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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

This year's theme, "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," is a chance to examine the evolution of our country and how African Americans helped draw us ever closer to becoming a more perfect union.



President Barack Obama
February 2, 2009
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Recently at the Embassy



Fifth American Corner in Hungary Opens at Corvinus University in Budapest

On February 18th, the fifth American Corner in Hungary opened at Corvinus University in Budapest. Like the already existing corners in Pécs, Debrecen, Eger and Veszprém, the American Corner in Budapest will provide a window on the U.S. for the general public.

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Cultural Attaché at Debrecen University's 'America Day'

Cultural Attaché Carolyn Glassman opened the University of Debrecen's 'America Day' program on Saturday, February 7 with a speech on the transition to the new administration of President Barack Obama.

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Creation of the Hungarian Association of Women Judges

On January 30, Ambassador April Foley attended the inaugural meeting of the newly established Hungarian Association of Women Judges (HAWJ), a branch of the International Association of Women Judges based in Washington D.C. In her remarks, Ambassador Foley emphasized the importance of a consistent and transparent judiciary system in combating domestic violence and discrimination and also in attracting foreign investment. At the event, Ambassador Foley accepted

the invitation of the HAWJ Chairwoman Dr. Agnes Galajda to be an honorary member of the association.

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Progress on the Táncsics Property Exchange

During the week of 26-30 January, representatives of the Hungarian State Holding Company (MNV) and their Hungarian design consultants met with a technical team from the U.S. State Department in Budapest to continue the planning for the renovation of the two buildings adjacent to the main U.S. Embassy building on Szabadság tér.

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Embassy 'Tolerance Tour'

Political Officer Dan Koski has visited with high school students across Hungary to promote the Embassy's message of tolerance. Mr. Koski revisits the United States' past problems with prejudice and racism, highlighting the struggles during the slavery and civil rights eras. He urges students to learn from America's past and to avoid judging others because of differences such as race, religion, or sexual orientation.

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Roma Journalists in America

From January 25 to February 14 four Hungarian Roma journalists were the guests of the Department of State's International Visitor Program and traveled around the United States. They learned about the role of the free press in a democratic society, with special focus on minority participation in the U.S. media.

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In the News... from Washington



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Looking Ahead



2009 Summer Camp Job Fair

CCUSA, an organization present in Hungary for 19 years, will hold its Camp Fair this year again, where visitors can apply for summer jobs in the USA for the period of June-August, 2009. Applications are accepted from students over 18.

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When: Saturday, March 7th
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

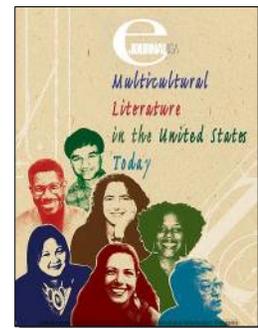
Where: Hilton Budapest WestEnd
Váci ut 1-3, 1062 (Westend City Center)

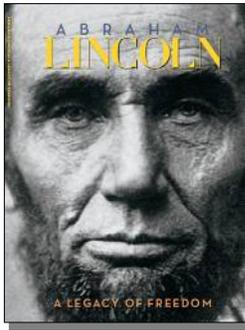
New Publications

Multicultural Literature in the United States Today

The United States is enriched culturally by immigrants from many nations. This edition of eJournal USA focuses on distinguished American writers from various ethnic backgrounds who add immeasurably to mutual understanding and appreciation through tales of their native lands and their experiences as Americans.

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Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy of Freedom

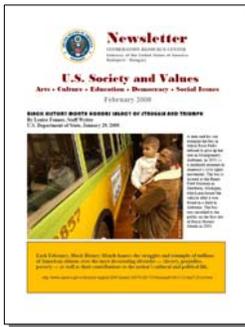
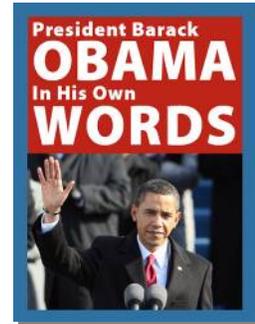
This electronic and print publication describes this self-educated common man who supplied the leadership and the moral force that bound Americans together and carried them to victory through their greatest crisis.

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Obama in His Own Words

This book includes the complete text of the 44th President's Inaugural Address. Also featured are extended excerpts from eight other significant campaign and pre-presidential speeches.

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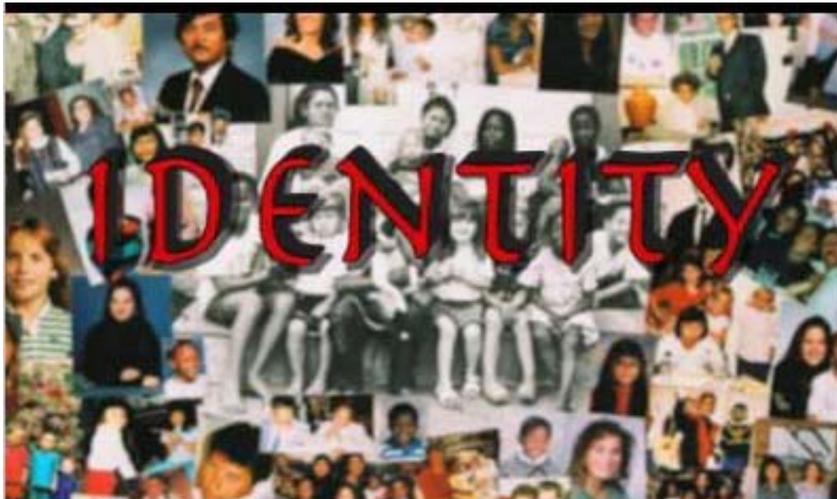
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DIVERSITY: OUR MULTIRACIAL AMERICAN FAMILY. VIDEO (2:09)



Members of a large, multi-racial family talk about "identity" and growing up in a non-traditional home. Susan Khou has 17 biological, adopted or foster children.

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