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A U.S. consultant, hired by Ukraine's government under controversial circumstances, has found that ex-Prime deprived of many rights during last year's criminal trial that sent her to prison for seven years.

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But the report may, instead, bolster the position of Tymoshenko,  $\rightarrow$ **15** 



Those were the achievements from the Dec. 12-13 session of the newly parliament reconvened the next day to fight more before finally voting in

The Party of Regions has 210 lawmakers, imprisoned ex-Prime  $\rightarrow 16$ 

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# Party of hate?

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The Svoboda Party has revived worries about its extremist views after party members boasted about tear-gassing participants at a human rights rally in Kyiv on Dec. 8.

The party, which campaigned as moderate nationalists to win more than two million votes and 37 seats in the 450-member parliament, has been criticized by Western leaders and media for the anti-Semitic statements of some of its members. Now it is drawing international criticism for its openly anti-gay stance and its embrace of violent tactics.

Svoboda's actions also cast a shadow on its partners in the opposition, Batkivshchyna and Vitali Klitschko's Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms, who have vowed to work together in the new parliament despite ideological differences.

Svoboda admitted their activists attacked gay community and human rights activists during a demonstration in central Kyiv on Dec. 8 to commemorate international Human Rights Day. More than just an admission, Svoboda officials expressed pride in the actions, which included spraying tear gas on peaceful activists. Police detained six people at the rally. One participant had his nose broken.

"Thanks to the five nationalists, the sabbath of 50 perverts was broken up," boasted Svoboda on its official web page on Dec. 10. "They (our activists) pulled away banners with perverted slogans, after which the protesters used tear gas on them, but they received a decent rebuff. The fight broke out, then the police intruded," the statement reads.

The police detained five Svoboda Party members on the spot – Onysya Garai, Sergiy Bondar, Ihor Berdennikov, and two other under-aged party activists whom Svoboda does not name. Garai is accused of hooliganism and resisting arrest. Aside from nationalists, police detained one gay activist.



nationalist party. Oleg Tiahnybok, who heads the party, was kicked out of the Our Ukraine faction in parliament in 2004 for anti-Semitic statements. In February, party spokesman Syrotiuk said he was unhappy about black Ukrainian singer Gaitana representing Ukraine in the Eurovision song contest because she "is not an organic representative of the Ukrainian culture."

Deputy head of Svoboda Ihor Miroshnychenko caused more criticism earlier in December when he called Mila Kunis, a Hollywood actress of Ukrainian descent, a "zhidovka," a derogatory term for Jew in Ukrainian. "She is not Ukrainian, she is a Yid. She is proud of it, so star of David be with her," wrote Miroshnychenko on his official Facebook profile.

Previously a marginal political force, the party raised eyebrows when it received more than 10 percent of the popular vote and 37 seats in parliament in the Oct. 28 vote. ing Svoboda. Klitschko was one of the few Ukrainian politicians who supported the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender community, having said that "every person's choice should be treated with respect and understanding." He also said that he does not support "some of their [Svoboda's] ideas which smell of right wing radicalism." Klitschko's remarks have resulted in a certain animosity between him and Tiahnybok.

Many voices outside of Ukraine have been less restrained. The European Parliament passed a resolution on Dec. 13, voicing concerns about the "rising nationalistic sentiment in Ukraine which led to the election of the Svoboda Party to the parliament of Ukraine."

"The European Parliament recalls that racist, anti-Semitic and xenophobic views go against the European Union's fundamental values and principles and it appeals to pro-democratic parties in the Ukrainian parliament not to associate with, endorse or form coalitions with this party." Meanwhile, back home the police charged those detained with hooliganism. Yevheniya Zakrevska, a lawyer with human rights organization No Borders, says Ukraine has no legislation banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. "There is an article 161 of the criminal code which speaks of the violating person's rights 'because of their nationality, color of skin and other,' but no discrimination of sexual orientation," she said, adding she has not heard of police opening a case based on this article, as they prefer to "not spoil their statistics." Being openly gay in Ukraine is dangerous as members of the LGBT community are often attacked. On May 20, Svyatoslav Sheremet, leader of the Gay Forum of Ukraine, was attacked when the activists tried to organize Ukraine's

first gay pride parade in Kyiv.

Pictures of a group of men assumed to be neo-Nazis beating Sheremet circulated widely in major world media outlets. The incident drew attention to the problem of homophobia in Ukraine.

Ukraine's legislature might soon make being gay even tougher. A draft law, which makes it illegal to talk about homosexuality in public and in the media, passed the first reading in parliament on Oct. 2, with 289 lawmakers voted in favor. The law foresees punishment of up to five years in jail and fines up to Hr 5,000, and was bashed by the Amnesty International, the European Union, the United Nations and human rights activists in Ukraine.

While attacks on LGBT activists are not rare, police hardly ever detain attackers. Sheremet's May attackers

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Svoboda spokesperson Yuriy Syrotiuk first denied party involvement in the event when speaking to Kyiv Post on Dec. 10. But later on the same day the party's official web page put up a statement to the contrary.

Syrotiuk added that Svoboda supports "traditional Ukrainian family values." Svoboda is known for its radical ideas and has been labeled an ultraAndreas Umland, a German academic at the Kyiv Mohyla Academy, says many of Svoboda's supporters did not pay attention to their radicalism. "Radical parties like Svoboda always have a front stage which they present to the public, and the backstage where they mobilize their activists. And the back staged agenda is much more radical than the façade picture," Umland says.

"They spoke about national sovereignty, independence, and were even pro-European. But the history of the party, its ideology and program has always been much more radical. They did not even hide it too much," he added.

Svoboda's political allies, the United Opposition led by Arseniy Yatsenyuk and the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms, have shied away from criticizwere never found.

Among those few who protest against Svoboda's radicals are the left wing activists and anti fascists. They held a protest in front of the parliament on the first day of its work, on Dec. 12, drawing approximately 200 people protesting against Svoboda. "Recent attack on the LGBT community is a sign that fascists, with silence from government, monopolize the streets, and abuse other people's rights to protest," says Oleksiy Bluminov, one of the organizers. He adds that Svoboda's presence in Parliament legitimizes Nazism and extremism in Ukraine.

Experts say, while the attack on gay demonstration was a disturbing sign, the public will have to wait and see what happens next. "There is a chance they can transform under public pressure. This has happened to some radical parties in Europe over the last 80 years," Umland said.

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# **Small and medium steps to success** The results and findings of the second wave of the EBA Tax Index

In Q2 and Q3 2012, the EBA Tax Index was 2.42 points out of a possible 5 — a big increase on the 1.90 points recorded at the very beginning of 2011.

The EBA on released the most recent results and findings of the EBA Tax Index — an assessment of the ease of paying taxes in Ukraine, and a snapshot of the quality of Ukrainian taxation in the eyes of business. The survey records the opinions of EBA member companies, from small startups, to large, established businesses.

The poll is built on an evaluation of four vital factors every taxpayer deals with, i.e. the tax legislation environment, the ease of tax administration, the level of fiscal tax pressure, and the quality of service delivered by taxmen. The overall index is calculated on the basis of the average value of each factor. Elements of fiscal pressure and the impact of tax reform on the effective tax rate are also taken into account in the index.

Small and medium-sized enterprises have noted a certain softening and decrease in tax pressure, as demonstrated

# EASE OF TAX ACCOUNTING AND ADMINISTRATION

(Could you, please evaluate the ease of tax accounting and tax administration in Q2 and Q3 2012?). Evaluations were given on a 1-5-point scale, where 1 stands for very complicated and 5 — very easy.



by the more or less positive assessments and insights they gave. This is in contrast to large companies, who, despite doing their best to work amicably with taxmen, still find themselves under the spotlight of tax service attention, which has lead to continued increased tax pressure and unjustified checks and audits.

#### "Small and medium-sized enterprises have noted a certain softening and decrease in tax pressure."

Most of the positive feedback given by Tax Index respondents was related to efiling systems, the use of which they said simplifies tax reporting and eases the life of taxpayers. Again, small- and medium-sized enterprises were the most enthusiastic about the introduction of e-documents.

The Tax Index also revealed that Ukrainian taxpayers are gradually warming to the new Tax Code, which they initially greeted with skepticism, and that they have noted some progress in tax reform, for instance, in the tax loss carryforward process.

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When being asked about tax pressure, 47% of the respondents stated that fiscal pressure is the main obstacle to steady business development, and 29% gave more or less neutral assessments.

This is strong evidence that reducing tax pressure is still an area for considerable improvement. Unfortunately, conflicting legislation in the realm of taxation, and some ambiguous articles in the Tax Code (especially those concerning unjustified "proposals" to pay taxes in advance) are still cause for furrowed brows in the business community. The haste and controversy apparent in the drafting and adoption of legislative acts is also a challenge to the effectiveness of the tax system's functioning.

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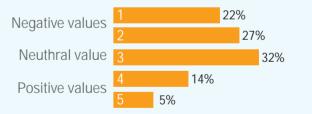
Commenting on tax reform's impact on the effective tax rate, i.e. the ratio of income as to financial accounting and income as to the tax report, 52% saw it unchanged.

#### LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT: TAXATION RULES AND GUIDELINES

When asked to what extent taxation regime in Ukraine was favourable for doing busines and investing in Ukraine's economy, 26% and 34% of those surveyed gave negative assessments, 39% — neutral and 7% of the respondents said it promoted business progress and activity.

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#### Editorials

# Who is next?

The enemy of my enemy is my friend. In some cases, this may be true. But in the case of Svoboda Party, other opposition parties should reconsider the wisdom of aligning with the extremist nationalist party, which won more than two million votes and 37 seats in the 450-member parliament during the Oct. 28 election.

After first denying its members had anything to do with attacking and spraying teargas on peaceful demonstrators at a gay rights rally on Dec. 8, the party swiftly flipped and proudly declared that it had broken up a rally of "perverts."

But even more worrying than the abhorrent attack is the lack of loud and sustained public or news media condemnation of Svoboda Party, especially by Ukraine's public officials of all political stripes. The two main minority opposition parties in parliament – Vitali Klitschko's Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms and Arseniy Yatseniuk's United Opposition-Batkivshchyna – bear the greater responsibility to distance themselves from Svoboda. President Viktor Yanukovch and his allies should also roundly condemn Svoboda, but they are more likely relishing the opportunity to discredit the entire opposition because of its tolerance of Svoboda's extremism.

During the recent election campaign, the party presented itself as a moderate collection of patriots – nationalists who would put Ukraine's interests first. Svoboda leader Oleh Tiahnybok took great pains to distance himself from his anti-Semitic stances in the past. Party members with neo-Nazi views, such as Svoboda member of parliament Ihor Miroshnichenko, were portrayed as fringe members. Racist comments about Gaitana, the black Ukrainian singer who represented the nation at Eurovision, were swept under the rug.

Many were skeptical, but votes for Svoboda were perhaps a natural reaction to the citizens' frustration with what they see as Yanukovych's anti-Ukrainian policies.

But it's clear now Svoboda's "moderation" was a ruse. More accurately, Svoboda seems to harbor a den of haters – anti-gay for sure. But given outrageous statements of Svoboda members in the past, it's fair to ask how many others are on their list – Jews? Foreigners? Blacks? Everyone who is not ethnic Ukrainian, or who doesn't share their warped and xenophobic views? We certainly hope and believe that this is not what more than two million Ukrainians voted for.

What's next? A Svoboda proposal to ban foreign workers? Hate mail to blacks living in Ukraine? Vandalism of synagogues? Tiahnybok and his party, through their homophobic violence, have rightly stirred up international criticism and scrutiny. If they continue down this hateful path, the public and all other factions in parliament should scorn them – effectively leaving their 37 members out in the political wilderness where they belong.

# **Still in charge**

When the dust-ups and name-calling died down from the new parliament's first meetings on Dec. 12-13, at least three things became clear.

- The pro-presidential Party of Regions, with its allies from the Communist Party and many independents, is still very much in charge. The party gathered an impressive majority of 252 votes – 26 more than necessary – to confirm Mykola Azarov for a new term as prime minister. The majority's candidate for speaker, Volodymyr Rybak, got an impressive 250 votes.
- The opposition is energized, spoiling for a fight but lacking discipline, unity and direction – beyond wanting to end the rule of President Viktor Yanukovych, whose speech via video was walked out on by members of the opposition.
   For now, it seems as though many new members of parliament are excited about having been elected and want to bask in the spotlight of media and public attention.
- The entire gathering remains an international embarrassment for lawmakers' fisticuffs and name-calling. Children in playgrounds across Ukraine act with greater maturity and civility.

It still remains hard to discern whether this Verkhovna Rada will be an improvement over the previous one, which was a rubber-stamp institution for the president's policies.

Perhaps it is wishful thinking, but one can still hope that the president, prime minister, speaker and members of parliament will replay the videotape of the recent session and come to their senses before the Verkhovna Rada reconvenes on Dec. 18. Let's hope they will gather calmly behind closed doors and draw up a list of priorities where their interests coincide – and let the betterment of life for 46 million Ukrainians be at the top of the list.

Yanukovych has more cards to play than the opposition. He could defuse some of the animosity to him, here and abroad, by loosening his increasingly authoritarian grip, heeding calls for the freedom of his political opponents and, in general, finding areas of genuine compromise with opposition leaders. He should



recognize that 70 percent of voters rejected his party in the last election and, if he doesn't change course, an equal or greater number of voters will do the same when he seeks re-election in 2015.



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NEWS ITEM: Last year's imprisonment of ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko – a symbol to many of the democratic regression and political persecution under President Viktor Yanukovych – is not likely to be forgotten in 2013. The European Parliament this week has called for the freedom of Tymoshenko and others regarded as political prisoners, joining America's demands. Moreover, the fairness of Tymoshenko's trial and abuse-of-office conviction came under criticism from a U.S. consultant hired by Ukraine's government. (See story page 1). All in all, considering the contentious start to the new parliament on Dec. 12-13, next year could bring more political turmoil to Ukraine.

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## News 5

# Kuzmin's latest letter: An appeal to Obama

Editor's Note: The following is the official translation of a letter sent by First Deputy Prosecutor General to U.S. President Barack Obama on Dec. 3. The translation was posted the general prosecutor's office website on Dec. 10. The letter comes on the heels of an Oct. 3 open letter Kuzmin sent to the U.S. Congress. It can be read at www.kyivpost.com at this link: https://www.kyivpost. com/opinion/op-ed/renat-kuzmins-oct-3-letter-to-uscongress-seeking-cooperation-314252.html



December 3, 2012 Mr. Barack Obama The President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C. 20500 USA

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my congratulations on your victory. I wish you and your family health, happiness and prosperity.

The United States of America undoubtedly hold leadership as the standard-bearer of human rights and the stronghold of democracy. We highly appreciate the efforts of the USA that are directed to developing bilateral dialogue between our countries. We also value your aid in the formation of Ukraine as a constitutional state. We are certain that the United States is a strategic partner for Ukraine in the fight against organized crime and corruption.

By way of this letter, I would like to direct your attention to one of the burning issues that has complicated relations between Ukraine and the USA. This issue concerns the continuous interference of American lobby group in the taking of depositions of witnesses in the murder case of Eugene Scherban, the slain Ukrainian Member of Parliament. The matter is about Pavel Lazarenko, Peter Kirichenko and Nikolai Melnichenko, who now live in the USA and publicly claim their consent to give evidence in the case. The Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine has requested about 30 times that the U.S. Department of Justice assist us in organizing the interrogations of the aforementioned witnesses. Nonetheless, the U.S. Department of Justice continues to ignore these requests for depositions from Ukrainian.

By way of background, I should remind you that the Member of Ukrainian Parliament, Eugene Scherban, together with his wife and two colleagues, were shot in Donetsk airport in November 1996. After the shootings, only Mr. Scherban's son survived. The actual perpetrators of the crime were found and they sustained punishment. The Prosecutor's Office is vigorously pursuing those who ordered this murder.

The witnesses in this case, that reside in Ukraine, have given evidence to the Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office, that in 2005 they, in accordance with the U.S. established procedure, provided documents upon the matter of Eugene Scherban's murder and other related crimes to the U.S. Department of Justice. The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office requested copies of this documentary evidence from the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as from the U.S. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Ukraine, John Tefft. Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office received no response to these requests for copies of this documentation from the U.S. Department of Justice. We had to resort to direct public appeals to American authorities with the request to receive assistance in investigating relevant cases. In response, American Ambassador to Ukraine, John Tefft, claimed, that he had no information concerning availability of the aforementioned documentation requested by Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office. The U.S. Department of Justice has remained silent. Consequently, there is an impression, forming in Ukraine, that some American officials are concealing information, which could aid in the search for those, who ordered Eugene Scherban's murder.



NEWS ITEM: Two high-profile Ukrainians have written to U.S. President Barack Obama recently. It's too early to say whether this is the start of a trend, but the two individuals - First Deputy Prosecutor General Renat Kuzmin and Oleksandr Tymoshenko, husband of imprisoned former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko – thought such correspondence was worth their time. Kuzmin complained about U.S. interference in a murder investigation, alleged a U.S. plot to arrest him and protested the Oct. 19 cancellation of his U.S. visa. Oleksandr Tymoshenko, on the other hand, thanked Obama for Kuzmin's visa ban and asked for more sanctions against U.S. officials he blames for his wife's imprisonment and other human rights violations in Ukraine.

Prosecutor complains of US plot to arrest him; US cancels his visitor visa

the U.S. Department of Justice, initiated by some American and Ukrainian politicians, to counteract and eliminate the case of Eugene Scherban's murder. One of the objectives of this plan is contravene the Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office indictment of Julia Tymoshenko and Pavel Lazarenko within the confines of the case. A former employee of President Leonid Kuchma's security staff, Nikolai Melnichenko, who has recently returned to Ukraine from the USA, gave evidence about this plan to Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office investigators. One of the goals of this plan is not only to discredit the Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office investigative group, but to discredit me personally as well. Initiators of the plan presumed to provoke my arrest in the territory of the USA, based upon specially fabricated indictments. Nikolai Melnichenko was to become a participant in this international provocation. The goal of my arrest was the discredit of my person before American authorities and thus corroborate that my actions' were illegal in the USA. I was to be incriminated by alleging that I coerced a witness, Nikolai Melnichenko, in a murder case to give evidence to Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office investigators. Thus, the initiators of the plan intended to force termination not only of this murder investigation by Ukrainian authorities, but also other crimes, of which Mrs. Tymoshenko is accused. During the interrogation process in Ukraine, Nikolai Melnichenko named all of the Ukrainian and American citizens involved in this unlawful plan. According to him, they were the representatives of lobbying firm Wiley Rein, LLP, Joe Williamson and Ralph Caccia, who were hired by Tymoshenko's husband, Alexander, for creating her positive image in the USA and to discredit Ukrainian investigators. Also among those mentioned was former U.S. Congressman Jim Slattery, who lobbied Tymoshenko's interests in the U.S. Congress and before the State Department, using personal relationships with the head of the U.S. State Department, Mrs. Hillary Clinton. There was also the lawyer Steve Bunnell, who assisted present Assistant Attorney General of the USA.

Nikolai Melnichenko warned me beforehand about the provocation being prepared, was the only reason my illegal arrest in the USA was prevented.

I would like to emphasize, dear Mr. President, that the aforementioned persons, using their contacts, lobbied for the adoption of Resolution #466 by the U.S. Senate in 2012, with the aim of intimidating Ukrainian authorities and forcing Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office to terminate its investigation of the murder case, in which Julia Tymoshenko is involved.

At the end of September of this year, I addressed to the U.S. Congress as well as to the Vice President of the USA, Joseph Biden, an open letter. Prosecutor General of Ukraine, Viktor Pshonka, conveyed this letter to the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, John Tefft. In the open letter I expounded my position and offered to organize my speech upon the case of Eugene Scherban's murder in front of the U.S. Congress and American media representatives. I received no response to this letter, but on October 19, 2012, Mr. Tefft informed me about the cancellation of my 5 - year multiple entry visitor's visa to the USA without providing any further explanations.

From my point of view, these actions contravene the international cooperation regulations between our two countries and undermine the authority of the United States. The officials from the State Department and the Department of Justice of the USA do not recognize international legal regulations and, in fact, show the example of the office abuse. They delude the President of the USA, Congress and American nation concerning Eugene Scherban's murder and Julia Tymoshenko's actual role in different crimes.



On Dec. 8, Svoboda Party activists physically attacked people who were peacefully defending the rights of gay people on international Human Rights Day. Will this affect your attitude to Svoboda in parliament?



Oleksandr Bryhynets, Batkivshchyna lawmaker "I understand both sides of this conflict. I am against any physical

attacks on people over any of their beliefs. But this incident will not influence my cooperation with Svoboda in parliament. For peace to be in society, no one should be doing any provocations, be they gay, Svoboda, Yanukovych or lesbians



Serhiy Sobolev. Batkivshchyna lawmaker "I am tolerant of many things, But I am a person who believes in

Christian values. I am not a judge. I have known people in Svoboda for some 20 years, so I judge them not by this single event, but based on many cases.'



Eduard Hurvits, Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms lawmaker "I would not want this [incident] to reflect

on our cooperation. We have different political goals and priorities. But there some issues that unite us. and I would not want such incidents to affect this cooperation. I think Svoboda (Freedom) means that everyone can freely express their own views. In any case this should not be done.



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In addition, there is another very hazardous situation that has caused me to address this letter to you, dear Mr. President. There is an elaborated plan by

Ukraine cherishes great hopes for establishing the truth in this case of Eugene Scherban's murder and instituting criminal proceedings against those who ordered this serious crime.

Dear Mr. President, I ask for your assistance in establishing the truth. I ask for your assistance in helping us obtain the sworn testimony of Peter Kirichenko and Pavel Lazarenko, residing in the USA, the witnesses in the case of Eugene Scherban's murder. I ask for your unbiased appraisal of American officials' actions, involved in organizing provocation against my person. I ask you to use the powers of your office to encourage the U.S. Senate to reconsider its recently adopted Resolution #466 in order to make an informed decision concerning Ukraine that is based upon facts.

I would like to express my gratitude to you for your attention, as well as hope for continuing both working and human relations between our countries

Respectfully yours, Renat Kuzmin First Deputy Prosecutor General of Ukraine

"I am against all kinds of xenophobia. This [incident] will not influence my cooperation in parlia-

ment. I always tell them what not to do. I told them not to do their 'Uman without Hassids' activities. I think they should raise their level of culture in order not to discredit Ukraine's [opposition] movement, But for such differences between the three opposition parties in the parliament, it would have already become a single political force."

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# French firms find prosperous niches in Ukraine's economy

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Relations between France and Ukraine have ancient ties, illustriously when one of the four daughters of Grand Duke of Kyiv Yaroslav I, Anne of Kyiv, married King of France Henri I, and later became the first queen of France to serve as regent.

More than 1,000 years on, diplomacy has undergone significant changes. Modern bilateral relations are more complex. As one of the major countries of the European Union, France is a strong individual player despite being part of the consensus-driven, 27-member nation EU.

With Europe still beset by a debt crisis, some economists warn that France may join such countries as Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece in recession next year. That would be bad news, since France is home to the world's fifth-biggest economy.

France is one of Ukraine's top 10 foreign direct investors and trade partners. "We are very proud because the last biggest investment in Ukraine is a French one, its Air Liquide," enthused Thomas Moreau, president of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ukraine. "We're speaking about more than one (hundred) million of euros." Air Liquide, a French supplier of industrial gas and services, will construct an air diffuser in Donetsk Oblast's Yenakiyevo at a metallurgical plant that is part of billionaire Rinat Akhmetov's Metinvest group.

Ukrainian enterprises also benefit from the expertise of international energy companies, like Schneider Electric, which has headquarters in France. It specializes in energy management for businesses, from steel mills and oil companies to hotels.

Ukraine also missed out on some French investment, however. Just recently, a French producer of processed vegetables, Bonduelle, cancelled its plans to invest in Ukraine in favor of Russia, where it decided to acquire a competitor's production site. This means Ukraine lost out on a 40-million-euro vegetable processing plant.

Established French investors in Ukraine include Auchan with eight hypermarkets and Leroy Merlin, a home improvement store. Others represent a significant presence on Ukraine's banking market, with BNP Paribas and Credit Agricole having entered the market by acquiring local banks.

Credit Agricole claims to have the longest history operating in Ukraine through an acquisition of Credit Lyonnais, a French bank that opened a

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Thomas Moreau branch in Odesa in 1892. The world's biggest bank of the 20th century, Credit

biggest bank of the 20th century, Credit Lyonnais, was the only foreign bank allowed to operate in czarist Russia. "(Looking at) the Credit Agricole

story through Credit Lyonnais ... we could say without any doubt that Credit Agricole is the foreign bank that has been working for a longest time in Ukraine," says Philippe Guidez, deputy chairman of the board in charge of the bank's Ukraine operations.

The acquisition of Credit Lyonnais by Credit Agricole brought not only new ownership, but other acquisitions as well. Two years later, in 2006, Credit Agricole purchased Indeks bank for less than \$300 million.

Despite the banking sector being hit hard by the world financial crisis, this year Credit Agricole's retail banking operations in Ukraine were one of the most profitable in the group in terms of return on equity.

"We are one of the rare banks that are very profitable these days," notes Guidez. "The profit (for 2012) is over 25 million euros in Ukraine."

Credit Agricole is set to grow further, having become one of the top 20 Ukrainian banks by assets following the recent merger of its two subsidiaries.

Ukraine's promising agricultural sector was one of the main incentives for Credit Agricole to expand. Such loans now comprise almost 40 percent of the bank's portfolio. One of the bank's loan programs includes financing farmers in order to increase milk production for their partner, another French company, Danone. "We strongly believe that to help Ukraine and Ukrainians produce milk, you need to help the babushkas," says Dario Marchetti, head of Danone in Ukraine. Danone has matched its increased demand for milk by significantly expanding its operations and production in Ukraine by acquiring Russian dairy company Unimilk, which has two factories in Ukraine. "The scale of the business is amazing, mainly because we had an acquisition," says Marchetti. "Our business doubled overnight." Following the acquisition, Danone went from being primarily a yogurt producer to a full-scale producer of fresh dairy products, and a market leader with a 20 percent share. In Ukraine,





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Dario Marchetti



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Danone competes with other French dairy companies, such as Lactalis, Belle and Bongrain.

"France has a tradition of dairy... it comes from the times when France was the cheese producer of Europe," ing to be exported to Ukraine. "The French have just started selling cows to Ukraine for meat and milk," notes Moreau of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ukraine. "It's very important because before we



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Furthermore, French cows, famous for their high quality of increased fat and protein content in milk, are start-

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#### France at a glance

Territory: 643,801 square kilometers Population: 65.6 million people as of July 2012 Government type: republic Head of government: Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault (since 2012) GDP (purchasing power parity): \$2.214 trillion GDP per capita (PPP): \$35,100 Main industries: machinery, chemicals, automobiles, metallurgy, aircraft, electronics, textiles, food processing and tourism.

#### **Ukrainian-French economic relations**

#### Trade: \$2.3 billion in 2011.

Exports from France to Ukraine: pharmaceuticals, boilers, machines, chemicals, essential oils, cosmetics.

**Exports from Ukraine to France:** seeds, fats and oils, clothes and textile, boilers, machinery, lumber.

France's investment in Ukraine: \$2.5 billion as of July. Ukraine's investment in France: \$ 0.2 million as of July. Sources: CIA World Factbook, State Statistics Committee

# French ambassador says Ukraine-France relations 'certainly could be better'

#### **BY MARYNA IRKLIYENKO**

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Alain Remy has been France's ambassador to Ukraine for more than a year. He arrived after a tense episode when his predecessor Jacques Faure ran afoul of Ukraine's Foreign Ministry for his criticism of the criminal prosecutions of political opponents in Ukraine. In an interview with the Kyiv Post, Remy shared his thoughts on whether the incident had been resolved. He also talked about the state of French-Ukrainian relations and growing cultural ties, including an exhibition of 18th century works by Ukrainian sculptor Johann Georg Pinzel in the Louvre.

# Kyiv Post: How are bilateral relations between Ukraine and France?

Alain Remy: They certainly could be better. There is a continuous dialogue at the political level between France and Ukraine. Contacts are going on at high levels. But we wish they could be more intense, because on other aspects we have a much closer relationship, much more cooperation with Ukraine than today on the political side.

#### KP: Has the row over previous French ambassador to Ukraine healed?

AR: We consider there was no flap. My predecessor left after his three-year tenure, it's perfectly logical and normal. I was nominated in Paris long before the summer 2011 incident occurred. Of course this is a sorry story, but I consider it over.

I arrived and I don't want to talk about it anymore b e c a u s e this is something that has not been a happy end for him but which was groundless.

It's been over since

KP: Would France repeat its decision from the 2008 NATO Bucharest summit – blocking a member ship action plan to Ukraine – with respect to signing the European Union-Ukraine association agreement?

AR: It's not a question of repeating, you cannot compare - these are totally different organizations, what is at stake is totally different. The Association Agreement is not membership in the European Union, but something which will bring Ukraine as close as possible.

KP: Do you think there could be a misleading image of Ukraine in

Europe slowing down the association process?

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AR: ...it's true that the image of Ukraine is not good, not only in France. But there are many good things that deserve to be shown about Ukraine.

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#### KP: How did the recent parliamentary elections results affect EU-Ukrainian relations?

AR: We had a very mixed assessment on the campaign. There were



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irregularities, some phases which are not what we consider democratic: in the counting, in the way the tabulation was made. in the way the situation was managed in some voting centers. But the result is a real change from before: you have a wider political spectrum, more parties in the parliament, less seats for the governing party, you have in Kyiv a ... number of deputies from opposition parties. I want to stress that the major winner in these elections is civil society, the Ukrainian voters, because they expressed their political will.

#### KP: How is construction of the new safe confinement for Chornobyl nuclear reactor by French construction company Navarka going?

AR: For the first time they drew this first element to top of the arch, they put it on the first level of pillars. There was a major operation, it went successfully and I think that this Navarka project so far is a very successful one. I'm happy because it's good for Chornobyl, for the population around this fourth reactor that will be covered in a very proper way. It's a state-of-the-art project, what they are doing is something which has never been done before.

#### KP: How did French audience perceive Pinzel's works and what value do you think this exhibition carries?

AR: I think the response by the public is a fantastic one. When we had the opening with the president of the Louvre and minister of culture (of Ukraine Mykhailo Kulyniak) you had a queue of people lining up, French and Ukrainian alike. One of the major French newspapers that doesn't specialize in culture, Le Monde, had a nearly whole page (about the exhibition.) This is certainly a favorite way for us to create and reinforce links between countries. We attach a big impact and importance to cultural diplomacy.

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1	Rinat Akhmetov	17,800	25,600	metallurgy	51	Viktor Ivanchyk	185	269	agribusiness
2	Igor Kolomoisky	3,400	6,200	metallurgy	52	Andrey Ivanov	184	145	real estate
3	Vadim Novinsky	3,300	-	metallurgy	53	Tariel Vasadze	180	297	automotive industry
4	Gennady Bogolyubov	3,250	6,600	metallurgy	54	Philya Zhebrovskaya	167	138	pharmaceuticals sector
5	Dmitry Firtash	3,200	2,250	chemical industry	55	Vladimir and Vadim Trofimenko	147	108	constructing
6	Victor Pinchuk	3,190	5,900	metallurgy	56	Igor Yeremeev	145	312	petroleum refining
7	Victor Nunsenkis	1,700	2,900	metallurgy	57	Stepan Ivakhin	145	312	petroleum refining
8	Oleg Bakhmatyuk	1,600	2,200	agribusiness	58	Viktor Viashenevetsky	144	-	mining industry
9	Konstantin Zhevago	1,500	3,200	metallurgy	59	Vladimir Zagoriy	143	124	pharmaceuticals sector
10	Aleksey Martynov	1,460	1,520	metallurgy	60	Igor Balenko	142	202	trading
11	Petr Poroshenko	1,300	980	food industry	61	Aleksandr Yanukovych	133	130	constructing
12	Yury Kosyuk	1,100	1,300	agribusiness	62	Andrey and Sergey Kluyevy	130	140	energetic
13	Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy	940	1,200	constructing	63	Vsevolod Kozhemyako	123	126	agribusiness
14	Aleksey Vadaturskiy	860	1,500	agribusiness	64	Igor Gumenyuk	121	136	mining industry
15	Sergey Tigipko	785	535	finance	65	Igor Dvoretskiy	120	458	metallurgy
16	Oleg Mkrtchyan	753	730	metallurgy	66	Aleksandr Petrov	111	84	food industry
17	Sergey Taruta	751	730	metallurgy	67	Leonid Klimov	108	92	finance
18	Yury Ivanuyshchenko	645		coal industry	68	Nikolay Tolmachev	102	248	constructing
19	Vladimir Boyko	585	300	metallurgy	69	Artur Abdinov	101	425	metallurgy
20	Grigory and Igor Surkis	574	263	energetic	70	Pavel Klimets	100	258	food industry
21	Andrey Verevskiy	570	716	agribusiness	71	Roman Lunin	96	182	trading
22	Vyacheslav Boguslaev	544	704	aircraft construction	72	Sergey Kiy	93	81	mining industry
23	Svyatoslav Nechytaylo	538	476	food industry	73	Valeriy Kravets	92	52	food industry
24	Ivan Guta	536	918	agribusiness	74	Vladimir Avramenko	92	78	food industry
25	Boris Kolesnikov	470	448	food industry	75	Petr Dyminskiy	90		energetic
26	Valeriy Khoroshkovsky	395	533	media	76	Sergey Lagur	90		energetic
27	Anatoly Yurevich	390	548	food industry	77	Olga and Yeugeniy Kutsenko	88	98	food industry
28	Vladimir Kostelman	384	350	trading		Sergey Kasyanov	78	-	agribusiness
29	Vitaliy Gayduk	340	481	media	79	Valentin Landyk	75	118	production of home appliances
30	Aleksandr Feldman	291	291	retail	80	Oleg Grosman	72	145	food industry
31	Aleksandr and Galina Gerega	288	400	trading	81	Yuriy Rodin	72	122	finance
32	Eugeniy Sigal	288	407	agribusiness	82	Valeriy Markovetskiy	69	49	trading
33	Sergey and Aleksandr Buryaki	280	288	finance	83	Gennadiy Vyhodtsev	69	49	trading
34	Vasiliy Khmelnytskiy	275	289	real estate	84	Yakov Gribov	63	140	food industry
35	Eugeniy Chernyak	270	447	food industry	85	Vladimir Vagorovskiy	59	-	trading
36	Vadim Yermolaev	265	332	retail	86	Yuriy Zhuravlyov	58	194	agribusiness
37	Vitaliy Antonov	264	356	petroleum refining	87	Fedor Shpig	57	144	food industry
38	Andrey Adamovskiy	263	131	retail	88	Boris Belikov	56		agribusiness
39	Nikolay Lagun	260	119	finance	89	Vitaliy Veresenko	56	-	agribusiness
40	Nikolay Yankovakiy	255	522	pharmaceuticals sector	90	Aleksandr Pilipenko	55	-	constructing
41	Genadiy Butkevich	245	226	trading	91	Tatyana Zasuha	54		agribusiness
42	Viktor Karachun	245	226	trading	92	Anatoliy Klish	53	123	food industry
43	Yeugeniy Yermakov	245	226	trading	93	Vitaliy and Vladimir Klitschko	50	55	sport
44	Yefim Zvyagilsky	240	504	mining industry	94	Aleksandr Derkatch	47	144	food industry
45	Georgy Skudar	215	438	heavy engineering	95	Anatoliy Girshfeld	46	56	mechanical engineering
46	Anton Prigodsky	210	276	transport	96	Oleg Barushevskiy	46	58	logistics
40	Aleksandr Kardakov	209	280	IT	97	Ivan Avramov	46	-	mining industry
48	Oleg Sotnikov	196	158	trading	98	Vladimir Konstantinov	45	207	constructing
48	Roman Chygyr	196	158	trading	99	Aleksandr Rodnyanskiy	43	83	media
50	Stanislav Ronis	188	96	trading		Vladimir Shapovalov	44	50	trading
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Igor Kolomoisky



Vadim Novinsky



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Dmytry Firtash

# Korrespondent/Dragon Capital ranking shows extreme concentration of wealth

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**Rinat Akhmetov** 

The latest Korrespondent magazine ranking of the richest 100 Ukrainians shows that their net worth equals 38 percent of the nation's entire economic output of \$165 billion last year.

This is but one strong signal, experts say, of a national economy that is unhealthily characterized by wealth concentration, monopolization, low competition, technological lag and dependency on raw material exports.

Not only is this lack of economic diversity bad for nearly 46 million Ukrainians, it also causes the fortunes of the wealthiest 100 Ukrainians to ebb and flow considerably.

As the Korrespondent/Dragon Capital index found, the nation's 100

richest people saw the value of their assets shrink by a quarter over the last year. Moreover, the largest financial-industrial groups, System Capital Management, Privat and EastOne, also saw a drop in their net worth.

The uber-wealthy top five – Rinat Akhmetov, Igor Kolomoisky, Vadim Novinsky, Gennady Bogolyubov and Dmytry Firtash – have a net worth of \$30 billion, almost equal to the remaining 95 on the list.

The survey is one more sign that Ukraine's economy may be headed for a recession in 2013, although one that is not expected to be as crushing as 2009, when gross domestic product dropped 15 percent and the currency lost almost 40 percent of its value.

Recession or not, boom or bust, Ukraine's economy remains remark-

ably undiversified. Those who export raw materials will do fine, but what about the rest?

"The fact that the current profile of the richest people didn't change much, yet the top's share grew, indicates that Ukraine's economy is stuck with the same model of growth, dependant just on a few sectors," said ldar Gazizullin, senior economist at the International Centre for Policy Studies.

Gazizullin continued: "This of course makes the country more vulnerable to external shocks. One of the reasons why we do not see a more diversified economy is obviously the lack of competition – our country remains notoriously closed to foreign investors and hostile for many domestic investors, except for a chosen few. If Ukraine wants to continue trading with

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the world, the situation has to change." Across the border in Russia and in more developed economies, wealth concentration is not as high. The net worth of the 100 richest Russians equals about 20 percent of the nation's annual gross domestic product. The comparable figures for Germany are 11 percent; for the U.S., 7 percent; and China, 3 percent, according to Korrespondent.

Eight of Ukraine's 10 richest are mainly metallurgists, one is an egg producer and the other is a chemical producer. Altogether, 14 of the richest amassed their wealth mainly in metallurgy. Another 31 richest are involved in agribusiness and food production. Agriculture has an eye-catching place in the portfolios of 20 or so others.

There are regional disparities as well. About one in four of Ukraine's richest hail from Donetsk Oblast, according to Korrespondent.

Dragon Capital, a Kyiv-based investment bank, conducted the valuations. This is Korrespondent's seventh richest list.

As the magazine's chief editor, Vitaliy Sych, concluded: "Ukraine needs some adjustments. Otherwise, we may witness this country slide to the economic level of the world's poorest and least attractive economies."

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# Ukraine's economy downgraded again

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It's been another week of bad headlines of Ukraine's economy. Shortly after two of three major agencies downgraded Ukraine's ratings, new central bank figures showed a further dwindling in the nation's foreign currency reserves.

The economic slowdown that began in the third quarter with a 1.3 percent contraction looks set to continue: industrial electricity consumption, a leading indicator, fell 5.3 percent last month compared to a year ago. With talks on an International Monetary Fund loan delayed and gridlock in the new parliament, a soft landing seems like an increasingly distant prospect.

Ukraine's international currency reserves continued on their downward trend in November, falling 5.4 percent monthly to \$25.4 billion. According to Dragon Capital investment bank, that's not enough to cover three months of Ukraine's imports. Reserves are at their lowest level since May 2003.

rule of thumb widely used by economists, a three-month import cover signals that countries have enough reserves to keep foreign trade operations running smoothly. Falling below this threshold for Ukraine should set warning lights flashing – and it did.

Moody's and Standard & Poors, two of the top three international rating agencies, both recently downgraded Ukraine's sovereign rating to anegative perspective. Moody's deplored a "deterioration in the country's institutional strength, against the backdrop of poor policy predictability as well as reduced data transparency."

Sudden devaluation is also worrying investors, who remember the 2009 economic collapse, leading to a 15 percent drop in gross domestic product that y ear.

Dragon Capital currently estimates a gradual shift to 8.4 hyrvnia per dollar by the end of 2012 and 8.8 by the end of 2013, up from the current 8.2. More pessimistic students have put the figure for next year's as high as 10 hyrvnia per dollar.

This makes Ukraine's macroeconomic position all the more worrying. The country is facing a large current account deficit of around 8 percent and around \$10 billion in external debt payments, the biggest chunk of which goes to the IMF, which froze its lending to Ukraine last year as a punishment for not reaching fiscal targets.

The fund delayed a planned visit to Kyiv on Dec. 7 after Ukraine's government resigned in the wake of a new parliament, which got off to a raucas start on Dec. 12.

Whether Ukraine manages to seal a new loan agreement depends the politically diffiult decisions to liberalize the exchange rate and increase gas prices for households. However, Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov, who was renominated on Dec. 13, has repeatedly vowed not to increase gas prices. Government officials have previously put the date for moving closer to a floating currency exchange rate at the end of 2013.

Reliance on the private sector will be difficult. A recent Eurobond of \$1.25 billion at a relatively low rate of 7.8 percent - issued amid growing risk appetite for the high yields on emerging market debt - is unlikely to be repeated. More borrowing on private markets is likely to be prohibitivly expensive.

Constructive solutions are still nowhere in sight as the new parliament remained locked in brawling and arguments on Dec. 12-13, before finally electing pro-presidential member of parliament Volodymyr Rybak as its speaker.

Azarov, meanwhile, has promised not to act on Ukraine's most pressing problems and the lovalist of President Viktor Yanukovych is seen as unlikely to bring any dynamism with him. As a result. Kviv-based investment bank ICU is pessimistic about the upcoming talks with the IMF. And it cited age as a factor. Azarov is 65 and Rybak is 66.

"While the Party of Regions supports the appointments of Mr. Rybak as the parliament speaker and Mr Azarov as the prime minister, both candidates are over 60 years old, meaning that their policymaking views are most likely quite outdated. For an economy in dire need of a wide spectrum of reforms, old tricks are more likely to be a hindrance than a catalyst for advancement," the investment bank wrote

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# NBU wants to make hyrvnia electronic

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Ukrainians may soon have to make payments electronically for larger purchases. At least, that's the hopes of the National Bank of Ukraine, which wants to limit the shadow economy and boost tax revenues by curtailing large cash transactions.

But some worry about what form the new system would take and just how secure it would be.

The NBU has never hidden its interest in transforming Ukraine's financial infrastructure and extending its control over it. Recent measures and proposals, from creating a central depository system to introducing a 10 percent tax on foreign currency sales, have all been supported by the NBU as reducing costs, increasing effectiveness, boosting tax revenues or moving the economy out of the shadows.

And that's precisely why the central bank is now pushing for a transition towards an electronic payment system. NBU documents reviewed by the Kyiv Post show that the central bank

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has studied electronic payment systems in other places and favors introducing such a system in Ukraine.

The benefits are seen as boosting tax revenues and reducing the shadow economy (officially estimated at one third of the country's gross domestic product). Some also think such a plan will increase financial security, boost investment and reduce costs by eliminating the need to maintain such a large supply of cash.

The study notably looks at the examples of European and post-Soviet states that have introduced barriers to cash transactions, like Italy, which banned settlements in currency of more than 1,000 euros (\$1,300) in early 2012. These measures were introduced by the technocratic government of Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti as a means to fight tax avoidance

Among the measures suggested to help boost the usuage of e-payment, the report suggests: using such transactions for state expenditures; introducing temporary tax and customs benefits for e-trade operations; stimulating the use of e-payments by making accep-



National Bank of Ukraine wants to boost tax revenues by curtailing large cash transactions and to limit the shadow economy. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

tance of new tools obligatory at sales points; implementing ceilings on cash purchases; making salary payments directly electronic accounts mandatory; banning additional charges for electronic payments and improving the financial literacy of the population.

The switch could happen quickly. Indeed, work on setting up the payment system has been transferred from under the supervision of the State Commission for Regulation of Financial Services Markets to direct NBU oversight, an indication that the project is being fast-tracked, according to people close to the deal who are not authorized to make official statements.

Internationally, electronic payments

are increasingly popular. But worries remain in Ukraine about the infrastructure, notably the possible creation of a national payment system. Among others, U.S. financial services company Visa has been vocal in its criticism of prior legislation aimed at changing the

country's payment system. In a September interview with the Kyiv Post, Steven Parker, head of Visa operations in Southeastern and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, claimed that the creation of a national payment system from scratch could seriously compromise the security of such transactions.

The level of security obtained by current card providers like Visa, he argued, is the fruit of years of research and millions of dollars in spending.

"For a single body to start building something completely new - which will cost hundreds of millions - Where will that money come from? The banks or other people will be taxed, but in the end it will go back to consumers," Parker said.

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Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 50-80 4

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Free **1** 

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Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

# Going Out Guide

### **Animal-free Chinese** Circus

One of the world's oldest with a 4,000year history, the Chinese Circus is coming to Kyiv with a breathtaking New Year show to be performed Dec. 15-16 at the Artist's House. The event is best known for having no performing animals and featuring young artists only. The Hebei Acrobatic Troupe includes 30 performers aged 9 to 24 years. Each item of the Chinese Circus program has a deep symbolic meaning and is a treat for the whole family. Chinese Circus. Dec.15-16. Artist's House. 12 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Hr 100-300 6

#### Friday, December 14

#### **Classical music**

Works of Bortnyansky, Purcell, Bach, Mozart, Pachelbel (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 🕑

International Festival of Guitar Music. Works of Ponce, Diens, de Falla, Turina, Tarreg. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90

Classics on Fridays. Vertynsky Tribute (piano). Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 50 🕗

#### Movies

Lawless (action). Kyiv. 10:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 20-65

Ukrainian New Wave Movie Festival. Kyiv. 7 p.m. Hr 50 😢 Wuthering Heights (melodrama).

Kyiv. 2:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Hr 35-65 😢

#### Live music

Kozak System & Crazy Train. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 🚺

Larus & Whistlin' Dixie (Ukrainian rock covers, country rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 2

Mercedes Band (world music). Art Club 44, 10 p.m. Hr 50 3

Pushkin Band. Divan. 9 p.m. Free

#### Clubs

Glam Punk Party. Ajour. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 150 for males @

Fashion Style Party. Egoist. 11 p.m. Hr 25 for females, Hr 50 for males 🕲

Gangnam Party (Snegurochka erotic show). City Entertainment in Sky Mall. 10 p.m. Hr 50 🚯

Night of Instincts. Seven Music Club. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 50 for males 2

#### Theaters

Nazar Stodolya (premiere). Ivan

#### Creative Inspiration (handmade exhibition). Chocolate House (17/2 Shovkovychna St.). 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 20

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🥸

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hr 110-350 釸

#### Saturday, December 15

#### **Classical music**

Works of Caccini, Durante, Bach, Puccini, Reger, Gluck, Franck (organ, piano). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-80 🕑

International Festival of Guitar Music. Works of Molino, Schumann, Barriosa, Ponce. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 1

#### Movies

Lawless (action). Kyiv. 10:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 20-65 2

Wuthering Heights (melodrama). Kyiv. 2:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Hr 35-65 😢

#### Live music

Beefeaters & Whistlin' Dixie (country rock). Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 🚺 Diamant & Beefeaters. Docker's

ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 75 2 MJ Project (disco cover band). Art

Club 44. 10 p.m. Hr 50 3 Kassiopeia. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Clubs

Futuristic Night. Saxon. 11 p.m. Hr 25-50 for females, Hr 30-60 for males 😉

Sexv Disco 90s. Seven Music Club. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 70 for males 2

Music Is Everything. Mantra. 11 p.m. Free for females, Hr 100 for males 🚯

Gerbert Morales & Jah Divizion Bochka. 7 p.m. Hr 90-140 S TNMK (Ukrainian hip hop). Tolstoy Restaurant-club. 10 p.m. Hr 150 🕲

#### Miscellaneous

Billy Brandt (photo exhibition). Brucie Collection (55b Artema St.). 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free

Creative Inspiration (handmade exhibition). Chocolate House (17/2 Shovkovychna St.). 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 20

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🤣 Human Body Exhibition. NSC

Olimpiyskyi, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Hr 110-350 👽

Oskorei (Pagan music festival). Bingo. 5 p.m. Hr 150-200 🚯

Monster Fest (music festival). Palats Sportu. 4 p.m. Hr 70-100 🔕

ColourDreams (Anna Myhailychenko photo exibition). Dreams Museum (55 Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 30

Sunday, December 16

**Classical music** 

International Festival of Guitar

Music. Symphony Orchestra of

the National Philharmonic Playing

Diens, Rodrigo, Tansman. National

Movies

Lawless (action). Kyiv. 10:30 a.m.,

2:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 20-65

Wuthering Heights (melodrama).

Kyiv. 2:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Hr 35-65 😢

Live music

Tex-Mex Company. Docker Pub.

Chill Out (disco rock). Docker's ABC.

Dmitry Oleinik. Art Club 44. 10 p.m.

Clubs

Salsatimbateca. Fiesta. 8 p.m. Hr

Candy Hen Party. Bionica. 11 p.m.

Theaters

Urus-Shaitan (The Tale About

Sirko - Cossack Ataman, Chevalier

d'Artagnan and the Turkish Sultan)

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

A Profitable Position (based on

Nikolav Ostrovsky's novel), Lesva

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

Athens Nights (comedy). Molody

9:30 p.m. Free 1

10 p.m. Free 2

Hr 30 🤇

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Hr 20-40 **1** 

Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 20-100

#### Live music

10 p.m. Free 💈

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Chill Out (disco rock). Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free 1 Karnavalnaya Zhara. Docker's ABC.

Wuthering Heights (melodrama).

Kyiv. 2:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Hr 35-65 😢

Salto Nazad (acoustic). Art Club 44. 10 p.m. Free 3

Vertitski. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Theaters

The Empire Of The Angels (based on Bernard Werber's novel). Palats Ukraina, small stage. 7 p.m. Hr 180-220 🕕

The Follies Of Love (farce). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 2

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

> Shows Maklakov. House of

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Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hr 110-350 67

photo exibition). Dreams Museum (55 Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 30

#### Tuesday, December 18 Santa's Workshop. Golf Center Kyiv.

**Classical music** 

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Free **1** 

Billy Brandt (photo exhibition). Works of Lully, Charpentier, Brucie Collection (55b Artema St.). Leclair (flute, piano, organ), House of 12:01 p.m.-5 p.m. Free Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-70 2

Creative Inspiration (handmade exhibition). Chocolate House (17/2 Shovkovychna St.). 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 20

Emil Bulls and SHC. Bingo, 4 p.m.

Gleb Samoiloff. Bochka. 8 p.m. Hr

Miscellaneous

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🥹

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hr 110-350 👽

Colour Dreams (Anna Myhailychenko photo exibition). Dreams Museum (55 Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m.- 6 p.m. Hr 30

#### Monday, December 17

**Classical music** Ukrainian Chamber Music

Evening. Works of Lysenko, Lyatoshynsky, Kolessa, Skoryk (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 20-70 2 Soloists of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine Duo Playing Haydn, Stankovych, Silvestrov (piano, violin). National

#### Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 1 Movies

Quartet For Two (premiere). Molody Lawless (action). Kyiv. 10:30 a.m., Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 🔞 2:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 20-65

Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 50-80 ④

#### Shows

Everlast. Crystal Hall. 8 p.m. Hr 350-900 🛈

#### **Miscellaneous**

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hr 110-350 😨

Colour Dreams (Anna Myhailychenko photo exibition). Dreams Museum (55 Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 30

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🤣

#### Wednesday, December 19

**Classical music** Lyatoshynsky Classical Music Ensemble Playing Vivaldi, Saint-Saens. House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-90 🛛

Folk Music Concert Dedicated to St. Nicolas Day. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 0

Movies

Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 🕚 Movies

The White Lions (Serbian Movie Festival). Kyiv. 5 p.m. Hr 30 😢

Tilva Rosh (Serbian Movie Festival). Kyiv. 7:15 p.m. Hr 30 😢 Mamma Mia! (comedy). Kinopanorama. 7 p.m. Hr 40 😣

Scrooge (fantasy). Master Klass. 7 p.m. Hr 40 🙆

#### Live music

Whistlin' Dixie (country rock). Lawless (action). Kyiv. 10:30 a.m., Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free 0



2:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 20-65 Miscellaneous Great Chinese Circus. Artist's Human Body Exhibition. NSC House. 12:01 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Hr Wuthering Heights (melodrama).

Colour Dreams (Anna Myhailychenko

Movies

Lawless (action). Kviv. 10:30 a.m.

2:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. Hr 20-65

Wuthering Heights (melodrama).

Kyiv. 2:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Hr 35-65 😢

Live music

Crazy Train. Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m.

Partizanskie Vytivki (rock). Docker's

Nycholas Tym (pop rock). Art Club

Theaters

Frederick Or Crime Boulevard

(premiere), Ivan Franko Theater, 7

The Imaginary Invalid (premiere,

comedy). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7

The Queue (comedy). Drama &

Comedy Theater on the left bank of

Lollipop. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 20 2

44. 10 p.m. Free 3

p.m. Hr 15-120 🕕

p.m. Hr 20-200 🕑

Franko Theater, 7 p.m. Hr 15-120 🕕

The Follies Of Love (farce). Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200

Welcome To Ukraine (premiere). Operetta Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 80-120

The Monologues Of Vagina (epatage performace). Kinopanorama. 7 p.m. Hr 60-280 🕄

#### Shows

Valeriy Leontiev (Russian pop). Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 200-1,500

Studio Kvartal 95 (comedy show). NAU Center of Culture and Arts. 7 p.m. Hr 150-650 🛈

Tartak (Ukrainian pop rock). Bochka. 9 p.m. Hr 70 😏

#### Miscellaneous

Graphics Exhibition By Ihor Kochevyh. National Literature Museum (11 Bohdana Khmelnytskogo St.). 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free

#### Theaters

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

Don Kihot. Year 1938 (based on Mikhail Bulgakov's play). Lesva Ukrainka Theater, 7 p.m. Hr 30-75 😢

Pickled Aristocrat (Ukrainian-British fantasy), Molody Theater, 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 8

Potassium Cyanide (black comedy). Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 70 0

#### Shows

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

Yuriv Kuklachev (cat performance). House of Officers. 11 a.m., 2 p.m. Hr 50-450 🕑

Great Chinese Circus. Artist's House. 12:01 p.m., 2 p.m. Hr 100-300 🕒

Toto Cutugno. Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 600-750 🕕

Officers. 7 p.m. Hr 100-450 😰

### Strauss **Festival Orchestra** to play in Kyiv

The Viennese Strauss Festival Orchestra will give a classical music concert in Kyiv's Palats Ukraina on Dec.19. Austrian violinist Peter Guth conducts the orchestra with the violin in his hand, following the

tradition of Johann Strauss. The program of the concert includes popular classical compositions as well as fragments from operettas. Viennese Opera prime singer Monika Mosser is also expected to participate in the concert and perform best from her repertoire. For more than 30 years, the Strauss Festival Orchestra has been the official orchestra of Vienna.

Strauss Festival Orchestra. Dec. 19. Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 80-1,200 0

Shows Ultramarine. Master Klass Cultural

Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 3

Center. 6 p.m. Hr 100 😢 Yuriv Kuklachev (cat performance). House of Officers. 11 a.m., 2 p.m. Hr

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Fourth Sister (black comedy)

Molody Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 (8)

Shows

Marilyn Manson. Palats Sportu.

Yevgeniy Yevtushenko and

Radioband of Olexandr Fokin.

Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr 100-300 🕕

**Miscellaneous** 

Human Body Exhibition. NSC

Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hr 110-

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center.

12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🥝

7:30 p.m. Hr 250-800 ④

350 😨

### **Christmas Charity** Market

Christmas merchandise and gifts will go on sale at the Charity Christmas Market on Dec.15 in Vyshenki village, Boryspil district. Visitors will have a chance to try delicious gingerbread biscuits, marzipan figures, hot chestnuts and traditional mulled wine as well as buy toys, lambskin shoes, candles and various Christmas-tree decorations

Organized by Bjoern Stendel and the Kyiv Lion's Club for more than five years already, the Christmas Charity Market brings together NGOs and businesses every year. The funds raised will go to several charity projects

Christmas Charity Market 2012, Dec. 15, Ostrov Gardening Society venue (Boryspil district, Vyshenki, 3a Polyarna st.). 1 p.m. Free

Crazy Train. Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 30 2

Marilvn Manson Afterparty. Art Club 44, 10 p.m. Hr 50 3

Miles Babies. Divan. 8 p.m. Hr 40

Theaters

The Forest (comedy). Zhovtnevy Palats. 7 p.m. Hr 150-1,290 9

Wife Is Wife (comedy). Ivan Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 0

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

#### Christmas Evening Baroque Style. Works of Buxtehude, Bruns.

Bach, Alcock, Pachelbel (organ). House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 30-100 2 Paganini Tribute. Works of Paganini,

Friday, December 21

**Classical music** 

**December 14, 2012** 

Kreisler (violin). National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 0

Offertorium Chamber Orchestra and Sofia Chamber Choir Playing Bach. Master Klass. 8 p.m. Hr 50 2 Piano Faculty of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine Concert. National Tchaikovsky Academy of

Music. 7 p.m. Free 4

#### Movies

Practical Guide to Belgrade, With Singing and Crying (Serbian Movie Festival), Kviv, 3 p.m. Hr 30 😢 Tilva Rosh (Serbian Movie Festival).

Kyiv. 5 p.m. Hr 30 😢

The Woman With the Broken Nose (Serbian Movie Festival). Kyiv. 7:15 p.m. Hr 30 😢

#### Live music

Rock DJ. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 50 🕕 Mad Heads XL & Mama Mia

(Italian disco, Russian rock). Docker's ABC. 10 p.m. Hr 100 2 Diversanti (pop rock). Art Club 44.

10 p.m. Hr 50 3 Blooming Plum (brit pop). Divan. 8

p.m. Free 4

#### Theaters

Do Not Disturb! (comedy, based on Ray Cooney's play "#13"). Palats Ukraina, small stage. 7 p.m. Hr 60-85

The Tempest (premiere, based on William Shakespeare's play). Ivan Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 🕕 Opiskin, Foma (premiere). Drama &

Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 70-120 4

Eyes Of A Blue Dog (love story). Molody Theater, small stage. 7 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Hr

Hr 30 ColourDreams (Anna Myhailychenko photo exibition). Dreams Museum (55

Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 30 Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🤣

Saturday, December 22

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#### **Classical music**

Works of Caccini, Bach, Buxtehude, Schubert, Kolessa, Vedel, Davvdovskv (organ), House of Organ Music. 7:30 p.m. Hr 50-200 Works of Smith, Williams,

Cesarini, Barroso, Ferran. National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 45-90 🛈

#### Live music

Ot Vinta & Crazy Train. Docker Pub. 10 p.m. Hr 75 0

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

Wake Up (cover band). Art Club 44.

The Pitons. Divan. 8 p.m. Free 4

#### Theaters

Zorba The Greek (premiere), Ivan Franko Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 20-200 ① Athens Nights (comedy). Molody Theater, 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 8

Cinema. Palats Ukraina. 7 p.m. Hr

House of Officers. 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Hr 180-300 😰

Magic World of Mary Poppins (New Year performance). Premier Palace (5-7/29 Tarasa Shevchenko

Blvd.). 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m. Hobby Day (festival). Bolshevik Shopping Mall (6 Hetmana St.). 10

a.m. Hr 250

), Dreams Museum (55

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### Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center.

12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🥹

#### Sunday, December 23

**Classical music** National Presidential Orchestra Playing Verdi, Rossini, Strauss, Glinka. Kalman National Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Hr 40-80 0

#### Live music

- Rock Four. Docker Pub. 9:30 p.m. Free **1**
- Tex-Mex Company. Docker's ABC 10 p.m. Free 2

Soyuz 44 (jazz jam session). Art Club

Eva Pavlova (cabaret singer). Divan.

8 p.m. Free 4

Lesya Ukrainka Theater. 7 p.m. Hr 15-120 🕑

Entertainment Listings 13

Lying Naked Truth (comedy). Drama & Comedy Theater on the left bank of Dnipro. 7 p.m. Hr 50-80 🕘

Theaters

The School Of Scandals (comedy).

Till Mother Did Not Come (comedv), Molody Theater, 7 p.m. Hr 50-90 8

#### Miscellaneous

Human Body Exhibition. NSC Olimpiyskyi. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Hr 110-350 🚱

ColourDreams(AnnaMyhailychenko photo exibition). Dreams Museum (55 Chigorina St.). 12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hr 30

Damien Hirst. Pinchuk Art Center. 12:01 p.m. – 8 p.m. Free 🤣



# **Marilyn Manson**

Extraordinary American rock star Brian Hugh Warner, better known as the Marilyn Manson band frontman, is finally bringing his gothrock show to Ukraine. The band is expected to perform in Kyiv's Palats Sportu on Dec.20. Marilyn Manson is known for his surprising performances and gruesomely elegant costumes. Critics call his music a mixture of industrial rock, metal and punk rock. The Kyiv concert is a part of band's ongoing Hey, Cruel World Tour in support of its new album Born Villain.

Marilyn Manson Concert. Dec.20. Palats Sportu. 7:30 p.m. Hr 250-800 ()

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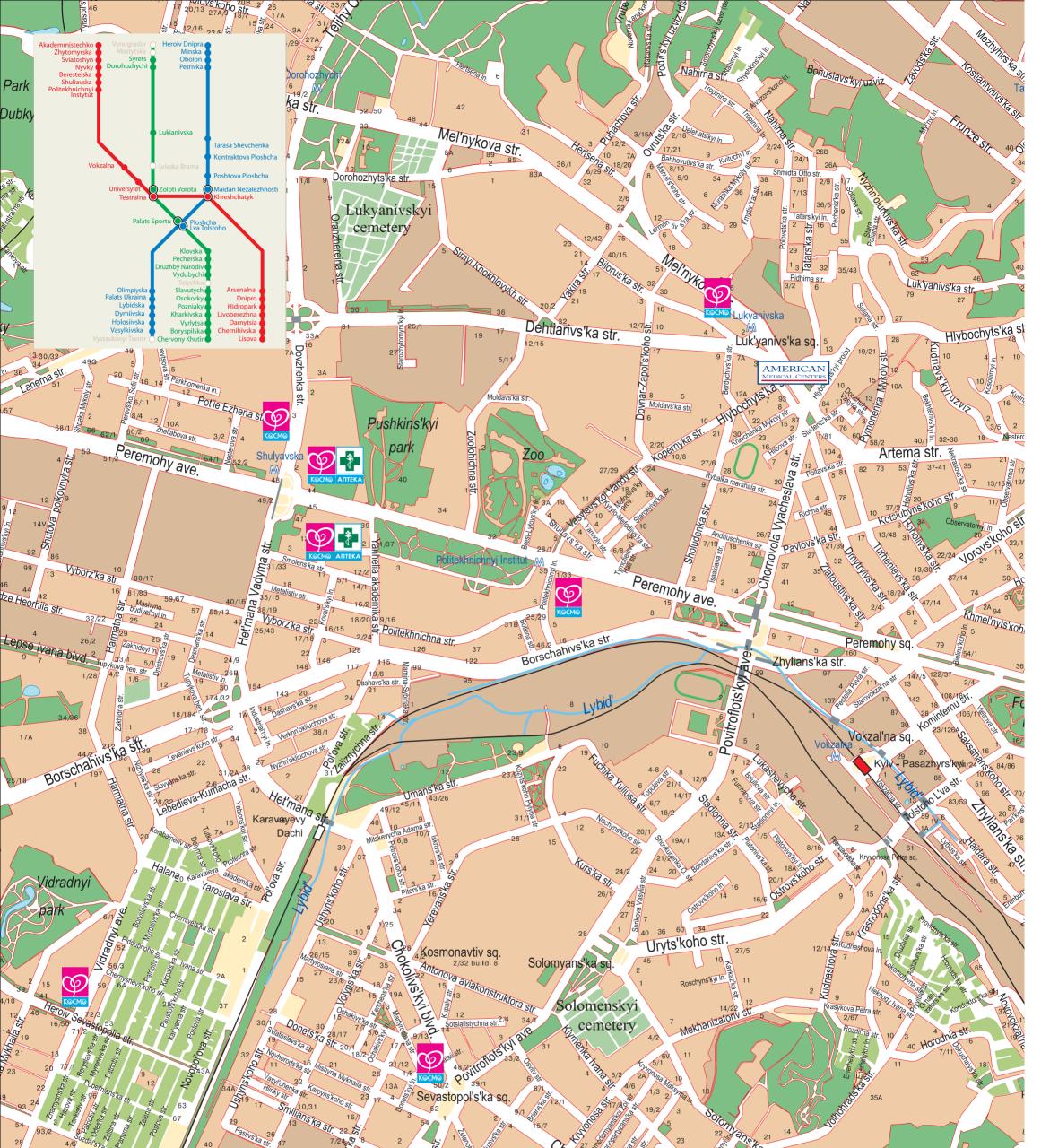
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# Government-hired consultant says Tymoshenko trial unfair

 $\rightarrow$ **1** who alleges that she is the victim of political persecution designed to eliminate her as President Viktor Yanukovych's main rival. Many in the West, as well as in Ukraine, also believe that her conviction for abuse of office in reaching a 2009 gas agreement with Russia is politically motivated.

The consultant, whose findings were made public on Dec. 13, found that the court proceedings against Tymoshenko violated Western standards for a fair trial. The firm found that, among other problems, the ex-premier was not given enough time to study her case, was sometimes deprived of adequate defense and was denied the right to call witnesses to properly represent her side.

In the European Court of Human Rights, Tymoshenko – in addition to alleging she was unfairly convicted – has always complained about lack of proper medical care and abusive treatment in prison, including what she alleged was round-the-clock video surveillance of her everywhere, including when she showered and used the toilet.

The court is expected to rule on Tymoshenko's first case early next year. Ukraine's government, however, might not benefit from findings. The consultant's findings will have no effect on the European court, since the proceedings are over in the first case, which looked into the legality of her arrest, said Valentyna Telychenko, who until recently represented Tymoshenko in her appeal to European authorities.

In her second case, which is yet to start, Tymoshenko's claims her rights were violated during the trial. "Skadden's report is more advantageous for Tymoshenko than for the government," said Telychenko.

Ukraine's Justice Ministry, however,



said that the Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom report found no evidence that Tymoshenko's case was politically motivated.

"This report ... concludes as groundless Yulia Tymoshenko's claims that her prosecution was politically motivated and states that she has provided no factual evidence that would be sufficient to overturn her conviction under European or American standards," the ministry said in a statement on Dec.

However, the report says that the consultants do not take a position on the political motivation fo the charges.

The actual text of the report says: "Based on our review of the record, we do not believe that Tymoshenko has provided specific evidence of political motivation that would be sufficient to overturn her conviction under American standards. The prosecution of a former head of government, unsuccessful presidential candidate, and leader of the opposition merits close scrutiny in all respects. In this report, we do not opine about whether the prosecution was politically motivated or driven by an improper political objective—i.e., to remove her from political life in Ukraine in the future." In its 300-page document, which

was posted on the ministry website, Skadden said that its job was to produce a report that "examines the events leading up to and including her prosecution and trial, and analyzes those events applying Western standards of due process and the rule of law."

Skadden said the report was based on "original documents, trial transcripts and interviews with those who participated in the process." It said both the Ukrainian government, and Tymoshenko's defense, gave the Skadden lawyers access to people and documents involved in the case.

Tymoshenko's lawyer Serhiy Vlasenko told the Kyiv Post earlier this year that the Skadden team traveled to Kyiv several times this summer, meeting with key officials, witnesses who testified in the Ukrainian court, as well as witnesses who did not testify. All interviews were videotaped under an agreement with Tymoshenko's defense, who helped to arrange some of the interviews. Skadden representatives also visited Tymoshenko in Kharkiv on June 28.

Skadden gives a list of 25 names of officials it interviewed during its trips to Ukraine, as well as pages and pages of documents, including the court judgment.

Skadden's contract raised a giant controversy in Ukraine because the Justice Ministry was to supposed to pay Skadden about \$12,000 for their work in Ukraine to avoid having to conduct a public tender, which is a requirement in such cases.

Jim Slattery, a former member of

the U.S. House of Representatives, now works as Tymoshenko's lobbyist in Washington D.C.. Slattery said \$12,000 would not come close to covering the wages and expenses of the Skadden lawyers. The report lists the names of eight lawyers who were involved in the case.

Representatives of Tymoshenko's defense rang alarm bells, saying Skadden could have potentially had a side contract in this case, paid for by an interested party. Skadden's lawyers did not reply to multiple requests for comments on the financial circumstances of the contract.

In its report, Skadden said one of the conditions for taking up the contract was complete independence.

"Skadden also made clear that its work product would reflect its professional opinion, rendered with total independence. At no time has any member of the Ministry of Justice attempted to exert undue influence on the Skadden team," the report said.

Some of the report's findings support Tymoshenko's claims in the European Court of Human Rigths. Skadden agrees that she had inadequate time to prepare for trials and was refused a jury trial.

Tymoshenko was sent to prison for her behavior before the trial ended, which Skadden said did not have "adequate justification or review." She was deprived of her right for defense by counsel, as well as her constitutional right to trial by jury – although in this, she was not treated any differently than other Ukrainian citizens.

Witnesses for defense failed to be interviewed during both the pre-trial investigation, and during the hearing of her case, which Skadden believes did not allow Tymoshenko to present her case properly.

However, the report also said that Tymoshenko and her team failed to present evidence that the choice of judge in her case was biased and inadequate, and cited her disrespectful behavior in court.

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#### Highlights of Skadden findings In favor of Tymoshenko:

Tymoshenko claimed she had insufficient time to review the 4,000-page case file; and she had insufficient time to prepare for trial. We believe that, looking at this case, most American trial courts would have given the defendant more time to prepare her defense.

Prior to trial, Tymoshenko requested to be tried in front of a jury. Her request was denied, and she was tried instead by a judge. Although Tymoshenko was not treated differently from other citizens, her right for jury trial is guaranteed by the Constitution, and implementation of jury trials would greatly contribute to the protection of liberty and to the promotion of fairness in Ukraine.

Under Western standards, we find that the decision to detain Tymoshenko for the entire balance of her trial and after the trial had concluded—until sentencing— without adequate justification or review raises concerns about whether she was inappropriately deprived of her liberty prior to her conviction.

Ukrainian law, as well as Western legal standards, requires that a defendant who wishes to be represented by counsel during trial must be able to exercise that right. Under Western standards, the continued examination of witnesses without representation by counsel would almost certainly be viewed as a violation of the right to assistance of counsel. Tymoshenko identified a large number of witnesses that she asked to be interviewed during the investigation and trial, but was refused. "Under Western standards of fairness, we believe that the Court's decision not to call certain defense witnesses compromised Tymoshenko's ability to present a defense." AMERICAN MEDICAL CENTERS

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#### Against Tymoshenko:

Tymoshenko claimed that the selection of judge for her trial was political, and that the judge did not have the competence and track record to take on her case. In Skadden's opinion, Tymoshenko failed to support her claim with evidence.

Throughout the trial, the defendant refused to acknowledge the court's legitimacy and engaged in conduct that was disrespectful to the court.

Tymoshenko was ordered out of the courtroom during the trial on two occasions— July 6 and July 15, 2011.But the actions of the judge were lawful and adequate.

"Based on our review of the record, we do not believe that Tymoshenko has provided specific evidence of political motivation that would be sufficient to overturn her conviction under American standards."

#### Neutral:

Skadden refused to express an opinion on adequacy of charges.

"The parties dispute whether the facts found by the court establish Tymoshenko's guilt regarding the offense as a matter of Ukrainian law. This issue of Ukrainian law the requirements necessary to satisfy the elements of the statutory offense—is beyond the scope of our assignment and beyond our expertise."

Source: The Tymoshenko Case Report by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

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#### White painting

The first snowfall came Dec. 3. Since then, Kyiv has been nearly paralyzed almost every day by the more than 45 centimeters of snow that have fallen since then. The precipitation is already more than double December's usual amount. A combination of above and-below freezing temperatures led to a wicked combination of ice and slush. The city's health department reported that more than 500 people came to municipal hospitals with weather-related injuries. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)



# Political circus back in town

 $\rightarrow$ **1** Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna faction comes second with 99, Vitali Klitschko's Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms has 42 seats, Svoboda – 37, and the Communists – expected to have 33. Twenty four lawmakers have not joined any factions, and five seats remain vacant until repeat votes are scheduled next year.

The three opposition parties – Batkivshchyna, UDAR and Svoboda – have a total of 178 and mostly acted in unison on the Rada's first days: they blocked the podium and many initiatives proposed by the Regions together, and challenged the Communists' legal standing.

But parliamentarians were not alone in their tactics. Femen, the famous group of Ukrainian topless female activists, took off their clothes to protest against the incompetence and corruption of the nation's lawmakers. The demonstrators were quickly arrested and carried away by police officers.

The swearing-in ceremony at the Rada looked like a high-life event: the hall was packed with lawmakers, diplomats, a choir who sang the national anthem and swarms of reporters. Even church leaders attended. Two deputies who did not grace the previous parliament with their presence very often – businessman Yuriy Ivaniushchenko from the Party of Regions and Kostyantyn Zhevago, formerly of the Batkivshchyna faction – showed up for the ceremony. Ivaniushchenko told reporters that this time he will come to parliament more often.

When asked by the Kyiv Post what faction he is going to ally with, the 38-year-old billionaire Zhevago remained tight-lipped. He also promised not to skip plenary sessions this time. He did not vote for or against Azarov.

The solemnity of the event broke quickly – perhaps the moment that two members were pushed and shoved out of the session hall on Dec. 12. More fights and scuffles broke out later.

The MPs, Oleksandr Tabalov and his son, Andriy, were both elected as Batkivshchyna party representatives, but refused to join the party's faction the day before the parliament was due to convene. The opposition interpreted this as treason and demanded they renounce their seats. Oleksandr Tabalov told reporters that he and his son "are not going (to join) any faction." Andriy Tabalov, in one of his interviews to Ukrainian media, said they were "pressured" by the government.

There is no legal mechanism to force the two tushkas – the nickname for those who desert their party and join someone else's – to give up their seats, though. So the opposition decided to apply psychological pressure, pinning their portraits to the podium, with the word "traitors" spelled out underneath.

Oleh Tiahnybok, leader of the Svoboda Party, called the dissension of two opposition members "a blow not only to Batkivshchyna, but to all of the opposition." Perhaps, to compensate, his brother Andriy Tiahnybok and several accomplices used one of the many breaks to cut down a metal security fence surrounding the Rada. Then they broke a door to get back into the building because it was blocked by a special police unit.

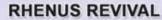
Andriy Tiahnybok was elected to parliament in a single-mandate constituency in Lviv Oblast. Like all lawmakers he enjoys immunity from criminal prosecution.

Svoboda continued to make trouble the next day, scuffling with the ruling Party of Regions, whose lawmakers were breaking the law requiring each member to vote in person. Eventually, the brawls subsided and the parliament was able to elect Communist Party member Ihor Kaletnik, a former head of the Customs Service, as first vice speaker. Svoboda's Ruslan Koshulynsky got the other vice speaker's seat.

The parliament is scheduled to reconvene on Dec. 18. And in the meantime, Ukrainians are stocking up on popcorn in anticipation of coming attractions.

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# Why must Ukrainians suffer humiliation to travel abroad?



As if the paperwork for receiving a Schengen visa is not enough to kill the enthusiasm for travel, Ukrainians upon their return home must remember the way to the foreign embassy's doorstep.

Despite the ongoing talk about visa liberalization, the process is not very liberal from the standpoint of the average person. Some embassies require travelers to their country to return in returned. Searching for an alternative solution, I sent my scanned boarding pass along with my border check stamps via email. Not good enough. The answer: Come in person! And, for the Italian Embassy in Kyiv, this means standing in line behind a fence in any weather, waiting to be called in.

There is a repressive taste to all of this. It's certainly not European and progressive.

I went to Italy to stay with friends I have made during my year in the Netherlands on the European Voluntary Service, a European Union-sponsored program aimed "to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, thus contributing to prinforming cocied acherican in clarify my dossier and, clearly annoyed by me asking him questions, eventually hung up.

At the Italian Embassy, before I received a visa, the Ukrainian interviewer scolded me about not speaking Italian and predicted that my "chances to get a visa are close to zero."

I am not alone here. Any time you enter an embassy, the stories of exhausted Ukrainians abound. I once overheard the story of a woman who didn't get to catch her cruise ship in Ukraine because her visa was not approved on time. Another man, who has been doing business between Italy and Ukraine for years, was asked to bring one more document on the day that his plane

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person to prove that they are back in Kyiv, like good boys or girls.

I recently returned from Italy, where I stayed for a month-long vacation. My passport with visa, my third Schengen alongside the American ones plus a Dutch residence permit, came back from the embassy with a note requiring me, upon return to Kyiv, to show up at the Italian Embassy's visa department in Kyiv.

Aside from the humiliation, money, time and energy of fulfilling this requirement, the embassies involved seem to have forgotten that not every Ukrainian lives in Kyiv. The embassies should find modern and convenient ways of ensuring compliance. But since it is Ukraine, basic courtesies are not extended – foreigners think Ukrainians should put up with everything.

I returned to Kyiv on a Friday when the embassy was closed. Then I returned to my hometown, got sick and was not thrilled about going back to the capital to show the Italians I have ing to reinforcing social cohesion in the EU."

Of course, they didn't mean Ukrainians.

Also, it looks like somebody is cashing in on visas, forcing travelers to pay attention to the price they pay at the visa center. The exchange rate at the center's Belgian window is 11.5 hryvnia per euro, meaning that everyone overpays 10 percent for each visa. The visa center said the embassy sets the rate, while the embassy claims the exchange rate should correspond to the one of the National Bank of Ukraine.

#### Is something fishy going on?

There are other problems. A trace of the Soviet approach is still felt in rude remarks often made by Ukrainians working in the embassies. They have tasted authority and do not hesitate to put people in their place. "I am not going to give you any advice. My advice is too expensive" is what one Ukrainian working in the Belgian Embassy told me. The employee had called me to departed. The list goes on and on.

It doesn't get better if you are applying though the Visa Application Center, a commercial institution that supposedly makes the process easier. The centers don't even always accurately list the documents required by embassies. Despite such unprofessionalism, the service costs 25 euros. The only thought that justifies it is that such a center frees the applicant from having to book an appointment one month in advance.

Regardless of how many times a person proves that he or she is a lawabiding citizen, to be Ukrainian means running errands to collect papers, make copies and suffer humiliation. Then, if one is fortunate enough to be successful, Ukrainians need to save some time and grace to say hello and thank you to the embassy staff member kind enough to put that Schengen sticker in the passport.

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Editor's Note: It's easy to be an expatriate – all you have to do is live outside of your home country and you are an expat by definition. Ukraine's expatriate community probably numbers no more than 100,000 people altogether, including foreign students, in a nation of 46 million. If the number is accurate, expatriates are a mere 0.2 percent drop in the demographic bucket. Eric R. Gilliatt takes a look at the lives of a few of them and why they made Ukraine their home.



When I originally came to Kyiv on Dec. 13, 2001, I had no idea it would be a journey that would mark the beginning of a new era in my life. Today it appears it might be the final era.

My life has always been one of accomplishment and adventure marked by more than one marriage, four children and four distinctive careers: racing cars with Alfa Romeo; advertising and marketing followed by a career in show business as an actor, producer and director on stage; television, and doing voice talent on radio; and then back to marketing again with a bit of photography thrown in with it.

All this happened during my more than 40 years in the warmth and enjoyment of San Diego, California from the days of my teens. Throughout those years I saw many adventures, including traveling to every state in the U.S. except Alaska and many trips into northern Mexico and up to Canada. I climbed southern California's Mt. San Jacinto twice (4,050 meters high), learned to fly, and met and became friends with many famous people, actors and show business stars. It's been an extraordinary, even surreal life.

Why should coming to Ukraine make that any different?

During the first years I came here, things were a bit different in terms of Ukrainians' attitude toward foreigners, especially Americans. We were looked upon with great interest and intrigue as most common Ukrainians had never seen an American before.

Another American told me that he had felt like some kind of "rock star" while visiting here. I was once asked myself by three city workers to pose with them so they could take a picture with me at the big fountain on Maidan Nezalezhnosti. Khreshchatyk Street was different then, too, without so much of the high-end retail shops. That was then. Things aren't the same now ... and not as friendly as it was then. Many Ukrainians seem unhappy, if not a bit hostile. People are not as interested about my being here or showing what native English speakers call "wide-eyed curiosity Some do, but most don't seem to care where I am from, much less ask for a picture with me as they once did...most just ask why I am staying here and don't go home. When I stepped off the plane from Los Angeles back in 2001 at Moscow's scary old international Terminal 1 at Sheremetyevo Airport, it was a very cold -22C outside and snowing. It was an auspicious beginning for my first visit. Moscow was the transfer point for my flight to Kyiv, and I have to say that legendary old airport terminal was quite an interesting change from any I had ever been in back home Like a lot of my countrymen have, I came to meet a Ukrainian woman I had been talking to on the Internet, but that didn't work out over time. However, I did fall in love with the rich history of the country and its people. After my growing disillusionment with my country and its government, I came to live in Kyiv in 2007, accepting a position which ultimately became chief business development officer for a start-up software engineering and consulting firm owned by Ukrainian and Russian investors.

to teaching, primarily business English for corporate clients. Since I had liked being an associate professor of business, teaching evenings for the University of Phoenix, the profession seemed a natural way to go. I taught at several schools, and over the past five years, made good friends with many expat English speakers also teaching.

The largest commonality among them is this amazing penchant for success despite residing in a country which is infamous for being accused of having anti-foreigner policies and procedures. Let me introduce readers to some of them:



business opportunities. Canas figured out how to succeed. His secret is that he's good with people and willing to help. He is highly adaptable.

I met Canas five years ago when we were both working at a local company that was then offering business English to different corporate groups. I was a teacher there and Canas was the PR and marketing manager. He was heading up the new multimedia division he had just created, making this firm the first training company in the country offering services such as movies, online skills assessment, commercial clips and even viral games. Since those days, the company discontinued its business English activities, and Hugo has gone on to continue his colorful career. He acquired an engineering firm which renovated Kyiv's Radisson hotel and carried out wind farm studies. You can meet this cheerful character around Kyiv at many networking events. Canas likes living in Kyiv, which he affectionately likens to "a big village" and he has many friends.

> is Aspleaf. You'll often

that living here offers – both professionally and personally

United

friend,

Neil

is



ing professional, as well as a remarkably efficient English language teacher and linguistic specialist. As are many of my expat friends, Larmett is very well-educated and holds an executive MBA from the Stockholm School of Economics in Moscow. This easily likable man also speaks multiple European languages fluently. Larmett's career has taken him all over Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia.

In November 2007, Larmett came to unpredictable Ukraine. But the global crisis of 2008 hurt Ukraine seriously and his contract was ended. After temporary assignments, Philip joined world advertising and marketing giant, BBDO Kyiv in 2009. However, once more the crisis continued and, losing his contract again, he found what he thought was a great opportunity and moved to Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2011. But he told me he just couldn't settle in. Today he is managing director and involved in a new venture, EMM, and happy to be back in Kyiv. He doesn't plan to leave again...or at least anytime soon. For him, this is home.

Paul

Victor

Henry

Among my

expatriate

friends who

share a love

of the classical

is Paul Victor

Henry from

Northern

Ireland.

Henry came

to Kyiv many

years ago and

we met at the

same school



where Canas and I met as Henry was teaching there occasionally

I want to tell you about my American missionary friend, Tammy Swailes.

Swailes came to Ukraine in September 2000 to start a church-based, inter-denominational Bible Institute in the Russian language. She moved to Zhitomir in 2001 and resides in a small village. Swailes has always known success in her missionary work. Love, respect and dedication to her service to God are hallmarks of her career. She is multilingual, an avid cook and a capable amateur photography who simply loves to travel.

More than 1,600 students have studied in her program since 2000. I asked her to share a unique story about her life here and she told me: "Back in 2001, when driving from Hungary to Zhitomir and Lutsk and then back to Hungary, the police stopped me a total of 41 times!! That was a record for me! Back in those days there were many more places to pay 'tolls' along the wav!'

#### **Ron Schaefer**

Finally, it would be an incomplete collection without at least a mention of my friend, Ron Schaefer.

Schaefer is an American, originally from Chicago, and "a man with a big heart." He came here 11 years ago to work with orphan children as a missionary. Schaefer and his lovely Ukrainian wife, Galina, have conducted Christian summer camps and helped children who graduate from orphanages throughout Ukraine to find education or places to work. Like so many of my expatriate friends on parade here, their contributions to making this a better country for its citizens have been enormous

#### No plans to leave

So, what am I still doing here?

Well, I met and married an absolutely wonderful, beautiful, talented Ukrainian woman, Tatiana, who is also a brilliant linguist and is fluent in English, French, Italian and Polish in addition to her native Ukrainian and Russian.

After almost four years of teaching English at Learning Systems of Ukraine, I was fortunate to obtain the position of Professor of Business at Kyiv's International Institute of Business, an excellent MBA institute where I teach on the International MBA faculty. Not only that, I am also managing director and dean of IIB's School of Business English, which serves individual students, students from the institute, as well as large corporations. (www.iib.com.ua)

Besides my teaching, I have gone back to doing two other things I love - acting and producing. My acting work now takes in films and I recently returned from being on location in Crimea for shooting my part in a new eight-part TV movie called, "The Bomb," about the making of the atomic weapon. Last year, I was cast as one of the stars of a vet-to-be-released feature length science fiction movie entitled, "Overturn, The Awakening of the Warrier." I am also one of the producers. (www. overturnmovie.com). In the meantime, I am co-producing another classical music concert event, this time for Christmas. It will be held on Dec. 22 and is entitled "Christmas Gala." This concert, like the previous one last August, "Gala Weekend," will feature many of Ukraine's most famous stars and talents in classical music, opera and traditional music. There are a lot of other very successful expatriates living and working in Kyiv. It is a great pleasure and privilege to have so many of these friends around me. The daily challenges of life here are no more so than many of the ones in my life in the U.S. I am happy to be able to be one of the foreigners who have made and who continue to make meaningful contributions to Ukraine ... even if no one asks me to let them take a picture with me at the big fountain on Maidan anymore. Eric Gilliatt is director and dean of the International Institute of Business School of Business English in Kyiv. He may be contacted at SBE@iib.com.ua or egilliatt@iib.com.ua



I left the company after one year and returned



clubs, often concocting business deals, sometimes discussing ladies. Aspleaf is an American

see

Iowa. from

also heading the representative office of a large engineering and environmental consultancy. He moved to Kyiv from Bulgaria in January 2010. He started off in Kyiv as a one-man company, but within two years his office grew to a staff of almost 40.

Aspleaf's office works with both the public and private sectors, and with a number of development and investment banks, performing resource efficiency audits, environmental remediation, project management and infrastructure development in the water, energy and transport sectors. He doesn't give much thought to terms like "ease of doing business." His practical education is one of his secrets for succeeding in Ukraine. He enjoys Kyiv, his work and the opportunities

He is a native of Belfast and was born into a musical family. Soon after his arrival in Kyiv and in collaboration with Frank McGovern (a Scottish expat. Tarkovsky scholar and fluent Russian speaker) and MasterKlass Cultural Centre, COLLEGIUM KIEV was formed - an orchestra dedicated to the performance, in most cases the first performances of British music in Ukraine. So far the orchestra

has premiered 28 works by British composers. Major works by Elgar and Purcell's "Fairy Queen" are planned for 2013.

#### Tammv Swailés

It would be unfair to leave out any females in this expatriate parade, so



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There are plenty of off-trail opportunities in Georgia's Gudauri ski resort located on the southern slopes of The Greater Caucasus Mountain Range. (snowforecast.com)

**BY ANASTASIA FORINA** AND DARIA ZADOROZHNAYA **Bukovel: Ukraine's** premier ski destination

best equipped winter destination.

Unfortunately, it's also the most

"I enjoy skiing at Bukovel. It offers

expensive.

Khometa, manager at Kyiv's Pilgrim tourist agency, who plans to make her

But regulars say cheaper accommodation can be found just a bit further afield. "When I was in Bukovel last year I stayed in a locals' house for Hr 200 per night. (It was so) close to the resort, I could see ski runs from there." Khometa says, adding that staying in Tatariv, a small village eight kilometers from Bukovel, is a good bargain as well. But while it's possible to save  $\rightarrow 20$ 

WITH OLGA RUDENKO

# Kyiv offers plenty of fun over Christmas, New Year

This winter it looks like Kyiv is struggling hard to keep its citizens from leaving city on holidays, much to the delight of those who plan to spend winter holidays in the capital.

#### New Year tree goes for naturalness

Traditionally, Maidan Nezalezhnosti is the spot for Ukraine's main New Year's tree. This year, people are intrigued about how it will look even more than usual, since last year's fake tree was mocked. It was designed as a colored cone, resembling a clown's cap, a toy pyramid and even a rocket, all quickly embodied in many online spoofs. City hall learned its lesson. This year's 35-meter-high New Year tree is promised to be as natural looking as plastic trees can be. The decorations will include ethnic ornaments and impressive flashlights. It's been under construction since Nov. 15, and the opening ceremony will take place on Dec. 19, Saint Nicholas Day, at 5 p.m.

#### Ice rink at Maidan Nezalezhnosti

There's ice skating in malls, but nothing beats skating outdoors, in the beauty of winter, in the heart of Kyiv. The traditional ice rink on Maidan Nezalezhnosti opens on Dec. 23, but Kyiv authorities warn that the opening may be postponed if the rink hinders construction of the New Year's Day concert stage.

Ice rink will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Last year, skating at the city's main ice rink, at Kontraktova Ploscha Square, cost

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With only two weeks left before the holidays, it's high time to pick a winter wonderland. For those who prefer active leisure, the Kyiv Post has prepared a selection of prized resorts in Ukraine and abroad.

With 51 kilometers of pistes of third trip there this year. varying difficulty and length, Bukovel in the Carpathian Mountains is Ukraine's biggest and

There are eight hotels operating at the resort. During low season (Dec.10 - 28), single rooms start at Hr 250 (\$31) per night with Hr 400 (\$50) for a double room. In high season (Dec. 28 – Jan.7), prices jump to a hefty Hr 900 for a single and Hr 1,225 for a

good ski runs and service," says Olga double room.

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Hr 25 to 45 for a 40-minute session, skates included.

#### Christmas village at Khreshchatyk

That one holiday treat is available right now. The Christmas village at Khreshchatyk is a fair where one can buy souvenirs and presents, including Christmas toys and crafted goods, all sold in pretty ethno-style kiosks. Classic street food, like hot dogs and coffee, is also available. Entertainment is provided by number of master classes in crafts and a small zoo. On holiday days, the fair will also host some street performances. On Orthodox Christmas Eve, Jan. 6, there will be carol singing.

#### **New Year's Day** concert

The tradition of celebrating New Year's Eve at Maidan  $\rightarrow$  **19** 

## Lifestyle 19

# **Project turns fiction classics** into posters

#### **BY OLGA RUDENKO** RUDENKO@KYIVPOST.COM

While some say that printed books are on the way to being fully replaced by their electronic counterparts, some find ways to breathe new life into paper.

That is exactly what Anna Belaya and Dmitry Kostirko from Kyiv did, when they started the Knigli project several months ago, which turns fiction classics into trendy modern posters.

Kyivans have been receptive, buying about 400 Knigli posters per month, each at a cost of Hr 200 (\$25).

The typical poster is a paper page of A2 size, framed from above and below. From a distance it looks like a simple monochrome image, but a closer look shows the drawing is actually formed of very small letters. Every single poster is one book, full and unabridged, its letters colored in different shades of gray forming an image related to the book.

To fit a whole book into one poster, Knigli uses an extremely small font. While Microsoft Word's smallest font is eight, some of Knigli posters use 4.5.

For short books, like Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" or Antoine de Saint-Exupery's "Le Petit Prince," a normal-size font is enough. This makes the posters readable, though for larger works a magnifying glass is required. Luckily, it comes with each delivery set, and each poster's frame has a special pocket for it.

Currently Knigli offers over 20 custom posters, in Russian and original version, and include such classics as Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's "Faust" and Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

According to Belaya, the bestseller is Mikhail Bulgakov's "The Master and Margarita," which was also the first novel to be turned into a Knigli poster. But "Romeo and Juliet," printed in English, is also a fast riser. It only appeared on the catalog in late October, and sold about 100 copies in its first week.

Unlike Bulgakov, Ukraine's classical literature pieces, also available in Knigli shop, are not very popular.

"People often ask if we have any



The typical poster Knigli from a distance looks like a simple monochrome image, but a closer look shows the drawing is actually formed of very small letters. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

world classics translated into Ukrainian, but they don't seem very interested in Ukrainian classics," says Belaya.

Knigli's latest novelty is a poster featuring numbers only. It is representation of the number  $\varpi$  that includes thousands of digits.

Their technique is unique and patented, and each poster's layout is done manually. Once the text of the book is placed on the page and proofread, the artist draws a picture over the letters, using several shades. It took Belava and her partner Kostirko several months to get the patent for this method and to find printing equipment able to print the tiny texts.

Belaya says they've thought about coloring their posters, "but we wanted it to be book-like, and monochrome posters seem more bookish.

After their launch in July, Knigli now sells about 400 posters each month. "Sometimes companies order their constitution printed as a Knigli poster with the company's logo. Circulation starts from 50 posters for corporate orders," says Belava.

Recently Ukraine's office of UNICEF ordered Knigli posters, featuring UNICEF rules written in many languages. According to Belaya, those posters are planned to be used as gifts and will be placed in UNICEF offices

Now, when business is flourishing, Belaya has some social projects in mind. She's been trying to suggest placing book classics, printed in Knigli style, on light boxes at bus stops.

"So that anyone could read some piece of good literature while waiting for the bus. I do believe that would help reviving people's love for reading," she savs

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#### Knigli posters are available at: www.knigli.com

Pinchuk Art Centre (resident shop) 2 Basseinaya St., second floor

**Creative Space 12** 10/2 Mikhailovskiv Allev

Toshoshop 47B Olesya Honchara St

View the full list of retailers at www.knigli.com/partners



Wooden pavilions with handmade toys, Christmas decorations, souvenirs, traditional crafts, miniature Christmas trees, gifts and sweets are set up on Khreshchatyk Street, (Ganna Bernyk)

# Rudenko: Where to go for holiday fun

 $\rightarrow$ **18** Nezalezhnosti is still on. This year, there'll be an outdoors concert called "New Year Night at Maidan." Ukraine's bands like TIK and Druga Rika will perform, accompanied by their Russian counterparts DDT and Bratia Karamazovi. Last year, about 20,000 people gathered at Maidan Nezalezhnosti on New Year's Eve.

The concert is to start at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 and will last until 2 a.m. On midnight, there'll be fireworks.

You might also be interested in: History of Christmas Tree in Kyiv (exhibition). Museum of Kyiv's History (7 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho St.). Through Jan. 20.

Father Frosts' Parade. Khreshchatyk Street. Dec. 22. Exact time yet to be announced.

Christmas Toy Exhibition. Center for Ukrainian Arts and Culture (19B Khoryva St.). Through Jan. 13. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (closed on Sunday). Free

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all over the world.



Knigli founders Dmitry Kostirko and Anna Belaya pose with "The Hound of Baskervilles" poster. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)

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# These four countries have great ski slopes

 $\rightarrow$  **18** on lodging, there is no alternative for pricy ski lifts.

"The ski pass is the biggest part of expenses," Khometa says. Prices start at Hr 350 for a day and Hr 1,200 for a week during low season and top out at Hr 400 and Hr 1,600 during the peak. Same goes for ski outfits – renting a ski or snowboard kit, with boots and headgear, will cost Hr 80-260 per day.

The Ivano-Frankivska Oblast resort is also a good base for day trips, notably to Dragobrat (in nearby Zakarpatska Oblast), Ukraine's highest ski resort, or Slavske (Lviv Oblast), considered the best site for beginners.

For more information about Bukovel go to http://bukovel.com/; Dragobrat http://dragobrat-go.com/ and Slavske http://karpaty-slav.com/

#### Georgia's Gudauri for heli-skiing fans

Situated on the southern slopes of the main Caucasus ridge at more than 2,000 meters altitude, Gudauri winter resort is best known for its long ski runs and mild climate with plenty of sunshine during skiing season, which lasts until April.

"It offers unique conditions for skiing. The ski runs are longer than in the Carpathians, which (postively) affects the experience," says Yuri Hrablinsky, a snowboard instructor specializing in free ride and back country at SnowLab School in Gudauri. He says average ski tracks in Gudauri are 2 kilomers to 5 kilometers long.

Prices are lower in Gudauri than in Ukraine. According to the resort's website, ski passes cost \$15 per day, while ski or snowboard rental is about \$25-32 per day. Accommodation is also more affordable compared to Ukraine's Bukovel, starting at \$40 per night for singles and \$60 for double room.

"Gudauri is Georgia's best resort if you love hitting the slopes, with peaks going well into 3,000 meters," says Roman Ivasyshyn, a business development manager. "There are plenty of off-trail opportunities. You can go heliskiing (\$700 per day) with Eastwolf Heliski and Heliksir, or go rougue back country for a small fee," he said.

Getting to Georgia from Kyiv starts at \$200 (Wizz Air return ticket), while the transfer to Gudauri will cost around \$120 for four people.

For more information about Gudauri go to http://www.gudauri.info/

## More than skiing at Zakopane

Poland's winter capital is like a cozy fireplace in the middle of snowy weather. Located at the foot of the Tatra





Mountains at an elevation of 1,100 meters, it attracts tourists with its smalltown charm and wider range of attractions than the typical resort.

"My family loves it! There are a lot of places, where you can go in the evening: hot springs, restaurants, cafes, and clubs. Service is very nice," says Evgeniy Teselko, who has been going to Zakopane in southern Poland for almost 10 years.

"I could go to Bukovel, but my wife doesn't ski. What would she do there? Here she can go shopping or visit cafes or ice rinks, some of them are free by the way. The place is really amusing and cheap," Teselko says

In Zakopane, small family hotels cost \$15-25 per day (often including breakfast) while bigger hotels charge around \$30. Dinner with alcohol costs about \$15 per person. A one-day ski pass is about \$15-20.

The location also offers a wealth of day trips, with numerous quaint villages and hiking routes. Somewhat further off, but still accessible is Krakow, Poland's cultural capital, with its UNESCO World Heritage Site medieval old town and luxurious shopping malls. For more information about Zakopane go to http://www.ezakopane.pl/poland/

http://www.zakopane-life.com/ http://www.sunshineworldpoland. com/html/ski\_poland.php

## Traditional Austrian winter resorts

"The quality of ski runs, the safety of which is controlled, and well-developed infrastructure are among the main advantages of Austrian resorts," says Julia Khimchak, who recently stayed at an Austrian ski resort in Ellmau, located at an elevation of 820 meters with an impressive 250 kilometers of downhill slopes of various difficulty level.

"It's better to book a room in local's hotels, which goes for \$25 per night," she says.

Ski/snowboard rental price is about \$60 per week – renting for this period saves you up to 30 percent, according to Khimchak. The regular ski pass price is around \$40 per day, \$20 for kids.

Ellmau is located 90 kilometers from Innsbruck. "If you're tired of skiing you can head off to Swarovski museum." A return Kyiv-Innsbruck ticket costs \$500 if reserved in advance. The transfer from Innsbruck airport to Ellmau (87 kilometers) will cost about \$100 for two.

Apart from Ellmau, Vorarlberg Mountains is a good option for skiing in Austria.

"I really like the Austrian Voralberg Mountains for winter activities. It's still very traditional, you can go to a little skiing station with a lot of trees and good tracks," says Charles Verdier, who manages a wine shop in London and prefers skiing in Austria to his native France, which he says is more expensive.

For more information about Ellmau go to http://www.ski-austria.com/ellmau/index.php

To book an affordable room in Ellmau go to http://www.j2ski.com/ ski\_resorts/Austria/Ellmau\_hotels. html

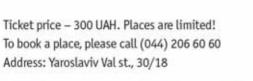
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Valentin Trofimchuk, the Chef of "Pena" restaurant invites to visit his Christmas culinary workshop. The workshop will take place on December 22 at 11 a.m.

#### COOKING FANS WILL MASTER:

Olivier with meat of kamchatka crab; Duck breast with three sauces and pate of fois gras; Chocolate truffles for dessert! Don't miss an excellent opportunity to learn new recipes proposed by Chef!





#### Prices by ski destination



Source: Kyiv Post research

# Lifestyle 21



# Looking for happiness edge, women turn to self-improvement gurus

#### **BY DARYNA SHEVCHENKO** SHEVCHENKO@KYIVPOST.COM

A woman should be satisfied. If she isn't, she has to do something about it. That's what Russian trainer Pavel Rakov tries conveying to Ukrainian women during his self-improvement trainings across the country.

Recent years have seen a flood of women's trainings that call for an end to the fight for gender equality and independence. Seminars instead suggest that ladies "open their sexuality," "find their inner woman" or "become their man's inspiration." Even though there are many trainings devoted to women in business and career advancement, most of them still answer the basic question of how to seduce a man.

"We were taught how to look, move and even speak to be more attractive to a man," says unemployed Svitlana Semakova, 24, who recently attended Rakov's training under the provocative name, "I am actually smart but I live like I'm stupid."

Organizers claim the program is based on the practical knowledge and experience that Rakov has amassed for several decades. Kyiv trainer and Rakov's partner Sergei Mytrofanov says he's been in the business for more than three years and fully trusts Rakov's methods. The full three-day course covers such themes as: "being a woman," "how to make a healthy man impotent and vice versa" or even "how to get rid of the iron balls." "I can't say there was something very new and shocking to me, I just understood that I have to use all I knew before to be happier in life, " Semakova said. She recalls being quite surprised to see a man conducting a women's training, but Rakov appeared to be very charismatic and definitely able to keep the audience in suspense, she said. "At first I was shocked with his methods he could easily tell a woman that she looks 'like a cow without makeup' or something to that effect, but then I got used to it and saw that it works," she explained. "Why on earth would a woman conduct a women's training," says

Mytrofanov. "Only a man can know what men need from women," he says and claims Rakov's clients don't have any problems with that.

However, many ladies still prefer to open their innermost secrets to their gender sisters. The Anima festival and school in Kyiv was founded just for women in spring 2010 and immediately became a hit. "Up to 2,500 women and even men come to our festival each year, some even take the broader courses in Anima school then," says Oksana Pavlychenko, the head of the festival's organizing committee.

There are seven different courses from business trainings to relationships and sex school. "Of course, the last one remains the most popular," Pavlychenko laughs.

She says the school was founded to help women find answers to all possible questions. However those answers can appear to be quite pricy at Hr 140 for a festival ticket and Hr 600 or more for a three-hour training at Anima school.

"We aim for middle and higher class women that are ready to pay for their self-improvement and think that the price is affordable for them," Pavlychenko explains.

for me after training – I quit my job and now it is my husband who supports the family," says Rakov's client Semakova.

Though Mytrofanov ensures they do not call for women to stop working. "We just say that a woman should devote as much of her energy to a man and a family as possible," he says and explains "there are three main things that a woman should do for her man . first of all inspire him, remain faithful to him and have sex with him."

Of course this is not all and a man should do a lot for his woman as well, but this is still the main formula.

"Actually we - men, don't need much in this life, all this clothing and stuff. All we do we do for our women and just want to get a reaction," Mytrofanov said.

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# Where to eat for less than Hr 20



Kyiv has numerous affordable and great restaurants. But for those really looking to save money to buy Christmas presents for loved ones, the city center also boasts numerous places to fill a stomach for less than Hr 20. Here is a short guide to five places that serve fast and delicious food:

#### 1. Linas Caffe

Lina Caffe is famous in Kyiv for their Middle Eastern-inspired dishes like falafel and humus, which is probably the best in the city. Rolls with kebab, humus and falafel can all be found for takeout at the price of 15 hryvnia. There are also burgers.

Price: Hr 15

Where: Bessarabska Square on the Corner of Tarasa Schevchenka Boulevard Weekdays: 9-23 Weekends: 10-23

+38-093-054-3816; http:// tel www.facebook.com/pages/Linass-Caffe/111012168977710

#### 2. Sandwich Deli

In what looks like a regular grocery, the one end of the shop is dedicated to creating fresh, heavenly sandwiches. There is a picture for all the different kind of options, which makes it easier to choose the delicate sandwich that fits your mood. There is a small desk to eat at and the shop also offers cheap coffee and cheap snacks for dessert. Price: Hr 8-16

Where: Basement shop on the corner of Lva Tolstoho and Volodomyrska streets across from Shevchenko Park. Weekdays: 9-22

Weekends: Closed

#### 3. Nurnberger **Bratwurst**

The Germans may know how to make tasty sausages, but this place is specialized in serving them. The small shop is located close to the cinema at Chervonoarmiiska Street and here you will find the arguably best hot Linas Caffe (Ganna Bernyk) dogs in the city center. The service is

welcoming and chairs for seating so you can enjoy inside. They also serve numerous kinds of German beer for Hr 20 to send you all the way into the Bavarian heaven.

Price: Hr 16-20 Where: 21 Chervonoarmiiska St. Weekdays: 10-22 Weekends: 10-22

#### 4. Burrito

This place is easy to miss because of its discreet location on the side of Bessarabska Square turning away from Kreshchatyk Street. But finding it is well worth it. The place offers appetizing and tightly stuffed Mexican burritos and quesadillas with a distinct Kyiv touch. The owner is smiling, welcoming and speaks English, but what really makes the place worthwhile is the cleanliness. Hands are being washed and tables cleaned after every preparation so you won't have to deal with stomach problems afterwards.

Price: Hr 12-18 Where: Bessarabska Square opposite Pusata Hata

Weekdays: 10-22 Weekends: 10-22

#### 5. Iveria

You will find this place easily since the street is filled with people eating the various Georgian dishes served from this small shop. The elderly couple that works behind the window bakes their own bread which they fill with meat, mushrooms or plain cheese – a treat called the Kubdari. The cheese Kubdari as tasty as it is filling. Price: Hr 16

Where: 2 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho St. Weekdays 10-22 Weekends 10-22





Business trainings are less crowded. but provide women multiple business start-up ideas or how to develop career opportunities.

However, even these trainings no longer encourage women to compete with men. They emphasize finding a harmonious balance between running a business and family.

"The difference between men and women in business is huge," says Alla Yansens, a business trainer from Kyiv. "It's not a crying need for a woman to earn money and support a family, but for a man it is," she said and explained that she encourages her students to find harmony in their lives first.

She added that there is a big difference between a men's and a women's kind of business. "Women should unite with other women in help and support of men," Yansens said. "Whether we want this or nor we should remember that our first duty is to inspire men."

However some trainings have the opposite effect. "The main thing that changed Travel

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Many fights broke out among members of the newly elected parliament on Dec. 12-13. (AFP)



Ukraine's new parliament got off to a combative start, with a two-day session on Dec. 12-13 that produced a lot of fighting and some tangible results: the confirmation of Mykola Azarov as prime minister and and the election of Volodymyr Rybak as speaker of the Verkhovna Rada, replacing Volodymyr Lytvyn. The members also elected two vice speakers of parliament, one from the Communist Party and the other from Svoboda Party. They also agreed on the formation of committees.



Opposition members of parliament surround the speaker's rostrum, protesting "tushka" – traitors who are elected to one party but join another – and the legality of the Communist Party's faction. (Kostyantyn Chernichkin)





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