



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES

# BUDAPEST NEWSLETTER

## Recently at the Embassy

August 16, 2007



### Ambassador Foley and Mayor Rogán Sign Agreement on the Use of the Perimeter Around the Embassy Building

On August 13, Ambassador Foley and 5th District Mayor Antal Rogán signed an agreement on the use of the perimeter around the Embassy building. With the conclusion of this 50-year agreement, which can be extended for another 50 years, the Embassy will have a security zone around its perimeter that will meet the Embassy's security needs and open up public areas in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy building for pedestrian traffic. This agreement refines the security arrangements for the Embassy building to help pre-

pare for a move from the Táncsics complex to new quarters on Szabadság tér that serve the new needs of the Embassy, the City of Budapest, and the people of Hungary. [More▶](#)

### Ambassador Visits JPAC Excavation Site at Lake Balaton

On July 25, Ambassador Foley and Defense Attaché Colonel Kevin McGrath traveled to Nemesvita near Lake Balaton to visit a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) excavation site for a B-24H "Liberator" that crashed in a bombing mission to Austria during World War II on June 30, 1944. There was one unaccounted-for American, Ssgt Martin Troy, who went down with the plane. Ambassador Foley met with the team of 8 Americans, led by USMC Capt. George Murphy and JPAC archeologist Dr. Bradley Sturm, as well as with their counterparts from the Hungarian Defense Ministry and the local municipality. [More▶](#) [Photos▶](#)



On August 10, Ambassador Foley and Hungarian Military History Museum Director LTD (Ret.) József Holló signed an agreement on the transfer of the suspected remains of Ssgt Troy. [More▶](#)

### Ambassador Foley Receives "Award for Women's Equality"

On July 28, Ambassador Foley was presented by the Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary with the organization's "Award for Women's Equality". The award is given to "persons of excellence who have been most intensively promoting the issue of gender equality, and have provided substantial support to the realization of the objectives set by the Association for Women's Career Development". [More▶](#)



### Hungarian Journalists Participate in DVC on the Visa Waiver Program

Representatives of both print and electronic media participated in a digital video conference held at the Embassy on July 31, where Senior Research Fellow of the Heritage Foundation James Jay Carafano answered questions on reforms to the Visa Waiver Program as part of a bill on anti-terrorism measures. Mr. Carafano said that the importance of the bill is that it opens the gates to countries aspiring for participation in the Visa Waiver Program. He also noted that the United States will not treat the European Union as a block, as Washington concludes these agreements on a bilateral basis.



### HOPE Presents Imre Nagy Award to Ambassador Foley

On July 23, representatives of the Hungary-Ohio Partnership in Education (HOPE) presented their yearly Imre Nagy Award to Ambassador Foley for "...continuing the revolutionary spirit inspired by the world-changing events of 1956 by promulgating Hungarian culture, camaraderie and communication in Ohio." HOPE Acting Director John Balas added that the group had selected Ambassador Foley not only for her promotion of U.S.-Hungarian joint cultural activities, but in recognition of her work in promoting joint action between the U.S. and Hungary in democracy, women's empowerment, and education exchange. [More▶](#)



### Ambassador Honored by the Roma Minority Government

On July 20, the Roma local government of Gyöngyös presented the annual *Pro Egalitate* Award to Ambassador Foley in recognition of her role in promoting equal opportunities for Roma. Zsolt Lakatos, Deputy Chairman of the Roma local government, praised outstanding cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in efforts to promote equal opportunities. The *Pro Egalitate* was also awarded this year to Chief of the Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation, Colonel Lawrence J. Kinde, for assistance the office had previously provided in upgrading several Roma institutions in Gyöngyös. [More▶](#)



## USAF Honor Guard Performs at International Festival in Miskolc

Ambassador Foley attended the opening day of the Second International Festival of Honor Guards and Military Bands held July 27-29 in Miskolc. The Festival featured honor guard ceremonies and precision drill team performances by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and other international participants. The USAF Honor Guard from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington DC, arrived in Miskolc on July 27 for its first-ever participation in the Festival and performed throughout the day on July 28. During the evening of July 27, Ambassador Foley and Brigadier General Snodgrass welcomed members of the Honor Guard in Miskolc. [More▶](#)



## Ambassador's Award for Sports Diplomacy to Sacramento Water Polo Team



On July 31, Ambassador Foley hosted a reception in honor of the visiting Sacramento, California, Water Polo Team. Over 100 athletes, coaches, and team supporters from Hungary and the U.S. applauded as Ambassador Foley presented Head Coach Bruce Hastie with the Ambassador's Award for Sports Diplomacy for organizing the visit. The team played exhibition matches the previous week.

## Hungarian Poet to Participate in the International Writing Program

The University of Iowa selected Hungarian poet and university professor István László Géher to participate in the University's International Writing Program from August through November in 2007. Mr. Géher was selected from among 58 top-notch writers in a worldwide competition. [More▶](#)



## Looking Ahead

### American Roadside Architecture Exhibit to Open in Budapest

This exhibit is a photographic chronicle of the roadside architecture of America during the 1940s and 1950s, when gas stations, restaurants and hotels were built in fanciful shapes to attract the attention of passing automobiles. The Embassy is pleased to share this light-hearted look at American architectural oddities. The exhibit will be open to the public September 7-October 7 at Millenáris Teátrum, Budapest II, Fény u. 20-22.

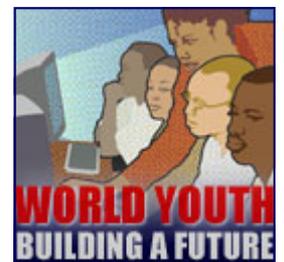


## New Publications

### eJournal: *World Youth Building a Future* [eJournal▶](#)

In this issue young American adults offer first-person accounts of their discoveries in educational programs abroad, and exchange students from various other countries share their insights about adjusting to life and family customs in the USA.

IRC Newsletters: [U.S. Society and Values▶](#) [Environmental Issues▶](#)



## In the News... from Washington

### Current Foreign Policy Issue - Foreign Press Center Briefing by Tom Casey, Deputy Spokesman, U.S. Department of State (08/01)

Mr. Casey briefs on Secretary Rice's July 30 to August 2 trip to the Middle East then answers questions from the international journalists corps. [More▶](#)

### Corporate Social Responsibility Seen as Smart Business Move

Progressive companies today recognize that in addition to maximizing profits, they also should contribute to the broader public good and treat their employees, at a minimum, with dignity and respect -- a practice known as corporate social responsibility. [More▶](#)

### U.S. Public Gardens Present Beauty and Biodiversity



### Exhibit at U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., presents 12 different American landscapes

An exhibit titled "A Sense of Place: Public Gardens Across America" takes viewers on a mini-tour of 12 botanical landscapes reflecting distinct regions of the United States. Along with the tropics and the desert, the oak forests of Kentucky are represented, as are the alpine meadows of Colorado, the urban landscape of New York, and more. [More▶](#)