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## AHF NEWS



1/12/2006 - **1956 Filmmakers to be featured on Maryland Public Television: MPT Shoots Freedom Dance Makers!**

**Alert!** Award-winning producers Steven Fischer (AHF Member and Emmy Award Nominee) and Craig Herron will be featured subjects on Maryland Public Television as part of the broadcaster's art program, "ArtWorks", hosted by Rhea Feikin and Nate Howard. The interview, which was videotaped on Tuesday, **originally aired in Maryland on Wednesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m. and will repeat Saturday, January 14 at 9 a.m. and Monday, January 16 at 5:30 a.m.** The interview focuses on Fischer's and Herron's unique and much talked about documentary based on the story by Ed Hilbert (child actor star of Meseauto), "Freedom Dance", which has

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## NATIONAL & MEMBER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Physics Gold Medal to AHF member Joseph Nagyvary, (professor emeritus, Texas A&M University)** who was the headline/speaker at the Albert Einstein Centennial celebration by the Japanese Physics Society in Tokyo, December 13. He received the gold medal for his discovery of micro-and



nanocomposites in Stradivari violins. His new violin with similar composition was then presented by violinist Mariko Senju in a recital at the Opera City concert hall. Read about him on [\[Featured Members\]](#) or his site at

been in production since Summer 2004 and which is scheduled for release this coming October. Steven Fischer was nominated for an Emmy® Award in 2001 for Silence of Falling Leaves, his art film-looking homage to Polish POWs murdered in the Katyn Forest Massacre during World War Two. [[read more](#)]

[[www.nagyvaryviolins.com](http://www.nagyvaryviolins.com)]



**January 13, 14, 15 - New York Area Concerts featuring Endre Hegedus, internationally renowned artist of Budapest, Hungary, to perform work of Liszt and Chopin** dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian

Revolution and for the benefit of the New York Area Coordinating Committee for the Commemoration of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution / Koncertsorozat az 1956-os Magyar Forradalom 50 éves évfordulója megünneplésére és az Emlékünnepek Szervezo New York-i Bizottság munkája javára.

Donation: \$15 [Students and Seniors \$10]

Reservation and Information:  
(201) 836-4869 email: [magyar@magyar.org](mailto:magyar@magyar.org)  
[[download invitation](#)] more about the artist at [www.hegedusendre.com](http://www.hegedusendre.com)

**alert!** January 9 - February 10, 2006

**Art Exhibit in Baltimore to raise funds for "Freedom Dance the Movie" - an animated documentary film about the 1956 Hungarian Revolution! Original Art, created for the movie, to be sold.**



"As the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution approaches and memories of its destruction by Soviet forces recede, it is vital to show the sufferings of ordinary Hungarians. This film is a bold endeavor to help Americans understand both the bravery of a people yearning for freedom and the brutal invasion

**The HungarianAmerica Foundation launched a new targeted announcement and discussion list, called HunEx-Research.**



AHF Member the HungarianAmerica Foundation will continue to be committed to serve the interest of Hungarian researchers, scientists, scholars, and other professionals in the United States. As part of our efforts to bring up-to-date news, useful information, opportunities for fellowships, scholarships, R&D collaborations and employment specifically to the Hungarian-American research community, we have launched a new targeted announcement and discussion list, called HunEx-Research. If interested, you may sign up at <http://mailman.hunex.org/mailman/listinfo/hunex-research/>

**Sharing America's Resources Abroad** (SARA) continues in worldwide effort to help those in medical need. It needs your help! See the incredible work of this



AHF member organization headed by the Rev. Stephen Szilagyi, an AHF Tako Geza Award winner. [[about SARA](#)] or read the [[December Newsletter](#)]

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Hungary's desert raiders**  
1/12/2006 - Budapest Sun

HUNGARIAN competitors are finding the going rather tough at the 28th Dakar Rally, running for 9,043 kilometers from Lisbon, Portugal to Dakar in Senegal between Dec 31, 2005 and Jan 15, 2006.

This year's race saw a record number of Hungarian entrants with five pairs in the cars

that was intended to crush their hopes."  
- Janusz Bugajski, Director, Central and East European Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Freedom Dance is produced and directed by award-winning filmmakers Steven Fischer and Craig Herron. They collaborated with 1956 emigre Edward Hilbert in combining recorded interviews and photographs with the unconventional use of character-driven cartoon animation.



### Where and When?

Norman & Sara Brown Art Gallery, Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore  
5700 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
410-542-4900  
<http://www.jcc.org>

Exhibit runs January 9 - February 10, 2006 with a reception Sunday, January 22, 2006 from 3-5pm. The reception is free, and we are selling the original art work from the movie (signed by Edward Hilbert) to raise finishing funds. Hungarian Ambassador Andras Simonyi and Cultural Attache Karoly Dan from the Hungarian Embassy as well as representatives from AHF will be on hand to speak at the reception. [[read more](#)]



1/12/2006 - **AHF Leadership Conference on January 27th in Venice, Florida.** All members are invited as Hungarian organizations and individuals come together to discuss and brainstorm AHF's 2006/2007 projects. Included in the discussion are events related to the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. [[download the invitation](#)]

1/7/2006 - **AHF calling on the community to help support scholarships for needy**

category, four bikers, one quad rider and three truck teams trying their luck in the desert. [[read more](#)]

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### Hungarian Football lost in turmoil and tragedy

1/12/2006, Budapest Sun

HUNGARY is drifting aimlessly towards footballing oblivion without a national team coach or a presidium to lead the Hungarian Football Federation (MLSz), following the dismissal of president Imre Bozóky.

Bozóky, who had been in charge for six years, was forced to step down after more than half of the MLSz presidium resigned, automatically bringing his mandate to an end. [[read more](#)]

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[Kosovar Autonomy? Is it time to push for Vojvodina Autonomy? - BDSz] **SERBIAN PLAN SEEKS AUTONOMY FOR THREE KOSOVAR REGIONS.**  
RFE/RL Newsline 1/11/2006

Serbia and Montenegro's platform for UN-backed talks on Kosova's final-status negotiations will seek to form Serbian municipalities in three parts of the province, B92 reported on 10 January. The platform, part of which was given to the media the previous day, calls for the formation of Serbian municipalities in the northern part of Kosovska Mitrovica, which is in northern Kosova, in Kosovska Pomoravlja, which is in central Kosova, and in Metohija. "The part related to decentralization is very important for us because the actual adoption of our key demands will enable us to secure a normal lifestyle for the Serbian community in Kosovo and, something that is also very crucial, returning a great number of refugees to the region," Serbian presidential adviser Leon Kojen said. The platform also calls for the protection of the most important Orthodox Christian shrines, with safe zones encircling major religious sites, Hina reported.



## Hungarian minority students from 4

**countries...** In 2005, AHF sent \$5000.00 and another \$1000.00 this month for 4 Transylvanian students in the town of Marosvasarhely. We can do better! AHF Member Bela J. Bognar founded the Hungarian Scholarship Fund (HSF) to finance the educational needs of needy students of Hungarian descent in Hungary and former Hungarian lands. *The scholarship fund is often called the "Paprika Fund" since Dr. Bognar sells paprika to help raise money.*

Help AHF support this worthwhile cause! Go to the [DONATE](#) page and click the "Donation" button - be sure to indicate in notes the fund you are supporting.

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1/1/2006 - **A Centennial Celebration! The American Hungarian Federation turns 100 - Join and help us represent the interests of our community!** The American Hungarian



Federation (AHF), was founded in 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio. Among the oldest ethnic organizations in the US, AHF was established as an association of Hungarian societies, institutions and churches to "defend the interest of Americans of Hungarian origin in the United States." The American Hungarian Federation strives to unite the American Hungarian community through work that supports common goals. AHF is a national, non-partisan, independent umbrella organization representing the interests of the Hungarian American community. [[more about us](#)]



1/3/2005 - **First Hungarian Christmas in Brooklyn, New York a success...** AHF helped support the event initiated by the weekly newspaper and AHF member organization The American Hungarian Word / Amerikai Magyar Szó - A Hid, the event was held at the St. Rosalia Roman

## Ronald Reagan and Gypsy Holocaust Statues in Budapest

1/11/2006 - UPI

A likeness of the late U.S. President Ronald Reagan is among many new statues scheduled to be erected in the Hungarian capital of Budapest this year. Reagan's bust will be erected in the City Park, next to those of Winston Churchill and George Washington, and was funded by Peter Zwack, a prominent Hungarian liqueur maker.

A memorial dedicated to the Hungarian gypsy Holocaust will also be set up along the Danube, while a monument marking the 50th anniversary of the 1956 revolution will be unveiled Oct. 23. It will stand on the same spot that was once a site of a statue of Stalin, a huge metal sculpture that was pulled down on the first day of the revolution, the daily Nepszabadsag newspaper said. Another statue will be erected in the city in memory of firefighters who died while on duty.

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## Hungarian tourism revenue grows 11% y/y and guest nights up 4% y/y in November 2005

1/11/2006 - Hungary Business Newswire (Interfax News Agency)

Hungary's tourism sector grew in November 2005 with a 10.9% y/y jump in revenues and a 4.0% year- on-year (y/y) increase in guest nights, according to data released by the Central Statistical Office (KSH) on Wednesday. [[read more](#)]

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## Hungarian Foreign Minister Visits Croatia

1/10/2006 - News From Russia

Hungary's Foreign Minister Ferenc Somogyi said Tuesday his country, which joined the European Union last year, is ready to advise Croatia on its path toward EU membership. Somogyi came to Zagreb for a one-day visit, where he is expected to prepare with his Croatian counterpart for a joint session of the two countries' governments later this month. [[read more](#)]

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**Gold's Gym in Hungary**

Catholic Church. For more details, [[view the announcement](#)]

1/10/2006 - Leisure, UK

Gold's Gym's ambitious expansion plans have now taken the chain to Hungary, where it has opened its first club in Budapest.

ONGOING - **AHF providing free Websites on the 1956 Portal** to member organizations as they prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. If you know of any



organization or group planning events for the commemoration of 1956, please contact us. The American Hungarian Federation is

Located in the heart of the city, the club will offer a gym and a range of exercise classes, including group cycling. Other facilities will include a steamroom, sauna, tanning and massage services. [[read more](#)]

### Hungary ranks first on the International Handball Federation list

1/9/2006 - MTI

sponsoring the 1956 Portal as part of its goals to coordinate and assist member organizations across the country. The 1956 Portal serves as a central information resource for 1956 activities as our community prepares for the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. The Portal also includes **Audio and Video files!** If you have additional photos or have plans you would like to promote, contact us! Write to [Bryan Dawson](mailto:bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org) at [bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org](mailto:bryandawson@americanhungarianfederation.org)

The Hungarian women's handball team ranked first on the world list of the best teams prepared by the International Handball Federation. The Hungarian team collected 83 points followed by Russia with 82 points, Croatia 80, South Korea 61, Denmark 59 and Brazil 53 points.

The Hungarian handball team won the bronze medal in the Women's World Championship held in St. Petersburg in December 2005.

[See [www.hungary1956.com](http://www.hungary1956.com)]

### Featured Video



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"[Five Days of Freedom in Budapest](#)" - "Budapest is in revolt. With uncontrolled fury, crowds set fire to Russian flags... The impossible has happened. A handful of heroes has shaken the communist world to its foundations." (5.2 Mb)



[See [more audio and video files](#)]

### President sets new tone with New Year speech

1/9/2006 - Budapest Times

The New Year address by the President of Hungary provoked more controversy than the ones that were delivered by his predecessor. The oration was well constructed, and seemed almost like a campaign statement ahead of this spring's parliamentary election. It contained striking assertions - and also enjoyed an afterlife. [[read more](#)] or [[here](#)]

### Opposition leader calls for creating a safe Hungary

1/8/2006 - MTI

### Featured Member



**Dr. Dr. Joseph Nagyváry, father of the "Nagyvarius"**

Budapest, January 8 (MTI) - Chairman of the main opposition Fidesz party Viktor Orban on Sunday said that creating a safe and secure

**violin!** Dr. Joseph Nagyvary has brought an unprecedented level of academic expertise to bear upon the age old violin puzzle. A native of Hungary, he majored in chemistry at the Eotvos Lorand University of Budapest (1952-1956); he became a student of the Swiss Nobel Laureate Paul Karrer in 1957, and received his PhD in the chemistry of natural products in 1962. While in Zurich, he had his first formal violin lessons on a violin which once belonged to Albert Einstein, a coincidence which helped turning his attention to the physical mysteries of the violin. Read more about him on [[Featured Members](#)] and [[www.nagyvaryviolins.com](http://www.nagyvaryviolins.com)]

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**Featured Link:** Do you think you know something about famous Hungarians? Think again! See "Nobel Prize Winners and Famous Hungarians" on [www.thehungarypage.com](http://www.thehungarypage.com)

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### **Strength can only be found in unity!**

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Hungary would be the biggest task in the 21st century.

Addressing a rally in Debrecen, a Fidesz stronghold in eastern Hungary, the former prime minister, who led a centre-right government from 1998 to 2002, said it would depend on the outcome of the upcoming 2006 general elections whether Hungary would be heading toward the 21st century or sliding backwards into the previous one. [[read more](#)]

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## **André Kertész (1894-1985) - Part 1: Hungary to Paris**

1/7/2006 - About.com

Hungary, a small land-locked country in the centre of Europe, nurtured far more than its share of genius in the first half of 20th century. It was Hungarian scientists who drove forward the Manhattan project to produce the first atomic bomb and invented the biro and the hologram; Hungarian footballers who showed that England could be defeated and Hungarian photographers who shone in the world of photojournalism and modernism. Among them were Brassai (Gyula Halasz), the great recorder of the Paris demimonde, Cornell and Robert Capa, the inspiration of Magnum, Lazlo Moholy-Nagy who brought the ideas of the Bauhaus to found the Institute of Design in Chicago, Martin Munkasci, and, perhaps the greatest of them all, André Kertész. [[read more](#)]

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## **Hungarian peacekeeping unit to leave for Kosovo**

1/5/2006 Xinhua, China

A Hungarian peacekeeping unit will leave for Pristina, Kosovo, on Jan. 15, Hungarian military officer Lt. Gen. Laszlo Braun said Thursday. The main duty of the 150-strong light infantry company will be to protect civilians, but the unit will also carry out crisis management, humanitarian and rescue tasks, Braun said.

The unit has been dispatched under NATO's Multinational Land Forces in Kosovo and will

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return to Hungary in July. Currently, 254 Hungarian troops are serving as part of a guard and security unit in Pristina. Kosovo, a province of Serbia, has been under UN administration since a NATO-led bombing campaign in 1999 forced the withdrawal of Serbian troops from the province.

More than 800 Hungarian troops are involved in international peacekeeping operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Sinai Peninsula, Cyprus and the Balkans.

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## Hungary 2005 public deficit meets target of 6.1 pct of GDP

1/5/2006 - Forbes

Hungary met its public deficit target for 2005 of 6.1 pct of GDP, MTI-Econews reported, citing the Finance Ministry.

The figure is based on EU measures, which is the sum of the 4.4 pct of GDP public deficit, the 0.2 pct of GDP local council deficit and a further 2.8 pct of GDP resulting from adjustments under EU accounting methodology, minus 1.3 pct of GDP because of the effect of pension reforms. [\[read more\]](#)

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## Remembering the Hungarian Revolution

1/4/2006 - ExplorerNews.com

It was a cold November day in 1956 when Marana resident Karl Horvath, 18 at the time, decided to leave Hungary to find a better way of life.

Horvath, now 67, and his step- brother were among a group of about a dozen people who took a train from the city of Papa to the Austrian border. From there, they had to trek the rest of the way down a lonesome highway. [\[read more\]](#)

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## Ghost World

Quietly audacious, Hungarian cinematographer's debut is the most existential of Holocaust films

1/3/2006 - Village Voice

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Adapted from Nobel laureate Imre Kertész's autobiographical novel of an Auschwitz boyhood, the Hungarian film *Fateless* has a remarkable absence of sentimentality. The movie is obviously artistic, but there are no cheap or superfluous effects. It's almost mystically translucent. *Fateless* is Lajos Koltai's first film as a director, but he has a long and distinguished career as a cinematographer, including 14 films shot for István Szabó. [\[read more\]](#)

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## HUNGARY HEART

1/3/2006 - Vue Weekly, Edmonton

Hungarian-Canadian producer Attila Glatz brought his *Salute to Vienna* to Edmonton on New Year's Day

After a big night of New Year's Eve partying, Edmonton classical music fans had the chance to unwind with the *Salute To Vienna* troupe, who were prepared to help listeners relax and recover with a show filled with spectacular Viennese music and dancing. This 70-year-old Hungarian tradition has been recreated in North America by Attila Glatz Concert Productions, currently dazzling audiences in thirty-three cities. [\[read more\]](#)

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Andrew Vajna's film about the bloody 1956 water polo match between Hungary and the Soviet Union:

**Szabadság, szerelem**  
**Andrew G. Vajna munkája 1956-ról**  
Nepszabadság Online

Nyolc év után ismét magyar nyelvű filmet készít az Amerikában élő producer, Andrew G. Vajna - ezúttal az 1956-os forradalomról. A *Szabadság, szerelem* című film forgatókönyvének első változatát Hollywood egykor legdrágább sztárszerzője, a magyar származású Joe Eszterhas írta. [\[tovább\]](#)

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Basketball wunderkind and son of Csernyanszky



Judit, who organized a small Hungarian class for children in Maryland, featured in local paper:

**A sign of the times -  
Handicap not a problem for Horvath**  
The Gazette, Maryland

Rockville High sophomore  
Greg Horvath (right) tries to  
draw a charge against  
Kennedy's Jeremy Herring last  
Thursday. Horvath is almost  
completely deaf, but communicating is not an



issue.

In basketball, or any team sport really, communication is the key to success. The importance of teammates trusting each other, being able to rely on and communicate with each other is immeasurable. So, imagine if one player was set apart from the team, didn't have the same capacity to communicate. One would think it'd cause major problems. But Rockville forward Greg Horvath seems to have broken through such a barrier. Despite his hearing disability — he was born with hearing but lost it almost completely six months later — Horvath, just a sophomore, has landed a starting role on the Rams' varsity.

[\[read more\]](#)

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**IN MEMORIAM:**

**George Gerbner, 86: Educator Researched the  
Influence of TV Viewing on Perceptions**

12/29/2005 - LA Times

George Gerbner, an educator and pioneer researcher into the influence of television violence on viewers' perceptions of the world, has died. He was 86.

Gerbner, the former dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, died Saturday at his home in Philadelphia of unspecified causes.

Always interested in storytelling, the Hungarian-born Gerbner became concerned as television and motion pictures supplanted family members and friends in relaying tales both true and fictional.

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