



The U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center

Yerevan Times

MONDAY MOVIES AT THE INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER

The U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center holds a Monday Movies series every third Monday of the month. This program allows the Armenian public to watch award-winning American movies at the U.S. Embassy, while at the same time improving their English-language skills.

For a schedule of upcoming movies, please email:
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Upcoming Monday Movies:

- “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington”
February 27 at 4:00 pm
- “Forest Gump”
March 20 at 4:00 p.m.

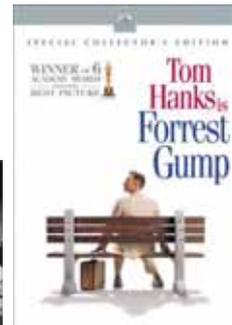
Information Resource Center Hosts Students from Yerevan Branch of Moscow State University

On December 12, the Information Resource Center hosted a group of students from the Yerevan Branch of Moscow State University. Information Resource Center staff introduced the students to the Center’s reference collection, ESL materials, periodicals and electronic outreach services.

Focus USA

Focus USA is an ongoing series of American Studies articles provided by the U.S. Department of State International Information Programs (IIP). The most recent article is on Martin Luther King Jr.

http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/life_and_culture/focus_usa.html



Focus USA

“Meet Benjamin Franklin” Goes Live on USINFO



The IIP article, “Meet Benjamin Franklin, America's First International Celebrity,” is now available on USINFO to coincide with the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the

of the legendary American's birth. The article reviews Franklin's many achievements, from his political contributions to his scientific discoveries. Also available is a link to a selection of Franklin's wit and wisdom, a "Did You Know?" about Franklin, and other related Internet offerings. Read the Article Online:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/Archive/2006/Jan/06-875137.html>

WHAT'S NEW AT THE AMERICAN CORNERS

U.S. EMBASSY CHOIR PERFORMS AT AMERICAN CORNER YEREVAN

On December 17, the "Dip Notes," a choir made up of U.S. Embassy Yerevan representatives, sang holiday carols at the Yerevan American Corner. This was the eighth in a series of monthly "American at the American Corner" presentations organized by Public Affairs Section. The performance was attended by over 50 Armenians and was covered by Kentron TV and AR TV.



U.S. Embassy Choir Performs at the Yerevan American Corner

The U.S. Embassy and American Corners Present a Series of Public Lectures

The U.S. Embassy has organized a series of lectures at the Yerevan and Gyumri American Corners entitled "Americans at the American Corner" and "Armenians at the American Corner." These lectures are held each month and are presented in English by either an American working at the U.S. Embassy, or an Armenian who has participated in a U.S. government exchange program.

Upcoming Presentations at the American Corners:

American Corner Yerevan

- "Civil Society and the State in America," by Gavin Helf, February 18
- "Culture & Life in New England," by Elizabeth Pelletreau & Adam Butler, March 18
- "The U.S. Peace Corps: Who and What We Are," by Deborah Wild, April 15

American Corner Gyumri

- "Security in America: American Police," by Peter Ford, February 15
- "The History and Culture of Texas," by Eric Whittington, March 15
- "Dams in the Desert: Developing America's West," by James Carlson, April 19

VISIT AN AMERICAN CORNER NEAR YOU!

Yerevan American Corner
Yerevan City Central Library
2, Amiryan Str.
Tel: (374-10) 56-13-83
E-Mail: amcorneryerevan@yahoo.com
Open Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM
Saturday 10 AM- 4PM



Gyumri American Corner
Gyumri Branch of the Armenian Center for
Scientific and Technological Info.
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Open Monday -Friday 9AM-5PM

New Information Resource Center Resources

College and University Education in the United States

An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State

From the many types of institutions to the virtually unlimited array of programs and majors, the universities and colleges in the United States reflect the diversity, tolerance, and pursuit of excellence that characterize the best of the country as a whole.

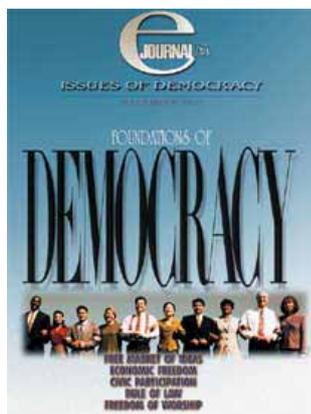
Through this journal, prospective international students and their parents and advisors will learn about the American system of higher education and academic and student life at U.S. colleges and universities.

Whether following a rigorous program in chemistry, gaining workplace experience through internships, enriching the educational experience through distance learning and the expanded course and resource offerings of the World Wide Web, or pursuing artistic excellence, students in the United States can find programs and institutions that will allow them to realize

The journal includes descriptions of various types of U.S. institutions of higher learning, followed by articles that feature more detailed information about individual university programs, as well as articles about the concept of a "major," college life, and the American styles of instruction. Numerous photos and a video are included to enhance the written descriptions. We also present information about resources for students seeking guidance in navigating the selection, application, and financial aspects of the U.S. system. EducationUSA's educational Advising Centers and their Web site [<http://educationusa.state.gov/>] are among the most useful of these resources. Potential international enrollees are advised to begin the application process at least one year prior to the application deadline in order to obtain and submit all the necessary academic records and to arrange to take required tests.

Foundations of Democracy

An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State



People all over the world want to build futures for their families in free and open societies. This aspiration includes the desire to have basic human rights, participate in fair elections, practice one's religion, speak freely on public issues, and be certain that an impartial court system will decide violations of the law. In this journal we focus on several key components of genuine democracies and the experiences of various nations in fashioning the form of democracy that suits their cultures, protects minority populations, and helps all citizens

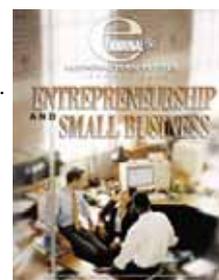
fulfill their aspirations.

As democracy spreads throughout the world, nations in transition will look to existing democracies for guidance. They must keep in mind that there is no simple model and that no one framework is applicable in its entirety to all countries. Some of the topics the journal explored—how democracies respect the differences within their populations, the importance of a fair judicial process, economic freedom, and a free press—are, however, critical factors in any democratic society.

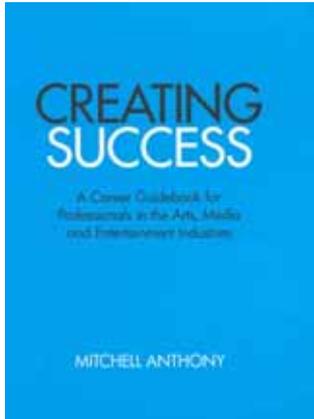
Entrepreneurship and Small Business

An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of States

The publication opens with an introduction by Hector V. Barreto, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and stresses the importance of entrepreneurship and small business in the U.S. economy, including the role of government in fostering such activity. Highlights in the publication include: an article from Georgetown University professor Derek Leebaert on how small businesses contribute to U.S. economic expansion; a piece by Christopher Conte, a freelance writer and former editor and reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, on the history of small business in the U.S.; an article by author Steve Strauss on how governments can encourage small-business growth; and profiles of five successful entrepreneurial ventures.



Creating Success: A Career Guidebook for Professionals in the Arts, Media and Entertainment Industries



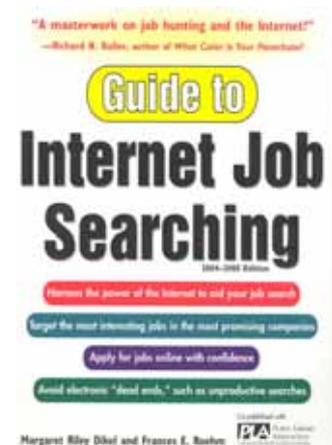
Creating Success is filled with clearly explained simple but successful strategies and philosophies that anyone can learn. From techniques for building your creative business to planning for a satisfying retirement, this book will help you develop more control over your career.

The author of the book Mitchell Anthony has founded and managed a variety of creative endeavors in high-tech, entertainment, and consumer products and services. In the process he has earned awards and accolades from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cool Website of the Day, AIGA, the Society of Publication Designers, the Society of Illustrators, the LA Society of Illustrators, and the Western Art Directors Club.

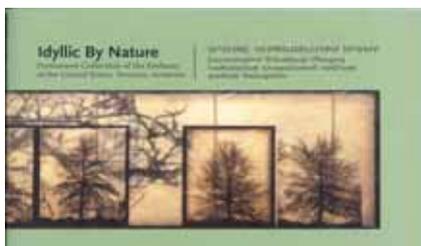
According to Ryan Gerber, General Manager, Dimensional Media, Inc., "Creating Success cuts right in the fundamentals offering real world techniques, strategies, and tips that anyone can use."

Guide to Internet Job Searching 2004-2005 Edition

The book is an essential guide to finding a job online. Using *Guide to Internet Job Searching, 2004-2005*, absolutely anyone with access to a computer can immediately conduct a timesaving, low-cost, high-impact job search. Copublished with the Public Library Association, the *Guide to Internet Job Searching* offers expert advice on how to find and use online bulletin boards, job listings, recruiter information, discussion groups, and resume posting services. Its easy-to-use format and user-friendly tone make this an excellent tool for both the experienced surfer and Internet newbie. Includes: Local, state-by-state, government, and international resource listings and opportunities Online career resources Specific career path information Reviews of some of the more popular job listing and recruiting websites



Idyllic by Nature: Permanent Art Collection of the Embassy of the United States, Yerevan, Armenia



The *Idyllic by Nature* catalog features sixty-six works by forty-two contemporary American, Armenian and Armenian-American artists. With nature as muse, the selection encompasses both the majestic and the minute, and ranges in focus from painted vistas of the heavens to organic vessel forms cast in bronze.

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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