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American Citizens e-Newsletter

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EMBASSY CLOSURES

The Embassy will be closed Friday, **July 4th** for Independence Day.

Please note the Consular Section will offer reduced hours and services during the month of **August** due to limited staffing. Please try to schedule any requests for non-emergency services in July or September, if possible. American Citizen Service (ACS) non-emergency hours will be 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in August. Normal ACS hours will resume as of September 3rd. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

WHAT CAN THE U.S. EMBASSY DO FOR AMERICANS ARRESTED OVERSEAS?

One of the most essential tasks of the U.S. Department of State and of U.S. embassies and consulates is to provide assistance to U.S. citizens incarcerated abroad. When you are in a foreign country you are subject to its laws, and U.S. officials are limited as to how they can assist you. If you are arrested, immediately ask to speak to a consular officer at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Under international agreements, the U.S. Government has a right to provide consular assistance to you upon your request. If your request to speak to your consul is turned down, keep asking — politely, but persistently.

The U.S. State Department is committed to ensuring fair and humane treatment for U.S. citizens imprisoned overseas. U.S. Consular Officers provide a wide variety of services to U.S. citizens incarcerated abroad. Specific services vary depending on local laws and regulations, the level of local services available in the country in question and the circumstances of the individual prisoner. The frequency of U.S. consular visits to citizens arrested abroad may likewise vary, depending upon circumstances.



For more information on how U.S. consuls assist American arrested abroad, visit http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1199.html.



Come Join the Fun!!

Noon to 6pm on Friday, July 4th

**Go-carts for the kids, Inflatable obstacle courses,
and a shooting pit for teens and adults**

**Join a team for Tug - O - War
Volley Ball or 3-on-3 Basketball**

Test your recipe at the Chili Cook-off

Tickets

Single: 50 mts / Family: 100 mts

Proceeds to go to the Sisters of Charity Orphanage

Tickets available in advance from the Embassy Medical Unit or may be purchased at the door

ELECTION BASICS—ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE ABSENTEE?

The Federal Post Card Application Form (FPCA; SF-76) is the first step of the absentee voting process. This form is accepted by all states and territories as a simultaneous request for registration and/or an absentee ballot.



U.S. citizens voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) are eligible to participate in all elections for Federal offices in their state of legal residence. Many of these citizens are also eligible to vote in state and local elections as well.

Because election laws vary from state to state, we recommend you consult the 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide for specific information regarding your state's laws. This Guide contains state-by-state procedures for UOCAVA citizens to register and/or request an absentee ballot using the FPCA. All shaded areas for your state or territory as indicated in the Guide must be completed. The Guide is available <http://fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html>

Those wishing to send materials via diplomatic pouch may bring them to the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy. Voters using the online FPCA or FWAB, and those who are returning a ballot via U.S. postal channels (including diplomatic pouch), may print out the attached prepaid mailing label and tape it to the outside of the envelope in order to take advantage of free postage.



AMERICAN JAZZ PIANIST PERFORMING IN MAPUTO AND MATOLA

The U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section will be hosting American-Dutch jazz pianist Mike del Ferro in early July. Mr. del Ferro will perform concerts with Mozambican musicians at the following venues:

Friday, July 4th, 10pm: Xtappens (Matola)

Saturday, July 5th, 10pm: KaMpfuno (Maputo Train Station) with Stewart Sukuma and band

Ticket prices will be approximately 100–150 meticaais for what promises to be a great show. We hope to see you there!

Mike del Ferro is a U.S. citizen born in Amsterdam. In 1989 he won first prize at the Rotterdam Jazz Piano Competition, the soloist prize at the Europe Jazz Contest in Brussels, and the first prize at the Karlovy Vary Jazz contest. Mr. del Ferro's reputation as a soloist, accompanist, composer and arranger has led to worldwide performances, recordings and tours with musicians from all over the world. He has recorded dozens of albums in genres ranging from Dixieland to Salsa and has arranged music for animation for Danish animator and Oscar winner, Børge Ring.

Mr. del Ferro is also the Director of the Jazz Programs of American Voices and coordinates artistic programming for American Voices' jazz festivals worldwide.

THE "GLOBAL ENTRY" PILOT PROGRAM—EXPEDITED ENTRY INTO THE U.S.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) began processing applications on May 12, 2008, for the Global Entry pilot program, which is designed to expedite the screening and processing of low-risk, frequent international travelers entering the United States.



Global Entry will be available for U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents who are frequent international travelers, provided they have not been found guilty of a criminal offense, charged with a customs or immigration offense, or declared inadmissible to the U.S. under immigration regulations. Biometric fingerprint technology will be used to verify the passenger's identity and confirm his or her status as a Global Entry participant.

The program will kick off on June 10, 2008, at three initial airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York; George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston; and Washington Dulles International Airport.

Applications for enrollment in the Global Entry program are available through the Global On-Line Enrollment System (GOES) at <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/>

The Global Entry application process consists of three steps:

1. An applicant must complete and submit an online application through GOES and pay a \$100 fee through www.pay.gov.
2. CBP officers will review the applicant's information and conduct a background investigation.
3. Finally, the applicant will undergo an interview with CBP officers at an Enrollment Center at JFK, Houston or Dulles Airports.

Upon returning from international travel, Global Entry-enrolled travelers may bypass the regular passport control line and proceed directly to the Global Entry kiosk. At the kiosk, the Global Entry traveler will activate the system by inserting his or her passport or U.S. permanent resident card into the document reader. The kiosk will direct the traveler to electronically provide his or her fingerprints and will compare that biometric data with the fingerprint biometrics on file. A digital photograph will also be taken of the traveler as part of the transaction record.

Finally, the traveler will be prompted to answer several CBP declaration questions posted on the kiosk's touch-screen. Once the process is successfully completed, the traveler will be issued a transaction receipt which must be presented to the CBP officer as the participant leaves the CBP inspection area.