



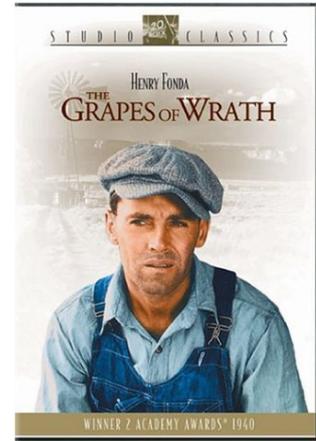
## The U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center Yerevan Times

### Monday Movies at the Information Resource Center

As part of its "Monday Movies" program, the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center screens an award-winning American movie in English every third Monday of the month. The next movie will be:

**"The Grapes of Wrath"**  
June 19 at 16:00

This remarkable film version of Steinbeck's novel was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including for Best Picture, Actor (Henry Fonda), Film Editing, Sound and Writing. John Ford won the Best Director Oscar and actress Jane Darwell won Best Actress for her portrayal of Ma Joad, the matriarch of the struggling migrant farmer family. The movie tells the story of Tom Joad, who following a prison term he served for manslaughter, returns to find his family homestead overwhelmed by weather and the greed of the banking industry.



### U.S. Ambassador John Evans Opens Computer Lab for the Department of Library Science at Yerevan State Pedagogical University



*Ambassador Evans and  
Culture Faculty Dean  
Rouben Mirzakhanyan*

On May 18, U.S. Ambassador John Evans participated in the official opening of the Library Science Computer Laboratory at Yerevan State Pedagogical University. The establishment of the computer lab was made possible by the donation of six computers and the installation of library software by the U.S. Embassy in Armenia. The Pedagogical University provided a newly refurbished room for the laboratory.

The U.S. Embassy has cooperated with the School of Library Science at Yerevan State Pedagogical University since 2000. This has included bringing American speakers to lecture on modern developments in library science, as well as an expert in 2005 to help design a new, up-to-date library science curriculum.

### SEFLIN and U.S. Embassy Donate Books to the National Children's Library

On April 6, "American Books for Youth and Children" exhibition opening ceremony was held at the National Children's Library after Khnko Aper within the framework of Armenian National Library Week. At the opening, approximately 300 books donated by the South-East Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) in partnership with the U.S. Embassy were displayed.



*SEFLIN books attract  
Armenian youth*

In her speech, Ruzan Tonoyan, Director of the National Children's Library, expressed gratitude to SEFLIN and the U.S. Embassy for their continued support. Library of Congress Armenian and Georgian Area Specialist Levon Avdoyan, Embassy Information Resource Officer Bill Middleton, and Information Resource Director Nerses Hayrapetyan also participated in the opening.

# What's New at the American Corners

## Peace Corps Representative Lectures at Yerevan American Corner

On April 15, Embassy Yerevan rounded out its first year of "American at the American Corner" presentations with Peace Corps representative Deborah Wild's lecture on "The U.S. Peace Corps: Who and What We Are." This presentation was the initial event in a sustained public affairs campaign to celebrate Peace Corps's 45th anniversary.

The lecture successfully completed U.S. Embassy Yerevan's first year of "American at the American Corner" presentations, as part of which one Embassy representative speaks at the Yerevan American Corner each month.



*Deborah Wild speaks at the Yerevan American Corner*

## Public Lectures at the American Corners

Each month, the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center organizes "American at the American Corners" and "Armenian at the American Corners" lectures. All presentations are free of charge and open to the public.

Upcoming presentations:

### American Corner Yerevan

- "Changes in the U.S. Education System and Student Life," by Gayane Igityan and Armine Ghazaryan, May 31, 14:00
- "Education and Community Service in the U.S.A.," by Nane Mkrtchyan, June 14, 14:00
- "Security in America: American Police," by Peter Ford, June 17, 14:00
- "Student Life in U.S. High Schools," by Sonya Armaghanyan, July 12, 14:00
- "My African American Experience," by Janean Martin, July 15

### American Corner Gyumri

- "My Community Service at Mount Zion Church," by Hasmik Hovhannisyan, June 8, 15:00
- "Educational Structure in U.S. High Schools," by Hasmik Harutyunyan, July 13, 15:00
- "The State of Kansas: A Brief History," by Clinton Moyer, July 19, 15:00

## VISIT AN AMERICAN CORNER NEAR YOU!

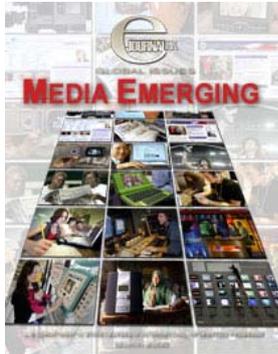
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# New Resources at the Information Resource Center

## Media Emerging An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State



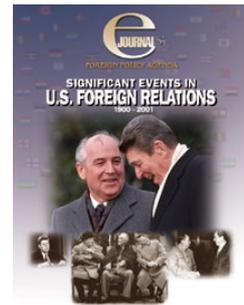
IIP's electronic journal, *Media Emerging*, discusses how innovations in information technology are breeding a generation of new, upstart media, so that individual citizens gain the means to disseminate their own ideas and opinions. Experts from organizations like the Media Center at the American Press Institute, the National Newspaper Association, and the New York Public Library describe how these trends change the media marketplace. The eJournal includes special features on blogging, Internet law enforcement, low-cost laptops, and the Library of Congress' project to upload cultural treasures -- from literature to art from all countries -- on the Internet.

The eJournal is available at <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/0306/ijge/jge0306.htm>

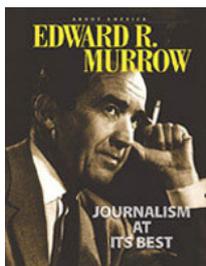
## Significant Events in U.S. Foreign Relations An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State

This newest edition of eJournal USA is intended to acquaint international students in high school and college programs and other interested audiences with events of the 20th century that were significant in shaping U.S. foreign relations. Among the events examined by leading diplomatic historians and political scientists are the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe after World War II, the Suez crisis which changed the balance of power in the Middle East, and President Richard Nixon's landmark visit to China.

PDF and HTML versions are available in English at:  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itps/0406/ijpe/ijpe0406.htm>



## About America: Edward R. Murrow, Journalism at Its Best



Issued in commemoration of World Press Freedom Day, *About America: Edward R. Murrow, Journalism at Its Best*, showcases the life and career of the eminent journalist. The articles in the publication discuss how a free and independent media is one of the essential components of a democratic society. It also highlights Murrow's radio and TV programs as excellent examples of how a leading reporter used his journalistic skills in the public's service in times of crisis, e.g., World War II and the Cold War era.

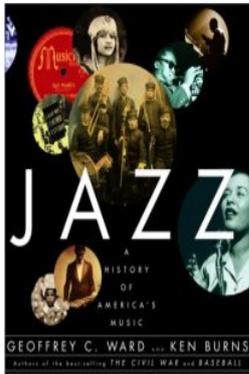
The publication is available at: <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/murrow/index.htm>

## Democracy Dialogues New Feature: "Independent Courts"

Democracy Dialogues has introduced a new feature on Independent Courts. The Independent Courts topical web page [http://www.democracy.gov/dd/eng\\_democracy\\_dialogues/independent\\_courts.html](http://www.democracy.gov/dd/eng_democracy_dialogues/independent_courts.html) includes a variety of materials including key documents, a list of possible discussion questions, and a bibliography. The overriding objective of the Democracy Dialogues initiative is to provide a forum for discussion and exchange on various topics.



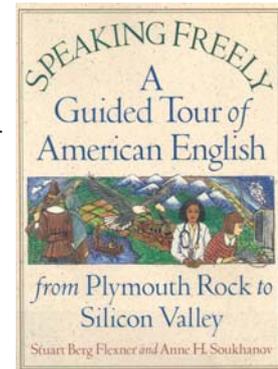
## Jazz: A History of America's Music, by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns



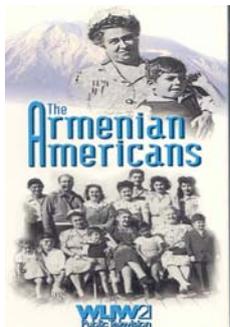
This book by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns brings jazz to the limelight and features among its 500-plus pictures many of the previously unseen shots of musicians and venues glimpsed in Burns's 10-part documentary, *Jazz*. The book describes the evolution of jazz during the 20th century, focusing on the careers of a key players like Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and Benny Goodman. In his introduction to the massive volume, Burns writes that his decision to make *Jazz* was inspired by a comment made by Gerald Early, a writer he interviewed for the authors' last documentary, *Baseball*. "Two thousand years from now," Early said, "there will only be three things that Americans will be known for: The Constitution, baseball and jazz music."

## Speaking Freely: A Guided Tour of American English from Plymouth Rock to Silicon Valley

Language, wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson, is fossil poetry. It is also fossil history, and when we examine the origins of words we learn a great deal about the people who coined and used them. In this fascinating compendium of American English words, lexicographers Stuart Berg Flexner and Anne Soukhhanov examine, among other things, the language of prohibition and the Jazz Age, the origins of 19th-century words such as "undertaker" and "blizzard," and the enduring lingo of hippiedom. You'll also learn that the term "abolition" was originally applied to tax resistance against the English crown, and that the first known American folk song concerned a snakebite.



## The Armenian Americans VHS, Producer/Director: Andrew Goldberg



"The Armenian Americans" video captures the spirit of the amazing culture and its legacy of inspiration, achievement, perseverance, and survival. Personal recollections from three generations of proud Armenians - including tennis champion Andre Agassi, author Peter Balakian, actor Mike Connors, actor/writer Eric Boghosian, actress/writer Andrea Martin, NCAA basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian, historians, musicians, politicians, religious leaders, and corporate executives - pay warm tribute and celebrate why there has never been a better time to be an Armenian American.

The U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center is open to the public Monday through Friday from 13:00 to 18:00.  
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