



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES

## BUDAPEST NEWSLETTER

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### Recently at the Embassy



#### President Bush Delivers State of the Union Address

THE PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, Vice President Cheney, members of Congress, distinguished guests, and fellow citizens: Seven years have passed since I first stood before you at this rostrum. In that time, our country has been tested in ways none of us could have imagined. We faced hard decisions about peace and war, rising competition in the world economy, and the health and welfare of our citizens. These issues call for vigorous debate, and I think it's fair to say we've answered the call. Yet history will record that amid our differences, we acted with purpose. And together, we showed the world the power and resilience of American self-government.

All of us were sent to Washington to carry out the people's business. That is the purpose of this body. It is the meaning of our oath. It remains our charge to keep.

The actions of the 110th Congress will affect the security and prosperity of our nation long after this session has ended. In this election year, let us show our fellow Americans that we recognize our responsibilities and are determined to meet them. Let us show them that Republicans and Democrats can compete for votes and cooperate for results at the same time. (Applause.) [Full text](#) *(White House photo)*



#### Distinguished Speaker on Trans-Atlantic Partnerships

Mr. Janusz Bugajski, Director of the New European Democracies Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), was the third and final distinguished speaker in Ambassador Foley's Strategic Speaker Series. During his January 28-29 visit to Budapest, Mr. Bugajski spoke to the Hungarian Institute for International Relations, conducted a question and answer session with Central European University students and members of the Atlantic Council, enjoyed a lively exchange of views at the Budapest Foreign Policy Club, and discussed the activities of CSIS at the International Center for Democratic Transition. [More](#)

#### Ambassador Foley Visits Székesfehérvár

On January 24, Ambassador Foley visited Székesfehérvár and toured the facilities of two U.S. companies - automotive components manufacturer Visteon and bowling equipment producer Brunswick. She also met Székesfehérvár Mayor Tihamér Warvasovszky. Ambassador Foley used the opportunity to gain more insights into the current Hungarian business climate, and also to congratulate these companies for their excellent performance and impressive corporate social responsibility efforts.



#### Deputy Chief of Mission Honors the 100th Birthday Anniversary of Dr. Edward Teller

On January 15, honoring the service to the Free World of a great Hungarian-American on the occasion of the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, the Deputy Chief of the U.S. Mission, Jeffrey Levine, spoke about the renowned physicist who was born on January 15, 1908 in Budapest. He noted Dr. Teller's work on the Manhattan Project as well as his contribution to other great national security challenges during the Cold War. [More](#)

#### Kati Marton Introduces Her Latest Work at CEU

On January 7, Central European University (CEU) and Public Affairs of the U.S. Embassy organized a public lecture for the Hungarian-American writer Katalin Marton who was visiting Hungary on the occasion of the launching of the Hungarian translation of her bestselling work "The Great Escape: Nine Hungarians Who Escaped Hitler and Changed the World." Ms. Marton shared insights from her work which traces the lives of nine extraordinary Hungarian Jews whose talents and influence reached full expression outside of their homeland. [More](#)



# Looking Ahead



## The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in Budapest

[Orchestra▶](#)

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, one of the most distinguished American symphonic ensembles, will play works by Beethoven and Brahms. Time and venue: February 4, 7:30 p.m., Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, Palace of Arts (1095 Budapest, Komor Marcell u. 1). *(Conductor Marek Janowski, photo by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra)*

## "Together-Együtt" Concert

Presented by the Center for Emerging Art (CEA) and the Fabini Foundation, pianists Adelina Krivosheina (USA) and Krisztina Márta Szabó (Hungary), and flutist Eszter Geszti will be playing on February 9 at 7 p.m., at Rákoshgyi Bartók Zeneház (1174 Budapest, Hunyadi utca 50). [CEA▶](#) [Bartók Zeneház▶](#)

## Harlem Globetrotters in Hungary Again!

Don't miss the show of the world famous basketball magicians! Dates and venues: February 27, 8 p.m., Főnix Csarnok in Debrecen; and February 28, 8 p.m., Papp László Budapest Sportaréna. [Harlem Globetrotters▶](#)



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# Web Highlight



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Check out the State Department's new interactive web site for international audience, which provides in-depth material on U.S. policies, culture and values, incorporating multimedia, video, forum discussions, polls, and quizzes.

# New Publications

## eJournal: *The Next New Thing* [eJournal▶](#)

What's the latest in education, music, travel, sports, nanotechnology, architecture, and medicine? This edition tells the story of innovators and their creations.



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## USA Elections in Brief [Publication▶](#)

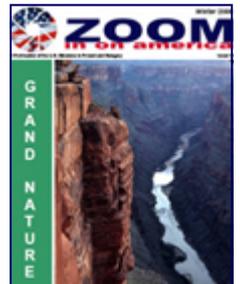
An introduction to U.S. elections and its main players, from the federal to the local level.

## Democracy in Brief [Publication▶](#)

An illustrated introduction to the origins, history, and basic values of democratic government.

## Zoom In On America: *Grand Nature*

See and learn about the Grand Canyon, the greatest natural bridge, the oldest and largest trees, the longest river, the tallest geyser and waterfall, and the highest and lowest places in the United States. [Zoom▶](#)



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# In the News... from Washington



## Secretary Rice Addresses the World Economic Forum (January 23, 2008)

"...There is not one challenge in the world today that will get better if we approach it without confidence in the appeal and effectiveness of our ideals--political and economic freedom, open markets and free trade, human dignity and human rights, equal opportunity and the rule of law. Without these principles, backed by all forms of national power, we may be able to manage global problems for a while, but we will not lay a foundation to solve them. This is the core of America's approach to the world." [More▶](#)

## Half of the United States Will Choose a Presidential Candidate on February 5 "Super Tuesday"

In past elections, a large number of states held their primaries on the same Tuesday in March, referred to as "Super Tuesday." With so many elections on the same day, "Super Tuesday" often could make or break a candidacy. But this year, as states moved their primaries and caucuses earlier, "Super Tuesday" has been replaced by what some call "Super-Duper Tuesday" or "Tsunami Tuesday." On this day, February 5, 2008, more than 20 states will hold nominating contests. [Elections 2008▶](#)

