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Wide open doors of hospitality From 2013, Belarus able to abolish visas for Europeans **Page 7**



Skilful fisherman needed to capture heart of Lady Luck at Eurovision contest Alexander Rybak arrives in Minsk to promote EuroFest national selection round and gives advice on how to bring home victory from Baku **Page 10**



Victoria Azarenko wins tennis tournament in Sydney

Azarenko continues victorious tradition

The past year has probably been the best in the career of Belarus' top tennis player. Victoria has begun the new season with a brilliant victory at the WTA tournament in Australian Sydney, bringing the number of her professional titles to nine. → **11**

Awards recognise talent and noble deeds of their holders

Belarus has survived an uneasy period recently, without catastrophe or loss, states Alexander Lukashenko, presenting the Belarusian Presidential Award 'For Spiritual Revival' and special awards to figures of culture and art → **2**

European-format train

City lines launch new format of Belarusian Railways' passenger transportation, to improve speed, comfort and convenience of railway transport, with regional, commercial and international lines also developed → **5**

Lighting up old age

Youth is a folly which quickly passes, as one classicist wrote. Unfortunately, he was only too right about the fleeting nature of time; we cannot postpone the autumn of life. Ideally, we spend our lives with loved ones but what of those who lack such company? → **6**

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