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## Stories, integrity for sale in Ukraine's news media

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Rarely is the subservience of journalists to politicians so blatantly exposed as when Ukrainska Pravda this month

captured parliamentarian Valeriy Baranov giving orders to the allegedly independent newspaper Gorod (City) in Berdyansk.

"Make one mention of the president and one of the prime minister, no

need to do it frequently," showed a screenshot of Baranov's computer captured by the online news portal. "Why is there nothing about sports grounds, playgrounds and benches?"

Several days later, the newspa-

per published a major story under Baranov's byline in which the politician glorifies his own achievements. It was presented to readers as news, not paid PR. The newspaper's editor Pavlo Ishchuk admitted to the Kyiv → 2

## Yanukovich threatens to 'rip off' heads of Poroshenko, other officials

BY YURIY ONYSHKIV  
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President Viktor Yanukovich blasted Economy Minister Petro Poroshenko with thuggish threats ahead of the Oct. 28 parliamentary election in which the minister is running independently of the pro-presidential Party of Regions.

At a public meeting in Dnipropetrovsk on Sept. 11, Poroshenko, a multimillionaire oligarch who backed the 2004 Orange Revolution, complained to → 16

## Employers shun older applicants

BY DARYNA SHEVCHENKO  
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Besides all the usual problems associated with aging, many Ukrainians are finding there's one more: joblessness.

More than a quarter of Ukrainians say that they have suffered age-based discrimination while trying to get a job, according to a survey conducted by the Kyiv International Institute of Social Studies, a local non-government organization.

And there's almost nothing they can do about it, even if they win a court case against the illegal practice.

A third of unemployed Ukrainians are between 40 and 59, according to the same survey. The country has an estimated 1.7 million unemployed citizens, but only about 500,000 of them are officially registered as unemployed. → 7

# Firm Halts Trade In Ukraine Tissue



Photographs allegedly taken inside Mykolaiv Regional Forensic Medicine Bureau. In February, Ukraine's Security Service launched a criminal case investigating suspected violations in obtaining the relatives' consent for recovery of tissue from dead people. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

**Editor's Note:** This story is a follow-up to the eight-month investigation conducted by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists on the global trade in body parts that emanates from Ukraine. The entire series can be read at www.kyivpost.com

BY KATE WILLSON AND  
VLAD LAVROV

One of the biggest players in the global trade in human tissue has sus-

ended its partnership with suppliers in Ukraine, where authorities have carried out multiple investigations over allegations of illegal tissue recovery.

RTI Biologics, a Florida-based man-

ufacturer of medical implants made from skin, bone and other human parts, "made a decision to voluntarily suspend import of tissues from Ukrainian institutions," the company said in a

statement on Sept. 6.

Congressional staffers and the Pentagon also announced this month they were reviewing contracts the government holds with RTI and → 15

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# Journalism standards low in Ukraine

→1 Post that Baranov – a member of Speaker Volodymyr Lytvyn's bloc in the Verkhovna Rada – bought the story.

Ishchuk also saw no reason to mark the article as an advertisement. "Every media has its own standards," Ishchuk said.

And in Ukraine, those standards are often as low as many newsroom budgets or even lower.

The Berdyansk case is one of many showing the weak state of independent journalism in Ukraine.

One of the profession's biggest cancers is so-called "jeansa," the proliferation of paid PR pieces disguised as news stories.

Several weeks ago, journalist Natalia Sokolenko left STB TV channel over the station's practice of broadcasting "jeansa." Sokolenko said she "couldn't bear participating in the moronization of millions of people" by airing blatantly flattering stories about authorities and their allies. STB refused to comment on Sokolenko's claims.

Media watchers say the amount of paid-for news is becoming more ubiquitous in the run-up to the Oct. 28 parliamentary election.

Rasto Kuzel, executive director of Slovak-based MEMO media watchdog, said the campaign looks similar to the 2004 presidential elections, when fraudulent electoral results and media smear campaigns triggered the Orange Revolution and the election of Viktor Yushchenko instead of Viktor Yanukovich.

"In 2004 it was more of this 'temnyky,' now it is 'jeansa,'" Kuzel said, explaining the evolution from political orders to political purchasing of news. "We have slightly different methods, but in essence it's the very same way how politicians, how media owners are actually undermining the role of the media."

"Temnyky" were the direct secret letters sent to news media by ex-President Leonid Kuchma's administration with demands to run one piece of news and keep silent about others. With the abolition of "temnyky" during Yushchenko's 2005-2010 administration, the more elaborate practice of "jeansa" appeared, said Viktor Siumar, head of Institute of Mass Information, an influential media watchdog.

Paid-for news crept into more and more newspapers, she said, and is now flourishing more than two years into Yanukovich's reign. "Now it is totally

**Television journalist Natalia Sokolenko quit STB TV channel in protest of the station's acceptance of money for PR stories disguised as news, or so-called "jeansa." The station refused to comment on Sokolenko's allegations. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)**



and almost everywhere," Siumar said. "The exceptions can be counted on fingers of two hands."

An August media monitoring study by the watchdog Common Space Association revealed that most national and regional media run news stories or editorials that strongly resemble political PR, or even black PR.

"We can divide the channels into two groups, including those that directly work a pro-government line, and those that work in a more elegant way," said Oleksandr Chekmyshev, head of the Equality Opportunities Committee that participated in the survey. "But all the channels have some 'jeansa' pool."

In a recent study by media monitor Telekritika, two television stations – ICTV and Ukraina TV – were the leaders in August in the quantity of coverage suspected of being ordered in August.

Olena Pavlenko, head of the information department of Ukraina TV channel, refused to comment on the Telekritika survey.

Olena Froliak, head of the ICTV news department, denied the Telekritika allegations, saying that ICTV covers only the stories with strong newsbreaks. "Telekritika see only what they want to see," Froliak said.

Only TVi channel did not take "jeansa" in the past month, Siumar said. But that doesn't mean the station's coverage is fair or balanced. Natalia Ligachova, head of Telekritika, said TVi gives significantly more time to the opposition than to government

representatives during its Sunday news programs.

Siumar noted Komsomolskaya Pravda in Ukraine was a leader in paid-for stories among national dailies, with "jeansa" reaching 9 percent of all content in July. The newspaper published a number of laudatory articles about government members, including softball interviews with deputy prime ministers Borys Kolesnikov and Sergiy Tigipko and Health Minister Raisa Bohatryriova.

One PR specialist said the price of one page in Komsomolskaya Pravda in Ukraine increased from \$5,000 in September to \$8,000 in October. He talked on condition of anonymity out of fear of being fired if quoted by name.

Siumar said UNIAN news agency led the "jeansa" way among online sources, publishing a series about politician Oleksandr Tretiakov, who is running in a single-mandate district. UNIAN chief editor Mykhailo Gannyskyi refused to comment on the allegations of paid-for news, but the editor-in-chief of Komsomolskaya Pravda in Ukraine Oksana Bogdanova denied the practice to the Kyiv Post: "Our journalists do not write 'jeansa.'"

The Party of Regions, Natalia Korolevska's Ukraine-Forward and the Communists, lead the demand side, according to the Institute of Mass Information. In recent months, however, the opposition Batkivshchyna and UDAR parties have also joined the fray, Siumar said.

"Now it is almost a legal business. If you open the Internet you will see that PR agencies are openly proposing to distribute 'jeansa,'" Siumar added.

PR specialists say it doesn't take much work to order paid-for stories. In fact, many media representatives themselves call with offers to publish "jeansa" according to special pricelists.

"Usually the newspapers have some fictional characters under whose bylines 'jeansa' is published. Journalists writing this stuff normally receive double pay for each article," said a PR professional working for a prominent politician. He agreed to talk about the issue as long as the Kyiv Post did not reveal his name for fear it could damage his work. "In other cases those who order prepare the stories themselves, (even sending) their photos," the PR specialist said. "It all depends on the agreements."

By his estimate, about 40 percent of all news media content in Ukraine is infected with "jeansa," which is more expensive during election campaigns. Three PR specialists polled by the Kyiv Post said prices jumped 60 percent ahead of the election.

Despite the price increase, selling one's integrity is rather cheap. Average estimates of paid-for stories are currently the following:

Internet media – About \$100-\$200 for paid-for news and nearly \$3,000-\$4,000 for articles or interviews with politicians;

Print media take \$300 for an article at an average circulation newspaper and up to \$10,000 for publication in a popular magazine;

TV stations charge \$200 to \$10,000 for paid-for stories.

An even more lucrative market has emerged to counter the paid-for puff pieces. It's known as paid-for black PR and usually costs 1.5 times more than flattering news, experts say.

But prices can vary widely, with steep discounts for long-term deals. Many campaign headquarters are believed to have special representatives who negotiate with media owners or managers about the costs for paid-for news, PR specialists said.

Artem Baidenko, head of PR and consulting company SA Political Communications, said ordering "jeansa" often helps politicians decrease spending on traditional advertising and other campaign expenses. Some TV stations might charge \$200,000 for clear- →10

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## MEP Adina Ioana Vălean:

*"The Association Agreement is the best thing that the EU can offer Ukraine at this stage"*

In order to be consistent any policy concerning the Eastern region of Europe needs to include Ukraine. Partisan politics and public policy should be two separate matters. Both Ukraine and Brussels should adhere to this type of understanding.

**Can you tell us more about the EU's cooperation instruments with its neighbours?**

The European Neighbourhood Policy is a political and financial instrument for increasing cooperation with our eastern and southern neighbours.

The ENP framework contains a dedicated tool, called the Eastern Partnership, which concerns the countries to the east of the EU that are considered to be more interconnected in terms of a range of issues. This partnership covers six countries, among which Ukraine is our most important partner in the region.

**Could you please share with us your opinion on the Association Agreement (AA)?**

The Association Agreement is a cooperation instrument that the EU is offering to Ukraine, at this stage. And this is a far better opportunity than a membership promise. Let me take the example of my own country, Romania. Once you become a member, you also have a lot of limitations and responsibilities. Preparing for entering the EU was our best period of development. That is when a country has to bring its legislation and economy as near as possible to EU standards. Even if, in the end, you don't become a full EU member, the simple fact that you've raised the level of your country will be the most important outcome.

*"Energy cooperation is very important both for Ukraine and for the EU. And people are feeling the direct consequences of good or bad policymaking in this field, from the bills they get at the end of the month."*

Now that we have worked so hard and with consistent results on this Association Agreement, it is a pity to bring it to a halt due to partisan politics, which are just to the advantage of the few. A common political project between the EU and Ukraine is to the benefit of all. I hope that we will find the resources of wisdom to overcome the current situation and to go further with the association agreement.

Secondly, the AA includes a free trade agreement that is very important for the companies which are interested in investing in



*"The way things generally work in Europe is this: we listen to the real players in the economy, actual companies that come and say 'we want to do this or that, and we need your support.'"*

your country. If Ukraine were to be a part of the European market, under the same standards, the country would be in a better position to sell its goods and attract investment.

From this perspective, economic cooperation is the most important aspect, mainly because it brings Ukraine closer to the European standards, lets Ukrainian products enter the European market and lets European investments enter a market that plays by the same rules as the EU.

Foreign investment is important for any country, and that is why everyone in this globalised world is competing for it. That is why Ukraine has to be a trusted place for investment, a country with good standards of democracy, a good and stable economy, and a market in which investments are secure. And having this agreement with the EU is like having a safety certificate, securing investors' trust in your country.

The agreement is also very important for domestic business, because companies that are able to interact with their counterparts on the European market will be able to sell their products on the huge EU market.

So it is fully beneficial, but in order to succeed, I think you have to reduce all forms of bureaucracy and simplify the tax system. Also, you have to let the market function by itself and avoid any kind of political interference.

*"And having the Association Agreement with the EU is like having a safety certificate, securing investors' trust in your country."*

**How do you see the EU-Ukraine relations from the perspective of energy?**

Energy cooperation is very important both for Ukraine and for the EU. And people are feeling the direct consequences of good or bad policymaking in this field, from the bills they get at the end of the month.

Energy is a fundamental issue in politics. If the EU is able to secure a cheap source of energy, it is doing what is best for its citizens. The Ukrainian government should have that same paradigm in mind – providing cheap and secure energy. And it is also very important for the Ukrainian government to understand that energy is a field in which it can cooperate with us.

The EU has a lot of money to develop a network for gas and electricity. It's very important that we have our neighbours in this network. There has already been a lot of lobbying from our southern neighbours to develop solar energy, but I really think we should build, together with Ukraine as our main partner to the east, an electricity and gas supply network. For me, it is surprising that I haven't seen as much interest or lobbying in Brussels coming from Ukraine as I have from our southern neighbours, but I do believe that in time, and with a little help from our side, Ukraine will join in our efforts.

I am responsible for the Connecting Europe Facility, which foresees a budget of 10 billion EUR for creating leverage to attract up to 500 billion EUR for mid-level investment in the energy network. I intend to include projects of common interest that will involve our neighbours. But this can't all be done by politicians - it is up to the business community to come up with projects and seek financing.

The way things generally work in Europe is this: we listen to the real players in the economy, actual companies that come and say 'we want to do this or that, and we need your support.' I think it would be very good to inform the members of the European Business Association about this, to try to promote the type of policies Europe has in the energy sector, and to make companies aware of the opportunities to get European financing for this type of projects. So let's hope for some good cooperation.

## Editorials

## Bad business

Being a good corporate citizen includes making business decisions that take into account the broader interests of society. Certainly, this applies to Kyiv's main television cable operator Volia, and its U.S.-based co-owners – equity fund manager SigmaBleyzer and Providence Equity Partners.

Volia announced earlier this month that TVi – arguably the last television channel openly critical of President Viktor Yanukovich's administration – would be moved from the standard package to a more expensive premium one. In contrast, oligarch-owned television channels with news programs that are friendly to Yanukovich's rule, and the channel of Ukraine's National Bank – itself headed by a presidential loyalist – have been kept in the basic package, which is third the price of the premium one.

The move will almost certainly decrease TVi's potential audience. Currently, the number of subscribers of Volia's premium package is around 80,000 – almost threefold less than the audience of the standard selection of channels. It's the latest in the chain of bad news for the station that authorities are muzzling ahead of the Oct. 28 parliamentary election.

In the last two months, TVi has been shut off from the networks of almost 60 cable operators, prosecutors have harassed its general director with a tax investigation and the Economy Ministry questioned its right to pay for satellite broadcasts – without a special license. TVi's management has launched a fundraising campaign asking people to donate money so that they could pay a court-ordered Hr 4 million fine to the tax service. The fine came after a Kyiv district court found the channel guilty of tax evasion.

Volia's decision to impede TVi's potential Kyiv audience further is a disappointing example of corporate irresponsibility. A cable company which makes its money off media should be at the forefront of promoting free speech, not stifling it. The decision is a betrayal of loyal customers by a management team that appears eager to please the authorities.

We call on the operator to be a good corporate citizen. If Volia doesn't reverse course, its customers would have every reason to pursue other service options for getting the channels they want and deserve.

## Threatening talk

"A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes." So said Mahatma Gandhi, the great visionary who led India to its national independence from British rule in 1947.

If that is the case, President Viktor Yanukovich is thinking angry thoughts and becoming an angry leader of Ukraine's 45 million citizens.

A videotape of the Dnipropetrovsk event on Sept. 11 shows Yanukovich responded to Economy Minister Petro Poroshenko this way: "I'll rip off your heads very soon – right after the elections – if you just talk and do not deliver."

The outburst came in response to prodding of Poroshenko, a multimillionaire and a major automobile dealer, to have the government impose an import duty to protect domestic car sales. At the same forum, Yanukovich dressed down Deputy Prime Minister Valeriy Khoroshkovsky for not knowing the exact minimum subsistence wage and the minimum pension in the nation.

There appear to be deeper issues bothering Yanukovich. He seems to be making no headway in getting concessions from Russia, especially over expensive natural gas imports. Meanwhile, a backlash is building in the nation over Yanukovich's monopoly grip on political power.

Polls show the ruling pro-presidential Party of Regions will be hard pressed to win the Oct. 28 parliamentary election honestly, no doubt a further cause for the outburst. Also, after spoiling relations with the West by imprisoning opposition leaders and rolling back on democratic freedoms, the administration appears to be once again scrambling to repair the damage.

The administration is sending a high-level delegation to Washington, D.C., to meet with various American officials and business leaders. Those making the trip include: Serhiy Arbutov, governor of the National Bank of Ukraine; Ihor Kaletnik, head of the State Customs Service; Oleksandr Klymenko, head of the State Tax Service; Yuriy Kolobov, minister of finance; Mykola Prysazhnyuk, minister of agriculture; and Eduard Stavitskyi, minister of ecology.

This may be too little, too late. The West, preoccupied with other issues, is tired of the Yanukovich administration saying one thing and doing another regarding democracy, the fight against corruption and improving the business climate in Ukraine. The backlog of unsolved problems just keeps growing.

A number of Party of Regions politicians trying to get into parliament have taken care to distance themselves from the government to improve campaign prospects. This option, however, is not available to Yanukovich.

A powerful president, with a solid grip over parliament and a loyal prime minister, he cannot disassociate himself with his record – no matter how much he shouts.



**NEWS ITEM:** President Viktor Yanukovich threatened to "rip off" the heads of certain government officials after the Oct. 28 parliament election. The outburst came during a Sept. 12 economic meeting in Dnipropetrovsk after Economy Minister Petro Poroshenko, a multimillionaire and large automobile dealer, complained about the administration's slowness in enacting a new and higher fee on car imports. "What are you saying and to whom? I will rip your heads off, very soon, right after the elections, if you will be speaking and not doing. I said the same to the prime minister [Mykola Azarov] and today I say the same to all of you in the first row."



**NEWS ITEM:** When Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich took to the stage of the World Newspaper Congress in Kyiv on Sept. 3, he was greeted by roughly 16 journalists who rose from their seats to hold up posters to protest government censorship and the nation's deteriorating climate for free speech. The journalists accused media owners, the government and Yanukovich of controlling the mainstream media and pressuring smaller, more independent outlets. Ukraine placed 130th among nations in the most recent Freedom House survey of media freedoms. Yanukovich ignored the protesters, plowing through his speech and criticizing "wrong stereotypes regarding lack of freedom of speech in our country."

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# Back Story: Orwellian-speak



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There is no censorship in Ukraine. Ukraine has an open society.

The economy of Ukraine is stable and will continue to be so as long as this administration is in power or until the end of time, whichever comes first.

There is absolutely no corruption at the highest echelon of Ukrainian government. The existence of high-level corruption is a myth.

If you believe those statements to be true, I have hectares of prime farmland in the Chernobyl dead zone to sell you. In the administration's Orwellian-speak, black is white and white is chartreuse.

In fact, the official pronouncements often make the famous Twilight Zone seem as normal as Sunday morning pancakes and kefir. The truth is out there, perhaps hidden in a far-off black hole, but there.

The sad thing is that at times the administration seems so earnest in its feel-good proclamations that one would think they actually believe it themselves.

It reminds me of some Ukrainian advertising "contests," where the agency that bought first place convinces itself it won first place. Otherwise, why would they have been handed the gold-plated statuette?

I think this whole very translucent spin game is a remnant of the Soviet era. I was once in a meeting with the late Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Moscow in which he earnestly proclaimed interest in a nuclear arms limitation treaty (SALT II). He was passionate about it.

Four months later, the USSR invaded Afghanistan, thereby ensuring that the treaty,



Ukrainian journalists stage a protest against government censorship and oligarch control of Ukrainian news media during President Viktor Yanukovich's speech at the World Newspaper Congress in Kyiv on Sept. 3. The silent protest involved about 16 journalists who rose from their seats and held up posters reading "Stop Censorship" and "Media Oligarchs Serve the Authorities." Yanukovich did not acknowledge the protesters. (AP)

negotiated by several administrations, would not even be brought up in the U.S. Senate.

What sparked this discourse was the silent protest at the World Newspaper Congress in Kyiv recently where some 16 editors and journalists held signs reading: "Stop Censorship" and "Media Oligarchs Serve the Authorities" during President Viktor Yanukovich's address.

The irony is that as the president boasted about Ukraine's open society and asserted that it was free of censorship, his security guards were trying to take away the protest signs, knocking around a couple of journalists in the process.

The government's actions gave the president's words a hollow ring. Captured on tape, they quickly found their way to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Sometimes the truth can travel faster than rumor and the big fib.

Two Kyiv Post editors participated in the protest. A business acquaintance, looking for dents in

the Kyiv Post's armor, suggested it was unseemly to have journalists participating in making the news, instead of simply covering the news.

I struggled with this question for a millisecond, and then moved beyond it.

For a newsperson to get personally involved in a story, there needs to be extraordinary circumstances. To be honest brokers of news, reporters need not only be impartial but to have the appearance of impartiality in news – though not in editorial or opinion columns.

The Kyiv Post strives for this lack of bias. It is the wellspring of the newspaper's credibility and it is why for much of its nearly 20 years, the newspaper has been considered the world's window on Ukraine.

However, the journalists' quiet protest was one of those extraordinary circumstances. It was dignified. It only became disruptive due to the ham-fisted tactics of the president's security detail.

A journalist should refrain from protesting against a political candidate he or she could be covering in the future, or even against a government decision unrelated to his job. The wisest course is to remain a neutral observer.

In this case, Kyiv Post and other journalists were protesting what they felt was a dangerous infringement on their ability to do their jobs. Tax authorities have been used to harass government critics, and reporters have been bullied and beaten.

In my view, the journalists not only had the right to peacefully protest, but the duty to make their opinions heard where it counted – in the face of Ukraine's president. It was an opportune time and a legitimate forum for dissent.

Early in the Yanukovich administration, the international business community felt the new president possibly could restore order and stability to the country. At least, that was the promise. The previous administration had blithely navigated the ship of state over a waterfall.

For a while, international business was optimistic. But then the bloom was off the rose.

Within months, former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko was in the dock during what many around the world saw as a trial of retribution. Numerous stories emerged – spoken in business circles – that corruption was at the core of the current regime.

All that is negative about the administration might not be true.

Censorship in any form might not exist.

Ukraine might have a completely open society. Corruption at high levels just might be a myth.

If the president believes this, it at best represents a leader out of touch with what's happening in his country. At worst, it's language fraud of the Orwellian variety.

Having watched dysfunctional governments in Ukraine for nearly 20 years, I fear it is the latter.

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# Modern Sherlock Holmes' ready to spy on anyone

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One British citizen found himself in a tricky situation awhile ago. He liked a stewardess from his Kyiv-London flight, but had no idea how to contact the girl from distant Ukraine. All he knew was her first name, Alla, written on a badge.

The modern-day Romeo turned to private investigator Igor Timofeyev, 64, from Ukraine. But the job wasn't so easy.

"First I found out that there was no stewardess named Alla on that flight. It seemed like a dead end," Timofeyev said. "But it turned out that the stewardess he liked spilled coffee on her jacket just before the flight and borrowed a jacket from her colleague, with her name badge on it."

After a short but difficult search, the private investigator discovered the woman had just moved to western France with her family.

"So she was just several dozen kilometers away from him. Imagine that! My client was shocked," Timofeyev said.

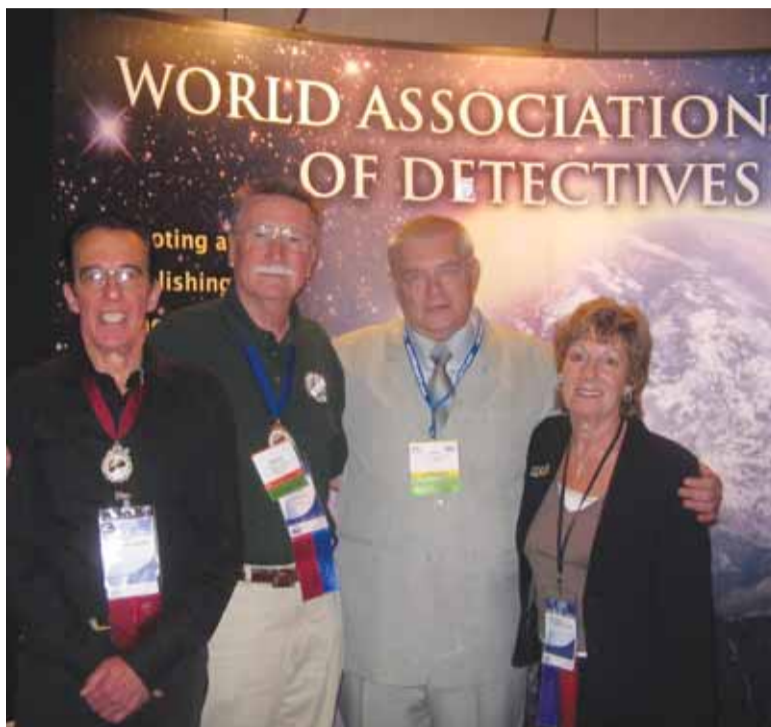
Incredible stories like that are an investigators' daily routine. Not all of them are rosy and romantic, however.

Some time ago Timofeyev was asked to vet a potential mail-order bride from Belarus. An American she was chatting with was troubled because his virtual girlfriend kept asking him for money. After the man gave her about \$1,800 for her mom's treatment, she asked for much more, saying that she broke a friend's car and has to compensate the damages.

It turned out the man was not sending money to the Belarusian beauty from the photos, but to a notorious pimp, who tricked him with the help of a female friend.

"My client was so disappointed he didn't believe me, and even refused to pay at first," Timofeyev said.

The fees Ukrainian private investigators charge for their services are not tremendous, though not everyone can afford them. One of the most expensive, but also most popular services is



Igor Timofeyev (third from left) posing with World Association of Detectives members (from left) Richard Jacques-Turner from England, Werner Sachse from Germany and Maureen Jacques-Turner from England on first World Investigators Conference in Las Vegas in 2005. (Courtesy)

spying on family members, to expose cheaters or troubled teenagers. That costs upwards of \$150 per day.

Meanwhile, business investigation fees run from \$50-70 for quick routine checks involving accessible information and up to \$5,000 or more for in-depth inspections.

The private investigation market has changed considerably since the days of Sherlock Holmes. Just one organization, the Association of British Investigators, has more than 300 members. Ukraine's Private Investigators Association only counts three dozen so far, though many more work in the country, members say.

Investigators' ranks are mostly filled by retired police detectives and state security officers, for whom the job strongly resembles their previous occupation, with the possible exception of

spying on cheating husbands.

Women make up the bulk of the clientele, says Denys Klimov, head of Kyiv-based Private Investigations Bureau. It usually takes just several days to expose a cheater.

"Our longest project was when we spied on one man two-three times per week for a month," he said. "Usually, it is just about three days."

→ Private detectives find their services in demand from spouses to employers

Some missions are even shorter. Once, Klimov says, his agents were hired to watch the potential cheater on a business trip. But when the man left home, agents just followed him to the next building. His "business trip" turned out to be an excuse to spend time with his lover.

Troubled teenagers are also popular targets, with parents wanting to see how they spend their free time. In 90 percent of cases, Klimov says, parents' suspicions prove to be correct, with kids either taking drugs or gambling at slot machines.

But the jobs can be much stranger. Timofeyev, a former KGB counterintelligence officer, mostly works with foreign clients. Once, an outraged woman from the U.S. asked him to investigate the past of her son's Ukrainian fiancée. She was upset to find there were no

legal troubles or former husbands in the girl's biography.

In another case Timofeyev was recruited to find the Russian heirs to a fortune left in the U.S. "My share would have been about \$150,000. But one of the heirs refused to take 'American' money, and the fortune went to the state budget," he said.

Yet such strange behavior is not the only obstacle for Ukrainian investigators, who mainly complain about the lack of a legislative framework.

"Currently there is no law regulating our services," said Igor Tsminsky, head of Ukraine's Investigator Association. "The draft of the law has been wandering through government cabinets since 2001, and still hasn't been approved. That is the reason why many of our colleagues work unofficially."

Yet unofficial status, Tsminsky says, gives some Ukrainian private detectives freedom to perform controversial and illegal services. The most sought after of these is faking an alibi.

Websites promising alibi services assure this is mainly to save marriages from the occasional indiscretion. But Klimov says that when his agency first tried offering this service, only clients who wanted to cover up actual wrongdoings called in. So, the agency backed out despite the potentially higher fees.

"Illegal and barely legal services, like providing an alibi or putting hard pressure on debtors — pays very well," says Klimov, explaining why some of his colleagues go for it.

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# Older people find little recourse when facing age discrimination

→ **1** Alina Savchenko, the head of a department in Shturman travel agency, says when her agency is recruiting workers, the ads claim that anyone under 35 is considered a candidate. In reality, she says, the employer favors women under 25.

Effectively, this is double discrimination – by age and by gender, and both are illegal in Ukraine, where the Constitution provides for equal rights for all.

Savchenko explains that employees start off as unpaid interns, and when they eventually get hired, the base salary is small. “We can’t ask mature people over 30 with a lot of experience to work for the starting salary,” she says.

Experts say that employers fear hiring older people because they are viewed as less creative, less diligent, less efficient and more demanding as far as benefits go.

“Older people are usually accused of lack of flexibility and lack of obedience to superiors,” says Viktor Pushkar, a social psychologist. “But this stigma is mostly groundless. Older people do need more social guarantees, but this is natural.”

A recent study by the Kharkiv Institute of Social Studies which analyzed 7,000 employment ads, found that 15 percent of all printed ads and 58 percent of online ads contain age requirements for job seekers.

Lina Getmanenko said she was denied “dozens and dozens of interviews” because of her age. She only turned 40 at the time. Some employers would get rude to her when she tried



People waiting in a line at the Kyiv City Employment Center. The country has an estimated 1.7 million unemployed, but only about 500,000 of them are officially registered as unemployed. Nov. 23, 2011, Kyiv. (Ukrainian photo)

to convince them to invite her to an interview.

“Are you blind? The ad clearly says we need a person under 35,” some would shout, she says.

Getmanenko was told that people over 40 are more psychologically unstable. At the time, she was looking for a job as an English teacher for small children, and could not understand why it mattered whether the teacher was 35 or 40 years old.

Getmanenko now works as a Thai massage salon administrator. She took

the job out of desperation, and had to convince the employer to invite her to the interview because the ad said they would only hire a female under 38.

Getmanenko was surprised to hear that the law is on her side that even employment ads with age limits are banned by a new law signed by the president just days ago. It will come into effect in January.

But even when age discrimination is proved in court, employers have nothing to fear. Igor Yasinskiy, a 50-year-old resident of Kharkiv, won a lawsuit

against Factor-Druk publishing company when it refused to employ him as a storekeeper because of his age. The company had to pay Hr 238 in court fees – that’s all.

“I didn’t get any compensation for moral damage. The judge has decided I didn’t suffer enough to get it,” he said sadly. “Of course the court could oblige them to employ me, but who would want to work in such an atmosphere now?”

Yasinskiy says he didn’t feel protected, but still thinks people should fight for their rights.

The new law that will come into effect in 2013 bans employers from demanding any private information about job seekers. It also guarantees that the government will subsidize anyone aged over 45 with 15 or more years of working experience who need to learn a new skill to become more employable.

Iryna Akimova, deputy head of the president’s administration, said the government will issue a voucher worth Hr 11,000 for a person to receive new training. She also said that the government will exempt companies from paying the single social tax for a year if they hire older employees, those who are raising disabled children and young people entering the job market. The tax currently can go up to 50 percent of the salary, depending on the job.

Recruiters are not impressed, though. Anna Voyevodna, head of judicial department of HeadHunter, says that the tax will still have to be paid if the worker is fired less than two years after the date of hiring, which takes away any potential attraction for the employer. She says the vouchers for retraining are unlikely to work, either.

“The law says that [retraining] can be provided if the state employment center has financial capability, but knowing the economic situation in the country we can easily say that the chances are low,” she said.

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## How to find refuge as fear rises over wobbly hryvnia

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Last week's bump in the hryvnia-dollar rate reignited fears of rapid devaluation, sparking even faster reassurances by Ukrainian government officials that everything was under control. Experts agree some level of devaluation will occur before or after the Oct. 28 parliamentary election, but also point to ways in which citizens and businesses can safeguard their assets or even turn a profit amidst the turmoil.

Falling international reserves, chronic current account deficits and a drop in international metal and ore prices have long convinced experts that devaluation was a question of when, not if. Some even argue it is the only way Ukraine can regain some of the competitiveness it lost to its neighbors. Over the past three months, the hryvnia has lost marginally to the dollar, but has gained relative to some regional currencies, 8.7 percent on Poland's zloty, for example.

Nonetheless, memories of the 40 percent devaluation in 2009 have scarred Ukrainians. Thus, the relatively small jump in the exchange rate in days running up to Sept. 4 was enough to rattle nerves. During that period, the hryvnia slid at street side currency booths from around 8 relative to the US dollar, to above 8.2.

Investment banks currently estimate



Traumatic memories of the 2008 global financial crisis, during which Ukraine's currency lost nearly half of its value, have returned. In recent weeks, the hryvnia has slipped at currency exchange booths from around 8.0 to the dollar to more than 8.2 before recovering some of its value in recent days. Concern remains high that a sharper devaluation will take place after the Oct. 28 parliamentary election, a prospect that officials deny. (UNIAN)

an end-year exchange rate of 8.5-8.9, highlighting that the banking sector is much more resilient than it was three years ago. Nonetheless, knowing that herd mentality could easily turn a trickle into a flood, government officials were quick to point fingers and try to reassure the population.

"The rush and speculations were created by banks that have spare funds and can buy huge amounts of currency. They can hire so-called mercenary experts, media, and create hysteria and

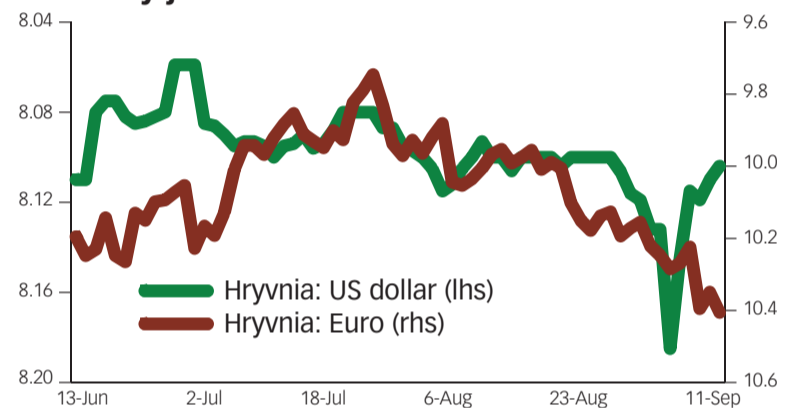
a rush, thus, forcing ordinary people to buy dollars they don't need," Ukrainian Prime Minister Azarov said.

Whatever, the devaluation scenario, there are ways to protect and even increase your assets, experts note.

First and foremost, don't keep the money under your pillows in hryvnia.

Long-term options, according to Vadim Brailovskyi, head of European Capital Management, are moving your cash abroad to invest in real estate, for example. His top picks are Bulgaria,

### Currency jitters are back



The following graph shows prices for Ukrainian's currency, the hryvnia, on the domestic currency market.

Source: Dragon Capital

Greece, Portugal and other countries discounted by the crisis.

The options, of course, depend on the type of investor and what they are betting on, said Vitaliy Sivach, a fixed income trader at Kyiv's Investment Capital Ukraine.

Residents of Ukraine have a fairly straightforward option in so-called retail government bonds, as long as they trust the government to pay back. Denominated in U.S. dollars, they are set to be issued by the Ministry of Finance via state banks in coming

months, with a face value of \$500. "It gives 9 percent [annual] yield and hedges a player totally against hryvnia devaluation," said Sivach.

There are other defensive strategies. Warsaw-listed sunflower oil producer and grain trader Kernel, for instance, has around 90 percent of revenue in foreign currency making it "the most defensive name among Ukrainian (foreign) listed companies," said Tatjana Telezko, agribusiness analyst at Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital. Another example is grain farmer →9

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# Experts: Depository bill could do lasting damage to stock market

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Would you feel safe if corrupt Ukrainian government bureaucrats had an inside view of every stock, bond or other security you as an individual or company purchased? If you answered no to this question, perhaps it is time to reconsider your position on Ukrainian equity and debt.

The very fabric of the nation's financial system – its independence and trust in the eyes of investors – is being challenged by legislative changes that would give Ukraine's government a majority stake, and likely inside view, at an agency responsible for clearing and documenting all securities transactions.

Adopted by President Viktor Yanukovich's ruling majority in parliament this summer, the relevant legislation was passed on to the president on Sept. 7, who now has 15 days to sign it. If he does, analysts say the "depository system law" would do lasting damage to Ukraine's already embattled investment climate, and struggling securities market.

While traders, brokers and investors rarely give a moment's thought to the infrastructure supporting the millions of daily transactions, a depository is, in fact, crucial to the functioning of a financial system. It is a nervous system of a market. Flowing through it is a treasure trove of information that can be used by the wrong hands for abuse.

"The depository assures that securities move between buyers and sellers as intended, once the transaction payments are processed and ownership of securities is never in doubt," explained Marius Vismantas, an expert on financial legislation at the World Bank, which for years assisted the Ukrainian government in setting up the country's financial infrastructure.

"Only when the depository says 'ok' is your money transferred to the seller. The importance of this cannot be underestimated," Vismantas emphasized.

The controversial legislation proposes to merge a largely defunct state depository, the National Depository of Ukraine, with the independent

one, the All-Ukrainian Securities Depository. The latter was set up with the financial assistance of the U.S. government more than a decade ago. It is a self-regulating organization owned by market participants, much like the systems in the West.

Plans envision that the state will, through the merger, have no less than a 50 percent stake in the new depository, giving bureaucrats and government insiders an inside view on the registration of all transactions, securities ownership and approval. A parallel process is taking place in regard to the clearing system, another technical function crucial to the stock market's operations.

Proponents of the changes argue the current proposals are necessary to centralize the stock market infrastructure in order to lower costs. Such consolidation is in line with international trends, they add. The Independent Association of Ukrainian Banks, set up in November 2011, said it would restore order in the stock market.

"A single securities depository demonstrates the high development of the stock market," an IABU spokesperson told the Kyiv Post. The spokesperson added that the introduction of strict control by Ukraine's central bank, headed by Yanukovich loyalist Serhiy Arbutov, over the central depository and clearinghouse is expected in about 18 months. A decision about transfer of control, through privatization or other, would come later.

"On the one hand, there is a legitimate desire to arrange a central depository," said Dmytro Tarabakin, managing partner of leading Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital. "The problem is in how things are done. Unfortunately in Ukraine, the good intentions have been used for bad deeds."

The current system is closer to international standards. The AUSD, which accounts for over 85 percent of transactions, is majority owned by market participants with the state accounting for just a 30 percent. Meanwhile, the NDU is majority owned by the state, directly or indirectly through state-owned banks for instance.

"The AUSD, by all objective criteria appears to be stronger technically,

institutionally and even financially. Despite the fact the NDU is owned by the government. The way we saw the story of NDU was: inefficient use of government funding, government equity; nontransparent management, nontransparent ownership, and quite a bit of private capture of a state institution," said Vismantas.

"There is no apparent need, from a policy perspective, for the state to continue investing public, taxpayer money into new state-owned financial institutions. The state should continue strengthening its policy making and regulatory capacity, and rely on market-based institutions, which have critical amount of trust from market participants," he added.

Meanwhile, the banking association argued the NBU's share in the NDU was larger than in the AUSD, so creating the new entity on the former's base was simply more convenient.

A document sent to news agency Interfax-Ukraine by the USAID Financial Sector Development Project, which also provided expertise to the government, pointed to several additional sources of concern: the lack of a proper international audit and assessment of the assets of both depositories; no fair and transparent mechanism for the merger; proper protection of the interests of present private shareholders.

The latter is of particular worry to the market participants, who have staked their money in the institution, and could lose the sizable revenues to the newly created institutions.

"People are blatantly re-writing the law in a way to deprive the private depository, in which private businesses and the U.S. government have invested, to deprive them of commission revenues and transfer unilaterally all the business to a state depository," Tarabakin said.

Market participants who spoke to the Kyiv Post on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals expressed concerns the new structure could lead to abuse. Should proprietary information get into the wrong hands, it could be used by government or corrupt officials and their associates against businesses. So-called raiders, notorious in Ukraine for abusing weak legislation

and corrupt courts to take over assets and companies, could exploit it.

The IABU told Kyiv Post that "market participants believe abuses are widespread at the moment. But the appearance of a single controller in the person of the central bank, though it could limit the rights of traders, would strengthen control and civilize the chaotic and not always clear Ukrainian stock market."

The NBU did not respond to repeated attempts by the Kyiv Post to obtain a comment.

Commenting on the value of the depository information, Vismantas said: "This information only has value to those who have ill intentions. Unfortunately, Ukraine is not immune from those kind of intentions and from people who would be able to use that information for ill purposes if they got it. Raider attacks give unfortunate examples that problems still exist."

If signed into law by Yanukovich, the changes are likely to bode bad for Ukraine's already battered stock market. Dismal liquidity, low quality issuers and a lack of investor confidence have set the UX index of the country's biggest exchange tumbling 64 percent since its high 18 months ago. At the end of August it was the world's second worst performer, behind Cyprus, with 28 percent in the red.

It has shown a level of volatility unheard of in Europe. Already down close to 60 percent on the year, the UX stock index lost a staggering 40 percent from the beginning of May to June 7. It bounced back, notably with a ridiculous 18 percent jump on July 2-3, to be followed by a 7 percent loss on a single day. Few investors are ready for such risk, particularly if they do not trust the clearing and depository systems.

"Investors who don't have much trust to the state authorities might consider it as increased Ukrainian risk," said Artem Lazaruk, head of sale and trading at Kyiv-based investment bank Phoenix Capital.

"[The UX is not having] the best times at the moment and the new law could just finish off the wounded animal," he added.

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## How to find refuge from unstable currency

→8 IMC, which has 80 percent of its revenues tied to the dollar, but only 40 percent of its costs.

More sophisticated investors can hedge their bets using derivative instruments, Sivach said. For example, foreigners selling products bought in dollars but sold in hryvnia at some point in the future can enter forward contracts, in which hryvnia are at some point in the future. This bet is on the future exchange rate, however, and only accessible to large players.

Quick, easy and feasible with even small amounts of money, opening a dollar-denominated account at a major bank is a solid solution, Brailovskiy said. Large banks are currently offering annual deposit rates of 8 or more percent, an absurdly high level by Western standards.

It seems to already have gained popularity among Ukrainians, who poured an additional Hr 3.2 billion into foreign currency deposits in August.

This solution carries another advantage in times of panic, when a surge in demand drains the dollars from the market. Should immediate exchange of cash prove impossible, it is always possible to open a dollar account and lock an exchange rate in.

Buying physical gold is also an extreme alternative. While its price has risen sharply in recent years – beyond what some experts say is sustainable – it offers the ultimate hedge against economic collapse.

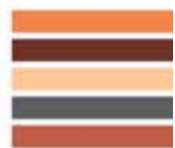
"Gold preserves assets in an Armageddon scenario, when most Western economies will enter economic recession and will be forced to print money like there's no tomorrow," Sivach said.

There's always the option to bet the other way, he added. A non-resident can try to sell dollars via the forward option, for a six month rate of Hr 9.15. This would give a 26 percent return, over half a year.

"It's not a free lunch though. If the hryvnia will devalue to 9.15 or above, losses will be very substantial," Sivach said.

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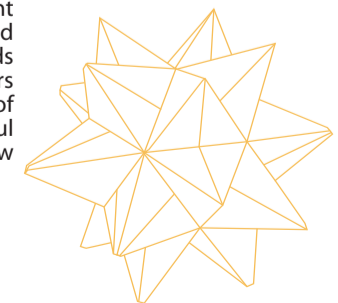
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# Bright spots exist in Ukraine's job market

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Summer vacation time is now over and it is back to business. While the overall economic picture is far from rosy, some attractive job openings are popping up for those who know where to look.

Though unemployment remains historically high, recruitment agencies point to an uptick of job openings being posted online, which they say indicates that certain sectors are thriving.

Moreover, some of the top companies in Ukraine have lots of attractive job vacancies.

MTS, one of the leading mobile service providers and a participant of the Sept. 22 Kyiv Post Employment Fair, has around 100 vacancies nationwide, said Tetyana Syvashenko, the company's human resource specialist.

"Recruitment in our company somewhat grew due to new projects. We have many vacancies in sales and providing subscriber services," Syvashenko said. "We also have temporary projects for which we hire people."

AES Ukraine, a domestic subsidiary of American energy giant AES Corporation, has around 60 openings, the majority having to do with electricity distribution in Kyiv Oblast. They are also looking for people to work at the company's legal, financial and purchases departments.

Visitors of a Kyiv Post Employment Fair in 2011 mingle with potential employers. About 20 prominent companies will participate in the newspaper's Sept. 22 fair, including Google, KPMG, Winner, MTS, ProCredit Bank, Leroy Merlin, Danone, AstapovLawyers and others. (Andrew Kravchenko)



"Our company is experiencing some shortage of SAP (business management software) consultants," said Anastasiya Koshalko, AES's human resources manager.

The demand is high for "sales managers in all kinds of business, starting from food products and ending with metal and other raw materials," added German Ovcharenko, director of SuperJob recruitment portal. In terms of sought after employees "sales managers are the indisputable leaders for four years already," he added.

As a major global outsourcing destination, Ukraine has more than 1,000 IT companies employing tens of thousands of highly educated IT

professionals. The ratio of resumes is around 1.5 per IT vacancy, making it an employee's market, added Ovcharenko. "It's the highest ratio among all (categories of) applicants."

By contrast, the average ratio in Kyiv is 10 resumes per one vacancy, according to an August report on the job market by HeadHunter, an Internet recruitment company.

The IT sector was also one of few industries largely unaffected by the financial crises. Salaries not only continued to increase, but are expected to grow further. According to a HeadHunter report, the average salary of a Java programmer increased by 17 percent over the last year. SuperJob estimated the current average wage at Hr 20,000. Other professionals in demand include marketing directors, PR managers, engineers and medical specialists.

Meanwhile, there seems to be more supply than demand for administrative staff positions, lawyers, accountants and teachers, with around 15 resumes per vacancy, said Ovcharenko.

Work experience remains a key selection criteria for employers. Those just starting their careers should best look for internships, often offered by Western companies.

"Beginners should focus on getting experience, instead of earning money," argued Ovcharenko.

One alternative to applying through a company's website or recruitment

agencies, is meet potential employers directly at job fairs, like the Kyiv Post Employment Fair. "The chances of a person who comes to an employment fair are quite high, because he has the opportunity to talk directly to the HR manager and present his resume," said Ovcharenko.

After the resume is processed, candidates meeting vacancy requirements are contacted for an interview, while others are added to the company's databank and may be contacted when a corresponding position opens.

Effective CVs should be concise (preferably one page) and straight to the point. The resume should clearly state the position being sought. Describing achievements at previous work places, rather than merely listing responsibilities, is helpful, human resource specialists say.

When a resume is sent by email, the best way to draw attention to it is to write a sharp cover letter expressing the applicant's interest in the company.

When it comes to a face-to-face interview, preparation is vital. You should do your research about the company and its operations, prepare answers to standard questions and dress in accordance with company's dress code. Obviously, arriving late is out of the question.

Companies frequently make applicants go through more than one interview. At MTS, applicants face two or more interviews, where their professional skills as well as personal qualities are tested.

"We have high requirements for our candidates as well as for their personal qualities. (We test applicants for) compatibility to our corporate competency and necessary professional skills," explained MTS's Syvashenko.

And for the person who lands a job, positive trends are taking place on the salary front, including at MTS. "After the crises times when salaries were frozen, they were first increased in 2011 by around 10 percent," Ovcharenko said, adding the same is expected for this year.

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## Monitors say 'jeansa' permeates new outlets

ly marked paid advertising, but accept \$50,000 for a month of "regular mentioning of your politician," Bidenko explained.

But sometimes journalists just do the government's bidding for free.

Ligachova said pro-government politicians can order "jeansa" without paying for it. "We have authorities that may just force TV channels to give PR disguised as news stories," she said. "We have a monopoly of those in power who have the means to pressure media owners."

But politicians' preference for "jeansa" can also backfire, since such stories are easily recognized by the audience, leading to a loss of credibility and trust.

Media expert Siumar explained the "jeansa" phenomenon by the absence of a developed media business in Ukraine. Consequently, media outlets – most of which are owned by one of five billionaires – serve merely as "instruments of influence and agreements for their owners."

The PR specialist who spoke to the Kyiv Post on condition of anonymity said politicians often don't believe journalists can be independent. "So when some critical story appears in the media about some politician, he would call directly to the media owner and ask: 'Why are you after me?'"

Meanwhile, there are always some journalists, like former STB journalist Sokolenko, who refuse to participate in paid-for stories for ethical reasons. Sokolenko is currently working on a project to bring Ukraine its first public TV channel.

Siumar said she worries the young generation of would-be journalists accept "jeansa" as the norm. "They see that it is everywhere and believe there's nothing wrong with it," she said.

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(Editor's Note: The Kyiv Post has a strict policy against "jeansa," adheres to the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics and works to clearly separate paid advertisements from editorially independent news and opinions.)

### Kyiv Post Employment Fair

Date: Sept. 22

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Entry: Hr 20 for non-students; Hr 10 for students.

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Normandy in paintings

A unique collection of 60 oil paintings by prominent French impressionists went on display in the National Art Museum of Ukraine on Sept. 2. It's the first time the works of Goussave Courbet, Claude Monet, Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot, Charles Daubigny, Jean-Edouard Vuillard, and Raoul Dufy have been exhibited under one roof in Kyiv. The exhibition is called "Normandy in Paintings." It features landscapes, still life, animalistic and everyday life paintings in which artists expressed admiration with the beauty of Normandy, the northern region of France known for its picturesque rugged coastline and beautiful nature. The exhibition is a part of a 120-piece collection of paintings created between the 18 and 20 centuries. It is owned by Lower Normandy Regional Council.

**Normandy in Paintings. Through Oct.28. National Art Museum of Ukraine (closed on Monday, Tuesday) Hr 40**

Friday, September 14

Classical music

**Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic** Playing Weber, Glazunov, Rachmaninoff. Joseph Lin (soloist, violin, USA). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 30-120

**Classics on Fridays.** Works of Bach, Schubert (piano, flute, violoncello). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40

Movies

**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 30-60

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 12 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 3:10 p.m. Hr 35

**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40

Live music

**Vasya Club & Partizanskie Vytivki** (rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Hr 75

**Mad Heads XL & Mama Mia** (italiano disco, rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**GhurtYoGhurt** (Irish music). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

**Brunetes Shoot Blondes.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

Clubs

**Latino Disco.** Fiesta. 11 p.m. Hr 50 for females, Hr 100 for males. Free before midnight

**Eklektica.** Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 40-60

**Babiye Leto** (Indian Summer). Seven Music Club. Free for females, Hr 50



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**Woyzeck. Carnival of Flesh** (premiere, based on Georg Buchner's play). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120

**The Imaginary Invalid** (comedy by Moliere). Koleso Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 70

Shows

**Boombox.** Stereo Plaza. 7 p.m. Hr 170-800

Miscellaneous

**Sleeping Beauty** (art installation). National Art Museum. 4 p.m. Hr 20 (Valid ID needed)

**Normandy In Paintings** (works of Monet, Renoir, Corot, Gericault). National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 10 (for children)

**Stupka. Lived, Lives And Will Live** (art exhibition). Atribut Gallery. 11 a.m. Hr 20

**Ukrainian Vyshyvanka: Tradition-Style-Freedom.** Ivan Honchar Museum. 10 a.m. Hr 3-15

**Candle's Wedding.** Ivan Honchar Museum. 12:01 p.m. Hr 3-15

**Human Body Exhibition.** NSC Olimpiyskiy. Hr 110-350

**Transfer** (art exhibition). Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Stina (The Wall) (art exhibition by Matviy Vaisberg).** National Art Museum. 12 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 20, Hr 10 for students

Saturday, September 15

Classical music

**Choir Music Concert.** Knabenkantorei Basel (Church Choir, Switzerland) Accompanied by Rolf Herter (Germany). Works of Moser, Mendelssohn-Bartholdi, Fogt, Yaggi, Dudley (piano). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80

Movies

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 12:15 p.m., 3:10 p.m. Hr 25-35

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 20-50

**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr

30-60  
**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40

Live music

**Mary & Red Rocks** (rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Hr 75

**Tribute To U2.** Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Mama Mia** (cover band). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50

**Remont Vody** (rock). Divan. 9 p.m. Hr 50

Clubs

**Egoist 2 Years Birthday Party.** Egoist. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 50 for males

**Nashestvie Party** (hits of 90s and 2000s). Seven Music Club. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 50 for males

**Vodka & Selyodka Party.** Bionica. 11 p.m. Hr 30-40 for females, Hr 50-70 for males

Theaters

**Season Start Concert.** Kyiv Theater of Operetta. 7 p.m. Hr 120-200

**Woyzeck. Carnival of Flesh** (premiere, based on Georg Buchner's play). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120

**The Imaginary Invalid** (comedy by Moliere). Koleso Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 70

Shows

**Nervy.** Green Theater. 6 p.m. Hr 120-200

Miscellaneous

**Sleeping Beauty** (art installation). National Art Museum. 4 p.m. Hr 20 (Valid ID needed)

**Normandy In Paintings** (works of Monet, Renoir, Corot, Gericault). National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 10 (for children)

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**Call of Heroes** (Ukrainian historical fencing championship). Kyivska Rus Park. 2 p.m. Hr 40-80

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**Transfer** (art exhibition). Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Stina (The Wall) (art exhibition by Matviy Vaisberg).** National Art Museum. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Hr 20, Hr 10 for students

Sunday, September 16

Classical music

**Arboretum Musicale.** Rare Works of 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Works of Bach, Soler, Krebs, Matheson (harpisichord). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80

Movies

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 12:15 p.m., 3:10 p.m. Hr 25-35

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 12 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 30-60

**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40

Live music

**Park Horkoho & Animals Session** (classic rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free

**Crazy Train.** Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free

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

**Paramoldah.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

Clubs

**Sex, Drugs, Nu Pogodi.** Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 25-30

**Under The Heel Hen Party.** Bionica. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 20-40 for males

**Noches Cubanas** (salsa party). Fiesta. 7 p.m. Hr 20

Theaters

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

**The Return of the Prodigal Father** (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 50-80

Shows

**Gorky park** (rock). Docker Pub. 9 p.m. Hr 200-450

Miscellaneous

**Sleeping Beauty** (art installation). National Art Museum. 2:30 p.m. Hr 20 (Valid ID needed)

**Normandy In Paintings** (works of Monet, Renoir, Corot, Gericault). National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 10 (for children)

**Stupka. Lived, Lives And Will Live** (art exhibition). Atribut Gallery. 11 a.m. Hr 20

**Ukrainian Vyshyvanka: Tradition-Style-Freedom.** Ivan Honchar Museum. 10 a.m. Hr 3-15

**Call of Heroes** (Ukrainian historical fencing championship). Kyivska Rus Park. 2 p.m. Hr 40-80

**Autumn Wedding** (festival). Pyrohovo Folk Open-air Museum. 12:01 p.m. Hr 5-30

**Human Body Exhibition.** NSC Olimpiyskiy. Hr 110-350

**Transfer** (art exhibition). Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Stina (The Wall) (art exhibition by Matviy Vaisberg).** National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Hr 20, Hr 10 for students

Monday, September 17

Classical music

**Works of Mozart and Dvorak** (piano, organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80

**Prominent Figures in the History. National Symphonic Orchestra of Ukraine** Playing Ferran, Kurnov, van der Rost, Weber, de Khan, Shvarts, Livay, Deval. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90

Movies

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 3:10 p.m. Hr 35

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 12 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 30-60

**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 30-40

Live music

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 3:10 p.m. Hr 35

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 12 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 30-60

**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 30-40

Tuesday, September 18

Classical music

**Kyiv-Brass Chamber Ensemble** Playing Bach, Handel, Albinoni, Telemann, Bilousov, Khachaturian (organ, trumpet). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80

**Kiev Soloists National Chamber Ensemble** Playing Mozart, Haydn, Berezovsky, Bortnyansky. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100

Movies

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 3:10 p.m. Hr 35

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 12 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

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**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 30-60

**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40

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

**More Huana** (cover band). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 20

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

Theaters

**The Bat** (comedy). Kyiv Theater of Operetta. 7 p.m. Hr 80-100

**Spectators Are Not Allowed** (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120

Miscellaneous

**Human Body Exhibition.** NSC Olimpiyskiy. Hr 110-350

**Normandy In Paintings** (works of Monet, Renoir, Corot, Gericault). National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 10 (for children)

**Transfer** (art exhibition). Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Ukrainian Vyshyvanka: Tradition-Style-Freedom.** Ivan Honchar Museum. 10 a.m. Hr 3-15

Wednesday, September 19

Classical music

**Pearls of Sacral Music. Works of Bach, Handel, Beethoven.** House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-90

**National Symphonic Orchestra of Ukraine** Playing Tchaikovsky. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90

Movies

**Future Shorts** (shorts festival). Zhovten. 3:10 p.m. Hr 35

**Paris-Manhattan** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 12 p.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

**The Bourne Legacy** (action). Ukraine. 12 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Hr 30-60

**Turkish Film Days in Kyiv** (film festival). Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 50

**Beasts of the Southern Wild.** Kyiv. 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m. Hr 30-40

Live music

**Tha Magma** (pop rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free

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

**Cadillac Records Jam Session.** Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free

**Above The Tree & Raveous.** Divan. 8 p.m. Free

Theaters

**Kaidash Family** (comedy based on Ivan Nechuy-Levytsky's novel). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-250

**Awakening of Spring.** (tragedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50

Miscellaneous

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**Stina (The Wall) (art exhibition by Matviy Vaisberg).** National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Hr 20, Hr 10 for students

Thursday, September 20

Classical music

**Works of Caccini, Albinoni, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, Pergolesi, Dudar** (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80

**Piano Recital.** Dorel Golan (Israel) Playing Bach, Haydn, Chopin, Saint-Sans, Liszt, Scriabin, Prokofiev, Kapustin (piano). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90

Gogolfest

Contemporary art lovers will have a real treat. Gogolfest, the biggest annual Ukrainian festival of modern art will be happening this year after two-year break. It will be held between Sept. 21 and 29 at the abandoned mechanical factory near Vydubychi metro stop.

Named after legendary Mykola Gogol, who is considered both a Ukrainian and Russian writer, the festival aims to bring together all forms of art. 'Earth', black-and-white silent 1930-year movie by outstanding Soviet film director Aleksandr Dovzhenko will be screened on the opening night and Dakha Brakha, Ukrainian ethno chaos band is set to accompany the show with its matchless music. Pavlo Gudimov, the leader of a modern rock band and contemporary art gallery owner will present one of his latest projects called 'Neofolk', a selection of works by Ukrainian modern artists Oleksandr Babak, Ruslan Tremba, Oleksandr Kadnikov, Iryna Kalenyk and many others. Margaret Leng Tan, Singapore-born American piano master is coming to give her first concert in Ukraine which is gonna be John Cage, world famous American composer tribute concert. And this is not the end of the list. For the detailed schedule and price visit festival's website [www.gogolfest.org.ua](http://www.gogolfest.org.ua)  
**Gogolfest. Sept. 21-29. Abandoned factory at 11 Inzhenerna St. near Vydubychi metro stop.**



Sept. 21-29



## Greet each other at Mamayeva Sloboda

Do you know how to greet each other in a proper way? Here is a good opportunity to learn the way our ancestors were doing it. Traditional Ukrainian greeting ceremony, a complicated ritual that consists of certain gestures, facial expression and verbal part will be revived in a series of master classes at Mamayeva Sloboda, an outdoor theme park, just a short drive from the city center on Sept. 15. Apart from that, the folk ensembles will be entertaining visitors with ethnic performances and traditional Cossack festivities will take place in the park.

**Greetings Fest. Sept. 15. Mamayeva Sloboda. 12 a.m.-4 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 20 for children**

Sept. 15

### Friday, September 21

#### Classical music

**Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic Playing Verdi, Rossini, Donizetti, Wagner, Gounod, Bernstein, Hlinka, Borodin, Mussorgsky, Rachmaninoff, Rimsky-Korsakov.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100

**Works of Schumann, Weber, Bozza** (piano, clarinet). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 40

#### Movies

**Moonrise Kingdom** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

**Turkish Film Days in Kyiv** (film festival). Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 50

#### Live music

**Motorola & Mama Mia** (rock, italiano disco). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 100

**Lampasi & Red Rocks** (rock covers). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Alexander Pushnoi** (rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 70

**Deli Gomlegi** (Turkey). Divan. 9 p.m. Free

#### Theaters

**Schweik** (comedy, based on Jaroslav Hasek's "The Good Soldier Schweik"). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200

**Dove** (tragicomedy based on drama "Colomba"). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90

#### Shows

**Valentyin Strykalo Band.** Green Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 120-200

**Ihor Meerson & Anton Borisov** (Comedy Freestyle). Kinopanorama. 8 p.m. Hr 100-200

**Addis Abeba.** Bochka. 9 p.m. Hr 80-100

#### Miscellaneous

**Octoberfest 2012.** Spartak stadium. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Guests of Ancient Kyiv** (XV century). Kyivska Rus Park. 10 a.m. Hr 20-60

**GogolFest 2012.** Vydubychi industrial area. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Human Body Exhibition.** NSC Olimpiyskiy. Hr 110-350

**Normandy In Paintings** (works of Monet, Renoir, Corot, Gericault).

National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 10 (for children)

**Transfer** (art exhibition). Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Stina (The Wall)** (art exhibition by Matviy Vaisberg). National Art Museum. 12 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 20, Hr 10 for students

### Saturday, September 22

#### Classical music

**Piano Recital. Eduardo Fernandez (Spain) Playing Schumann, Rachmaninoff, Albeniz** (piano). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90

#### Movies

**Moonrise Kingdom** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

#### Live music

**Antytila & More Huana** (rock). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Aprel & Tex-Mex Company** (rock covers). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75

**Biplan** (pop rock). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 70

#### Theaters

**The Gypsy Baron** (premiere). Kyiv Theater of Operetta. 7 p.m. Hr 80-150

**Urus- Shaitan** (premiere, based on the novel about Zaporizhian Cossacks' otaman Ivan Sirko). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150

#### Shows

**Sergey Babkin.** Green Theater. 6 p.m. Hr 170-300

**Paul Van Duk.** Stereo Plaza. 9 p.m. Hr 250-800

**Dylan Moran** (comedy show). Kinopanorama. 8 p.m. Hr 450-600

#### Miscellaneous

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### Sunday, September 23

#### Classical music

**Pages from the Best Programs. Kyiv Chamber Orchestra Playing Bach, Bibik, Mendelssohn-Bartholdi, Rota.** National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100

#### Movies

**Moonrise Kingdom** (comedy). Kinopanorama. 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Hr 20-50

#### Theaters

**Greek Zorba** (premiere). Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150

**Too Married Taxi Driver** (Ray Cooney's comedy Run For Your Wife). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200

#### Live music

**Chill Out** (disco rock). Docker Pub.

9:30 p.m. Free

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

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

**Glen Matlock** (former Sex Pistols member). Divan. 8 p.m. Hr 130-150

#### Miscellaneous

**Octoberfest 2012.** Spartak stadium. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Guests of Ancient Kyiv** (XV century). Kyivska Rus park. 10 a.m. Hr 20-60

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**Transfer** (art exhibition). Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. Free

**Stina (The Wall)** (art exhibition by Matviy Vaisberg). National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Hr 20, Hr 10 for students



Sept. 15-16

## The call of heroes

This festival is set to bring together the best fencers from Ukraine and Russia.

Dressed in medieval armor from head to toe they will clash in group categories such as 5x5, 21x21 and even 100x100. Apart from reconstructed battles, medieval armor worn in the 9-16 century will be demonstrated.

A spectacular fire show and fireworks display is awaiting for the visitors on Saturday night.

**The Call of Heroes. Fencing tournament. Sept. 15-16. Kyivska Rus. Hr 100-150**

### 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 Vasylivska 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. 279-1242  
 opera-nimau.kiev.ua  
**Movies**  
 ● Zhovten  
 26 Kostyantynivska St., 205-5951  
 zhovten-kino.kiev.ua  
 ● Kyiv  
 19 Velyka Vasylivska St. (former Chervonoarmiyka), 234-7381  
 kyivkino.com.ua  
 ● Kinopanorama  
 19 Shota Rustaveli St., 287-3041  
 kinopanorama.com.ua  
 ● Budynok Kino  
 6 Saksaganskogo St., 287-6780  
 ● Ukraine  
 5 Gorodetsky St., 2796750, 279 8232  
 kino-ukraina.com.ua  
 ● Outdoor cinema  
 31 Nyzhniyurkivska St.  
 http://kinokombo.blogspot.com/  
 ! For more schedules visit  
 kino.ukr.net/cinema/kyiv/  
**Live Music**  
 ● Docker Pub  
 25 Bohatyrka St., metro

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 skybar.com.ua  
 ● Sullivan Room  
 8 Prorizna St., 095-455-7724  
 sullivanroom.kiev.ua  
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 51A Harmatnaya St., 406-7600  
 forsageclub.com.ua  
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 primeclub.in.ua  
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 rusdram.com.ua  
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 8 Andriyivskiy uzviz St., 425-0422  
 koleso.teatr.kiev.ua  
 ● Drama & Comedy Theatre on the left bank of Dnipro  
 25 Brovarsky Avenue, 517-8980  
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 17 Kikvidze St. 222-8040  
 stereoplaza.com.ua  
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 ● National Art Museum of Ukraine  
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 ● Spartak stadium  
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 ● Mystetskyi Arsenal  
 10-12 Lavrska St. artarsenal.in.ua  
 ● National Writers Unity of Ukraine  
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 www.darkside.kiev.ua  
 ● Atribut Gallery  
 30b Shovkovychyna St. 253-4135  
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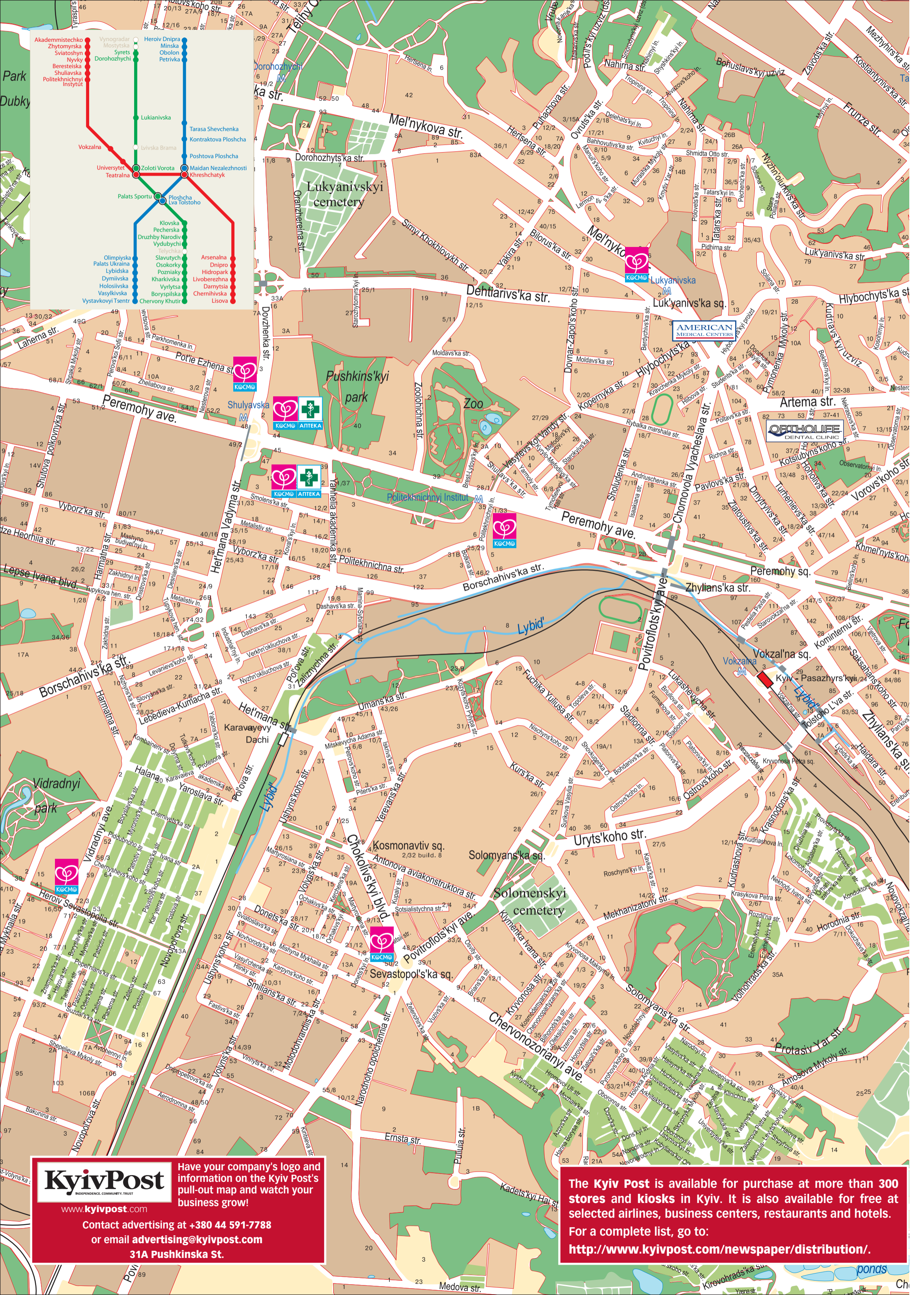
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# US firm suspends import of human tissue from Ukraine

→ **1** its German subsidiary Tutogen Medical. The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists reported in July on RTI's relationship with morgues under investigation for allegedly forging documents or bullying families into signing donor consent forms.

"We comply with comprehensive regulations, both from U.S. regulatory authorities and those of other countries, that govern each and every activity performed by tissue banks," RTI said.

Ukrainian law, like U.S. law, requires donors or their loved ones give express consent before tissue can be recovered.

The trade in human parts is a billion-dollar industry that is growing and changing so rapidly, legislation has a hard time keeping pace. It is illegal in most countries to buy or sell human parts, but companies can charge fees for handling the tissue. RTI is a publicly-traded company that warns its stockholders, "the supply of human tissue has at times limited our growth, and may not be sufficient to meet our future needs."

## Sept. 6 statement of RTI Biologics

*Editor's Note: The following is a Sept. 6 statement by RTI Biologics on its decision to suspend import of human tissue in Ukraine*

We have a long history as a responsible steward of the gift of donation and delivering safe tissue implants for patients in need. We comply with comprehensive regulations, both from U.S. regulatory authorities and those of other countries, that govern each and every activity performed by tissue banks.

We made a decision to voluntarily suspend import of tissue from the Ukrainian recovery institutes. This does not impact tissue safety in any way. We may reinstate at some future date.

RTI obtains tissue from more than 30 procurement agencies in the United States as well as in places such as Ukraine. The company supplies hospitals in more than 30 countries and in all 50 states. Records show the company has offered Ukrainian tissue to hospitals in New York.

German officials had planned a September inspection of 10 Ukrainian morgues that supply Tutogen, according to Ines Schantz, a spokeswoman for the Upper Bavarian government

in Germany. But the company withdrew its licenses to import tissue from Ukraine into Germany on August 20.

The German government subsequently cancelled its plans to inspect the foreign tissue agencies. "After the removal of all the institutes from the import license, there was no legal basis any longer to perform the planned inspection," Schantz said.

She said German authorities continue to investigate human tissues already imported from the Ukraine.

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists' eight-month investigation revealed that Tutogen, which was acquired by RTI in early 2008, has for years relied on its Ukrainian suppliers for a significant amount of human tissue in spite of concerns raised within the company more than a decade ago and a series of subsequent investigations.

In a 2001 memo marked "Strictly Confidential!!!!" Tutogen urged an exit strategy from Ukraine. Operating in Ukraine was "high risk," company executives wrote.

Their middleman there, Igor Aleschenko, was asking for more and more money to play the role of intermediary between the regional satellite morgues around Ukraine and Tutogen in Germany.

"The flow of money is difficult to track," the memo read. "Direct control over our resources is impossible."

"We can't control the activities of the middlemen, and commitments are not being honored," the memo read.

On the other hand, remaining in the country would "buy us time to win over other donor countries," the memo read. "Rebuilding a source of donors is crucial... More donors are required."

The company didn't pull out of Ukraine and it continued to work with Aleschenko.

Since then, Ukrainian authorities have launched at least four criminal investigations into allegations of illegal issue recovery by Tutogen suppliers, all of which are registered with the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. agency that oversees the trade.

Families in Kyiv complained to police in 2005 that a morgue supplying Tutogen was taking tissue without proper consent. The criminal case was closed after an initial investigation. Prosecutors determined that, under Ukrainian law, they couldn't prove a crime had been committed if they couldn't prove that the tissue had been transplanted into someone, court records show.



Frozen, preserved skin from corpses is defrosted in water and then stretched out so its application to humans during surgery is easier. This is from the Queen Astrid Military Hospital in Brussels, Belgium. (Mar Cabra/ICIJ)

## → Probes under way about trade in corpses

Three years later Ukrainian police investigated another Tutogen supplier in central Kryvij Rih. Families claimed they were tricked, pressured or threatened into consenting. Police said in some cases signatures had been forged.

Those charges were dropped after the director of the morgue died while the jury deliberated in his criminal trial.

This February, Security Service of Ukraine raided the Mykolaiv morgue in southern Ukraine. RTI soon after withdrew that bank from its import license with the German government. The same day, the company deactivated the bank's registration with the FDA.

In June police launched an investigation into similar allegations at the regional morgue of Ivano Frankivsk in western Ukraine.

Twenty Ukrainian banks remain actively registered with the FDA to import tissue directly to RTI in Florida. Among those are the Kyiv morgue investigated in 2005 and the morgue in Ivano Frankivsk.

The FDA was unaware of previous and pending criminal investigations in Ukraine until ICIJ's report. The agency declined to say whether it plans to carry out its own investigations or inspect the tissue banks involved. It did say it is cooperating with the congressional probe.

"We at the FDA have read the ICIJ's investigative series published in July," the agency said. "The agency has received congressional interest in tissue regulation and plans to respond directly to the member of Congress."

RTI is a prominent member of the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB), the world's leading trade group respected for setting high standards of safety and ethics. RTI's executive vice-president chairs the

AATB's Accreditation committee. The company's communications director chairs the AATB's Public Relations committee. The company's executive director of quality assurance sits on the AATB Standards committee. And the vice-president of RTI's nonprofit donor recovery arm chairs the AATB's Quality council.

The AATB did not respond to a request for comment.

Issues of informed consent have been raised against one of the company's former U.S. suppliers as well. Michael Mastromarino, a former dental surgeon from New York now serving a lengthy prison sentence, supplied the

company with tissue from more than 1,000 cadavers.

In every case, the consent documents were forged. In most cases information about next-of-kin and physicians were fictitious. In some cases the bodies were infected with cancer, HIV or hepatitis.

The company is scheduled to go to trial in October to defend itself in a class action filed by dozens of families who say the company should have tried to verify the information given by Mastromarino was accurate. RTI settled with 29 families that were party to the case earlier this year for \$2.35 million.



Caroline Hartill, executive vice president of RTI Biologics, and Robert Lane, Tutogen's general manager.

## Key findings about Ukraine's role in global body parts trade

**Consent:** There have been repeated allegations in Ukraine that human tissue was removed from the dead without proper consent. Some of that tissue may have reached other countries, via Germany, and may now be implanted in hospital patients.

**Safety:** Surgeons are not always required to tell patients they are receiving products made of human tissue, making it less likely a patient would associate subsequent infection with that product.

**Tracking:** The U.S. is the world's biggest trader of products from human tissue, but authorities there don't seem to know how much tissue is imported, where it comes from or where it subsequently goes.

The entire series "Skin and Bone: The Shadow Trade in Human Body Parts" and related stories can be read online:

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In Mykolaiv, law enforcement officials from the Security Service of Ukraine seized bottles of human tissue labeled "Tutogen. Made in Germany" from a van in February. (Courtesy)

## Election Watch

Oct. 28 parliamentary election



# Politician lawyers try to change course of nation

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"Life is not only about money. After you get enough, you look for other things," said Igor Shevchenko, a former top Ukrainian lawyer turned politician.

He is not alone among Ukraine's top legal experts to be actively engaged in politics, helping out, or at least warming up to the idea.

The legal profession has always been a major source of public figures, starting from Rome's Cicero to Christine Lagarde, the current head of the International Monetary Fund. Both candidates in the U.S. presidential race have Harvard law degrees.

After having worked and profited in Ukraine's crony capitalistic system, some of the nation's top lawyers are becoming increasingly fed up with its shortcomings. They want change.

Vlasenko is probably the country's most visible legal name at the moment. The head of the defense team for Tymoshenko, he notably defended presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko's interests in the now historic Supreme Court hearing after the fraudulent 2004 presidential elections that triggered the Orange Revolution. Vlasenko, along with then legal sidekick Oleksiy Reznikov, helped to seal the legality of Yushchenko's victory in the repeat presidential election of Dec. 26, 2004, over Viktor Yanukovich.

Nonetheless, politically speaking, Ukraine's legal circles are still punching below their weight. In Ukraine's parliament, they seem to be outnumbered by business tycoons, shady characters, former factory managers, engineers and career bureaucrats.



Serhiy Vlasenko

Things, however, are slowly changing, as growing numbers of lawyers move towards public life.

Ukraine's top lawyers say they are well-equipped for public office. They are trained in logic, skilled in communication, knowledgeable about how the country is structured and educated in the West.

"I do believe that we are best suited," said Serhiy Chorny, managing partner of Baker & McKenzie in Ukraine, who may jump into the political fray in the future. "I would say that we work in the field of social management. Currently in Ukraine, quite different skills are needed to succeed in politics than those you would expect from a lawyer." Today, he said, aligning with a big business is more important than legal skills.

The managing partner of Arzinger, Timur Bondarev, also expressed frustration about the current state of Ukrainian politics. He hopes a new



Igor Shevchenko

generation of lawyers will be part of the solution. "We are a young generation, we see society from a different angle ... (the current leaders) don't think about their children, because their children live somewhere else," he said.

Bondarev added he is one of many lawyers supporting their former colleague Igor Shevchenko, head of the Meritocratic Party of Ukraine and founder of Shevchenko & Didkovskiy & Partners, now Asters.

Having accomplished his aims in the legal profession, with diplomas from Harvard and Yale, Shevchenko said his priorities changed after meeting various world leaders at a Davos conference. "Your mind widens and you want to do something really big," he said.

His party advocates social liberalism and valuing people based on merit and achievement. The platform, however, remains somewhat fuzzy, for



Oleg Riabokon

instance, using Singapore and Georgia as examples of meritocracies.

But while both are praised for their business-friendly, technocratic approach to governance, neither is a particularly good example of democracy. Singapore is rated "partly free" by Freedom House, a think tank, while Georgia has come under criticism for an increasingly dirty parliamentary campaign.

Shevchenko admits this is somewhat tough to reconcile.

"You probably can't combine full democracy with rapid modernization. But we don't have full democracy anyway," he conceded. He said he would prefer a semi-presidential system, but with the president's party in the majority. "An opposition (majority) in parliament is a source of paralysis," he said.

Nonetheless, experience shows Ukrainian voters can be tough on

political novices, no matter their credentials. Such was the experience of Oleg Riabokon, a founder of the international law firm Magisters and a presidential candidate in the 2010 elections. In 2011, Magisters merged with Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners. Also sporting a top notch education, with diplomas from Harvard and Georgetown, Riabokon described himself as a candidate of civil society.

Results proved merciless, however, with just a fraction of a percent of votes. Riabokon blamed this poor showing on a lack of civic engagement and a tradition of voting based on personalities rather than programs.

"People don't need civil society. What is most discouraging is that people are not ready to take any action personally," he said. "There is no sense in political programs. There is no accountability among politicians, because nobody demands it."

Ukraine has no shortage of competent leaders, Riabokon said, but the population has to set its values. If someone is involved in corruption, people cannot keep voting them in and expect something different, he explained.

Shevchenko hopes to prevail with hard work. Contrary to Riabokon, who went almost directly from business to a presidential race, Shevchenko is planning to use the current campaign to build a network and raise awareness. Win or lose, he is trying to spark interest in and change public life.

Others are cheering him on. "The more I live in this country, the more I think something must be done. We need new blood," Bondarev said.

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## Yanukovich chastises officials

→1 Yanukovich that "due to some pressure," a cabinet resolution introducing a new tax on car imports – sought to protect domestic car producers from external competitors – has still not been made public.

Poroshenko, who owns a car assembly plant in Ukraine, asked the president to intervene and help in the matter, which would impose a new utilization fee to counter import duties recently imposed by Russia against Ukrainian cars. Poroshenko's remarks apparently infuriated Yanukovich, who responded aggressively.

"A bad dancer always finds excuses. What are you talking about and who are you talking to? I'll rip off your heads very soon – right after the elections – if you just talk and do not deliver," Interfax-Ukraine news agency quoted Yanukovich as saying.

Apparently under pressure ahead of the upcoming election, where the president's party risks losing control over parliament, Yanukovich added: "I said this to the prime minister and now I am telling it to you, (to) everyone who is sitting here in the front row. One and a half months left (until the elections).

If you want to mess with politics, you will mess with politics."

"Well, thank you. We'll operate without your help," Poroshenko said later during the same meeting, according to his press secretary's response to a Kyiv Post query.

Yanukovich's press service in a written response to the Kyiv Post said that during the meeting he "made clear to the members of the Cabinet that their participation in the parliamentary campaign should be separated from their professional responsibilities that require their focus on effective implementation of the tasks facing the government today."

Yanukovich, who was twice imprisoned in the 1960s for theft and assault, has used salty and aggressive street language in the past.

On Nov. 11, 2010, referring to a group of mayors in the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast city of Kalush, Yanukovich said: "I will pull off their heads if they don't deal with the sewage system, water and gas supplies."

Yanukovich also has reason to dislike Poroshenko.

During the Orange Revolution

that stripped Yanukovich of his first shot at president, Poroshenko, one of Ukraine's top confectionery and automotive tycoons, supported Viktor Yushchenko's ultimately victorious candidacy. He also worked as a foreign minister in the government of imprisoned ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, Yanukovich's top rival.

Following months of persuasion by Yanukovich, Poroshenko agreed – some insiders say unenthusiastically – to join the government this March. Currently, he and his father are running for parliament as independent candidates in single-mandate constituencies, which experts say angered Yanukovich.

Political analyst Oleksandr Paliy said Poroshenko was reprimanded not because of his alleged failure to deliver as an economy minister but because of his political ambitions.

"Poroshenko is running for parliament and that is what Yanukovich is not happy about," he said.

Taras Chornovil, a lawmaker who formerly served as an adviser to Yanukovich, shares this view. He added that Yanukovich is afraid



Economy Minister Petro Poroshenko, a media mogul and multimillionaire

Poroshenko's parliamentary ambitions could potentially challenge the pro-presidential majority, comprising the Party of Regions and the Communist Party.

"Initially the plan was to force Poroshenko to join the government, to discredit him (ahead of the elections)," said Chornovil. "It was done to prevent

Poroshenko from setting up some kind of centrist faction in the parliament that would take over independent lawmakers who could otherwise potentially join the Party of Regions."

He says that "such tough words from the president ahead of the elections is, [ironically,] the best present for Poroshenko," who does not want to be seen as being pro-presidential.

Chornovil said Poroshenko is clearly not coming back to the government after the fall election and his days in the government are numbered. Poroshenko himself alluded to this later on Sept. 11 during a meeting with the local business community.

During the same Dnipropetrovsk meeting, Yanukovich also embarrassed First Deputy Prime Minister Valeriy Khoroshkovsky by making him stand up and respond to exam-like quiz questions about the size of the minimum pension and minimum subsistence wage.

Surprisingly, Khoroshkovsky failed to give the correct answers.

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## Triumph of Ukraine's strong-willed champions



Nataliia Prologaieva, winner of three gold medals at the London 2012 Paralympics, smiles as she is kissed by her two sons at a welcome home ceremony on Sept. 11 at Boryspil International airport. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

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Nataliia Prologaieva, wearing three gold and one silver medal as shiny necklaces, embraced her two sons in Boryspil International Airport under the glare of cameras. The swimmer, who has been confined to a wheelchair since a car accident, returned home from the London Paralympics on Sept. 11 as a champion.

"I'm very happy she has won all of

these medals," said Dima, Prologaieva's 11-year-old son, stroking his mom's hair and hugging her while his younger brother whisked away tears. "I know it was hard work."

Prologaieva, who became the most decorated sportswoman of all Ukrainian Paralympians this year, said she was proud of the national team that turned in the country's best-ever performance in Paralympic games, winning 84 medals – 32 golden, 24 silver and 28 bronze.

"We all were counting these medals and cheering for each other,"

Prologaieva said. "Of course we would like to get a higher place in the ranking, but I hope we'll do it next time."

Ukraine's Paralympians came in fourth in the team ranking, behind China, Russia and Great Britain. The nation took notice. The returning athletes were hailed at home as heroes with a military guard, orchestra and a shower of flowers from happy relatives, friends and supporters at the airport's runway.

"Participation in the Olympic games and bringing a medal home is the dream of every sportsman," said Maksym Veraksa, another swim-

ming Paralympics champion, who won three golden and one bronze medal in London. The blond, handsome Veraksa is nearly blind.

His manager, Vasyl Keke, said Veraksa could have achieved even better results if his eye disease hadn't progressed. "We all worried about his severe headaches caused by the progressive loss of vision. It was very hard to get each medal for him," Keke said.

Veraksa and Prologaieva started their sports career as regular athletes, but then disabilities forced change.

Ukraine's Paralympians have → 19

City Life



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### Kyiv hopes to become bike-friendly ... by 2025

You don't need to reinvent the wheel to understand that cycling is good for you. As more and more Ukrainians ride bikes to work or for pleasure, there is a growing need for reticent local authorities to provide the necessary infrastructure, but also for a broader debate on modern city life.

Populist campaigns about road safety in Ukraine have done little to change a dismal reality. Last year 4,831 road deaths were registered, according to official figures, making Ukraine Europe's second most dangerous country after Russia. Among the dead were 295 cyclists, or 6.2 percent of all victims.

"Most road accidents happen in the countryside and on high traffic roads in cities," said Victor Zagreba, member of the Kyiv Cyclists Association.

Despite the inherent dangers of cycling, a bike community can grow in Kyiv, said Iryna Bondarenko, the association's head. "One in 10 citizens has a bike at home they don't use. Nearly 30,000 Kyiv residents use bikes to get to work. We want to make our city comfortable for bike lovers, but the infrastructure remains at a low level," Bondarenko explained.

Kyiv city administration boasts plans to build 17 bike paths and organize parking spaces. So far, there are three, all located on the left bank Darnytsia district (near Pozniaky and Kharkivska metro station). Only one is fit for use by cyclists – meaning it is properly marked and two meters wide.

But just building more bikeways is not enough. "Every Ukrainian city should find its own way to respond to its particular conditions. The challenge is not about making good cycling infrastructure only, but to apply a comprehensive cycling policy," said Piotr Kuropatwinski, a Gdansk-based senior cycling expert at the Pomeranian Association Common Europe.

Gdansk currently boasts one of Poland's largest bike path networks, but only its integration with other public transport elements – buses, trams, and city trains – makes the system functional. "If you put stress on infrastructure only, you may easily fall into the trap of car-oriented cycling infrastructure development policy," Kuropatwinski said, pointing to Vancouver as a successful example. "[Authorities] put stress on the development of public transport systems and connections of this system with the pedestrian and cycling networks. It has become the best livable city in the Western Hemisphere, with a high quality of life," he explained. → 19

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# Triumph of Ukraine's strong-willed champions

→ **18** shown spectacular improvement since taking the 44th spot at the Atlanta 1996 Paralympics. They finished fourth in the 2008 Beijing Games. In London, the team of 155 athletes improved upon the China games, getting one third more medals than in Beijing.

Sports journalist Kostiantyn Dovgan said the field of competitors is not as large for disabled people and also said that Ukraine has better developed Paralympics traditions than most nations. "And of course, they are just wonderful," he added.

Psychologist Olena Bohatyriova believes that people with disabilities often are more determined about overcoming physical limitations. "Such people most likely won't think of sport as a way to win some medals, but rather they consider it as a way to feel normal," Bohatyriova said.

Paralympians said a new sports center constructed for them in Crimea helped. Attitude also matters. "Perhaps we train more and have more zeal," said Andrii Kryvchun, who participated in rowing in London. "We already know what we are able to reach, and so attempt to attain more."

Kryvchun sat in his wheelchair with a chocolate sweet in the form of a golden medal hanging from his neck. Kryvchun didn't win any medals this time, but he hopes for one at the next Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Kryvchun came to rowing five years after a spinal trauma. "I don't want to just sit at home. I want to fulfill my potential," he said.



A child presents flowers to Valeriy Sushkevych, head of the National Sports Committee for the Disabled, at Boryspil International Airport. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

Outside of sports, many disabled people have a hard time finding their place in Ukraine, which plans to bid for the 2022 winter Olympics. While Ukraine might have up to 2.7 million people with various types of disabilities, they remain almost unseen on the streets in a nation that lacks accommodations for people with special needs.

For Paralympians in wheelchairs, the trip from London to Kyiv was a trip

back to a place of constant struggle with high street curbs and steep ramps. "It would be good if the state took this problem into account, so that we aren't ashamed anymore when welcoming foreign guests in wheelchairs visit," Kryvchun said.

Valeriy Sushkevych, head of the National Sports Committee for the Disabled, said neglect is high. "The disabled are discriminated here in social adaptation as well as in chances for education and job," said Sushkevych, who is himself confined to a wheelchair.

A lawmaker in the Verkhovna Rada, Shushkevych said Ukraine has adopted useful laws but hasn't been able to finance their implementation.

"We stood for fair play in London," Sushkevych said. "I would really like to see a fair and respectful attitude of society and state towards my Paralympians and all of the other disabled people here."

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## Great victories of invisible people



VICTORIA KLIUSHYNA

→ Paralympic athletes from Ukraine won their medals for bravery even before games started in London

Disabled people are commonly ignored in this part of the world. When people occasionally take notice of them, they often turn away and try to show indifference.

But luckily, some events are impossible to ignore. The London Paralympics, which ended on Sept. 9, was one of them.

It was a remarkable event for the world. The athletes got recognition for their commitment, professionalism and talents.

Ukrainians received one more reason to be proud for their nation.

And millions of persons with disabilities, like me – with cerebral palsy – got a hugely inspiring event, showing that the seemingly impossible could be possible.

This Paralympics became a glory of Ukraine's team that took fourth place in world ranking with 32 gold, 24 silver and 28 bronze medals. The only ones who scored higher are much bigger nations and traditional sports giants – China, Great Britain and Russia.

Swimmer Nataliia Prologaieva became the undisputed queen of this Paralympics. She brought home three gold and one silver medal, and two world records.

They are not handicapped. They are fighters worthy of admiration for their willpower and bravery.

Our government promises that every medal winner will receive a cash prize. While money comes in handy, it won't help Paralympians to solve all of their problems.

Many things in Ukraine don't allow people with disabilities to feel as equal members of society.

I imagine how life of disabled people would have changed if our government members had spent at

least one day in a wheelchair. Then I think we would see how quickly handy and accessible ramps, toilets, elevators and rails would appear in the Ukrainian cities.

Our Paralympians are used to fighting – fighting for everything: for life, for the ability to travel around the city, for survival on a meager pension, for getting to the front of long lines...

The Paralympics were launched thanks to English neurosurgeon Ludwig Guttmann, who believed in sports as part of rehabilitation therapy for patients with spinal cord traumas. He proved that sport could help the disabled people to overcome their both physical and physiological problems.

In 1948 Guttmann organized an athletic day for the World War II veterans. These games became a prototype of the modern Paralympics.

Guttmann had a goal to create Olympic games for athletes with physical disabilities. Today, looking at the amazing success of Paralympics, there's just one thing left to say: Bravo, bravo Mr. Guttmann!

Paralympians are certainly the pride of nation. But their medals were won long before the start of the games. They were won in the unglamorous struggles that millions of us, people with disabilities, conquer every day.

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### Top 5 nations in London Paralympics 2012

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	People's Republic of China	95	71	65	231
2	Russian Federation	36	38	28	102
3	Great Britain	34	43	43	120
4	Ukraine	32	24	28	84
5	Australia	32	23	30	85

## City Life: As traffic builds on Kyiv's streets, officials do little to encourage bicyclists

→ **18** Kyiv urgently needs to revise the way it thinks about transport. The city's development strategy foresees cycling to account for 10 percent of all transport needs by 2025, but is vague on details. Armin Wagner, who heads the Sustainable Mobility in Ukrainian Cities project, said there is a lot to fix. "Good cycling infrastructure depends on many components, like lower overall speeds (maximum 50 kilometers an hour in cities), narrow roads instead of wide urban highways, suitable design norms, respect of traffic safety rules and a lot of institutional support," he said.

Bondarenko wants Ukraine to follow a Spanish model. In Sevilla, she said, people can drive into the city center by car, but have to leave within 40 minutes or else they are fined. "When the city center is free of cars, it revives. We want the same for downtown Kyiv and Podil district."

First, however, they have to con-

vince more citizens about the benefits of cycling. Thus, the Kyiv Cyclist's Association is assisting in prepara-

### European Mobility Week events:

**Sept. 16, 1 p.m.** – training excursion "How to ride a bike in a high traffic city"

**Sept. 17, 10 a.m.** – Kyiv City Council  
**Sept. 18, 6.30 p.m.** – evening bike excursion

**Sept. 21, 8 p.m.** – "Auto\*Mat" movie screening at Chezh centre (24 A Ivana Franka St.)

**Sept. 22, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.** – "Day without a car;" (everybody is welcome to take bikes, roller skates to enjoy free public space on Volodymyrska Street); women in red bike parade.

For more details check <http://www.mobilityweek.org.ua>

tions of the European Mobility Week in Kyiv, Sept. 16-22, an ecological campaign promoting the use of alternative transport. "We'll make a part of Volodymyrska and Bohdana Khmelnytskoho streets free of cars for several hours. We also aim to restrict car parking on Lva Tolstogo and Velyka Vasylkivska streets," she added. "On Sept. 17 Munich and Prague city council representatives will read a lecture to Kyiv's city council. Also we want to invite ladies to participate in a 'Women in red bike parade.'"

One of Kyiv's residents, Roman Baskov, who learned to appreciate city bike rides on Velo Day, a citywide bike festival, in May. "It feels like being in a big bike community. We started riding from European Square and finished at Lva Tolstogo Street. Surprisingly, the police helped us ride safely," he said.

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A man rides his bicycle on Zdolbunivska Street bikeway in Kyiv's Darnytsia district. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

# Mamayeva Sloboda hosts Slobidsky Hussars Ball



Hussars, brave warriors on the battlefield, are also good dancers.



A soldier enjoys smoking a pipe.



Soldiers rest on a haystack after battle.

➔ Mamayeva Sloboda, a theme park in Kyiv, marked the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Borodino -- the largest and bloodiest single-day action of the French invasion of Russia on Sept. 7, 1812. More than 70,000 men were killed in the fighting. Ukraine, then part of the Russian Empire, was represented on the battlefield by cavalry and infantry regiments recruited from several Ukrainian regions. Ukrainian Cossacks joined light cavalry regiments of hussars and performed many exploits during the war. History fans of Mamayeva Sloboda wearing 1812-era uniforms established the Slobidsky Hussars' Ball to show off customs and traditions of brave warriors during those czarist times. (Photos by Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

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# Pakistan Defense Day

From left, Defense Attache Kazim Mustehsan, Huma Mustehsan, Shalra Mela and Pakistan's Ambassador to Ukraine Ahmad Nawaz Saleem Mela. (Aleksandr Avramenko)



From left, Haider Mustehsan and Rameez Mela. (Olga Safonova)

➔ The Defense Day of Pakistan was celebrated in the Hall of Receptions on 22 Grushevskogo St. in Kyiv on Sept. 6, hosted by the Embassy of Pakistan. The day commemorates soldiers who defended Pakistan in the 1965 war with India in a territorial dispute over Kashmir. The day also more broadly honors "the spirit of national cohesion and determination to defend the country from all sorts of aggressions," according to the Pakistan Embassy in Kyiv.

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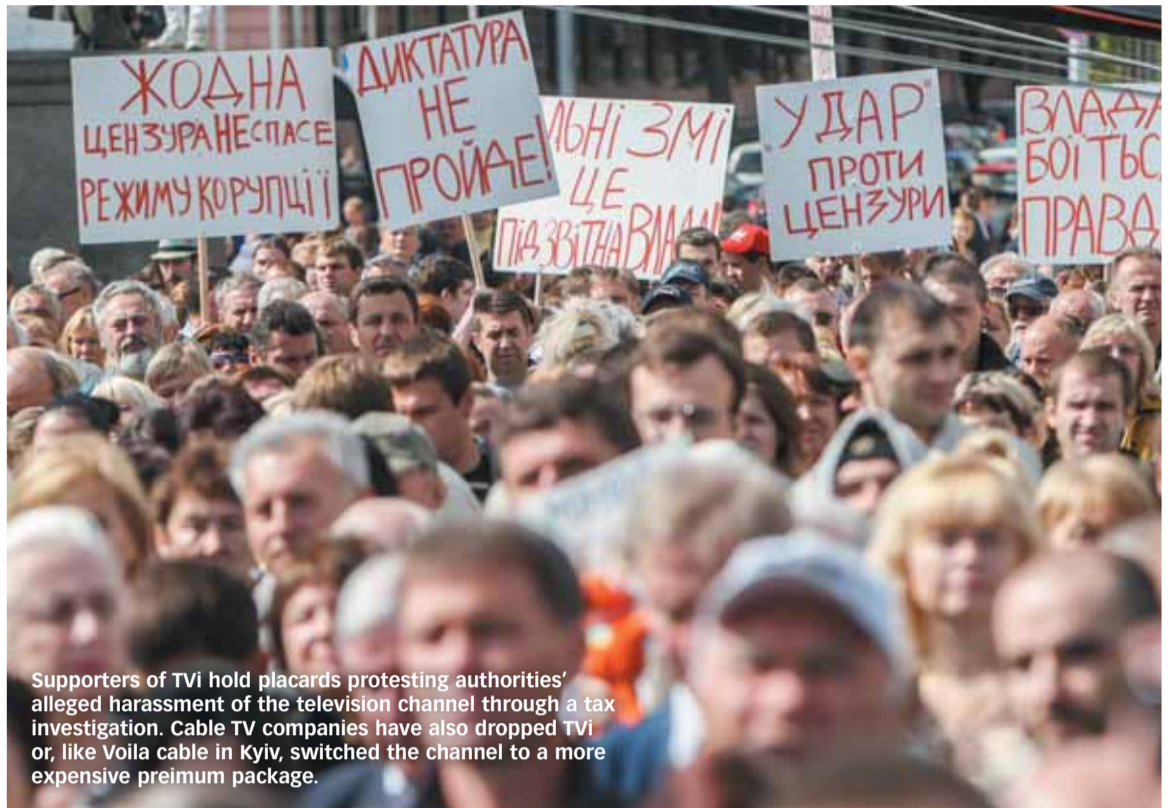
TVi's general director Mykola Kniashytsky speaks to a crowd of supporters on Sept. 8 on Mikhailovsky Square in Kyiv. TVi editor-in-chief Vitaly Portnikov is at far left.



Former Verkhovna Rada speaker Arseniy Yatsenyuk, a leader of the United Opposition ticket in the Oct. 28 parliamentary election, shakes hands with former Defense Minister Anatoly Hrytsenko and talks to a prospective voter.

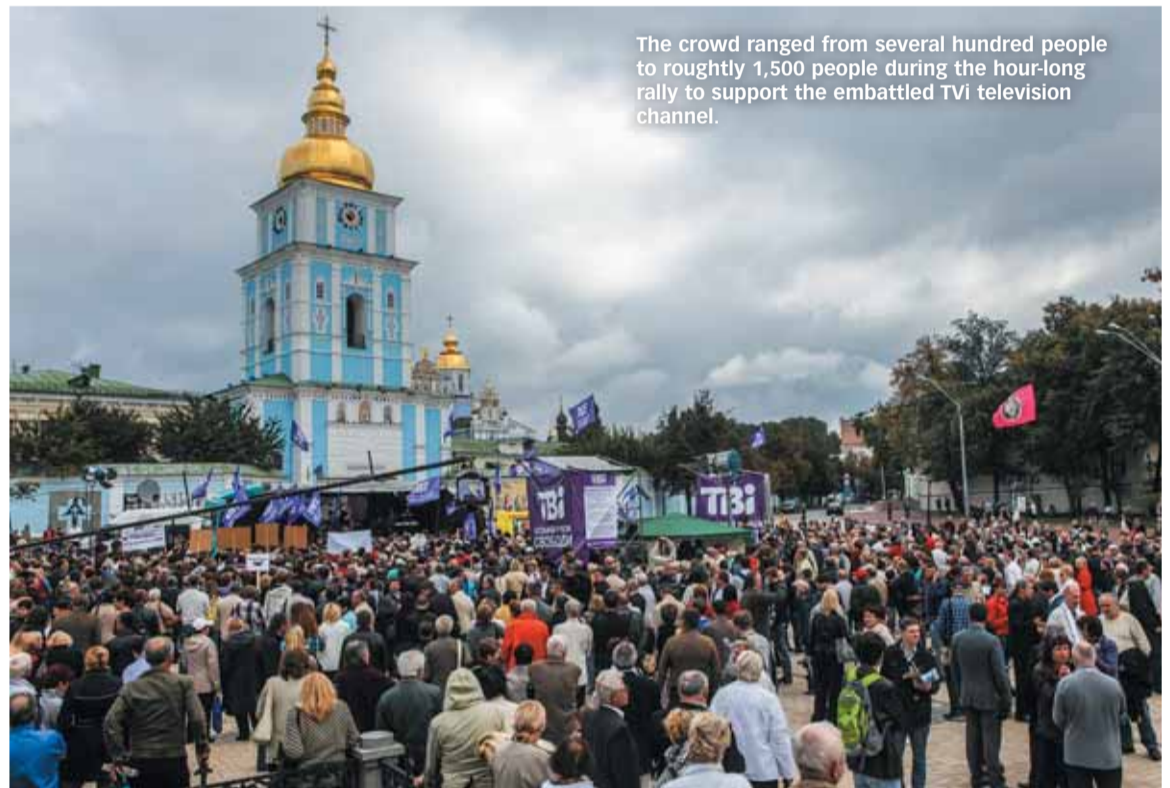


Supporters of the independent TVi channel, one of the nation's few stations offering hard-hitting investigative journalism rather than pro-government PR, hold a banner that reads: "TVi We Are With You."



Supporters of TVi hold placards protesting authorities' alleged harassment of the television channel through a tax investigation. Cable TV companies have also dropped TVi or, like Voila cable in Kyiv, switched the channel to a more expensive premium package.

→ TVi, one of the few television channels in Ukraine that dares to broadcast journalism critical of government authorities, is fighting for its life. Recently, Kyiv's largest cable television provider, Volia, switched TVi to a more expensive premium package that gets fewer subscribers. Many in TVi believe Volia's decision came after the cable company received pressure from by government officials. Volia, however, defended the move as purely a business decision. Almost 60 cable operators around the nation have dropped their subscriber packages and tax inspectors launched an investigation against TVi general director Mykola Kniashytsky that led to a fine of Hr 4 million. Some of the signs say: "No censorship will save the regime of corruption," "Dictatorship will not pass," and "Unfree mass media are controlled by government." (Photos by Alex Kuzmin)



The crowd ranged from several hundred people to roughly 1,500 people during the hour-long rally to support the embattled TVi television channel.

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**UNITER is looking for an independent contractor to assess the integrity of CHESNO civic campaign**

The Ukraine National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms (UNITER) project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Pact, is looking for an independent institution to assess the integrity of CHESNO campaign and provide independent certification and public statement on its funding sources, expenses and data management.

CHESNO campaign is a non-partisan non-governmental initiative launched by civic activists and members of the New Citizen Civic Platform, a coalition of the leading Ukrainian NGOs. The goal of CHESNO campaign is to enhance transparency and fairness of the upcoming parliamentary election in Ukraine and to promote accountability of the political parties and candidates. The assessment should cover the period of October 2011 - September 2012. **Detailed terms of reference are available at [uniter.org.ua](http://uniter.org.ua).**

Interested institutions should submit a letter of interest electronically by **2 P.M. (EET) September 24, 2012** to: [ogupalo@pactworld.org](mailto:ogupalo@pactworld.org), with "Tender for CHESNO Integrity Assessment" in the subject line.

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