

# Businesspeople gloomy ahead of Oct. 28 vote

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The upcoming Oct. 28 parliamentary election is no reason for optimism, some entrepreneurs in Ukraine say.

Recent years have seen a fall in foreign direct investment, entrenched private-sector problems with state authorities and a rise in corporate raidership. Yet the competing political parties have so far been unable to produce a credible plan on how to get the economy moving again.

The investor sentiment index of the European Business Association, a probusiness lobby with 921 companies, is at a historic low of just 2.14 out 5

points, and prospects are grim. The German Business Club's panel discussion on Oct. 16 captured the mood with the downbeat title of "Elections without any choice?"

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# Svoboda plays nationalist card

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# Communists pine for Soviet times

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Wearing a red cap showing the hammer & sickle Communist symbols and a red tie to match. Girnichenko brought a bright autumn flower bouquet with her. She lays it at the foot of a 42-meter high statue of Vladimir Lenin on the central square. Fittingly, here is where local communists usually stage their campaign rallies, and another is about to begin.

BORSHCHIV, Ternopil Oblast - Apart from a few posters that advertise an Oct. 17 afternoon meeting with Svoboda Party leader Oleh Tyahnybok, nothing indicates the day will be out of the ordinary in this western Ukrainian city of 11,000 people. Hens and stray dogs aimlessly meander, and pumpkin patches grow on flowerbeds.

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Meeting the 43-year-old nationalist leader is no extraordinary event for Borshchiv residents. They have seen Tyahnybok

with his party platform. After all, most Svoboda supporters live in western Ukraine. Tyahnybok seems at home but looks a little tired. The town hall meeting in Borshchiv is his third one that day.

"Glory to Ukraine!" Tyahnybok greets his followers while jumping on stage. People who looked relaxed a moment ago, are suddenly alert and loudly reply: "Glory to heroes!"

The 450-capacity concert hall at Borshchiv Agricultural and Technical College looks 75 percent full. Most people are  $\rightarrow$  **19** 

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**DONETSK** - Nina Girnichenko, a 68-year-old pensioner from the eastern industrial city of Donetsk, is ready to defend Ukraine's Communist Party.

"I have been voting for Communists all my life because I remember how good we used to live (in the former Soviet Union)," she says, heatedly. "We had free education and medical care, for example. So I was born under the red flag and I will die under it.'

True to form, Soviet-era songs grace the rally on Lenin Square. Girnichenko loudly cheers the speakers. Soon, local TV news crews line up to interview her, giving her another chance to profess her faith.  $\rightarrow$ 16

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# Rada adopts law on biometric passports

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Starting next year, Ukrainians can get rid of their old Soviet-style passports and have them replaced with new plastic ID cards that make processing personal information easier and forgery of documents harder.

A new law on a unified state demographic register passed by parliament on Oct.2 is set to bring Ukraine closer to a visa-free regime with the European Union.

Yet critics call on President Viktor Yanukovych to veto the law, which they say will unnecessarily cost the country millions of hryvnias for other types of identification cards. Privacy fears are also high. Some think the law cedes too much control of personal data to EDAPS, a controversial and privately owned document producer. The president has spoken out in support of the law, but had not announced a decision as of Oct. 18.

Biometric passports are one of the conditions Ukraine has to fulfill in order to ease its visa requirements with the EU. However, the political union has had little to say about the law passed this month because the EU delegation was still waiting for details. Yet Ukrainian officials are full of

praise for the legislation.

"I welcome this decision. We finally did it, and I think it should have been done much earlier, because it is the core of an action plan on visa liberalization that we are currently implementing," Ukraine's representative to the EU, Kostyantyn Yeliseyev, said on Oct<sub>3</sub>.

Invented in the U.S. after the terrorist attacks in September 2001, biometric identification systems have been launched throughout the world, including Europe and most former Soviet states since 2006.

The new biometric passports will contain electronic chips with personal information including name, signature, photograph and a person's fingerprints. National ID cards will be valid for 10 years and given to everybody at birth, rather than at age 16, as it is now. A unified state demographic register ВЕТИРОВАТЬ ЗАКСНОПРОЕНТ № 10492 "О демографическом ресстре" о введении биометрических паспортов



A police officers watches participants of a protest against the law on a unified state demographic register on Oct. 16 near the Presidential Administration. Protesters hold a banner asking President Viktor Yanukovych to veto a law creating the register and biometric passports. Adopted by the Verkhovna Rada on Oct. 2, the law has been criticized as unnecessary and potentially an invasion of privacy involving personal data. By the time the Kyiv Post went to press on Oct. 18, Yanukovych hadn't announced whether he signed or vetoed the law. But he has expressed support for it. (UNIAN)

will be set up to store each citizen's basic personal information, according to the law.

"Ukraine is fulfilling its European commitments with this law," says Vasyl Hrytsak, a Party of Regions member and author of the law. "It's finally becoming a civilized nation on the European and international stage."

But the law could also end up costing the country hundreds millions of dollars for other types of cards.

According to Hrytsak, an internal biometric ID card, which the law actually refers to as "passport," will cost Hr 65 (\$8) to produce, which means the state will have to spend about \$320 million to provide all citizens with new ID cards. The old ones Ukrainians are using now will be still valid until the expiration date.

A passport for traveling abroad will cost about Hr 350-450 (\$44-\$55) to produce. However, to get one, Ukrainians will have to pay from own pockets.

"A foreign passport is an object of luxury for Ukrainians. About 70 percent of citizens would not like to have it and actually do not need it. Others will pay any price," Hrytsak says.

Moreover, the law foresees that similar chip-based cards will replace social identity cards, migrant cards, sailor identity cards, drivers' licenses and dozens of other identity documents.

"It's absolutely clear that there is no need to produce dozens of IDs as all information can be stored on one chip and issuing one or two is enough," says Ivan Presniakov, analyst at the Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy. "And these attempts to strip (huge amounts) from the state budget cause disapproval."

Experts say the law is lobbied by the consortium EDAPS, a privately owned monopoly in the printing industry, frequently described as taking part in non-transparent deals and winning state contracts on a non-competitive basis.

"One and the same company (EDAPS) will be doing it again without any competition," says Viktor Chumak, department director at UIPP. The EDAPS press service refused to comment on the law and its possible right to issue the passports if the law is signed. "We are not giving any official comments," said Oleg Rudenko, deputy head of the press service. They also refused to comment on the ownership of the company, which is allegedly based abroad.

"The consortium is owned by people who no longer live in Ukraine," Chumak says. "We even don't know who is the final beneficiary of its corporate rights."

While little is known about the ownership of the company its "permanent representative in parliament" is Hrytsak, according to Kyrylo Kulykov, a member of the opposition UDAR party and former head of Ukrainian bureau of Interpol.

On Oct. 15, Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights Valeriya Lutkovska asked Yanukovych to veto the bill and return it to parliament for revision. According to Lutkovska, the approved wording of the bill "does not comply with the Constitution of Ukraine and European standards in the sphere of personal data protection, and might infringe on human rights and freedom."

The law was also criticized by Oleksandr Hladun from the Institute for Demography and Social Studies. He said the adoption and introduction of the law on a unified demographic register threatens "to create a police state" in Ukraine, when any information can be collected about any person and used without the person's knowledge.

Yet the author of the law is sure it will be signed.

"This law will be signed," says Hrytsak. "And we have already told Europe that we will be ready to start issuing biometric passports on Jan. 1, 2013."

Chumak says this law is a good example of the one spurred on by powerful lobbies which are going to benefit from it.

"The major interest (of Hrytsak) in this case is the money," Chumak said. *Kyiv Post staff writer Anastasia Forina* 

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#### Editorials

# Not working

The promise of stability came with Viktor Yanukovych's 2010 election as president. This was supposed to be the steady, experienced administration that would reassure investors. The promise is unfulfilled.

Disappointment is setting in among businesspeople who initially cheered Yanukovych's rise as a welcome end to years of constant bickering between former Orange Revolution heroes Viktor Yushchenko and Yulia Tymoshenko.

Yanukovych has used his political strength to monopolize power. Regrettably, the country's entrepreneurs are being hurt by the abuses that such a "vertical" system inevitably brings

A report by Austria's Erste Bank released on Oct. 16 carried the unsettling title: "Ukraine is heading into a recession." Growth is already negative and likely to remain so until sometime next year.

Yanukovych is certainly not to blame for the world economy's problems. But the examples of Germany and Poland show that, with sensible national economic policies and a fair playing field, nations can ensure decent growth or minimize the effects of a global slowdown. Another way is to encourage foreign investment in a bid to diversify, and shift away from a commodity-based economy.

Instead, the Yanukovych government has attempted to muddle through using Soviet-style micromanagement. Just this week, central bank head and Yanukovych loyalist Serhiy Arbuzov resorted to threats in attempting to get banks to lower their interest rates and spur lending. A better policy would be to end the insistence that Ukraine's currency be pegged to the U.S. dollar.

Something is deeply wrong. In a couple of years, some well-connected businesspeople have seen their fortunes skyrocket as ordinary businesspeople face corruption and corporate raids of their enterprises. It appears that these shenanigans are often assisted by various people in government.

The Party of Regions' president and his ruling majority coalition don't show much interest in creating a free-market economy. Despite holding all power, the institutionalized abuses in regulation, privatization and government spending - to name just three areas - remain. There has been some success - Ukraine's first-ever tax code, the start of a property tax and the outlines of pension reform.

All signs suggest that the Party of Regions will emerge from the Oct. 28 election as the dominant party in parliament. Regrettably, its leaders are promising more of the same. That's bad news for Ukraine and its economy. The approach they are taking now is not working.

# **No endorsements**

The Kyiv Post will not be endorsing any candidates or parties in the Oct. 28 parliamentary election in Ukraine in its editorials, unlike in the 2010 presidential election and in previous elections before that

Since then, Kyiv Post publisher Mohammad Zahoor has set the policy that in editorials - which are supposed to represent the newspaper's collective opinion on issues - should steer clear of partisan politics. It's a reasonable restriction and essentially the only one imposed by the publisher, who otherwise allows journalists to offer opinions in this space on the issues of the day as they see fit.

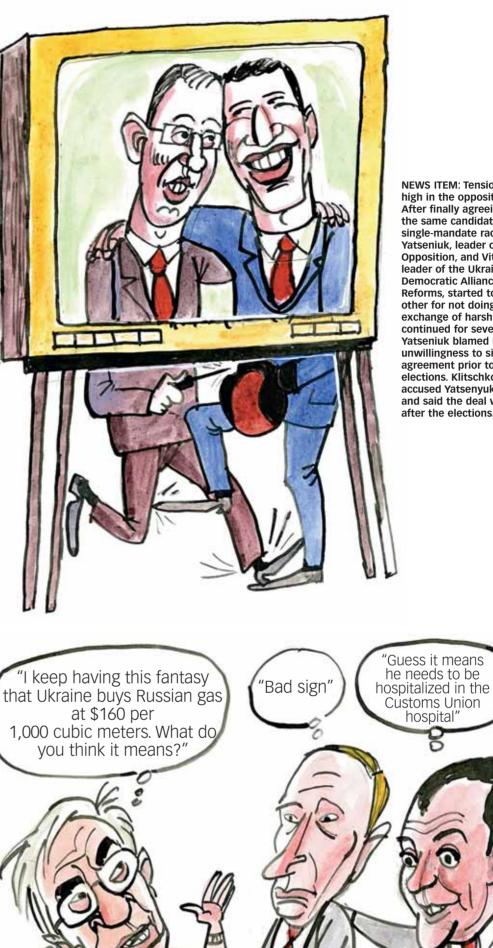
Endorsements are a touchy subject for the Kyiv Post in a number of ways. While most staff members are Ukrainian, the chief editor is American - one of four expatriates on the editorial staff - and the owner is a British citizen. CEO Michael Willard is another American

Endorsements, rightly or wrongly, in such circumstances may look to the public as if a bunch of foreigners are telling Ukrainians how to vote. Moreover, regrettably in this nation, criticism is interpreted as opposition. By contrast, in developed democracies (Ukraine is not one – and is, in fact, moving away from democracy). free speech is celebrated and public officials know that criticism - and even opposition - is fair game for anyone who claims to serve the public interest.

Everyone on the Kyiv Post staff, from the publisher to the rookie intern, is entitled to write reasoned opinions on any topics - and even offer individual endorsements. We don't do this as often as we probably should. Instead, we try to make our opinion pages a marketplace of competing ideas. Last week's opinion pages. for instance, were dominated by powerful government officials -- Deputy Prime Minister Valery Khoroshkovskiy and Deputy Prosecutor General Renat Kuzmin.

Editorial endorsements at election time are a time-honored tradition of journalism in America and elsewhere, and one that many journalists at the Kviv Post still believe in. Since everyone in society is affected by who wins an election, the thinking is that everyone should have a say in who should get elected. Even opinions that one disagrees with can be enlightening and serve to open minds and sharpen arguments. An honest opinion has its own virtue.

Readers can rest assured that the Kyiv Post will use this space to continue expressing our opinions strongly on Ukraine's powerbrokers and the major issues



NEWS ITEM: Tensions are high in the opposition camp. After finally agreeing to back the same candidates in 51 single-mandate races, Arseniy Yatseniuk, leader of the United Opposition, and Vitali Klitschko, leader of the Ukrainian **Democratic Alliance For** Reforms, started to blame each other for not doing enough. The exchange of harsh statements continued for several days. Yatseniuk blamed Klitschko's unwillingness to sign a coalition agreement prior to the Oct. 28 elections. Klitschko, in his turn, accused Yatsenyuk of posturing and said the deal will be signed after the elections.

of the day. We owe it to our readers and ourselves. A newspaper is not doing its job if its journalists and editors merely report the news and don't attempt to help readers make sense of what is happening on clearly labeled opinion pages



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NEWS ITEM: Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said on Oct. 9 that Ukraine could be buying Russian gas at the price of \$160 per 1,000 cubic meters if the country joins the Russian-led Customs Union. This year, the price Ukraine paid for gas has ranged from \$416 to \$432 per 1,000 cubic meters. The Russian government has never confirmed these conditions Russia is keen on getting Ukraine to join the Customs Union that also includes Belarus and Kazakhstann. But that would force Ukraine to drop a free-trade agreement with the European Union, the 27-nation union that has cooled its relations with Ukraine over the imprisonment of President Viktor Yanukovych's leading political rivals.

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# Ukrainian politics is a game with few rules



It was hoped the 2004 Orange Revolution signaled advancement towards democratic rule in Ukraine. Fast-forward eight years to Ukraine's third postrevolution parliamentary election, coming up on Oct. 28. and many feel little has changed.

Corruption is rife. Political allegiances change fast enough to make voters and pundits' heads spin. The figures dominating the political landscape are familiar. The "Big Three" of Ukrainian politics, President Viktor Yanukovych, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and the figurehead of the United Opposition coalition, imprisoned ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, are all pre-2004 veterans. All have dirty hands.

The Melnychenko tapes - the hundreds of hours of audiotapes allegedly recorded by ex-President Leonid Kuchma's bodyguard Mykola Melnychenko - purportedly exposed Azarov as using his position then as head of the State and Tax Administration to pressure officials, ensuring Kuchma's re-election in 1999. Azarov and Kuchma have consistently denied those and other allegations stemming from the disputed Melnychenko tapes made in 1999-2000.

Tymoshenko, who made her fortune in the murky gas-trading world of the 1990s, leads the opposition Batkivschyna Party, from behind bars. Although undoubtedly no angel, her incarceration is believed in the West to be politically motivated revenge by President Viktor Yanukovych, a charge that he denies

The Western preoccupation with labeling Ukrainian politicians as "pro-Kremlin" or "pro-Europe" is misplaced. Mostly, Ukrainian politicians are "pro" themselves.

A recent report, by independent electoral monitoring body Canada Mission, found that media repression, procedural irregularities, direct and indirect vote buying were widespread.

The Razumkov Center think tank reports that the average Ukrainian vote can be bought for just €250. This finding is unsurprising in a country where endemic corruption devalues the vote, and the average monthly wage is €300.

Press freedom in Ukraine has declined rapidly since Yanukovych took office in 2010. The country's media is now only "partly free" according to U.S.based Freedom House, a return to the pre-2004 rating. While the government claim 96 percent of media are independent, in reality Yanukovych-friendly oligarchs control most television networks. The most prominent example of this prevalent cronyism is Deputy Prime Minister Valery Khoroshkovskiy. One of Ukraine's richest businessmen, he holds majority shares in top Ukrainian television channels.

Ukraine's main independent press monitoring body, the Institute of Mass Information, reports largely undetectable self-censorship is endemic at every level of journalism. Payment for positive media coverage has recently been exposed as a standard practice in election campaigns.

Amidst the circus show that passes for politics in Ukraine, a new generation of celebrity politicians has emerged. Authors, journalists, and footballers are all trying their hand at politics. Celebrity status presumably allows the first hurdle of securing media coverage to be sidestepped.

The most formidable of this new breed is heavyweight boxing champion Vitali Klitschko. His party, Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform has vowed to fight endemic corruption.

Recent polls put UDAR ahead of United Opposition, and in second place behind the ruling Party of Regions. Klitschko has ruled out collaboration with the incumbent Regions Party. However, nothing is ever certain in Ukrainian politics.

On Oct. 15, opposition forces UDAR and Batkivschyna announced a mutual agreement to withdraw, respectively, 32 and 26 candidates from the electoral race in regions where the opposition vote could be detrimentally split. Such measures are partly necessary due to changes in the electoral system. According independent political analysts, the new system increases the likelihood of re-election for the incumbent government.

The deal certainly increases UDAR's chance of winning. It also smacks of a "if-you-can't-beat-themjoin them" philosophy. Certainly, backroom deals run to contrary to Klitschko's stated ideal of making politics more open.

If they do get into parliament, UDAR lawmakers are likely to be sharing power with their United Opposition allies, many of whom have tainted pasts or extremist views. Navigating the culture of corruption will test UDAR's moral grounding. Navigating the practicalities of power sharing and the complex bureaucratic system will test their capacity to transform rhetoric into something meaningful. Amnesty International recently criticized all political parties for failing to put forward proposals to investigate and punish endemic police criminality

The road ahead is a rocky one for Klitschko and crew, but they may be Ukraine's best hope. Klitschko must maintain a squeaky clean image to run again on an anti-corruption platform in the 2015 presidential election. That's a tall order in such a dirty environment. Ukrainian politics is a much rougher sport than boxing. There are few rules in this game.

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Are there too many or too few foreigners living in Ukraine? Is their presence positive or negative?



Slavvanov. journalist and musician "There should be more expatriates and tourists if we consider

Ukraine a European country and Kyiv a European city. The more foreigners come, the more it will induce us to develop ourselves, to study languages, to learn new cultures, to watch how people behave. It is important to integrate with Europe not only economically and politically, but also mentally. If the number of foreigners grows, it will eliminate our post-Soviet heritage, our post-Soviet mentality. We'll become thinking more broadly."



Pinhvinov, photographer "I think foreigners do not influence local life. They just live here. Even Ukrainian cit-

izens have no impact here, because we have s very bad country with bad infrastructure and a weak economic sphere. When foreigners come to us they start living the same as we live."



Ivanov. student "In Kyiv, there are more foreigners than in any other city of Ukraine. I wish there

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will be more of them. They have a positive impact. They bring something new. They share their experience."







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Many regular readers of the Kyiv Post website have noticed a change in the way that comments are allowed to be made.

Before September, the commentary section was a free-for-all jungle of anonymous, rude, profane and generally unenlightening remarks. While such inflammatory comments could be entertaining at times, they turned off readers and started to affect the reputation of the Kyiv Post for the worse.

The Kyiv Post is responsible for moderating the

personal information – for instance age or occupation can be withheld by users.

**Civilizing online comments** 

The system in place has also civilized the online discussion a great deal. One big downside is that the number of comments has also plummeted. That means fewer hits. But since the Kyiv Post website makes almost no money from online advertising, (most of our revenue comes from print advertising), there is no financial loss.

I, for one, am rejoicing over the stricter regulation and think a lot of readers are, too. Publisher Mohammad Zahoor approves.

Some of our regular sources - the newsmakers who are frequently writing or commenting in Kyiv Post stories - complained to us for months about the unregulated commentaries we had before. Some of them are community leaders who had developed enemies who took every chance to slam their foes bounds that they had to be made by paid "trollers" those who are deliberately offensive and provocative, often on behalf of a political party, a person or an agenda. Another category includes those who apparently had nothing to do with their lives besides sit on the Kyiv Post website and insult people.

That doesn't mean everybody was happy about the change. Many readers let me know of their displeasure.

One reader wrote: "Why has the Kyiv Post changed the way a person can leave a comment by having to join Facebook? I've noticed that the number of comments has dropped drastically. Now my full name and age appear on any comments I make. Is that somehow relative to the comments I make? If this is some kind of censorship in the form of fear and intimidation then Ukrainian journalism has sunk to an all-time low."

Another reader: "It would appear that the format in leaving comments/opinions on news stories must now go through Facebook. As a regular contributor to your news columns I am deeply hesitant in leaving any future comments as I do not trust Facebook. I hope that you will reconsider this form of communication." Yet another: "You know Mr. Bonner I truly do not understand why the Kyiv Post takes a very good system ... and manages to ruin everything. You certainly manage to turn readers off. And the new layout is pretty bad too. In fact everything about Kyiv Post now is a turn-off. Are you and (President Viktor) Yanukovych working together to screw up Ukraine and communications? Looks like it." And one more: "So let me get this straight now. The only way to post a comment on an article is to now use your real name AND PHOTO from Facebook? No more anonymity? Now I understand why nobody is posting comments anymore, and I won't either. God! Just how stupid are you people???? I hope I have answered all of these questions in this column, except for the one about how stupid I am. That question always baffles me.

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comments that are posted on its website and could, in extreme situations, be sued for libelous remarks that are left on the website. Given that our entire editorial staff consists of 17 people, we simply don't have the resources to monitor the comments properly.

So we had to take action.

In search of solutions, we settled on one that many newspapers in the United States and around the world are using – allowing comments only through Facebook accounts via plug-ins. Many don't trust Facebook and I was hesitant as well. However, at the moment, Facebook is the way the online world is going.

We tried to take a less drastic step by merely requiring registration, but that didn't stop the problem with anonymous comments. We tried banning offending Internet Protocol addresses, only to find the same commentators move to different IP addresses. We even switched off comments for some stories that involved particularly controversial people or topics. We allowed readers to hide comments or see them, depending on their preference, but still the problems persisted.

I am happy to report that the Facebook plug-in has put an end to anonymous comments, since Facebook requires people to register by name, although other

online using the foulest language imaginable.

One victim of many online attacks wrote: "More sensible commentators feel it's not worth chipping in their own views: and debate is stifled. I also notice that the variety and quality of Kyiv Post bloggers seems to have dwindled over the past year. Being exposed to repeated vitriolic attack may have something to do with it. There is a risk, therefore, that by not having proper arrangements to moderate comments, you are reducing the quality of the content the Kyiv Post can provide; and, in the long term, losing readers. Stopping debate and discouraging people from presenting their views in an independent media outlet such as the Kyiv Post is, of course, precisely what the (online) trolls seek to achieve."

#### I agree.

Now, if someone wants to comment, they have to take some responsibility for their opinions and words as we do at the Kyiv Post, and as most people do in almost any walk of life. No longer are people able to hide behind anonymity or, we hope, fake identities. I expect that, after the initial shock, many of our regular commentators will come back to posting online commentary. As for those commentators who don't return, I am not going to lose sleep over them. Many of these comments were so outrageously out of

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Natalia Kovtun. employee of insurance company "Now in Kyiv there are much more foreigners than in Soviet times.

I am an optimist and I don't think that foreigners bring us something bad. It's an exchange of experience, exchange of students. I am very positive about this."

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# OSCE's Glover back in Kyiv to assess parliament vote

#### BY MARK RACHKEVYCH

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Audrey Glover is back as the head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's election mission in Ukraine. While she is not a permanent expatriate, the United Kingdom citizen has taken up residence in the nation at two pivotal times in the last five years.

In 2007, the mission Glover led from OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights said that Ukraine had "met most of its international commitments" for democracy. The OSCE gave the same democratic grade to Ukraine in the 2005 and 2010 presidential election, as well as the 2006 parliamentary election. This four-election winning streak over the last seven years is on the line as Ukrainians elect a new parliament on Oct. 28. Glover hopes the election observation mission will find that the fall vote meets democratic standards. "I'd say amen to that if it happens," Glover said.

But, while Glover is very cautious in her words, many in the West do not think it is possible for this election to meet most democratic standards given the fact that two leading opposition leaders – ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and ex-Interior Minister Yuriy Lutsenko – are imprisoned and unable to participate.

The OSCE is also aware of the problems with the nation's October 2010 local elections, the first held

under President Viktor Yanukovych. And nobody's going to forget the rigged 2004 presidential election that initially had Yanukovych as the winner before the popular uprising known as the Orange Revolution changed history and the course of the nation.

Glover describes today's environment as full of uncertainty. "There's this feeling that people don't quite know what's going to happen," noted Glover.

OSCE's initial Oct. 4 report -a second preliminary report is due on Oct. 19 - found some troubles in the pre-election landscape.

The report concluded that the composition of district and precinct election commissions isn't  $\rightarrow$ **7** 





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- Encourage your projects to use ELECTUA.ORG as a tool for recording violations during the election process

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### **Business Focus 7**

# Italian-American's blood heats up during US presidential campaign

#### BY BRIAN BONNER BONNER@KYIVPOST.COM

These are the kinds of autumns when Reno Domenico thrives. As usual, he's busy with his Kyiv-based Sterling Business School, which offers an online master's of business administration and other educational training. But more urgently, since this is a year divisible by four, it means that a U.S. presidential election is ahead – this time on Nov 6.

While far from the United States, Domenico – president of Democrats

Sterling Business School CEO is hard-core Democrat

Abroad Ukraine – is working to drum up support for his party's nominee, Barack Obama, with the same gusto that a 13-year-old Domenico brought for his hero, John F. Kennedy, in the 1960 campaign.

At the time, it took independence of thought and some courage for a teenage Domenico to go against his Republican father, who made a living as a tailor, in the family's enclave of Italian immigrants in New Jersey. But his father, as it turns out, didn't mind and didn't particularly like Kennedy's Republican challenger, Richard M. Nixon.

"He made it clear to me that the important thing was to be involved," Domenico said.

Domenico carries this conviction with him today. In Ukraine, he promotes votefromabroad.org to corral Ukraine's expatriate Americans (even Republican ones) into casting their absentee ballots. He also took up the case for the president's re-election in a debate against American Republican Brian Mefford on Oct. 10 sponsored by the Kyiv Post.

A former New Jersey high school teacher and administrator, Domenico got hooked on the former Soviet Union, particularly Ukraine, while organizing at least 25 student exchange trips starting in 1989 and ending in 2006.

In 1971, he got his first teaching job in Camden, New Jersey, at a time when the city was gripped by corruption and industrial decline. He got involved. "Out of my experience in Camden, I became very political," Domenico said.

One battle he joined was with Campbell's Soup, which maintains its corporate headquarters in Camden but had long before sent manufacturing jobs abroad to low-wage, non-union places. His activism led him in 1983 to serve a stint as Camden's Democratic Party chairperson.

Despite his Sterling Business



U.S. President Barack Obama (L) and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney arrive on stage for the second presidential debate on Oct.16 in Hempstead, New York, moderated by Candy Crowley of CNN. (AFP)

School's official partnership with Rowan University in Camden, his two houses in the U.S. and his regular trips home, Domenico has no plans to leave Ukraine.

"The United States is still the greatest country and it's still my home," he said. "But I enjoy the lifestyle in Ukraine and Ukrainians don't have as many hang-ups as Americans."

One of the biggest problems in the United States, Domenico said, is that "Americans believe in the quick fix." The world has changed, he says. America can no longer dominate everything as it did after World War II and through much of the Cold War. Now it must play a role in helping global prosperity because "a world full

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of poor people is a dangerous world." Somehow he ties together his support for Obama and his love for Ukraine.

Just as Franklin D. Roosevelt saved capitalism during the Great Depression, Obama saved the financial system in America after the global recession of 2008, Domenico said. Electing Republican candidate Mitt Romney is tantamount to "turning the nation over to the people who caused the problem and who drove the economy off the cliff with experimental financial transactions that don't have real value," he said. Equality of opportunity, a social safety net and a progressive taxation system are high on Domenico's social priorities.

But he fears that the United States,



Reno Domenico Nationality: American. Age: 65. Position: President and CEO of Sterling Business School in Kyiv. Length of time in Ukraine: Since 2006.

Tips for succeeding in Ukraine:"Be tenacious and determined. It's not easy here, but it's not easy anywhere."

like Ukraine, "is becoming an oligarchy. It's not a good system. No economic activity in Ukraine takes place unless an oligarch decides to start it. And that's where we're headed in the USA."

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# Ukraine runs risk of ending streak of good elections

 $\rightarrow$  6 representative of the political parties, and that the lotteries for choosing the parties eligible to nominate certain members "lacked transparency."

The first interim report also cited alarming cases of violence against candidates, a broadcast media environment significantly lacking in pluralism, widespread instances of gift and food-giving to voters, various forms getting the facts straight is paramount as an observer.

"We want to follow up with ... hard evidence, we don't like working on just allegations. We want to substantiate everything that we actually hear so that we have solid proof. That's he how we work," emphasized Glover.

This mission's assessment is bound to get widespread attention, since many Western leaders have concluded that the conduct of the Oct. 28 parliamentary elections will affect relations with Ukraine's leaders.



of incumbency abuse and the Central Election Commission's closed-door decision-making.

"Allegations of illegal interference or abuse of administrative resources in the campaign by local and regional authorities include the refusal to allocate requested venues to parties or candidates, pressure on companies not to rent billboard space, and pressure and teachers and health care workers," reads the interim report.

Glover specifically cited the diminishing viewer reach of independent TVi channel and lamented that Ukraine has no public television. She also said many questions exist about how campaigns are financed.

Soon the ODIHR core team will be joined by more than 600 shortterm observers, 200 more than in 2007.

For Glover, a former human rights lawyer and former head of the United Kingdom delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, The OSCE findings are still considered to be the gold standard in election observation missions, although missions in the past have been accused of going soft on authoritarian leaders such as Azerbaijan's Ilham Aliyev and others. Glover said OSCE missions rely on sophisticated, constantly revised methodology to keep up with technological changes and new dirty electoral tricks.

Glover also stressed a strict adherence to impartiality, which means the missions are staffed by people from many of the 56 nations that make up the OSCE. Who wins and who loses is not a concern of the election mission. How each side wins or loses is what matters.

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# World in Ukraine

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# Gas, oil exploration may boost Ukraine-UK ties

**BY MARYNA IRKLIYENKO** IRKLIYENKO@KYIVPOST.COM

Economic and finance heavyweight the United Kingdom is one of Ukraine's biggest foreign investors. Yet the British-Ukrainian economic relationship isn't all it could be, held back by a poor business climate in Ukraine and sluggish growth in Britain.

Cumulative foreign direct investment from the UK to Ukraine has almost reached \$2.5 billion as of the end of the first half of 2012, according to the State Statistics Service website. This makes Britain the sixth biggest investor in Ukraine.

Bright spots in bilateral relations notably involve Ukraine's oil and gas sector, which has long been of interest among companies with British ties. Shell, British Petroleum, CBM Oil and JKX, with their Poltava Petroleum company, are among the nation's biggest players in oil and gas exploration and production, as well as distribution.

#### The United Kingdom

Territory: 243,610 square kilometers. Population: 63 million people. Government type: constitutional monarch

Head of government: Prime Minister David Cameron since May 2010. GDP (purchasing power parity): \$2.29 trillion in 2011.

GDP per capita (PPP): \$36,600 in 2011

Main industries: machine tools, electric power equipment, automation equipment, railroad equipment, shipbuilding, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts, electronics and communications equipment, metals, chemicals, coal, petroleum, paper and paper products, food processing, textiles, clothing, other consumer goods.

#### **Ukrainian-British** economic relations:

Trade: \$2.97 billion in 2011 Exports from the UK to Ukraine: professional instruments, pharmaceutical products and road vehicles Exports from Ukraine to the UK: iron, steel, vegetable fats and oils, ani-

Nick Cotton, managing director of DTZ global real estate adviser

Roval Dutch Shell, an Anglo-Dutch multinational oil and gas company, won a tender in 2012 for the exploration of a large gas field in eastern Ukraine, in Donetsk Oblast's Yuzivska area, which could hold up to two trillion cubic meters of gas. Symbolically, the city of Donetsk itself was founded by British national John Hughes in 1869 and, in fact, was originally named Hughesovka.

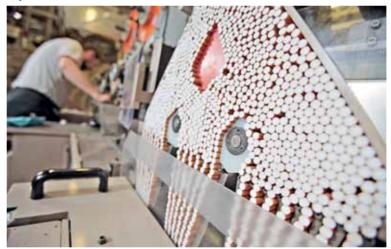
Shell also won a tender this year (in consortium with other international petroleum companies) for the exploration of offshore deepwater reserves in the Black Sea's Skifska field. If signed, the contracts could lead to hundreds of millions of dollars in investments and move Ukraine toward greater energy independence.

To provide legal service for such major deals, British law firms' expertise was called on. "When oil and gas stopped being a local game and turned into an international game with oil majors coming in, we were very well-positioned in the market to take advantage of that," says Daniel Bilak, managing partner of Kyiv office of CMS Cameron McKenna law firm.

Coming to the Ukrainian market at the crest of the wave in 2007, the



Eugene Walsh, general manager of Imperial Tobacco Ukraine



Britsh Imperial Tobacco acquired a cigarette factory in Kyiv in 2002 that now employes 1,100 people. (Courtesy)

for Reconstruction and Development and Shell.

"Clients have certain expectations when they come to us, they are used to the kind of service they get in London and they expect to have exactly the same kind of service given to them here," said Bilak.

Real estate has been a strong part of the two countries' economic relations. While there's no official data as to how much Ukraine has invested in Great Britain, prestigious real estate in London has been popular with Ukrainian oligarchs. In a 2011 ranking of London's ten most expensive houses by the Sunday Telegraph, spots number two and four are occupied respectively by billionaire tycoon Rinat Akhmetov with his penthouse in Knightsbridge's One Hyde Park, bought for \$218.2 million, and



Daniel Bilak, Kyiv managing partner

of CMS Cameron McKenna law firm dor?

> KP: You're taking a diplomatic post at a time when relations between the European Union and Ukraine are at a dead end due to Ukraine ignoring a number of EU requests, particularly to end the prosecution of opposition lead-

> SS: I don't come here with the perception that the EU-Ukraine relationship is at a dead end ... Yes we have specific issues on our common agenda at the moment, things that we would like to see - like the free and fair conduct of elections and so on, and they are extremely important. But I think it's also very important that we keep this long-term perspective.

> KP: Do you think Ukrainian authorities acknowledge those issues and the importance of solving them?

SS: I was invited to participate in the Yalta European Strategy meeting. I was very struck then by how open and frank the debate was. That at least led me to the conclusion to say 'yes,' to a large extent I think people in many parts of the Ukrainian government, even more broadly people in many parts of Ukrainian public life – yes they do understand what the issues are.

Simon Smith takes up post as UK envoy to Ukraine at tough time

**BY MARYNA IRKLIYENKO** IRKLIYENKO@KYIVPOST.CON

The United Kingdom has posted a new diplomat to Ukraine. Ambassador Simon Smith picks up where Leigh Turner left off. Before departing for Turkey last summer after four years in Ukraine, Turner was one of the most active and recognized diplomats, due to his blogging and frequent public appearances. In his first interview in Ukraine, Smith talked with the Kyiv Post about Ukraine's complicated relationship with the European Union and how British-Ukrainian economic relations can be improved.

#### Kyiv Post: How do you find working and living in Ukraine, after moving from Austria, where you served as British ambassa-

Simon Smith: It obviously didn't come as a surprise to me, because I was lucky enough to have been able to say "this is the job I want." I knew a good deal about Ukraine as a country. I knew a lot about what had happened in those years since my first visit to Kyiv in 1994.

ers. What's the way out?

mal feed and petroleum UK's investment in Ukraine: \$2.5 billion as of July 2012. The UK is Ukraine's sixth largest investor. Ukraine's investment in the UK: no data available Source: UK Trade and Investment. State Statistics Service of Ukraine

company had to adjust its operations to the financial downturn in 2008. But flexibility paid off for Cameron McKenna, which recently celebrated its fifth anniversary in Ukraine. It has been recognized in the energy, infrastructure, agribusiness and consumer products sectors. Its clients include Nestle, the European Bank

London & Regional Properties, which owns the Globus downtown shopping center and the Podil Plaza business center; ARGO Real Estate Opportunities Fund, which owns Riviera shopping mall in Odesa; property consultant NAI Pickard and others.

Elena Pinchuk, daughter of ex-President

Leonid Kuchma, who owns a 10-bed-

room villa in Upper Phillimore Gardens,

Nor is this a one-way street.

"British tend to have more presence

in (Ukraine's) real estate sector than

arguably any other foreign (nationals),"

says Nick Cotton, managing director of

Besides DTZ, real estate British com-

panies operating in Ukraine include

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# British ambassador: Sanctions, really not something for now

KP: What do you think the Ukrainian government should do in addressing West's concerns regarding the legitimacy of the trial of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko?

SS: It is no secret and representatives of the British government have been on record in the past on this, expressing concern and doubt that the procedures applied in the trials of Mrs. Tymoshenko and also (jailed former Interior Minister Yuri) Lutsenko leave some considerable room for doubt and

#### **Simon Smith**

Simon Smith arrived in Ukraine as United Kingdom's ambassador in September. Here are other highlights of his career

**2007-2012** – British ambassador to Austria and the United Kingdom's permanent representative to the United Nations in Vienna, governor on the Board of the International Atomic Energy Agency

2005-2007 - director for Russia, South Caucasus and Central Asia at Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. 2004-2005 - head of Eastern Department

2002-2004 - head of North East Asia & Pacific Department. 1998-2002 - Counselor (economic/

commercial) in Moscow. 1995-1997 - deputy head of Southern European Department at FCO. 1989 - 1992 - Second and then first secretary in Tokyo.

1986 - joins UK's FCO.

concern as to whether the proper processes were applied.

KP: Will Great Britain join a growing international movement, notably involving the U.S., in potential issuance of sanctions and visa bans for Ukrainian businesspeople and politicians suspected of human rights abuses and other crimes?

SS: It would be a measure of considerable despair and frustration if we were now to start thinking about what sort of punishments or sanctions (to use). I (am confident) these are issues that we can work through on the basis of common understanding and as things stand the whole discourse about sanctions or punishments is really not something for now.

#### KP: But doesn't the mere fact that the association and free trade agreements have been put on pause suggest that such diplomacy doesn't work?

SS: It is a long (and) complex process. I think we need to be imaginative, in some respects patient, but we also need to be open and honest, very clear and unambiguous. We, at the EU, have been very unambiguous about what we see as the obstacles.

**KP: With opposition leaders** jailed, is there still a way for the West to consider the Oct. 28 parliamentary elections as free and fair?

SS: Whatever the assessment of the



United Kingdom Ambassador to **Ukraine Simon Smith** 

election on the day is, yes I think it is a factor that you have to take into account in any assessment of the extent to which an election is free and fair. It's a fact that leading figures in opposition parties are prevented from taking part in the election because they are in prison.

KP: Do you plan to write a blog in Ukraine, just as former Ambassador Turner, who found it to be a powerful diplomatic tool?

SS: All options are on the table. I am very keen to work both with the media and with the broader public audience in a way that helps me and my colleagues here get our messages across in the most effective way.

KP: Turner's blogs were quite outspoken. Do you agree with such type of diplomacy or do you pre-HERN fer a quieter AND approach? Londonderr SS: There are times UNITED KINGDOM when it's the right

judgment that you need to be very forthright (and) outspoken in order for the message to get across and there are times where a more subtle message is the better way to do things. I think the key thing is that ... if you've Plymouth. got something to say, people will listen.

KP: Having worked in Russia, what do you think Ukraine could do better in establishing equal partner relations with Russia, while being so dependent on gas?

SS: By and large I think Ukraine does pretty well in terms of focusing on what sustains it as an independent sovereign country...It makes no sense to look at all these (projections) of how

much energy you are going to need without looking (at) how much ... energy you are wasting or using inefficiently.

KP: How do you think British-Ukrainian economic relations could be developed further?

SS: I've heard already a number of businesspeople representing businesses Newcastle . Tynemouth large Middlesbroughwho talk of the way in which tax authorities deal • Kingston up with them as if to say we have a (specific) target of collecting taxes. To be honest, this was Carditte London Chatham not a new thing. This is the way in which the tax authorities would

> behave often in Russia ... I came to this country absolutely convinced that it has extraordinary potential and it can realize a lot more of the potential that it has. (Concerning) all the business environment handicaps, those are problems where if they are not addressed, then Ukraine ... will fall short of that potential.

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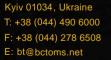


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# Ukraine may be on brink of recession

#### BY JAKUB PARUSINSKI PARUSINSKI@KYIVPOST.COM

Euro 2012 investments, increased social spending and monetary micro-management have not sufficed to keep Ukraine from heading toward a recession, experts are warning. Falling commodity prices and an exceptionally poor business climate now have some predicting the nation may spend the second half of the year in the red, as 2013 gears up to be even tougher than its predecessor.

New numbers confirm what Ukrainians have felt for months already – the economy is at a standstill. Inflation is hovering around zero, salaries are stagnant and the only successful investments are those that have political backing. Once again Ukrainians are seeing their country succumb to the global crisis, with no growth expected this year, even as their biggest trade partners – Russia, Poland and Germany – continue to push forward.

Yet the receding tide is pushing down all boats. A recent International Monetary Fund report dispelled hopes of revival in 2013, lowering global gross domestic growth forecasts to 3.6 percent, slightly above this year's 3.3 percent estimate, adding that risks of further slowdown were "alarmingly high."

Aside from Europe's never-ending debt woes, the main brake will likely be a cooling down of Asia, particularly China. This has already impacted commodity prices that are so critical to Ukraine – metallurgy dropped 12 percent in August, compared to last year, according to estimates by Austrian Erste Bank's research unit in Ukraine.

As a result, both Erste Bank and Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital have projected no growth for Ukraine this year, with both the third and fourth quarters forecast to be in the red. Both continue to forecast next year's growth at 3 percent, albeit mostly from the second half of the year.

But poor policy has also contributed more than its share to Ukraine's woes. Aside from the poor investment climate, a misguided policy of keeping the hryvniadollar exchange rate stable is threatening to derail the economy.

In order to keep this politically sensitive indicator stable, the central bank



Source: IMF, Bloomberg, Erste Group Research

A slowdown in economic growth in 2012 has not only limited businesses investment prospects, but also led to record low inflation. This has caused the real cost of credit to rise even higher, creating a vicious cycle.

has splurged the nation's international reserves – which fell from \$38.2 billion last August to \$29.3 in September this year. It also maintains a policy of keeping liquidity in the banking sector low, bankers say, notably by giving selective access to refinancing.

This is driving up the cost of credit, as is the fact that Ukrainians are pulling deposits or reducing their length. Companies looking to expand or service working capital needs now face devastating rates of 20-25 percent. Worse still, they cannot bet on inflation covering part of the costs.

Currency concerns have also hit consumer confidence, which fell by 4.8 points to 81.8 (100 is neutral) in September, according to a monthly GfK Ukraine survey. "Fluctuations in the dollar exchange rate in early autumn were likely to be the main factor behind the deterioration in consumer confidence," reads the report. Looking forward, the main question is whether a new parliament will be able to muster the will needed to revive talks with the IMF and push for a better gas deal with Russia. A new report by America's Citigroup claims the deal with Russia will likely be postponed, with local elites unwilling to share natural resource rents – Ukraine's northern neighbor has repeatedly made lower gas prices conditional on entering the Customs Union or joint control of state gas giant Naftogaz.

But a new lending program is possible, as long as Ukraine meets the key conditions of raising household heating and gas prices and letting the hryvnia fluctuat. Hope lies in the fact that the next government will have over two years before any further elections, experts note, and will thus be able to push through tough decisions.

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# Few happy faces as investors rate economic plans

 $\rightarrow$ **1** House rules, which allow quotations but not their sources, the meeting saw businesspeople express worries about the prospects for the next parliament to address Ukraine's biggest challenges.

Several company owners pointed to the fact that foreign investment was practically frozen. Some predicted that any meaningful change could take up to seven years.

Political parties have done little to ease those fears. At an open discussion with businesses, organized by the EBA in September, most economic experts sent by Ukraine's main parties were unconvincing.

With the exception of Andriy Pyshny from the United Opposition – who promised rosy, Georgian-style reforms that would notably see the number of taxes cut from 137 to seven – the politicians came unprepared, people in attendance concluded.

In contrast to the opposition's grandiose claims of leading an investment turnaround, the Party of Region's Oleksiy Plotnikov said the current government would continue to do the same thing with the same people.

"That's it," Plotnikov said, summing up the program. "Pretty realistic, most can be implemented."

Viktor Pynzenyk, a member of Vitali Klitschko's Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms, limited himself to feel-good statements. For specifics, the business audience was left with: "We need to audit only those companies who don't pay their taxes."

Others were even further off target. Ukraine Forward's Natalia Korolevska put in an effort presentation-wise, but her message amounted to: I am also a businessperson, you can trust me.

Svoboda Party's Yuriy Levchenko said his economic plan would "protect Ukrainians." The solution to corruption, he said, was to elect everybody, even police officers, and allow citizens to impeach any official they want.

Spiridon Kilinkarov from the Communist Party was hostile to the private sector, claiming that Ukraine's problems were caused by business. "Why are politicians so corrupt? Because of businesspeople who corrupt them," Kilinkarov said.

The electoral programs don't carry much weight with foreign investors. With the exception of UDAR, there is no reason to believe parties whose promises are similar, said Brad Wells, political analyst at investment bank Concorde Capital. "With the rest, it's the same thing as always," Wells added.

What matters more, according to Wells, is that after the elections the hryvnia currency could devalue, and talks with the International Monetary Fund and gas negotiations with Russia might revive. As economic growth slows down, businesses first and foremost want to see these issues addressed.

"The broadly held view in the market is that the Party of Regions will retain a working majority in the next legislature which would be positive from the point of view of quickly negotiating a new IMF deal," said Viktor Luhovyk, political analyst at Kyiv-based investment bank Dragon Capital.

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One fear is that a new Party of Regions government could wield a two-thirds consitutitonal majority in parliament yet again. Such a development would increase the country's perceived risk, Luhovyk explained, and could tempt Yanukovych to further consolidate his power.

But not all experts see the upcoming elections with such gloom.

According to Anders Aslund, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Peterson Institute, 2013 could see a an improvement in Ukraine's business environment. With half of the 450-seat parliament getting elected from districts, the next batch of parliamentarians will be more responsive to local needs, Aslund said.

As a result, coalition-building could be more difficult. He likened the situation to 2002-2004 under President Leonid Kuchma, when firms were freer to operate and lobby, Aslund claimed.

"It was one of the best times for businesses," Aslund added.

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# Going Out Guide

#### Friday, October 19

#### **Classical music**

Works of Bach Vivaldi Pergolesi Stradella, Durante (organ, violoncello). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 2

Genuises and Diletantti. Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine Playing Strauss. Pasternak. Griboedov. Hofmann. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100 🕕

#### MusicNova Duo Playing Bach, Ravel, Debussy (piano, violoncello). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 50 😢

#### Movies

#### Autumn Future Shorts (shorts fes-

tival). Kyiv. 3:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-40 😢

#### Live music

Tabula Rasa & Crazy Train (rock). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 1 Motor'rola Chumaki & Tex-Mex Company (rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 2

Alternative Music Meetings Festival. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Clubs

Saxo Beat Night. Egoist. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 50 for males (2) Super Disco. Forsage. 11 p.m. Hr 25-30 for females, Hr 30-40 for males 9

Vanilla Ninja (Moscow club show-

case). Mantra. 10 p.m. Hr 100 for

#### Theaters

Until Mother Did Not Come (comedy). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 8

26 Rooms (based on Anton Chekhov's play 'Leshy'). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 40-70 4

Ukrainka Theater, 7 p.m. Hr 15-120 2

Iryna Krug. Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 150-950 [

Kiss FM X Birthday. Stereo Plaza. 9 p.m. Hr 350-800 🚯

Singer-actress Kamaliya's Hollywood debut movie "Officer Down" will be screened on Oct. 26 as a special event during the 42nd Molodist Film Festival in movie theater Kyiv as its Ukrainian premiere. The film was shown earlier during the Cannes Film Festival. The film is planned for worldwide release in January 2013. Kamaliya, James Woods, Stephen Dorff, Stephen Lang, Dominic Purcell, Oleg Taktarov, Walton Goggins, David Boreanz, Elisabeth Rohm, AnnaLynne McCord are among the cast. It is directed by Brian A. Miller. It's an invitation-only event, so no tickets would be offered for sale.



#### see address in the box below and on the pull-out map.

Comments and tips are welcome. Email the lifestyle team at Is@kvivpost.com

Green Gray. Art Club 44. 9 p.m. Hr females. Hr 200 for males (B) 100 3

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. Hr 110-350 🚱 Normandy In Paintings (works

Miscellaneous

National Art Museum of Ukraine, 10

Chrysanthemum Exhibition.

Spivoche Pole Park near Lavra. 10

Saturday, October 20

**Classical music** 

Works of Bach, Handel, Liszt,

Knight (organ). House of Organ

**Chamber Art Music International** 

Festival. Claudio Martinez (Spain),

Stefen Reti (France) Playing Mozart

(flute, piano), National Philharmonic,

Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 2

7 p.m. Hr 45-90 0

a.m. Hr 40 🚯

a.m. Hr 20 🚯

of Monet, Renoir, Corot, Gericault), National Art Museum. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Hr 40, Hr 10 (for children) 🚳 Anatoliv Melnvk (art exhibition).

Trees Die Standing (drama). Lesya

#### Shows

#### kvytky.ua, parter.ua, freedomhall.com.ua, bilethouse.com.ua, karabas.com, or biletik.ua.

For tickets online, please visit

#### Live music

Motor'rola & More Huana (covers). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 1 April & Bangladesh Orchestra. Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 2 Wake Up (cover band). Art Club 44.

10 p.m. Hr 50 3 Alternative Music Meetings Festival. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Clubs

Freek Me. Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 25-50 for females, Hr 30-60 for males § Disco 90s. Disco Radio Hall. 10 p.m. Hr 60 for females, Hr 80 for males 🕸

Molodist Cinema Festival Opening Party. Mantra. 10 p.m. Free for females, Hr 200 for males (B)

#### Theaters

Athens Nights (comedy). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 (3)

Potassium Cyanide (black comedy). Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 60-85 🕕

Am I Crazy? (tragicomedy). New Theater On Pechersk. 7 p.m. Hr 60 🛈

The Imaginary Invalid (premiere, comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 😢

#### Shows

Mvkhailo Zhvanetskvi. Zhovtnevv Palats 7 p.m. Hr 120-2500 9

Nik Savinich, Atmasfera 360, 8 p.m. Hr 80-120 🥸 Alisa (rock). NAU Center of Culture

and Arts. 7 p.m. Hr 150-450 🔞 Lyapis Trubetskoy. Stereo Plaza. 7

p.m. Hr 190-900 🚯

#### Miscellaneous

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. 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) 🔞

Anatoliy Melnyk (art exhibition). National Art Museum of Ukraine. 10 a.m. Hr 40 🚯

Chrvsanthemum Exhibition. Spivoche Pole Park near Lavra, 10 a.m. Hr 20 🚯

Yaponomania. Kyiv Expo Plaza. 10 a.m. Hr 35-70, Hr 10 (for children) 0

#### Sunday, October 21

**Classical music Chamber Art Music International** Festival, Claudio Martinez (Spain), Denis Severin (Switzerland) Playing Brahms, Schubert (piano, violin) National Philharmonic.7 p.m. Hr 45-90 0

Alyona Cherny Playing Mozart, Bach (piano). Master Klass. 8 pm. Free 🛛

#### Live music

Karnavalnaya Zhara (rock, covers). Docker's ABC, 10 p.m. Free 2

#### Shows

Dark Patrick. Artist's House. 6 p.m. Hr 50-150 6

Uriah Heep (hard rock). Docker Pub. 9 p.m. Hr 500-850 1

#### Miscellaneous

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi, 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) 🔞

Anatoliy Melnyk (art exhibition). National Art Museum of Ukraine. 10 a.m. Hr 40 🚯

Chrysanthemum Exhibition. Spivoche Pole Park near Lavra. 10 a.m. Hr 20 🚯

Yaponomania. Kyiv Expo Plaza. 10 a.m. Hr 35-70, Hr 10 (for children) 0

#### Monday, October 22

#### **Classical music**

Works of Vivaldi, Bossi, Grieg (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 🕑

Liszt Tribute Concert. Works of Liszt, Chopin, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev (piano). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 0

#### Movies

Molodist (International Film Festival). Zhovten. 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 9:20 p.m. Hr 30-50 🕦

Molodist (International Film Festival). Kinopanorama 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Hr 20-40 🖲

Arbitrage (drama/thriller). Ukraine. 12:40 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Hr 30-60 😉

#### Live music

Chill Out (disco rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free 1

#### **TEA CLUB**

invites jazz fans & tea lovers for live music every Monday 7:30 p.m., 7 Druzhby Narodiv avenue, Hr 40-180, +380 50 929-49-23

Inzhyr (rock, disco). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Free 2

#### **Theaters**

Ensemble Of P.P. Virsky (75th anniversary concert). Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 80-450 🕕

Family Dinner (comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 2

#### Tuesday, October 23

Classical music

Ave Maria! Works of Caccini. Bach, Schubert, Donizetti, Saint-Saens (organ, flute). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 2

#### Movies

(International Film Molodist

Soyuz 44 (jazz jam session). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 3

Robots Don't Cry (acoustic). Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Clubs

Retro Hen Party. Bionica. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 20-40 for males **1** 

Technical Freaks. Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 15-30 6

Back to USSR. Ajour. 9 p.m. Hr 100 for males after 11 p.m. 3

#### Theaters

Natalka Poltavka (Ukrainian rococo, based on Ivan Kotlyarevsky's play). Ivan Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 🕕

Woyzeck. Carnival Of Flesh (premiere). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro 7 p.m. Hr 70-120 ④

Quartet For Two (premiere). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 🔞

Festival). Zhovten. 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 9:15 p.m. Hr 30-50 🕕

Molodist (International Film Festival). Kinopanorama 3 p.m., 5 p.m.,. 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Hr 20-40 🚯

Arbitrage (drama/thriller). Ukraine. 12:40 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Hr 30-60 6

#### Live music

Partizanskie Vytivky (Russian rock). Docker Pub 9:30 nm Free 1

Tres Deseos (latino). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 20 2

Raggasm (reggae). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 40 3

Kolo Khmar. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Theaters

The Master and Margarita (based on a novel by Mikhail Bulgakov) Ivan Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 150-800 0

Chasing Two Hares (operetta) Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 150-650 (9)

Letter To God (tragicomedy). Theater



### **International Jazz Festival in Kyiv**

Jazz in Kyiv will kick off on Oct.26 in Kyiv's October Palace. This year the fest will bring together modern jazz musicians from the U.S., Japan, Sweden, Poland, Norway, Mexico and Ukraine. The biggest local jazz band Kiev Big Band is expected to raise the curtains on opening night. Apart from concerts, a series of master classes and jam sessions will be given by the performers.

For a detailed schedule of the fest visit http://fest.jazzinkiev. com

Jazz in Kyiv. Oct.26-28. October Palace. Hr 150-600. 7 p.m. (9)

#### on Podil. 7 p.m. Hr 70 🛽

Guests Are Coming At Midnight (comedy), Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 40-70 ④

#### Wednesday, October 24 **Classical music**

Works of Butcher, Bach (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 2

Subscription No.3. Orchestral World of Wonder – From Primary Sources to Contemporaneity. National Academic Orchestra of Folk Instruments of Ukraine Playing Stetsyun, Popichuk, Revutsky, Lapinsky, Shamo, Chukhray, Tsytsalyuk, Gaydenko, Rizol, Orlov, Bilash. Mavboroda. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 🛈

#### Movies

Molodist (International Film Festival). Zhovten. 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m.,

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9:15 p.m. Hr 30-50 0

Molodist (International Film Festival) Kinopanorama 3 p.m., 5 p.m.,. 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Hr 20-40 🚯

On the Road (road movie), Zhovten. 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Hr 20-50 0 Arbitrage (drama/thriller). Ukraine. 12:40 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Hr 30-60 S

#### Live music

Rockin' Wolves (rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free 1

The Magma (pop rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 2

Cadillac Records Jam Session. Art Club 44, 10 p.m. Free 3

Jazz Wednesday with Roman Humeniuk Band. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Theaters

**Chechen State Dance Ensemble** "Vainakh". Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 150-1300 0

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edy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 50-80

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Tchaikovsky Academy of Music

Movies

Molodist (International Film Festival).

Kinopanorama 3 p.m., 5 p.m.,. 7:30

Live music

Mad Heads UkrainSka & Red Rocks (rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m.

Kozak System & Mama Mia (rock,

italiano disco). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m.

Some Like It Hot (jazz cover band).

Theaters

Napoleon and Corsican (comedy).

Lesva Ukrainka Theater, 7 p.m. Hr

Satisfaction (based on William

Shakespeare's novel 'The Merchant

of Venice'). Molody Theater. 7 p.m.

Taming Of The Shrew (comedy). Ivan

The Rubber Merchants (comedy).

Drama & Comedy Theater on the left

Saturday, October 27

**Classical music** 

Works of Vivaldi, Bach, Handel,

Pergolesi, Mozart, Durante,

Gordano (piano, organ). House of

Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 50-200 😢

Debussy Tribute Concert. National

Movies

Molodist (International Film Festival).

Kinopanorama 3 p.m., 5 p.m.,. 7:30

Live music

Antytila & Dyadya Vasya. Docker

Mad Heads UkrainSka & Red

Rocks. Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr

Mama Mia (italiano disco, rock). Art

Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 🕕

p.m., 9:30 p.m. Hr 30-50 🚯

Pub. 9:30 p.m. Hr 75 1

Club 44, 10 p.m. Hr 50 3

Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 0

bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 40-70 4

p.m., 9:30 p.m. Hr 30-50 😣

Academy of Music. 7 p.m. Free ④

National Tchaikovsky

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Hr 100 🚺

Hr 75 2

15-120 🕑

Hr 50-90 🔞

Senor Of High Society (comedy). Lesva Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 90-500 🙆

Moskowiada (based on Yuriy Andruhovych novel). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 🔞

#### Thursday, October 25

#### **Classical music**

Works of Schumann, Strauss, Barber (piano, violoncello). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 😢

#### Movies

Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 3 Molodist (International Film Festival). Orchestr Che. Divan. 8 p.m. Hr 60 4 Kinopanorama. 3 p.m., 5 p.m.,. 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Hr 20-40 🖲

#### Live music

Animals Session (classic rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free **1** Ruki V Briuki (rockabilly). Docker's

ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 2 Dok (rock, fusion). Art Club 44. 10

p.m. Hr 40 3 Nikolas Tim & Oleh Agikaiev.

Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Theaters

Dangerous Liaisons (drama) Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 50-80 🗿

Until Mother Did Not Come (comedy). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 8

Hymn Of The Democratic Youth (premiere). Ivan Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 🕕

Lux For Foreigners (premiere). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 90-500 🙆

#### Friday, October 26

#### **Classical music**

Works of Bach, Haydn, Byrd, Purcell, Bull, Scheidt (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 🕑

Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine Playing Webern, Mozart, Brahms. Soloist - Ketevan Chkhartishvili (Georgia). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100 🛈

Koma. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

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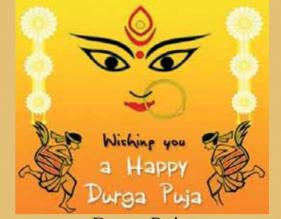
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**Theaters** 

Ma-Na Hat-Ta (based on Ingeborg

Bachmann's play 'Der gute Gott von

Manhattan'). Palats Ukraina, small

The Bat (operetta), Operetta Theater.

Urus-Shaitan (the tale about Sirko -

CossackAtaman, Chevalier d'Artagnan

and the Turkish Sultan). Ivan Franko

Four Reasons To Get Married

(comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater

on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr

Sunday, October 28

**Classical music** 

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Works of Haydn, Britten, Puccini,

stage. 7 p.m. Hr 150-250 🕕

Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-150 🕕

7 p.m. Hr 80-100 (9)

70-120 ④



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#### Tchaikovsky Tribute Concert. Kyiv Soloists Ensemble Playing Haydn, Gubadulina. National Tchaikovsky Academy of Music. 7 p.m. Free ④

7 p.m. Hr 20-100 0

#### Movies

Molodist (International Film Festival). Kinopanorama 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Hr 30-50 🚯

#### Theaters

Lying Naked Truth (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120 ④

The Dove (tragic comedy). Until Mother Did Not Come (comedy). Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 (3)

Push Up 1-3 (drama). Koleso Theater 7 p.m. Hr 70 [THE]

Night For Two (lyric comedy). Theater in Podil. 7 p.m. Hr 60 🛽

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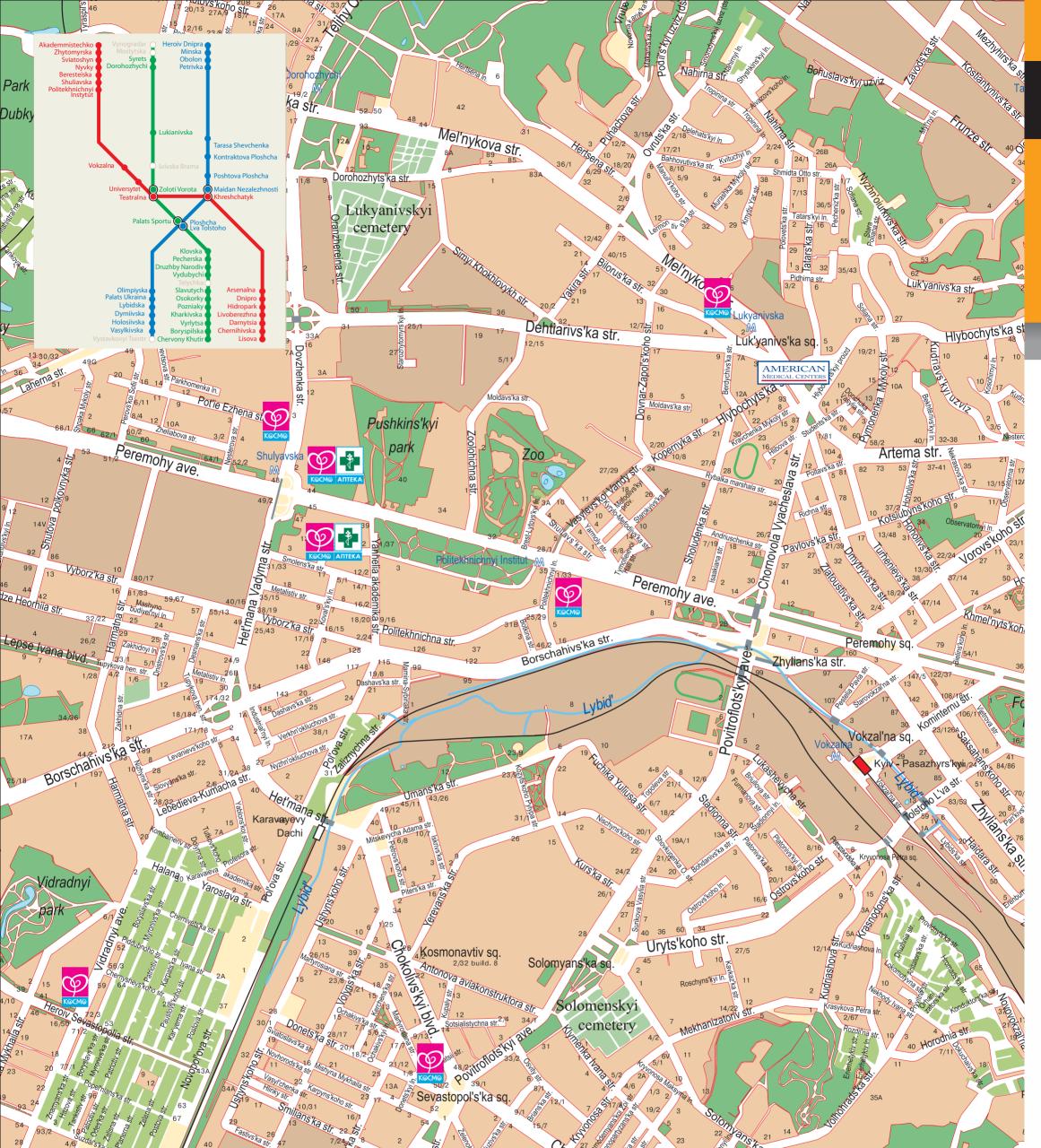
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# Law, real estate, tobacco among leading sectors in economic ties

 $\rightarrow$  8 to open an office in Ukraine. "We came to the market back in 1994 when major multinational firms and even diplomatic missions were operating from hotel suites," recalls DTZ's Cotton. "And of course now we see a market where we have full blown office centers, retail malls and so on."

Over the years DTZ was involved in such transactions as the purchase of Ukraina shopping center by the Quinn Group, the Aladdin shopping center by Meyer Bergman, the sale of eight office buildings in the city center on behalf of Unibail Rodamco and others. "These are big figures, we're talking ... up to \$100 million (worth deals)," adds DTZ's Cotton.

Since the real estate bubble burst in the wake of the global financial crisis DTZ has seen its fees fall. Just as the legal services market, the real estate sector is only starting to recover, both Bilak and Cotton say.

In the meantime, while affected by growing limitations on the tobacco business, one company that has seen its profitability improve beyond precrisis levels is Imperial Tobacco, the biggest British company in Ukraine.

In 2002 Imperial Tobacco came to the Ukrainian market through the acquisition of a Kyiv-based factory together with one of the oldest Soviet cigarette brands Prima, as part of their global purchase of Reemtsma company.

Since then Imperial Tobacco has invested some \$117 million in its

production plants, doubling its staff to 1,100 people. "The whole structure of our business has changed from predominantly Soviet-type unfiltered cigarettes to the vast variety of filters and packaging formats that we have now," says Eugene Walsh, general manager of Imperial Tobacco Ukraine.

According to a September issue of Korrespondent magazine, Imperial Tobacco is the tenth-biggest taxpayer in Ukraine, with Hr 4 billion paid in 2011. British American Tobacco is another major British company operating and investing in Ukraine.

Altogether there are more than 100 British companies working in Ukraine.

Yet London, Europe's biggest capital market, has been less popular with Ukrainian companies lately. The last Ukrainian company to go public on the London Stock Exchange's main market was Ukrainian billionaire Oleh Bakhmatiuk's egg company Avangard in 2010.

"There haven't been a lot of IPOs since 2010. Period," says Cameron McKenna's Bilak.

DTZ's Cotton says: "Before we were doing a lot of evaluations for listing purposes on the London Stock Exchange. While that business line has ceased, we're still doing a lot of evaluations but nobody is now listing in London."

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# Communists may gain more seats

 $\rightarrow$  **1** It's because of diehard loyalists like her that the Communist Party will once again likely win seats in the Oct. 28 parliamentary election. A recent poll commissioned by the Democratic Initiatives Foundation shows support for Communists across the country at 10 percent, with 19 percent in the east of the nation. If the polls translate into votes, the Communists could increase their share of seats (currently 25 deputies) in the 450-seat legislature.

Most Communist supporters are 65 or older. Young supporters – like 21-year-old Roman Astapenkov – are far fewer in number. "However, we have more young people each year," Astapenkov contends. The technical university student came to the rally on Lenin Square to distribute party literature before his classes start.

He says he is a volunteer. "Whoever wants money chooses the Party of Regions," says Astapenkov whose political choice sometimes turns out to be a laughing matter for his classmates. "I don't see much difference between the Regions and the so-called opposition parties, which are all bourgeois parties. Communists, (as the) real defenders of working Ukrainians, and a minority in parliament, can do little for the nation." Girnichenko is among the millions of voters who vaulted President Viktor Yanukovych to victory over the now imprisoned ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko in the 2010 presidential election. However, Girnichenko is disappointed with Yanukovych, the former Donetsk Oblast governor and former prime minister, for "his unwillingness to fulfill his election promises." She says Yanukovych and his ruling Party of Regions have not raised the nation's living standards and says Russian should be the second official language of Ukraine. She applauds the Communists for their consistently populist rhetoric about social justice and for elevating the status of the Russian language. As a result, the dominant Party of Regions is facing voter competition in the densely populated Donbas region. The president's party has launched a campaign to discredit Communist

## Loyal supporters are elderly pensioners

candidates, says Serhiy Tkachenko, head of the Donetsk office of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine, an election watchdog.

The newspaper Free Word Donbas is one of many media outlets trying to persuade readers that a wide gap exists between the Communists' public statements and their private lifestyles.

Ukraine's longtime Communist Party leader Petro Symonenko is the main target of the allegations. Despite his proclaimed antagonism to wealth, he is accused of being rich and leading a lavish lifestyle. Having criticized oligarchs and corrupt officials whose declared incomes are not in line with their luxurious tastes, the Communists fail to explain their own posh habits. Symonenko, for instance, occupies a mansion on 1.2 hectares in a village near Kyiv. 1+1 TV channel filmed the mansion and estimated the cost of the land plot alone at approximately \$187,000. Symonenko has never explained how he managed to afford this property despite declaring only a modest salary of \$25,000 in 2011. According to his tax return, he does not even have a bank account. Despite the attack on Symonenko's integrity, the Communists are more worried about what they predict will be an attempt to steal the election from them. Mykola Kravchenko, a lawmaker in the Communist Party faction, accuses local officials of sabotaging the Communists. Kravchenko is now campaigning in a single-mandate district in Donetsk Oblast. His main challenger is Andriy Ponomaryov, a director of

a local dolomite plant, who is heavily promoted by the Regions Party. The Communist is worried about electoral foul play and welcomes the presence of 200 election observers in his district.

"We will not conceal anything from the world," Kravchenko said at the rally. "If the European Union and other countries don't recognize Ukrainian elections as legitimate, it'll be a catastrophe."

But Tkachenko from the Committee of Voters of Ukraine says the Communist Party is good at playing the role of victim. "Ukrainians love those who are treated unjustly," Tkachenko says. "It's easier to cry and not file lawsuits in real courts."

More than 21 years the Soviet Union's collapse, there are still enough true believers to keep the Communists in power for another five years at least.

Votes will come even though the Communists – while notoriously critical of the "oligarchic machine" – formed the current government after entering a coalition with the Party of Regions in 2010. They also have supported almost every bill of the ruling party in parliament.

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Communists promise life will be different. They offer social protection, order, justice and stability. They promise to renationalize strategic companies "which ended up in private hands as a result of unlawful privatization," Symonenko is quoted as saying.

The Communists also promise to confiscate land plots they say were unlawfully seized and privatized. Internationally, they strongly oppose cooperation with NATO and the European Union and, of course, advocate for closer ties with Russia and other former Soviet republics. Instead of the free trade agreement with the European Union, they want Ukraine to join the Russia-led Customs Union.

The Communists, of course, made big promises during the Soviet era and history has shown how their big human experiment turned out.

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# Halloween haunts for everyone



Last year's Halloween haunted house party provided fun for families, as children (above) read a witch's spells. The American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine's Family Halloween Party is Nov. 3-4, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Arizona BBQ at 25 Naberezhno-Khreshatyska. See page 18 for further details. (Courtesy)

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Over the years Ukrainians, particularly residents of the capital, have grown to love Halloween. Only on this night is it acceptable to be naughty and take off the boring office suit, turn into a monster or witch, slap on bandages, splash on some blood and try to scare your friends.

#### on Halloween:

One of the parties getting the most hype on social media and event sites is Crazy Halloween Fest 2012. Last year's party, which took place in the Black Castle in Bortnichi, was one of the country's biggest private bashes. Its success prompted the organizers to launch an even larger one, open to 2,500 visitors, this year. Music will be provided by Ukrainian and Russian DJs, including DJ Meg, and the shocking naked DJs Petel & Ostrikov. Nov. 2. Moskovskiy Avenue Alta Expo, 11A. From 21:00. Hr 250-300. 063-660-4049

If you feel Halloween should be both chic and freaky, you might enjoy the Jameson Fashion Halloween in D'lux club, organized within the framework of the Ukrainian Fashion Week. One of its highlights will be the unique DJ Zombie Boy, one of the world's most tattooed people, famous freak model, and good friend of Lady Gaga. Smart and casual, but above all stylish Halloween costumes welcome. Oct. 26. Hrushevskogo St. 3, D'Lux Club. Hr 50 for women Hr 200 for men. 200-9009 www.dlux.com.ua

Those looking who for a family fun on Halloween can go to shopping mall Dream Town in Kyiv's northern district of Obolon. Throughout the day a series of competitions, table games, prizes will keep the kids entertained with the assistance of numerous Halloween heroes, mimes and magicians. There will also be competitions for the best costume and carved pumpkin.  $\rightarrow 21$ 



#### Kaffa well worth stopping by for hot drink amid African-style jungle decor

The African style Kaffa coffee house is located in a cozy corner of Kyiv's Independence Square. But the construction of a multi-story house in front of it, which started several years ago, eventually deprived the café's fans of their pictouresque view.

At least with a huge poster on the side of the new building's corner, in the middle of Taras Shevchenko Alley, Kaffa is much easier to find.

Nonetheless the cafe remains private and cozy, the perfect coffee place to relax on the front terrace with its small tables, enjoying an aromatic drink while wrapped in a warm blanket.

The smell of freshly roasted coffee beans and chocolate, which overwhelms the place, is enough to stop and pull in any passerby even if, like myself, they are not big fans of the ebony drink. Then the reasons to stay appear one by one.

The dim lights and small toy-like tables together with jungle style decorations make you feel as if you fell into a book by Rudyard Kipling. The smiling waiters in beautiful long African style dresses and earrings, always ready to provide helpful advice, also strike an exotic impression.

A further pleasant surprise was that the long dresses did not slow them down. Either my order appeared in less than 10 minutes or the whole atmosphere simply made me forget about time.

Indeed, neither time nor money were particularly a worry. A portion for two cups of classic Alpine Meadow herbal tea cost us just Hr 21; a large and delicious piece of chocolate pie with nuts went for Hr 37, while 5 or 6 tiny but very tasty brownies were priced at Hr 16.

The whole set definitely didn't leave our pockets empty but did leave us in a good mood for the evening.

Even though we were not in the mood for caffeine this time, I dare assume that coffee was just as good as the atmosphere and relatively cheap A classic espresso at Kaffa goes for Hr 17, Hr 25 for spicy coffee and cacao will set you back Hr 23. A variety of desserts is not too wide, or even wide enough for my tastes, though those that are on the menu are delicious. By the way, the menu itself is foreigner friendly and has an English section with all the detailed explanations needed. Now I am afraid I won't be able to help myself from coming in and sitting in my favorite ceramic giraffe-shaped chairs with a cup of something hot and tasty every time I happen to pass by. Kyiv Post staff writer Daryna Shevchenko can be reached at shevchenko@kyivpost.com

Each year dozens of theme parties and events for all tastes take place in Kyiv.

Here are some ideas for where to go

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# Seven-day guide to indoor activities

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Summer might be over in Kyiv, but that doesn't mean you should become best friends with the TV and a blanket. Just because it's cold and wet doesn't mean you have to forget about fun activities, you simply need to move them indoors. For that, the Kyiv Post presents a seven-day guide of entertaining activities under a roof.

#### Monday. Organ music in a Gothic church

Why not start the week with an organ music concert? Kyiv House of Organ Music gives concerts almost every day, playing top works by recognized composers. If you're new to the magnificent sounds of an organ, pick a concert that includes Bach, probably the most expressive composer for the instrument. The beautiful building of the House of Organ Music is an added bonus. Played in a majestic Roman Catholic church, still very Gothic despite several renovation works, the music gains a whole new depth. You can go on examining its columns, stained-glass windows and high ceilings for hours.

#### House of Organ Music.

77 Velyka Vasylkivska St., 528-3186. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m., tickets available for Hr 20-100. Schedule of concerts available at www. organhall.kiev.ua, in Ukrainian only.

#### *Tuesday.* Water park

Cold eastern winds do not mean aquatic fun is off the table. So hide your winter coat deep in the locker and put on a bikini to enjoy several hours of waves, rides and cocktails. Residents of Ukraine's capital can choose from two aquaparks, in Obolon disctrict and in nearby Brovary. Both have plenty of water activities, with wave pools, slides and hot tubs.

Dream Island Aquapark. Dream Town #2. 23B Obolonskiy Av. Minska metro, 485-2111. www.aqua.dreamtown.ua Hr 185-190 per day, Hr 135-160 per day for kids.



Wednesday. Experiments museum

If you think of museums as some dull and dusty halls exhibiting prehistoric bones, your view is outdated. New museums feature specialized themes and apply unusual angles. For instance, the small Museum of Toilet History offers has a wide range of pans on show and explains the evolution of the toilet, from chamber pots to the current version.

Another choice is the cool and geeky Experimentanium, a museum of science and technologies, which is a real treat for science lovers. It's exhibits explain physics and mechanics in an interactive way, and you're allowed to touch.

#### Experimentanium 2A Verkhniy Val St.

www.experimentanium.com.ua Hr 75-85 for adults, Hr 55-65 for kids under 16, free for kids under three.

**Museum of Toilet History** 22 Rybalska St., 531-9400 Free entrance. Closed on Mondays.

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#### *Thursday.* Beer and live music

Kyiv offers a wide range of live music pubs, typically combining beer, cigarette smoke, fries and rock covers. But more sophisticated options, like jazz cafes, are also available. Rockabilly parties and Latin American music are popular as well. The music is usually free of charge, though some bars have an entrance fee, going from Hr 20 to Hr 100, depending on the day. Music starts at 8, 9 or 10 p.m., depending on the day or the bar.

Kyiv Post includes daily listings of live music bands playing in Kyiv bars. See page...

#### *Friday.* **Off to theater**

Fall is when the theater season starts in earnest and all the theaters, from classic to experimental, run new plays and invite new spectators. Classic choices include opera, operetta, ballet and drama plays, but don't be scared of Kyiv's small modern theaters, like Dakh or the Theater on Podil. Most shows will be in Russian or Ukrainian (though English, Italian and German also surface) but the dirt cheap prices make it one of the most affordable lessons in town. The most expensive parterre seats usually don't cost more than Hr 200, and even at famous ballets like the popular Swan Lake balcony seats go for around Hr 30-40 and offer just as pleasant an experience.

#### Upcoming plays include:

Napoleon and the Corsican. Lesya Ukrainka Russian Drama Theater. Oct. 26. 7 p.m. 5 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho St., Teatralna metro, 234-4223 www.rusdram.com.ua Hr 15-120 The Bat (operetta). Kyiv Theater of Operetta. Oct. 27. 7 p.m. 53/3 Chervonoarmiyska St., 287-6257 www.kiev-operetta.kiev.ua

Hr 80-100 Find more in Kyiv Post Entertainment Listings on page ...

#### Saturday. Art lecture

Know anything about ancient Rome or ecological architecture? Don't miss a chance to find out. While college students avoid lectures, putting any effort off until the end of the semester, others actually pay money to educate themselves. Lectures on art history and social issues are held almost every day, though unfortunately Russian or Ukrainian skills are needed for most.

#### Some upcoming lectures:

"History of defense facilities" by Kateryna Lypa, historian. Oct. 21. 3 p.m. Master Klass, 16 Lavrska St. Hr 50
"Secrets of Christian Dior" by Alexander Vasyliev, fashion historian. Oct. 27. 11 p.m.
Fairmont Grand Hotel, 1 Naberezhno-Kreschatytska St. Hr 3,500
"Ancient architecture. Greece and Rome" by Olena Gorbik, Cultural Project. Oct. 22. 7 p.m. Chocolate House, 17/2 Shovkovychna St. Hr 195 Search for other lectures at www.platfor.ma and www.culturalproject.org.

#### Sunday. Board games fun

Board games are back in style. Pick your favorite – to check your vocabulary with a classic Scrabble, build a shaky tower playing Jenga or use body language explaining words and phrases in Charades. Larger groups can also enjoy Mafia, the former Soviet area guessing game of choice. All these are available at Kyiv's pay-for-time establishments, comfortable locations where people pay to simply hang out. Tea, coffee and some sweets are included. Company can often be found there, too.

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# Svoboda may get seats

 $\rightarrow$  **1** middle-aged and elderly men and women.

For the first time in its 21-year-old history, Tyahnybok's nationalist party has a realistic chance of getting elected to parliament on Oct. 28. Recent polls show Svoboda is close to passing the required 5 percent threshold.

Presenting people from his party list, Tyahnybok mentions that the 10th spot is Ihor Yankiv, a rifle shooting instructor. "So you understand that we prepare very seriously in terms of staff to ... who knows what will happen?" Tyahnybok says with a smile. "For those who spy here – that was a joke," he adds, as the audience laughs and applauds. Such jokes are typical for Tyahnybok.

But critics don't think the militant nature of Svoboda events is a laughing matter. Participants of an Oct. 14 march organized by Svoboda to mark the 70th anniversary of the nationalist Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) burned flags of the Communist Party and the pro-presidential Party of Regions. During a protest against a Russian language law that was adopted in July, a man in a Svoboda t-shirt was filmed by cameras spraying tear gas at police.

A fight involving Svoboda followers happened during the celebration of World War II Victory Day in Lviv on May 9 last year. Ukrainian media reported that about 1,000 Svoboda supporters met a dozen of people wearing Soviet ribbons that symbolized victory and demanded that they be removed. People with the Soviet ribbons started running away, pursued by Svoboda activists. Scuffles broke out and one Svoboda member was shot in the legal.

Svoboda members, however, often miss such incidents as acts of provocation by their enemies.

Meanwhile, on the campaign trail in Borshchiv with Svoboda leader Tyahnybok, a middle-aged man in the first row stands up and asks how people should vote.

"Vote for Svoboda," Tyahnybok replies. "If you don't want to support Svoboda but are against the regime of (President Viktor) Yanukovych, then vote for our partners Batkivshchyna."

As opposition forces, Svoboda and imprisoned ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna have divided some single-mandate districts between each other. Svoboda got to nominate candidates in 35 districts, while Batkivshchyna and the seven other parties of the United Opposition, led by Arseniy Yatseniuk, got 190. Both parties have already agreed to form a coalition in the future parliament. Vitali Klitschko's Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms is also likely to join.

To negotiate with Yatseniuk and Klitschko, Tyahnybok canceled his next two meetings in Ternopil Oblast that day. He jumps into his Toyota sports utility vehicle and rushes to Kyiv despite mixed feelings about Klitschko's party.

"I consider that Klitschko will be the biggest disappointment of this election campaign," he told the Kyiv Post while sitting in the back seat of his car. "I suspect (he will be) like (Sergiy) Tigipko." Tyahnybok says he likes Klitschko personally, but thinks that many members of his party will cooperate with the pro-presidential faction, as did Tigipko, who was initially seen as an opposition figure, but then joined the ruling Party of Regions coalition government soon after the 2010 presidential elections, later merging the two parties.

Tyahnybok says most of Klitschko's party list is actually accountable to billionaire and Yanukovych ally Dmytro Firtash or presidential administration head Serhiy Lyovochkin, as well as former opposition members excluded from their factions for cooperation with the Party of Regions. Klitschko has denied any such alliance with Firtash or any of the so-called oligarchs.

"I don't believe the faction (that Klitschko) will bring to parliament could be in opposition," Tyahnybok says, watching the road while his car speeds through sharp turns. A trident, Ukraine's coat of arms, dangles on a thread hanging from the rearview mirror.

Tyahnybok was a member of parliament twice, in 1998 and 2002, but was excluded from Viktor Yushchenko's Our Ukraine faction after he gave a controversial speech in the summer of 2004. In that long speech he said that "Ukraine should be given finally to Ukrainians" and that Ukraine is ruled today by a "Muscovite-Jewish mafia." Tyahnybok says a criminal case was opened against him for inciting ethnic hatred, but he managed to win all the court cases and protect his name. He thinks there was nothing chauvinistic or anti-Semitic about the speech and does not back down from his words.

"All I said then, I can also repeat now," he says. "Moreover, this speech is relevant even today."

Tyahnybok says his party adheres to a nationalist ideology, which means loving one's homeland. In his view, the love shouldn't be mixed with chauvinism or fascism, which means superiority of one nation over another.

Thus, Svoboda's platform is called "Our Own Authorities, Our Own Property, Our Own Dignity, on Our Own God-Given Land."

Tyahnybok says his first mission in parliament is to initiate the impeachment to President Viktor Yanukovych and dismiss the government of Prime Minister Mykola Azarov.

He also plans to denounce the gas deal that Yanukovych signed with Russia, which saw Ukraine get a \$100 gas price discount in exchange for extending the lease on Russia's Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol until 2042.

His faction aims to cancel the recently adopted tax code, pension reform and the law that elevated the status of the Russian language, mainly allowing Russian to gain official status in many regions of Ukraine.

It also wants to nationalize all strategic and illegally privatized companies. Foreigners would be banned from owning majority stakes in private banks, while offshore companies would be forced to transfer their money to Ukraine. A moratorium on the sale of agricultural land would be extended and foreign entities would never be allowed to own it.

Tyahnybok's party also wants to make Oct. 14, the symbolic founding

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date of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) – freedom fighters who fought Nazi and Soviet occupation during after World War II – a national holiday. He in addition wants to give UPA veterans the same social benefits that other WWII veterans get. Meanwhile, communist ideology and symbolism would be banned on par with Nazism.

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"A week ago Moldova adopted a law on banning communist symbols on its territory, while we are still rummaging in that Communist-Bolshevik mud," Tyahnybok told his voters.

Tyahnybok dismisses all allegations that his party is backed by Ukrainian oligarchs, the authorities or even Russia.

"Our political opponents spread such rumors about us, but they have absolutely no grounds," says Tyahnybok while his car narrowly avoids an upcoming truck.

He says his party is financed by small and middle businessmen who are members of Svoboda: It has already spent Hr 10 million on the campaign, and shouldn't exceed Hr 15 million by Oct. 28. This is a modest amount compared to the Hr 100 million spent by Klitschko's campaign, according to a Kyiv Post interview with Klitschko.

The modest budget means Tyahnybok has no campaign headquarters. It seems he doesn't' need it though. While touring around Ukraine he said he often sleeps in his car. The Kyiv Post noticed a pillow, blanket and air mattress in the storage area behind the rear seats of his SUV.

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# Top 10 movies to watch at 42nd Molodist Film Festival

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Cold Autumn winds and falling leaves announce the arrival of Kyiv's biggest and oldest cinema event. Molodist (Youth) International Film Festival will take place for the 42nd time from Oct. 20 through Oct. 28.

No big celebrities are expected to attend the festival this year, but organizers promise a rich program for cinema fans of all tastes. Participants of the international competition program, which consists of student films. short films and full-length features, will compete for the statue of a golden Scythian Deer, the main prize and festival symbol. Also there will be a separate competition program for Ukrainian short films as well as noncompetitive program offering the best movies from all over the world.

In total, an impossible 300 plus movies will be screened during nine days. Thus, the Kyiv Post chose 10 mustsee movies. Some of them already screened at festivals in Berlin, Cannes, or Venice, while others will premiere at Molodist. All movies will be shown in their original languages with English subtitles. The full program is available at www.molodist.com.

#### Pieta by Kim Ki-duk, 2012

The latest film by the great and unpredictable Korean director, Pieta, took the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film

Festival this year. The title of the movie comes from Michelangelo's masterpiece sculpture and means "mercy" in Italian. The 18th feature by Kim depicts the mysterious relationship between a brutal lonely man who works for loan sharks, whose job is to threaten debtors to repay his clients, and a middleaged woman who claims that she is his mother, mixing Christian symbolism and highly sexual content.

Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in Kyiv cinema, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Zhovten cinema.

## Long Night of Swiss short films, 2008-2012

For the first time at Molodist there is a Swiss cinema program. Three Swiss directors who will come to the festival as guests are going to present their works in front of the audience. The 320-minute program includes fiction and documentary. The short films show the country's beautiful nature, playful attitude to life and place in the global world. Many of the short films screened were participants of prior national and international festivals.

Oct. 20 at 11:30 p.m. in cinema Kyiv.

#### Sister (L'enfant d'en haut) by Ursula Meier, 2012.

A drama is set at a luxury Swiss ski resort and centered on a boy who supports his jobless sister by stealing from wealthy guests. Every day, 12-year-old Simon takes the ski lift to the opulent world above, stealing equipment from

the rich tourists to resell it to the local kids down below. As he partners with a crooked British seasonal worker, Simon loses his boundaries, which affects his relationship with his sister. The film won awards the international film festivals in Athens, Copenhagen, and Marburg, and also received a Silver Bear in Berlin this year.

Oct. 21 at 9:30 p.m. in Zhovten, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. in Kinopanorama.

#### Eastalgia by Darya Onyshchenko, 2012

The only full-length movie which represents Ukraine in an international competition program, Eastalgia is shot by Kyiv-born Darya Onyshchenko and is made in co-production with Germany and Serbia. The movie touches a topic of emigration painful and relevant for many countries. A middle-aged woman, Ukrainian emigrant, and a former Serbian boxer live in Germany. What they have in common is Slavic culture and their own children who are still living in Ukraine and Serbia. The movie offers three love stories, three European cities and three storylines.

Oct. 25 at 12 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in Kyiv, Oct. 28 at 11:15 a.m. in Kyiv.

#### Flower Buds (Poupata) by Zdenek Jirasky, 2011.

This year Molodist has a special focus on Czech cinematography. Flower Buds by Zdenek Jirasky, nominated for European Film Awards this year, takes part in a festivals competition program. The movie tells the story of the gradual breakdown of a family living in a small town. Agata wants a happy life far from home, fully aware that her only hope is to escape and therefore betray those close to her. Honza believes in the purity and power of love, regardless of the circumstances under which it is born. Kamila looks confidently to the future and does not intend to accept the misery of the present. The only Jarda, the gambler, knows that he will not change the world or himself.

Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. in Kyiv, Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m. in Kyiv.

#### And a Warm Heart (Serce na dłoni) by Krzysztof Zanussi, 2008.

Molodist offers a retrospective of Bohdan Stupka, the great Ukrainian actor who died on July 22. There will be an opportunity to watch 11 best movies with Stupka starting from his first role in The White Bird Marked with Black, 1970, to his last part in The Lieutenant Romashov, released this year after the actor's death. And A Warm Heart is the second-last movie starring Stupka, in which he played an oligarch and got a prize for the best man role at the Rome International Festival in 2008. The movie by great Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi



In his last movie Naked Harbour famous director Aku Louhimies impresses viewers by showing unexcpected side of Finnish society. (Courtesy)

will be shown for the first time in Ukraine.

Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. in Kinopalats.

### Eroticon by Gustav Machaty, 1929.

When Czech director Gustav Machaty shot his movie Eroticon in 1929, cinema was still very puritan. Therefore his black-and-white silent film showing nude scenes was vividly discussed by the viewers. Machaty's drama made history as one of the first films which did not hesitate to talk openly about sex. At Molodist, the old movie will be accompanied by modern experimental Prague band ICON orchestra.

Öct. 26 at 7 p.m. in Kinopanorama.

#### Naked Harbour (Vuosaari) by Aku Louhimies, 2012.

Louhimies is one of Finland's most successful modern film directors, who depicts the true life of Finish society in contrast to the success story often told by the government. His movie Frozen Land was described by the Financial Times as "one of the grimmest and brutally honest portrayals of modern Finland to have hit the screens." Louhimies's latest drama, Naked Harbour is shot in the same color. The action takes place in Vuosaari, a neighborhood of Helsinki, and tells a story about the social state in the age of individualism and reality shows. The director is expected to present the film personally during the festival.

Oct. 26 at 9 p.m. in Kyiv, Oct. 28 at 8:15 p.m. in Kinopanorama.

10 young directors shot chronicles of the so-called "white revolution," when hundred thousand people rallied in downtown Moscow to protest against totalitarianism and lack of choice in the country ahead of the March presidential elections. This sharp movie depicts those who made last winter's political weather, as well as those who were against the events. The long-awaited documentary will be the last of eight movies which presents new Russian cinema at the festival.

Oct. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Kyiv, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in Kyiv.

#### Hunt (Jagten) by Thomas Vinterberg.

This movie by famous Danish director won the prize of the Ecumenical Jury at the 2012 Cannes Festival for best actor. The award went to Mads Mikkelsen, the Danish actor who skillfully played the part of a kindergarten teacher falsely accused of child abuse. His character Lucas is recently divorced and has just started a new life with a new beloved, and a new job in a small Danish village before Christmas. Suddenly accused of abusing a young girl, Lucas is forced to fight not only for his reputation, but also his life as the tight-knit community goes into a state of hysteria.

Oct. 27 at 9:30 p.m. in Kyiv, Oct. 28 at 9 p.m. in Kinopalats.

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# What's fun and scary? Halloween

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Oct. 29. Dreamtown, Obolonskiy Av. 1-B, 3rd floor. 15.00 - 20.00 family program, 20:00 Druga Rika concert. Free entrance

A traditional American Haunted House party will be held at the Arizona BBQ bar, organized by the American Chamber of Commerce. It will be the second time Kyiv hosts a traditional American-style Halloween event. The whole restaurant will be transformed into a thematic old house full of zombies, ghosts and vampires ready to spook children and their parents. The party should also thrill children (aged five or older), who will wear costumes go trick-or-treating, enjoy a guided tour through the house with a Ukrainian-, Russian- and English-speaking guide, and play games with a group of animators. The entrance fee gives you access to a buffet and free beer and

Pepsi, which is a really convenient feature. Warm international atmosphere is expected!

Nov. 3-4. Arizona BBQ, Naberezhno-Kreshatytska St. 25, from 14:00 till 19:00. Hr 200. 425-2438. www.arizonabbq.com.ua

If you want to party, but also to eat and chill out Kyiv's restaurants and cafes are more than happy to accommodate your needs. Story Café offers a Stylish Halloween Party, which includes witch's brew for each guest, seductive vocals by Lady Vamp and a photoshoot with evil spirits.

Oct.29. Naberezhno-Kreshchatitskaya St. 17/18. 467-7897. www.karta.ua

Safe Lounge Restaurant offers a Halloween evening with a thematically monstrous atmosphere and delicious cocktails. But don't forget to reserve the table.

Oct. 31. Chervonoarmiyska St. 23a, party starts 20:00. 098-464-0306, 536-0157. nasha-karta.ua

If just eating and dancing sounds to dull, you may want to try a trip on a ghost bus, organized by Halloween with Open Kiev! You can rush through the darkness of the city on a doubledecker bus-gig. Open Kiev promises an otherworldly, mystical atmosphere in typical Halloween-genre.

Oct. 29-30. The bus leaves from Kyiv-Pechersk lavra, Mazepy St. 21, at 11:00, 13:00 and 17:00. Hr 150-200. www. openkiev.com.ua

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# Shopping for a Halloween costume in Kyiv

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Halloween is time for making choices. One is where to celebrate and another one is what to wear.

Even if you don't plan any trick-or-treating on the holiday night, costumes still matter. With the history of celebration Halloween in Ukraine as short as it is, the costume business is not really an industry yet. Shops propose a limited number of outfits, typically offering a choice between witch and vampire. But still, there is some choice.

One of most popular places to buy or rent a costume is Party Shop, available online and at 8 Lvivska Square.

The Halloween section here is bigger than in most stores, including costumes of black and white angels (Hr 598-650), a devil (Hr 594), a zombie (Hr 686), a prisoner (Hr 294), witches (Hr 346-625) and even a stormtrooper from the Star Wars franchise (Hr 1920). Costumes of pirates, knights and princesses can be found in other, non-Halloween sections, and will also do for the holiday night.

The rental section is much broader. Here one can find costumes of Greek gods, barbarians, Indians and various historic and fictional figures. Batman, Darth Vader and Cleopatra are all available for rent, with prices for the night starting from Hr 150 and going up to Hr 320, depending on how complicated and accurate the costume is

To complete the Halloween look, one can buy some additional accessories, like wigs, false beards and masks. Prices start at Hr 38 for gangster mustaches and go up to Hr 215 for tremendous viking beards. Elfin ears, goblin noses and vampire make-up kits are also available

Online shopping options are rather broad. Beware many online shops in Kyiv offer something they call "Halloween costumes" but that can also be found in sex shops. However, if your plan for Halloween was to be a nurse in an extremely short uniform or a Red Riding Hood straight from a pedophile's dream, vou'll have no problem finding that

However, there are some nice online places to shop for costumes, too. One of them, www.trickortreat.kiev.ua offers themed costumes, including gypsy princess (Hr 409), Lady Gaga (Hr 369), a broad choice of Eastern harem-style costumes (Hr 379-429) and some fancy pirate costumes for couples (Hr 609-685 for the pair). All costumes are only available to purchase.

Party Shop. 8 Lvivska Ploshcha (Lvivska Square), second floor. www.partyshop.com.ua. 451-7725. Trick or Treat. www.trickortreat.kiev.ua. 063-741-4710

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Last year's Halloween haunted house party in Kyiv. (Courtesy)

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