Admission free. For detailed schedule visit the French institute website institutfrancais-ukraine.com**

Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80

**Sorochinska Fair** (comedy). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80 - 100

**Six Black Candles** (Scottish black humor). Kyiv Academic Drama Theater in Podil. 7 p.m. Hr 70

### Live music

**Symfomania & More Huana** (covers). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Tabula Rasa & Partizanskiye Vytivki** (rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**MJ Project** (covers). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

**Yokodo.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

### Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 12 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 100

### Shows

**Aquarium** (Russian rock). Zhovtneve Palats. 7 p.m. Hr 250-990

**Korol I Shut** (Russian pop-punk). Stereo Plaza. 7 p.m. Hr 150-750

**Gorchitza** (Ukrainian electronic). Crystal Hall. 8 p.m. Hr 160-500

## Sunday, April 8

### Movies

**The Minister** (drama). Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 60

### Theaters

**Pink Bridge** (based on "The Bridges of Madison County" novel). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70 - 120

**Chasing Two Hares** (comedy). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80 - 150

**Shveyk** (drama-comedy). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15 - 200

**Roundelay Of Love** (ten erotic scenes). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 40 - 80

### Live music

**Tex-Mex Company** (blues, country rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free

**Karnavalnaya Zhara.** Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free

**Soyuz 44** (jazz). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free

**Switch On The Light & Coreadore.** Divan. 8 p.m. Hr 40

### Miscellaneous

**Dolphin Show.** Nemo Dolphinarium. 12 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Hr 100

# American trumpet master

One of the world's best-selling jazz instrumentalists, American trumpeter Chris Botti will perform his best hits in Kyiv on April 3. His unique style, a mixture of pop and modern jazz music, is often compared with "smooth jazz" that appeared in 1950-70s America as a mixture of blues, funk, pop and rock. A master artist and performer, over the past three decades Botti has recorded and performed with the best in music, including Frank Sinatra, Sting, Josh Groban, Michael Buble, John Mayer and others.

**Chris Botti. Zhovtnevy palats. April 3. 7:30 p.m. Hr 100-1,200**



## Addresses of venues

### Classical Music

**National Philharmonic of Ukraine**  
2 Volodymyr Uzviz St., 278-1697  
filarmonia.com.ua/en

**House of Organ Music**  
77 Velyka Vasylkivska St., 528-3186  
organhall.kiev.ua

**School of Jazz and Pop Art**  
7-A Chelyabinskaya St., 517-6188

**National Tchaikovsky Academy of Music**  
1-3/11 Horodetsky St. (044) 279-1242  
opera-nm.au.kiev.ua

**Movies**

**Zhovten**  
26 Kostyantynivska St., 205-5951  
zhovten-kino.kiev.ua/

**Kyiv**  
19 Velyka Vasylkivska St. (former Chervonoarmiytska), 234-7381  
kievino.com.ua

**Kinoparorama**  
19 Shota Rustaveli St., 287-3041  
kinoparorama.com.ua

**Budynok Kino**

6 Saksaganskogo St., 287-6780  
! For more schedules visit kino.ukr.net/cinema/kiev/ St., 278-1697

**Live Music**

**Docker Pub**  
25 Bohatyrskaya St., metro Heroyiv Dnipro, 537-1340  
docker.com.ua

**Docker's ABC**  
15 Khreshchatyk St., 278-1717,  
abc.docker.com.ua

**Porter Pub**  
2A Konstyantynivska St., 536-9571  
porter.com.ua

**Art Club 44**  
44B Khreshchatyk St., 279-4137  
club44.com.ua

**Divan**  
2 Bessarabskaya Square, 235-7366  
festrestdivan.com.ua

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bingo.ua

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bionicaclub.com.ua

**Seven Music Club**  
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se7en.com.ua

**Party Room**  
5/3 Velyka Vasylkivska St. (former Chervonoarmiytska), 093-815-1468  
partyroom.com.ua

**Cinema Club**  
1 Enthusiastov St., 295-5854

**Saxon Club**  
4 Trutenko Onufriy St., 257-4070  
saxonclub.com.ua

**Dorothy Pub**  
16/43 Saksahanskoho St., 287-0530  
pubdorothy.com.ua

**Sky Bar**  
5 Velyka Vasylkivska St. (former Chervonoarmiytska), 465-8880  
skybar.com.ua

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8 Prorizna St., 095-455-7724  
sullivanroom.kiev.ua

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galleryclub.kiev.ua

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forsageclub.com.ua

**Prime Club**  
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**Crystal Hall**  
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crystalhall.com.ua

**Koleso Theater**  
8 Andriyivskiy uzviz St., 425-0422  
koleso.teatr.kiev.ua

**Drama & Comedy Theatre** on the left bank of Dnipro  
25 Brovarsky Avenue, 517-8980  
drama-comedy.kiev.ua

**Kiev Academic Drama Theater** in Podil  
4 Kontraktova Pl., 279-1169  
Theateronpodol.com

**National Opera Theater of Ukraine**  
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opera.com.ua

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**Kiev Opera and Ballet Theater** for Children and Youth  
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**Dakh Modern Art Theatre**  
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dax.com.ua

**Art Union Cherny Kvadrat**

1A Grushevskogo St., 501-8595  
zoloti-vorota.kiev.ua

**Plastic Drama Theater**  
7A Shoikovychna St., 253-9383  
ktpd.ho.com.ua

**House of Actors**  
7 Yaroslaviv Val St., 235-2081  
actorhall.com.ua

**Kinoparorama Arthouse**  
19 Shota Rustaveli St., 287-1135  
kinoparorama.com.ua/

**Xlib Club**  
12 Frunze St., Thu-Sat 417-2546  
myspace.com/xlibclub

**Stereo Plaza**  
17 Kikvidze St. 222-8040  
www.stereoplaza.com.ua/

**Vodka Bar**  
Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Globus mall, 2nd line, 371-1102  
vodka-bar.com.ua

**Palats Sportu**  
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spalace.com.ua

**National Music Academy**  
1-3/11 Horodetsky St.

1-5 Artema St., 353-0843  
artkvadrat.com

**Shows**

**Palats Ukraina**  
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npmu.com.ua/

**Freedom Hall**  
134 Frunze St. 468-3232  
freedomhall.com.ua/

**Kinoparorama Arthouse**  
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**Master Klass cultural center**  
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masterklass.org

**Kokos Supper Club**  
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**Pirogovo Folk Open-Air Museum**  
Pirogovo village, Kyiv region 526-5765  
nmapu.org.ua

**Mamayeva Sloboda**  
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**Nemo Dolphinarium**  
9 Glushkova St. nemokiev.com 520-5555

**Ostrich farm**  
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# Assault victim Makar dies

→ **1** survive but called her a very strong woman.

Makar was found barely alive on March 10 dumped in a pit at Mykolayiv construction site after having spent about 10 hours with her severely burned body exposed to frosty weather.

The night before she left a local bar with three young men and went to an apartment with them. The men allegedly gang raped and attempted to choke her to death there. Later, they are said to have dumped her in a pit and set her body afire.

Makar fought for life for three weeks after being found. Her feet and one arm were amputated. Her kidneys and rectum were destroyed in the fire. Parts of her body were burned to the bone.

But she survived long enough to speak and testify against three suspects, two of which police shockingly set free at an early stage in the investigation. As she spoke to her mother, who taped the video of her semi-conscious daughter asking for punishment for the alleged offend-

ers, protests broke out in Mykolayiv and other Ukrainian cities after news broke that the two suspects released were relatives of former regional officials.

Facing mounting pressure, authorities arrested them again. Today, the three suspects are identified by local media as Yevhen Krasnoschek, 23, Maksym Prisyazhnyuk, 24, and Artem Pogosyan, 22. Now that Makar has died, they face rape, attempted cover-up and murder charges as opposed to attempted murder.

One of the suspects is also reportedly charged with a rape committed in an unnatural way. If convicted of the charges by a court, all three could face between 15 years in prison and a life sentence.

Amid domestic and international outrage, the case was transferred from Mykolayiv authorities to the central headquarters of Ukraine's General Prosecutor's Office and the Interior Ministry.

Volodymyr Polischuk, spokesperson for the chief police department, predicted that the investigation will be



Oksana Makar (R) died in a Donetsk hospital three weeks after she was gang raped and burned alive (Courtesy)

finished swiftly, by April, despite the fact that legislation provides for two months.

Polischuk confirmed that Makar had managed to provide testimony and that her death won't hamper the case. He

said police managed to gather strong evidence, including bloodstained clothes, fingerprints, used condoms and sperm.

Polischuk denied widespread speculation that Mykolayiv-level police officers had been bribed or influenced by relatives of two suspects who were released earlier.

The actions, in his words, are the result of unprofessional behavior of the previous investigator, a 23-year-old woman who has spent only a year on the job. She has been reprimanded with a warning. The local head of the district police investigative unit, the head of the police station, district prosecutor and deputy district prosecutor were fired, according to Polischuk.

As of March 29, there was no indication that authorities would press charges against these police officials.

Her funeral is March 30 and she will be buried in her home village of Luch in Mykolayiv Oblast.

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## Cheese flap cuts exports

→ **1** expert with the AAA Consulting agency.

But that does not mean that there is no quality issue involved.

Few Ukrainian producers have international standard certificates, making their products difficult to sell abroad. The European Center for Disease Control made a series of inspections in Ukraine in 2009, and concluded that most dairy products do not meet European standards.

"The European market is closed for us. We do not have proper certificates," said Roman Sydoryk, external economic relations manager at Dubnomoloko Dairy, which makes cheese under the KOMO trademark. The dairy is a major Ukrainian exporter of cheese.

The Dubnomoloko factory produces about 1,350 tons of cheese per month. About 60 percent of it goes to Russia and about 10 percent to other former Soviet republics.

This producer uses top-notch modern French equipment and fermentation to make the cheese, which they eagerly demonstrated to the Kyiv Post during a visit to the factory in Dubno earlier this month.

Raw materials are the biggest headache for dairy makers. Ukraine has a severe shortage of quality milk, about 80 percent of which comes from regular villagers, while the rest is produced by larger farms. In Europe, almost all milk used in dairy making comes from large farms.

"It's very hard to control the quality of milk produced on dairy farms, when most of them are located in remote districts and people typically own a couple of cows," says Oleksandr Verzhysky, a food-quality expert at Ukrainian Agribusiness Club Association.

Russia's main argument against the Ukrainian cheese is the use of palm oil. This makes it cheaper to produce, but reduces its quality, while the ingredient is sometimes not listed on the label. Under Ukraine's laws, a product containing palm oil or other non-dairy ingredients has to be labeled as a "cheese product" and not "cheese."



Gennadiy Onishchenko

Oleksandr Humburg, deputy head of the quality board at Dubnomoloko, said Russia's charges are unreasonable. He said Dubnomoloko produces cheese products for Kazakhstan only, where purchasing power is lower and thus the demand for cheaper food is greater.

He said such cheese products make up only 3 percent of the factory's total output. "Moreover, we use a certain combination of vegetable oils, not palm oil, and the process of making the cheese product is strictly separated from the one of making cheese," he said. On the day that a cheese product is made, no other types of cheese are produced at the factory, Humburg said.

KOMO's cheese products are available from wholesalers in Kazakhstan for 1,010 tenge (\$7), but the dairy representatives claim the factory has not made any for half a year.

Yet there may be more to the cheese than meets the eye – or the label.

On the day that the Kyiv Post visited the dairy, there was a bucket of potassium nitrate, a common food additive, visible. The staff explained that it's used in small quantities in some of the cheeses.

Known internationally as E252, it is often added to cheeses and meat products to inhibit the development of micro-flora. But in KOMO's case, the additive doesn't show up on the label, potentially making the firm an easy target in bilateral trade wars.

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**NEWS ITEM:** Outgoing Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on March 20 warned his Ukrainian counterpart, Viktor Yanukovich, that failure to join the Customs Union created by Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan will be followed by "certain difficulties." Ukraine started feeling such difficulties earlier this year when Russia banned Ukrainian cheese imports. Russia dominates the union and has long tried to lure Ukraine deeper into its sphere of influence. It has promised free trade and lower prices for Russian natural gas imports.



**NEWS ITEM:** The Security Service of Ukraine may have set a world precedent by summoning for questioning an entire scientific council of a state institute on March 14. Scientists from the Sociological Institute were questioned in a criminal case on alleged embezzlement of nearly \$1 million. Commentators speculated, however, that the SBU is being used as a tool in a bid to take over the state institute. The building is located in the heart of Kyiv.

## Paskey: Demjanjuk case shows law's limits

→4 Still others tell the story differently. To Demjanjuk's family and supporters, the case represented an abuse of government power and a waste of government resources. And for many Ukrainians, the case involved a kind of "ethnic profiling." There is a sense that Demjanjuk was a convenient scapegoat, that his role in the Holocaust did not justify a prosecution, and that someone who was not Ukrainian would have been treated differently.

All of this is a matter of ethics or opinion rather than fact. Neither side is entirely right or entirely wrong, and sometimes the lines are blurred. In the course of my work, I interviewed dozens of Holocaust survivors. A small but striking percentage told me that the prosecution of Nazi guards was pointless, that nothing could be gained from pursuing such men so many years after the fact.

And even for some who believe that Demjanjuk assisted in murder, the German prosecution is troubling. For decades, German prosecutors insisted that a man like Demjanjuk could not be convicted because he could not be tied to the murder of any specific person. As a result, thousands of German citizens who might have been prosecuted as accomplices to genocide were effectively given a full reprieve. Why, then, did the Germans choose to prosecute Demjanjuk at the last possible moment? And why a Ukrainian rather than a German citizen? Given Germany's long history of neglect in similar cases, the criminal case against Demjanjuk was unjust and should not have gone forward.

I still believe that the U.S. government's civil case against Demjanjuk accomplished some good. It deepened the public's understanding of the Holocaust, and affirmed the U.S. government's frequently shaky resolve to hold perpetrators accountable for atrocities. But in a deeper sense, the litigation accomplished little. Whatever good might have been done seems to be outweighed by questions we still cannot answer.

Whether Demjanjuk was "guilty" or "innocent" matters less than what we might have learned if Demjanjuk could speak freely about his experiences. He later became a husband and father, loved by his wife and children. How is it possible that such a man could do what Demjanjuk did, could close his eyes and heart to the suffering of the husbands, wives, sons and daughters who were murdered with his assistance? What did he think about at night, knowing that hundreds of people had been murdered that day, and that more would be murdered tomorrow? And what, if anything, might have helped him refuse to participate?

In the trials against Demjanjuk, such questions were legally irrelevant. But if we truly wish to prevent future atrocities, we must learn the answers. Psychologists and moral theorists have been working on the issues, but we still understand far too little. The prosecution of John Demjanjuk ensured that he would tell us nothing. And now that Demjanjuk is dead, a critical piece of the truth has been buried with him, and we will never know.

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## Rudenko: Releasing murders to kill again is inhumane to rest of society

→5 judgment about whether the crime was deliberate and if there were any mitigating circumstances. One who killed in a state of shock or deep despair should not be judged the same as the one who killed in a premeditated way for money or personal satisfaction.

About five years ago in Dnipropetrovsk, my home city, a gang of three young men murdered 21 people aged 13 to 70, for fun. The murderers chose a random passerby, giving preference to teens, women, elderly or drunk people. They killed with hammers. They filmed their bloody murders.

They are now serving life sentences.

But in 20 years, if not earlier, they may be released – some at the age of only 40, to resume their lives as free men. To me, that is not right at all.

The death penalty is a deterrent. Just a year ago, two men from the Russian city of Irkutsk were killing people out of pure hate. When arrested, one of them said he didn't worry much about being convicted because he counted on light punishment since he is not an adult.

Consequences mattered to him when he was planning his bloody adventures. We'll never know, but even the slight chance of getting capital punishment may have frightened him enough to

not commit the crimes, which included beating a pregnant woman's head with a mallet and stabbing an elderly woman in the eye with a knife.

Critics often say there is no place for the death penalty in a civilized world. But is it civilized to let murderers back into society, possibly to kill again? Whenever a homicide happens, police check the area for released convicts. If they are expected to relapse, why give them the chance?

What is most important is not that the death penalty is cheaper than life imprisonment, but rather how cruel it is to make a victim's family and friend – as taxpayers to the state – pay for

the murderer.

But I don't think the death penalty can be re-established right now in Ukraine. The irreversibility of capital punishment puts additional responsibility on the judicial system. And Ukraine's corrupt system cannot handle the responsibility.

Still, I think the death penalty must be a possibility for Ukrainian society in the future as a fair part of the judicial system and a logical punishment for murders without mitigating circumstances.

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## Zhuk: Wrongful convictions another reason why death penalty is unjust-

→5 than a year ago, and was later proven to have committed the murder, Dmytrenko was locked up in a cell.

The Higher Ukrainian Court found Dmytrenko not guilty on March 13, but he was only released on March 22.

If that's not enough, Amnesty International claims that the death penalty is discriminatory and is often used disproportionately against the poor and members of racial, ethnic and religious minorities. Moreover, in some countries, "it is used as a tool of repression to silence the political opposition."

Considering Ukraine's political land-

scape and the sorry state of its judicial system, the death penalty could well be the ultimate weapon of political persecution.

According to the latest report by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Thomas Hammarberg, Ukraine's judicial system needs more independence and its systemic deficiencies "seriously hinder the enjoyment of human rights." He also recommended increasing transparency of the judicial system and making it more open to public scrutiny.

But even if the judicial system was

flawless, there is always a question of who has the moral right to conduct the execution. Why would someone have the right to kill, even on behalf of the law?

Amnesty International's 2011 report shows 139 countries have abolished the death penalty. Reportedly, 67 handed out death sentences in 2010 and 23 carried out executions. These are record low numbers, as human rights organizations continue pressuring governments to drop the death penalty.

The United Nations General Assembly called for an end to the death penalty in 2008, and although

governments don't have to follow the recommendation, it certainly reflects a trend. The European Union is opposed to this form of punishment and, consequently, all 27-member nations have dropped it.

If these and other reasons are not persuasive enough for Ukraine to abandon the idea of reviving the death penalty, the nation should remember its resurrection will kill the remaining hopes that Ukraine will ever become welcome in a democratic, law-abiding, humane Europe.

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A peak at a clown's life for April Fool's Day

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## Ukraine's golden girl ready to shine

Ukraine's Nataliya Dobrynska (R) celebrates her gold medal and indoor world record at the women's pentathlon competition at the 2012 IAAF World Indoor Athletics Championships in Istanbul on March 9. She will defend her heptathlon title in the London Olympics in summer. (AFP)

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Returning to Ukraine from the World Indoor Championships earlier this month with a gold medal and a world record, track-and-field star Natalia Dobrynska was not greeted by the television and newspaper coverage you may expect after such a resounding victory against fierce rivals.

Instead, ignored by disinterested media, she headed home to relax quietly with family and friends before preparing for the year's main challenge: to defend her Olympic heptathlon title in London in August.

"The bitter truth is when someone wins a title, he or she becomes the object of media attention just for a week or two," Dobrynska said in an interview. "The Olympics are coming. About 150 sportspeople have already qualified, but you don't see them on TV, read their interviews. Ukrainian supporters don't know who will defend the honor of the nation, what chances our team has."

The story of Dobrynska's rise to success is one of overcoming common

obstacles for post-Soviet athletes. She has had to work hard, fighting state and public indifference, a contrast to the way Soviet sports stars were feted.

Born in 1982 in Vinnytsia Oblast, Dobrynska came from sporting stock. Her mother was a regional arm-wrestling champion and her father was a sports administrator. She followed her sister into athletics, choosing the heptathlon – a grueling mix of seven different events – as she was good at all track and field events.

Dobrynska trained in Vinnytsia until she was 21, but thought about quitting after sustaining a series of injuries. Instead, the heptathlete moved to Kyiv and began working with former Soviet decathlete Mykhailo Medvid. She progressed well in the 2000s, making the top 10 in European and global championships.

Her major breakthrough came when she took a surprise gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Trailing in 10th after the hurdles and the high jump, she fought back to win the shot put – her best event – and the long jump, before hanging on in the final 800 meters.

But Dobrynska was unable to repeat her success at the World Championships the following year, finishing fourth. Britain's Jessica Ennis emerged as the world's top heptathlete and the favorite for the 2012 Olympics in London.

Her record-breaking performance at the World Indoor Championship in Istanbul signaled her return to top form. Beating off challenges from Ennis and Russia's Tatyana Chernova, Dobrynska bested the 20-year-old world record.

"I don't like to be a favorite. When I am in the shadow that is good for me," she told reporters after her victory.

Sipping coffee in a central Kyiv cafe on March 16, the tall, striking Dobrynska exuded the confidence that comes with being the best in the world. This confidence and calm can be crucial in the heptathlon, which takes its toll on the body and mind over two days and seven events – 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin and 800 meters.

"Those 10-15 athletes who will compete with me will give everything in

each of the seven events. So I'll need to get to every start like it is the first one and handle my emotions and not get frustrated if the previous event was a loss," Dobrynska said.

But, in a tragic contrast with previous performances, she won't be able to look up to the stands for support and advice from coach and husband Dmitry Polyakov. He died on March 25 after a battle with cancer. Speaking in the interview before his death, she said he pushed her to greater heights.

"He believes in my capability to win like no one else, always knowing my potential," she said. "He worries, perhaps, more than others, because Dmitry sees how my training is going, feels my mood and that's why his faith in me is the strongest."

Dobrynska will need plenty of strength to see off her opponents in London. Ennis will start as favorite, cheered on by her home crowd. Chernova will want to bounce back from a disappointing fifth in Istanbul, and bronze medalist Austra Skujyte from Lithuania will also challenge.

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### City Life

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## Comfort and time for rent at Kyiv club

Do you know that awkward feeling when you have just finished your cup of tea in a cafe but still need to kill the next 40 minutes before your next meeting? And the annoying waiter looks like he's about to bring you the bill or ask for the next order, even though you didn't particularly want that tea in the first place.

Well, it doesn't need to happen any longer. Kyiv now boasts a place that offers you to pay for time spent in a comfortable setting, and nothing else. It's 25 kopecks per minute.

The concept was created by a Moscow businessman called Ivan Mitin, and seven months on he has seven of these clubs in Russia, and one in Ukraine.

The place is called Tsyferblat, or clock dial, and its doors opened in Kyiv on March 23.

Tucked away on Volodymyrska, between Prorizna and Bohdana Khmelnytskoho streets, it has a handy location. There are no signs, so you won't find it unless you know it's there.

But on the evening of March 26, just three days after the opening, the place was packed and a Kyiv Post reporter took the last table. It was touching to see additional tables and chairs brought out from the back room to squeeze newly arriving people.

The place can fit up to 200 people, and the only advertising the place got so far was through social networks.

The interior can disappoint people used to classical Kyiv cafes, because Tsyferblat has a somewhat chaotic furniture arrangement. Tables and seats of all shapes and styles are set tightly. Mitin says that most of the furniture comes from flea markets and Ikea. It makes for an atmospheric combination, though.

Paying is easy here. On arrival, your name and time are written down on a white board. You can choose a vintage clock from a special shelf to keep track of time. All clocks have human names, and the name goes on the board next to yours. You pay as you check out, Hr 15 per hour.

"The price of the first hour might double, as in other Tsyferblat [clubs]. We'll see after few days," says Mitin, who looks very young, thin and exhausted. "But even with Hr 30 per hour, it's cheaper than any cafe – you can drink three lattes in an hour, and each one of those would cost you Hr 30 in a cafe."

Coffee, tea and cocoa are free for anyone to take, and the → 20

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Movies

Believe it or not, but even though the weather has been snowy lately, spring has finally come. At least, the French one – the French Spring 2012 film festival will be screened in Kyiv. For the full schedule, check the Kyiv Post Going Out Guide and <http://kino.ukr.net/cinema/kyiv/>



A scene from **The Art of Love.** (Courtesy)

**UNFORGIVABLE (IMPARDONNABLES)**

*Drama*  
France 2011, 111'  
Language: French with Ukrainian subtitles  
Directed by Andre Techine  
April 5 at 7 p.m.  
Kyiv

When an aging Gallic novelist Francis comes to Venice, he is looking only for a new plot, but finds real love. He meets young bisexual Judith, a former model, and falls for her so wholeheartedly that in a year they are married. When Alice, Francis' daughter, comes to meet her dad, she confesses to her new stepmother that she hasn't seen her father so happy for a long time. The story might seem quite idyllic, but suddenly Alice disappears – goes out with a handsome boyfriend and never comes back.

**THE ART OF LOVE (L'ART D'AIMER)**

*Comedy*  
France 2011, 85'  
Language: French with Ukrainian subtitles  
Directed by Emmanuel Mouret  
April 6 at 7 p.m.  
Kyiv

Emmanuel Mouret is often compared to the legendary American director Woody Allen, as his humor, as well as Allen's, is smart, romantic and neurotic at the same time, though in a completely French way. The Art of Love is a mix of Paris love stories that don't even intersect, but all show how bourgeois play with their emotional lives. Among others, you will see two girlfriends, busy to fix the miserable sexual life of one of them, a love-starved man, trying to seduce his neighbor and a seasoned couple where the woman is overcome by desire for other

men.

**THE FIELD OF ENCHANTMENT (LA CLE DES CHAMPS)**

*Drama*  
France 2011, 81'  
Language: French with Ukrainian subtitles  
Directed by Claude Nuridsany, Marie Pérennou  
April 7 at 7 p.m.  
Kyiv

Every child has a magical power to see monsters or knights in the simple shadow of the tree, to transform a pencil into a wand and to build a castle from pillows and blankets. A movie's main characters, a silent dreamy boy and a charming little girl in a red dress, find magic in a deserted pond. Seen through children's eyes and imaginations, it becomes their kingdom, full of creatures born from their dreams and nightmares.

**THE MINISTER (L'EXERCICE DE L'ETAT)**

*Drama*  
France 2011, 112'  
Language: French with Ukrainian subtitles  
Directed by Pierre Schöller  
April 8 at 7 p.m.  
Kyiv

Bertrand St-Jean, a minister for transport, gets awaked in the middle of the night with an emergency phone call – nine people, including seven children, have died in a bus accident. He doesn't have any choice other than head to the place, where the tragedy has happened. Stuck somewhere between politics and the real life, St-Jean gets lost in the interviews, public affairs, and drinking with his driver instead of spending time with his wife.

Reviews by Alyona Zhuk

Things for kids to do this weekend

March 31

**Clay Play**

In this workshop children ages 3-6 will work with clay, one of safest and most organic materials that have ever existed. They will make fairytale heroes. This time, cats will be the central theme.  
Olga Adam Studio, 19 Kostiantynivska St., room 25, call 098-635-48-46 to register or use a form on [http://reg.artiya.com.ua/ClayTales\\_3-6\\_yo.html](http://reg.artiya.com.ua/ClayTales_3-6_yo.html), 11 a.m., Hr 100, 20% discount for two children.



**History In Clay: Secrets of Phoenicians**

This is also a clay masterclass, but for older children, ages 6-12. They will learn about the Phoenicians and their wonderful ships, and will make vessel models of clay.  
Olga Adam Studio, 19 Kostiantynivska St., room 25, call 098-635-48-46 to register or use a form on [http://reg.artiya.com.ua/HistoryInClay\\_6-12\\_yo.html](http://reg.artiya.com.ua/HistoryInClay_6-12_yo.html), 1p.m., Hr 100, 20% discount for two children.

**Children's readings with a singer**

The famous front man of Haydamaky rock band Oleksandr Yarmola will read for children and their parents in Ye Bookstore in downtown Kyiv on March 31. The reading is in Ukrainian. To register send the child's name and age, and your contact email address, to: o.schur@book-ye.com.ua.  
Ye Bookstore, 3 Lysenko St., 235-88-50, [www.book-ye.com.ua](http://www.book-ye.com.ua), 12 a.m., Free admission



**Physics in your kitchen**

How do you make an egg submarine or an underwater resin lift? These are the kind of problems that this fun physics masterclass will address at 2 p.m. on Saturday.  
Uhtyska Club, 8 Urlovska St., 573-80-60, 2 p.m., Hr 100.

**Master class from a Distinguished Master of Folk Art Ukraine Svetlana Vuskochyl.**

Imbir shop, 21 Pushkinska St, to register call (044) 235-44-70, (050) 726-8442 or write to [art.imbir@gmail.com](mailto:art.imbir@gmail.com), 11:30 a.m., Hr 100



April 1

**Spring in art**

Spring is everywhere, even in art workshops. Spring-related artworks will be studied and discussed in the Baboon this time, and then children will create their own.  
Baboon coffee house, 10 Symona Petliuy St., call 098-635-4846 to register or use a form on [http://reg.artiya.com.ua/ThemesOfArt\\_6-10\\_yo.html](http://reg.artiya.com.ua/ThemesOfArt_6-10_yo.html), 12 :30 a.m., Hr 85

**Smarties' Day**

April 1 is usually called the Fools' day, but not this time. Smart jokes, science-based tricks, competitions and a lot of surprises are waiting for kids and their parents at the Smarties' Day in Imbir.  
Imbir shop, 21 Pushkinska St, to register call (044) 235-44-70, (050) 726-8442 or write to [art.imbir@gmail.com](mailto:art.imbir@gmail.com), 1 p.m., Hr 50

**A bubble show**

In the right hands, even an ordinary soap can become magical and beautiful. You can see this magic show and even take part in it.  
Queen Bee restaurant, 5 Marshala Malinovskogo St., [www.queenbee.com.ua](http://www.queenbee.com.ua), 451-61-45, 1 p.m., Hr 40 – 80

**Pysanka Art**

Easter is coming soon, and your family can start preparations this weekends. Several workshops will be teaching the ancient art of intricate egg painting, and both adults and children are welcome to create their own pysankas.  
Painting Easter Eggs. Dragee cafe, Lvivska Square, call 098-635-4846 to register, or use a form on [reg.artiya.com.ua/art&child.html](http://reg.artiya.com.ua/art&child.html), 10:30 a.m., Hr 80, 20% discount for two children.

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# Child coal mining film banned at Kyiv festival

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After scooping 10 awards at international festivals, a Ukrainian-Estonian documentary on child labor in abandoned mines finally made it home to Ukraine. It was scheduled to premiere at an international documentary festival on March 24. But instead, in a bizarre and unprecedented turn of events, "Pit Number 8" was banned by its own Ukrainian producer.

"This film is deceitful and staged. It has nothing to do with documentaries and human rights issues," said Interfilm production studio, the Ukrainian co-producers of the film, in a letter sent to Docudays Festival organizers, just an hour before the premiere was scheduled for screening.

"Your festival would violate copyright if the film is shown at the festival," the letter read.

The ban outraged festival organizers and heroes of the film that came to Kyiv for the premiere.

"We're shocked," said Yura Sykanov,

a 19 year-old with a childish face, who was the central character in the documentary. He said the film took 1.5 years to make, and the Ukrainian producer, Olena Fetisova, was only taking part in the production at the early stages.

"How can she say that it was staged?" he asked.

The film is set around the Sykanov family, and shows the tragic demise of Ukraine's coal mining in Donetsk region in the 1990-2000s, when the desperate residents of the town of Snezhnoe started digging for coal illegally and just about everywhere.

They dug under the basements of demolished buildings, in old dilapidated mines and even in their own back yards to get some coal and sell it to survive. Child labor was not uncommon then.

Since the film was shown for the first time in 2010, Yura Sykanov's mother was deprived of parental rights for neglecting her children, and his younger sister was sent to an orphanage. Criminal cases were

opened against some owners of illegal mines.

Talking to the Kyiv Post on March 26, Sykanov indeed looked like a person whose childhood was troubled, and who received very little formal education. He told his story calmly. His father died when he was 11. His mother remarried, but was a heavy drinker and often left himself and two of his sisters surviving on bread and water.

"I had a choice – to steal or work, and decided to work," he says with pride.

He was 15 at the time, and dreamed about opening his own cafe. He worked in abandoned mines, and that's where he met Marianna Kaat, an Estonian film director who was looking for a hero for her new documentary.

The scene of her meeting Yura for the first time, where he guides her to the illegal mines, was filmed and later also used in the movie.

Kaat, who came to Kyiv to present the film at Docudays Festival, decided to screen it despite the ban. She came on stage and said she would take personal responsibility for it.

"I've decided to let the public judge the film," she explained.

"Moreover, they [Interfilm] do not have the exclusive right for the festival screenings of the film," she said. She also said the accusations in the letter were lies.

Interfilm could not comment on the situation by the time Kyiv Post went to press.

The documentary was funded by the Estonian Film Foundation and Ministry of Culture. It also received some financial assistance from the European Visual Art Support Foundation, and a US-based non-profit organization.

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Child miners in Pit Number 8 documentary. Yura Sykanov, now 19, is on the right. (Courtesy)



## Pop queen Madonna to sing in Kyiv

Madonna's 2012 World Tour now features a new location. She decided to stop over in Kyiv to sing at the new Olimpiyskiy Stadium on Aug. 4. She is touring the globe in support of her new album called MDNA. Her official website madonna.com says that tickets will go on sale on March 30 at 10 a.m. local time. Prices will range from Hr 450 to Hr 2,500. This is the second major music event Olimpiyskiy is scheduled to host this summer. On July 25, the stadium will host top flight music stars Red Hot Chili Peppers. Ticket prices range from Hr 400 to 2,300 and are available for sale on karabas.com, parter.ua, open.ua, bilet-house.com.ua, bigmir.net, and v-ticket.com.ua.

# This is one guy who is proud when people call him a clown

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When called "a clown" most of us would feel offended. But Nuriddin Mullozhanov just proudly nods because, well, he is a clown.

Mullozhanov, 43, known as Clown Nurik for the last 27 years, is sitting in a small underground pub, hidden at the back end of a Soviet-looking gastrom. He is well-built and tall, his graying hair is tied into a ponytail, and he speaks quietly and smiles sadly.

"In the circus I'm a funny clown, but I am calm in the real life," he says. "It's hard to be bouncy all the time."

Although for most people the word clown is synonymous



with carefree living and laughter, it's an enormously difficult way to make a living, Mullozhanov says. And not just because you have to make 2,000 people laugh at the same time.

"We say circus artists are not allowed to have either stomachs, or bladder, or nerves," he smiles. "That's what makes you stand out from the crowd in show business. In a circus, if you say you are sick, it means you are lying in bed and can't get up. If you can – get up and work."

Personal affairs are also put on hold. Recently, Mullozhanov lost his father and brother in less than a month, but still had

to go on tour with his troupe, "sometimes without understanding what I'm doing," he says.

What is great about this job, he adds, is that it cures. "When the curtain is raised and you see smiling faces of the audience, all the pain goes away," he says.

Mullozhanov's clown career started early. He was born in Uzbekistan to a dynasty of railway workers. He joined a circus class when he was a child and went on a first tour when he was 14.

"At first my parents weren't bothered much, although were not fond of my choice either – every family has its black sheep," he remembers, giggling. "But when I went on tour for the first time, they panicked."

Mullozhanov graduated from railway college as his father had insisted, but the circus never let go of its grip: "Sometimes we joke that the circus is like a swamp – once you get into it, you will never be able to leave it."

He came to Kyiv in 1995 for the first time, fell in love with the city and

stayed here. His family wished him luck and remained in Uzbekistan.

Mullozhanov traveled the world as a clown, performing in China, all over the Arab world, Romania, Poland, and Sweden – the list goes on and on. He says his job is quite profitable, paying up to Hr 2,000 per appearance.

Apart from circus shows, clowns are popular entertainers at birthday and office parties, and concerts.

"When we were on tour in 2002, [Russian singer] Aleksandr Malinin came to our manager and said he needed a couple of clowns to perform during one song of his show, so we worked with Malinin," remembers Mullozhanov. "It was fun."

Veteran circus artists are also often invited to TV shows. Mullozhanov even starred in a movie on Genghis Khan, playing his doctor.

At the moment, Mullozhanov is not on the staff of any circus, calling himself "a freelance artist". However, he is highly rated by the Kyiv National Circus' management – ringmaster

Tama Pidgurska calls him "a very talented and skilled clown."

"If only you could see how great he was performing Baba Yaga [an old Russian witch] in the New Year show this year!" she smiles.

And though Mullozhanov is not officially a part of the Kyiv circus troupe, he did contribute to it. His 15-year-old daughter is an equilibrist, and she is training her third professional set. She was born in Poland while her dad was on tour there, and the circus was the first place the newborn visited when her father took her out of the hospital.

"I brought her to the circus, sprinkled it with sawdust and told her: 'Here, daughter, your fate is decided now,'" Mullozhanov says.

And don't think him crazy – circus artists say someone was born in sawdust if they decide to join the circus after their parents. Technically, Mullozhanov's daughter wasn't, but he wanted to give her the next best thing.

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# A day to celebrate Pakistan-Ukraine ties



Pakistan's Ambassador to Ukraine Ahmad Nawaz Saleem Mela (L) addresses guests.



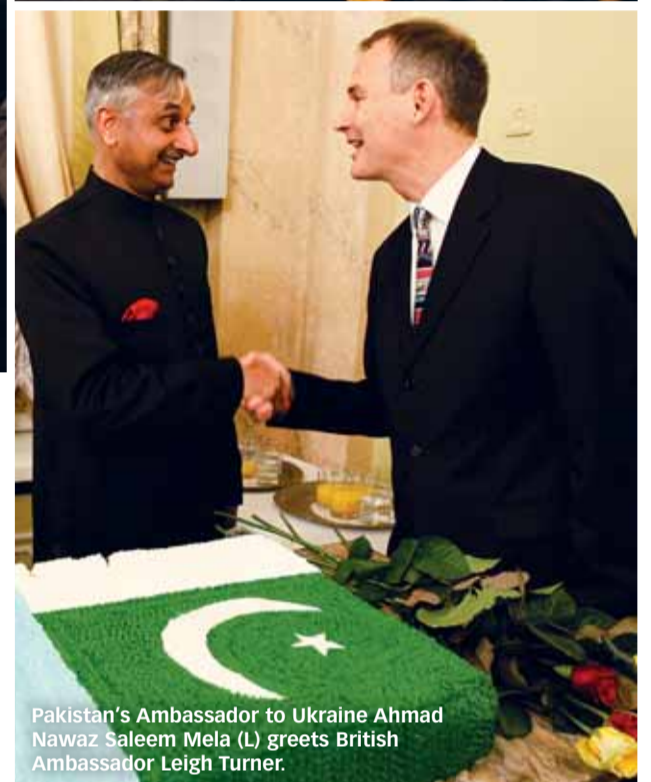
A conversation among Mustafa Tanyara of the Ukraine-Turkish Business Association, Pakistan's Ambassador to Ukraine Ahmad Nawaz Saleem Mela and Kyiv Post publisher Mohammad Zahoor (R), who owns the ISTIL Group.



A daughter helps his father, Qazi Arif, with the tasty buffet.

➔ Hundreds of people gathered for a reception at 22 Hrushevskoho St. in Kyiv on March 23 in honor of Pakistan Day. This is the 72nd anniversary of the resolution outlining the framework for the creation of Pakistan on Aug. 14, 1947, gaining independence from the British Empire. Leader Quaid i Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1876-1948) is known as the "Father of the Nation."

"Today we also achieve a very important milestone in the history of Ukraine and Pakistan relations," Pakistan's Ambassador to Ukraine Ahmad Nawaz Saleem Mela told the guests. "The two countries celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations." (Photos by Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Pakistan's Ambassador to Ukraine Ahmad Nawaz Saleem Mela (L) greets British Ambassador Leigh Turner.



Tsyferblat is a new place in Kyiv where you pay by the minute. Comfort and central location are a part of the bargain. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

## City Life: Wonderful idea, great service

➔ 17 number of drinks is only limited by the volume of your stomach. Simple candies and biscuits are also on offer. You can bring your own food and drink to the place, but alcohol and cigarettes are not allowed. Tsyferblat has some books available, as well as chessboards and free Wi-Fi to use.

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# More fashion for Kyiv, now with international flavor

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When heading to Olimpiysky Stadium's western gate I wondered what the Mercedes-Benz Kiev Fashion Days would be like. Reading their ads, I was worried that the shows that ran in Kyiv between March 23 and 25 would be one of those ambitious but utterly boring projects. But it surprised me.

The lobby of Olimpiysky VIP hall was filled with dozens of young people, dressed tastefully. There were no fur-clad older women, no Swarovski crystals or shiny stilettos. Instead, I saw big eyeglasses, sporty chic bags and desert boots everywhere.

Somehow, supposedly thanks to free admission, Kiev Fashion Days managed to gather a crowd that is actually fashion conscious, and actually comes to see fashion, not just for a fancy going-out event.

The event's story began four seasons ago. Organized by Daria Shapovalova, a 24-year-old TV host and fashion activist with connections, it focuses on fashion shows as well as unique talks on fashion. "We didn't want to create just a fashion event, because it would be weird in a country with weak fashion industry, so we made it educational," says Shapovalova.

The lecture program is called Fashion Now. Every year it brings together fashion photographers, journalists and buyers who each give an hour-long talk on their subject of interest.

"Those are people I meet at fashion events abroad. I often have to persuade them to come, but once they come they are always surprised and overwhelmed with what they see here,"



London designer Lako Bukia presented her new collection at Kiev Fashion Days. Ukraine was only represented by Lilya Poustovit. (Courtesy)

says Shapovalova. "Unfortunately, in Europe people often know Ukraine only as a country with imprisoned former prime minister, and so on. I think we can sort of cover it up with fashion, improving the nation's image abroad."

This year, for instance, U.S. fashion photographer Yelena Yemchuk came to talk about her work with Vogue Japan and shooting stars like Kirsten Danst and Natasha Vodyanova. Elena Bara, a journalist for Vogue Italy, shared her thoughts about the new fashion journalism. The big lecture hall was filled with youngsters, even despite the fact that these talks competed with designer shows.

Starting just three days after the end of another fashion event, Ukrainian Fashion Week, Mercedes-Benz Kiev Fashion Days could not avoid to be compared with its older rival.

Ukrainian designer Lilya Poustovit is

the only one whose collections featured at both events. Shapovalova claims that it's because of the many demands that Kiev Fashion Days sets for designers. Organizers claim that the designers have to have a "European-level collection" to be able to qualify. But Fedor Voizianov, who had taken part in the previous Kiev Fashion Days, said he had no conditions set at all. He opted for the Ukrainian Fashion Week this year because he feels it's more suitable for mature designers.

Strangely, the Kyiv Fashion Days left a "this is what fashion should be like" impression. With little tension or pretense, it gives a nice alternative to most local events, referring to fashion yet being just a place to mingle for random celebrities.

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The opening performance of the award ceremony featured a ballet with golden girls



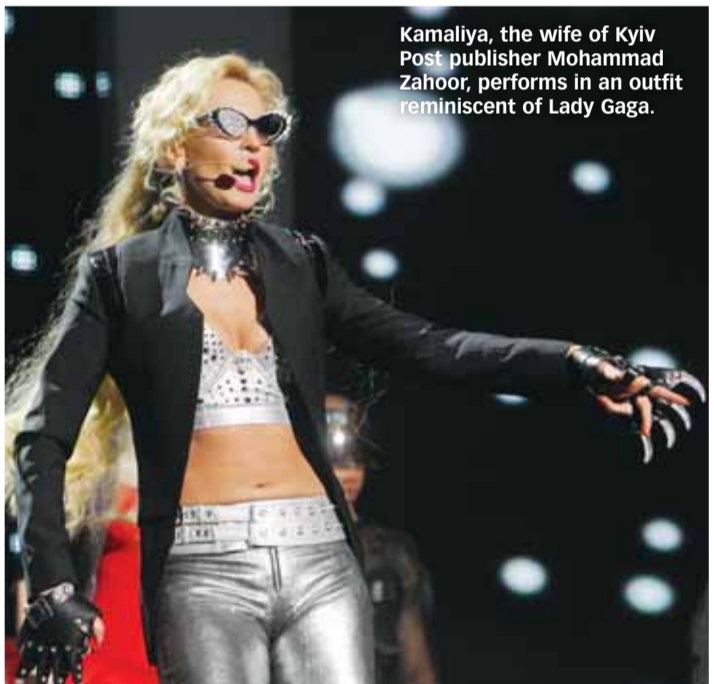
Former Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk and French performer Patricia Kaas, special guest of the ceremony



Actors Olga Sumska and Dmitry Kharatyan

## Person Of The Year

→ On March 24, the 16th annual Person Of The Year award ceremony took place in Palats Ukraina in numerous categories, honoring those selected by a jury for high professional and civic achievements. Seventeen nominations covered the main areas from all business fields as well as journalism and culture. Every nomination was presented by prominent businesspeople, sports figures, politicians or celebrities. The ceremony took about four hours and had several show numbers. The rest of the time was filled with nominations as well as announcements on behalf of the numerous sponsors of the ceremony. In fact, the time devoted to pitching sponsors was generous and distracted from the ceremony itself. One highlight was the presence of French singer and actress Patricia Kaas, who not only performed her songs but also accepted a special award for revival of cultural contacts. Apart from Kaas, some Ukrainian pop stars livened up the long ceremony, including Svetlana Loboda and Kamaliya and Russian actor Dmitry Kharatyan. Full details can be found at <http://www.ludinaroku.com.ua/volodari/2011> (Photos by Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



Kamaliya, the wife of Kyiv Post publisher Mohammad Zahoor, performs in an outfit reminiscent of Lady Gaga.



Oleg Blokhin, Ukraine football team coach (left) and Lilia Podkopayeva, ex-gymnast (in the middle) present singer Nataliya Korolyova's (right) special award



The red carpet was put to good use by guests and the media

# World champion Natalia Dobrynska says athletes are ignored by press

→ **17** field team performed well in Turkey, finishing sixth in the medal table with Dobrynska's gold and two silvers.

The multi-event champion said this was in spite of the poor support that athletes receive.

"There were about 170 teams in Istanbul, so our result is very good," Dobrynska said. "It shows that athletics in Ukraine is alive and kicking. However, it isn't flourishing. There is no special stadium even in Kyiv, just a covered track and field where experienced athletes train along with teenagers and children. The training centers in the Crimea are overcrowded as well. Ukraine needs to develop sports infrastructure, otherwise athletes will go to train to Russia, Italy and Portugal. And some may prefer to stay there for awhile."



Natalia Dobrynska, a world champion. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

Financial support for anyone but the top athletes is rare in Ukraine, making the difference between winning and

losing all the more stark, as failure to perform well in several competitions can bring an end to a career.

As can doping, a black spot in the history of track and field in the Soviet Union and Ukraine. Lyudmila Blonska, who won the silver medal in Beijing, was stripped of the award and banned for life after testing positive for steroids.

Dobrynska has never been connected with doping, and she bristles at the media for only covering sports when there's a scandal involved.

"Ukrainian media pay attention when there is any kind of scandal in sports. They fan the flames and ram into people that sports are bad," she said.

Dobrynska said she wants to contribute to society and bring some more positive attention to her sport, like legendary Soviet and Ukrainian pole vaulter Serhiy Bubka, who is now an adviser to the president and head of

Ukraine's Olympic Committee.

She is already a deputy on the Vinnytsia Oblast council and sees a possible future in politics when her career ends, or as a sports administrator.

Not that Dobrynska is thinking of retiring just yet.

At the age of 30, she said she has a few more years at the top level, and is even aiming higher.

"I haven't won golds at the world or European outdoor championships," she said. "I want to fully realize myself in sports. I achieved good results in Istanbul in setting the record. But I need to gain even more points than my 5,013 mark. The record should be bettered so it will remain for a longer time."

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# Shevchenko hopes to end career on high note at games

(Reuters) — Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko is battling a series of niggles but still hopes to end his international career on a high by appearing at Euro 2012 — if his coach picks him.

The former AC Milan and Chelsea striker, a hero of Ukrainian football for more than a decade, will quit the national side after his country co-hosts the championship matches with Poland in June just three months before he turns 36.

His stature is such that just his presence on the field — even for a short while — could provide an inspirational focus for the team when they face Sweden, France and England in Group D, Ukrainian commentators say.

Injury could be his biggest challenge, though, as he works first on getting back in the Dynamo Kyiv team where he started and may end his football career.

"I have had this twice," Shevchenko told Reuters, slapping his problematic right thigh. "But I still have time to prepare myself."

"I have only just recovered and set about working with the squad. I am preparing myself really seriously. It's very important for me to play a few matches to be able to get game practice. These months are crucial."

The European championship, the biggest eversports event in Ukraine, looms large.

"Whether I play or not depends on my fitness. If my fitness is at its best and I feel I can help the team, then I'll play," said Shevchenko, who has also had to come to terms with chronic back pain.

"I just have to live with that."

Another stumbling block could be Ukraine



Forward of the national Ukrainian football team Andriy Shevchenko (L) and a player of the Austrian football team fighting for the ball during a friendly match at Arena Lviv Stadium in 2011. (UNIAN)

coach Oleh Blokhin, parachuted in a year ago to boost their Euro chances and not certain to pick Ukraine's greatest ever goalscorer.

Asked earlier this month about Shevchenko, Blokhin replied: "Names do not play football ... If they did, I could be playing now."

Media reports have linked the man known to millions as "Sheva" with a possible move

to Major League Soccer in the United States to follow in the footsteps of former England captain David Beckham.

"I am not considering any specific proposals at the moment," Shevchenko, whose wife is American, said at Dynamo's Koncha Zaspaspa training ground.

"There are always offers ... but I have to be 100 percent certain that I want something, that my health permits me to do something and that I still have the motivation to go to training and the football pitch."

Shevchenko scored 175 goals for Milan between 1999 and 2006, winning a Champions League, before a difficult spell at Chelsea. He is the all-time top scorer for Ukraine with 46 goals.

David Taylor, chief executive officer of UEFA's commercial arm, said the championship is expected to pull in about 30 percent less than Euro 2008 in Switzerland and Austria, which netted 150 million euros.

## Security pledge

Ukraine's security service chief Ihor Kalinin said his agency has been preparing "seriously and thoroughly" to counter threats during Euro 2012. Kalinin told Interfax-Ukraine that the security service, or SBU, had set up an international headquarters to coordinate work with foreign agencies.

Kalinin said the SBU's main task was to protect people and infrastructure during the tournament from potential terrorist attack, as well as preventing drug trafficking and illegal migration by people pretending to be football fans. He also warned that terrorists and extremists may disguise themselves as football fans.

Ukraine reported. "The people are friendly here, the cities are beautiful, and we like being here."

But he criticized provision of accommodation, saying German fans are not used to sleeping in tents and that many hotels are too expensive.

"Unfortunately, many hotels significantly increased prices and many people could decide not to travel [to Ukraine] due to this," he said. Ken Malley from the British Football Supporters Federation said fewer English supporters would travel to Ukraine for Euro 2012 than for previous tournaments, as "people simply cannot afford such expensive hotels and flights inside the country."

## Hospitality hard sell

Euro 2012 organizer UEFA is struggling to sell corporate-hospitality packages because of the tournament location in Ukraine and Poland and competition from the London Olympics, Bloomberg reported.

# Underdog Sweden could be tricky foe for Ukraine's team

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Ukraine's first match in Euro 2012 on June 11 — its first ever in a European Championship — will be a tricky game against Sweden, widely viewed as Group D's underdog.

The Swedes should not be underestimated, especially when their world-class captain Zlatan Ibrahimovic is on his game.

Sweden beat Ukraine 1-0 in a friendly in August last year, and qualified for the finals after beating powerhouse Holland 3-2 on Oct. 11.

Experts say the success or failure of the Blue-Yellows largely hinges on the performances of the enigmatic striker Ibrahimovic.

"You can't ignore Ibrahimovic...but...if he has a bad game, it seems like the other players get paralyzed," said Johan Orrenius, a sports reporter for Swedish daily Expressen.

The AC Milan striker is a force to reckon with as their top scorer with five goals during the Euro qualifiers. He is strong and agile, and boasts excellent ball control, yet he is known to drift in and out of games, especially in big matches.

More worrisome for Ukraine is there isn't anyone who could match up against Ibrahimovic, according to former Dynamo Kyiv striker Oleg Salenko.

Salenko told the Kyiv Post that it will be difficult for someone on the Ukraine team to mark the dangerous 30-year old striker.

"You've got to play Ibrahimovic carefully...but [Dynamo Kyiv central defender] Taras Mikhaliuk is injured again, [Shakhtar Donetsk defender Dmytro] Chygrynskiy I believe won't reach his previous form, [Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk central defenders] Vitaliy Mandziuk and Yevhen Cherebyachko and [Shakhtar Donetsk defender] Oleksandr Kucher aren't up to the task," said Salenko. "So you have a hole" in the defense.

Sweden might have begun unraveling the enigma of having Ibrahimovic perform better with his national team.

On Feb. 26 he scored a goal and had two assists against Croatia in their friendly in Zagreb. In that match, coach Erik Hamren changed Ibrahimovic's position so he was playing behind the main striker, Johan Elmander, noted Erik Niva, a football writer for Sweden's largest daily Aftonbladet.

Sweden might not have any other world-renowned players, but it makes up for it in team stability. It also has a new teenage hotshot — John Guidetti — who is expected to make an impact off the bench.

Orrenius said Sweden's main concern is the back four. It lacks a good option on the right with Celtic defender Mikael Lustig currently injured, and central defender Olof Melberg still needs a reliable partner. Their best hope is in Bromwich defender Jonas Olsson but he is short on national team experience.

It's still a tough defense to crack which allowed 20 goals less than its offense scored in the qualifiers.

"The Swedish team always fights. We know we're not Brazil but we're a hard team to beat and play with good team spirit," Orrenius said. "Then there's Ibrahimovic again; this will be probably be his last major championship and he will be hungry as a wolf."

As for Group D opponents, Sweden has never lost to England in official play, but has lost three to France, and has beaten Ukraine once in three, drawing and losing the other two, all in friendly games.

And of the four, Sweden is perhaps the steadiest team. France is still going through a major makeover but appears to have the best players, although they lack experience. England is undergoing a coaching change and it's still unclear who will play up front for two games in Wayne Rooney's absence. And Ukraine coach Oleh Blokhin is still trying to decide who will start amid complaints that many players he's calling up to play aren't in top shape.

"If they (France) click like they did (in their 2-1 victory over Germany on Feb. 29), then they'll do well," Niva said. "I feel Sweden, Ukraine and England are at the same level below France — we have a 33 percent chance of making it into the quarterfinals."

Experts say it's unlikely that any team will go undefeated in the group, attesting to the tough competition. And there's one more advantage Sweden has: Playing all of its group games in Kyiv with customary large Swedish fan support.

"This will certainly be an advantage against England and France. I don't know why England chose to have their camp in Krakow" in Poland, Orrenius said.

It's the Ukraine game Sweden wants to avoid giving away for fear of repeating its Euro 2000 first game loss to host Belgium, after which it never fully recovered in the tournament.

"We're aware of the importance of the first game...surviving the first game is a big stepping stone," Niva said.

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## Sweden

**Head coach** — Erik Hamren

**Capitan** — Zlatan Ibrahimovic

**Star Player** — Zlatan Ibrahimovic

**Nickname** — The Blue-Yellows

**FIFA world ranking** — 17th

**Best World Cup result** — Runner-up, 1958

**Best European Championship result** — Semifinal, 1992

**Base for Euro 2012** — Koncha-Zaspaspa, Kyiv

**Games in Euro 2012 Group D** —

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