Snapshots of the Opening Ceremony

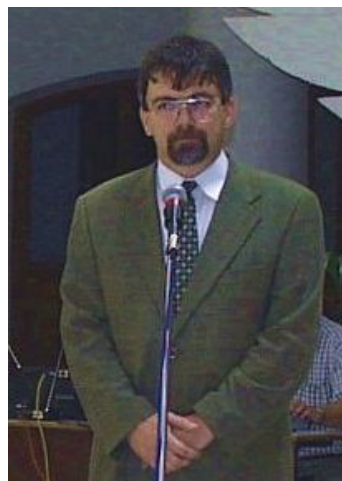▲ Ferenc Dedinszky (Deputy Director of the Prime Minister's Office, Electronic Government Centre)

"… Spotting and unfolding young people's talents is best done through competitions, personal impressions and exchanging experience. Various competitions including this Olympiad serve this very purpose. …"

▲ István Bárány (Vice-Mayor, Sárospatak)

"… We've really wanted to organise this Olympiad. Firstly, because Sárospatak is glad to host scientific and cultural events. Secondly, because the local people are hospitable to their guests. Thirdly, because we would like to show our great historic and natural beauties to as many people as possible. …"

▲ Tamás Tóth (Headteacher, Árpád Vezér Grammar School)

"… Being the last speaker, I wouldn't like to drag on the speeches. Instead, I'd like to invite everybody to the reception. The tables are laid. Enjoy your meal! …"

(notes by *Anita Horváth*) ⊠

▼ Finale

▼ Playing conga

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Skipping team

The events of the day

Instructions for the Contestants
– interview by Gyula Horváth

Gyula Horváth, the chairman of the Scientific Committee says the following:

- ✓ Read the exercises thoroughly more times, in native language and in English as well. The English version may give you an other point of view, which may help you in making good ideas.
- ✓ You have the opportunity for asking only in the first hour, so you should make the best of it. You are going to receive answers only for the yes-no questions, please do not ask for more information.
- ✓ First you should have a slight idea of the algorithm, then you can start programming.
- ✓ You must prove step by step during the developement that the result is going to be a correct algorythm.

- ✓ You are advised to make up several and varied data for testing. Give attention for the extremities too.
- ✓ Estimate the recquired memory and the running time of the program, and make sure, if it fulfills the given limit.
- ✓ You are allowed to submit your program 30 to the remote computer for testing, but do not submit your program before you have it already tested on your own computer. Always make an another think before submitting, because the last version is the valid one.
- ✓ It's useful to have a look at the news in every 30 minutes.

Boglárka Régeni ⋈

Microsoft Presentation
by Zoltán Micskei

*Introduction to the .NET environment
and some tips and ticks*

.NET is the overall name of Microsoft's vision of connected devices and services debuted in 2000. Its core is the .NET Framework, a new cross-language runtime managing applications written in one of the (more than) 25 .NET languages, supported by the new versions of enterprise servers, XML Web Services standards and developer tools. Its aim is to connect everything, everywhere to get the information needed.
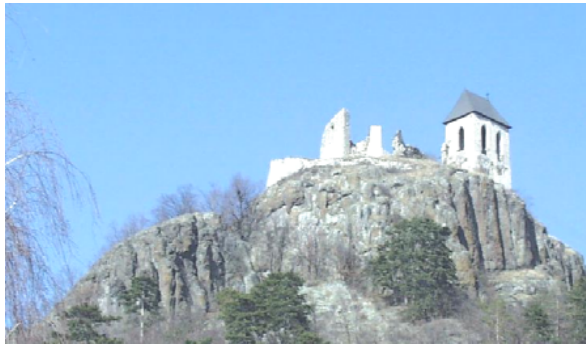
The presentation will give a quick introduction to the .NET platform and the C# language with lots of demos using the new Visual C# 2005 Expression Edition (a special edition of the Visual Studio integrated development environment designed for students and hobbyists). We will show how easy and quick it is to create a smart client application using Web Services or a web application. We will look at the next version of .NET, released at the end of this year with the new Visual Studio .NET 2005 at a glance. VS.NET 2005 will be an evolutionary step, its Team System edition will support the whole software development life-cycle, from the designing through coding and testing to deployment. At the end of the presentation, as a dessert, we will look at a few exotic .NET languages. ⋈

Preview

In this issue we will introduce you Füzér, which you will visit on Sunday.

Füzér and its Environs

(Source: Csilla Zsakó)

Füzér is a small village with 500 inhabitants not so far from Sárospatak. Several reasons could be mentioned why it is worth visiting the area but if you have already seen the place itself, no reason will be needed.

The most important attraction of the village is the castle; it reflects the whole Hungarian history with its harsh events. No peaceful periods took place during its last 800 years. It was built in the early years of the 13th century as a royal residence by a noble family called Aba, whose name still lives on in the name of this county. Later, the king acquired the castle and the environs, so it became the executive centre of the region. However, the independent and happy era of the Hungarian history was over when the Turkish Empire occupied more than two-third of the country. During this period the Hungarian Crown was being kept in the fortress by the owner of the castle of that time, Peter Perényi.

After the 150-year-long Turkish reign not the so wished independence and freedom arrived to Hungary but a new oppression. The Habsburgs blew the castle up in 1676, what put an end to the glorious career of the building. Since then it has been known as ruins. The reconstruction started in 1992, however, there are still lots to do in order to regain its old beauty.

So, why is it worth tiring ourselves with such a high mountain if there is nothing there but some ruins? Local people claim very firmly (and proudly) that anyone who dares to have a go and climb the hill will have the most spectacular view of Zemplén Mountains. In good weather conditions nearly all the peaks of the area can be seen, and what is more, probably this is the place where you can even figure out the far silhouettes of the Tatras.

The village itself is a nice example of how different cultural communities can live together in one place: visitors can find a Reformated and a Roman Catholic church, as well. The former was built in the 18th century, while the latter one dates back to the times of the Hungarian Conquest. The population of the village can be divided not only by religion but nationality, too; Hungarians and Slovakians have been living here together in peace for ages.

(Source: Tibor Szabó, see: http://mars.elte.hu/varak/)

The very simple way of their lives can be seen in the so-called 'country-house', where every piece of furniture and tool represents the unchanged method of everyday life.

The environment of the village is full of natural values. Beautiful flowers, springs with crystal clear water, untouched forests. But be aware! The area is a natural park, so picking flowers is strictly forbidden! Have a nice trip!

Csaba Vigyikán ⚑

The Menu for today

Breakfast (short list):
· Continental breakfast &
· Chicken liver in Hungarian style

Lunch:
· Broccoli cream-soup
· Turkey tokány Butcher style (stew), rice mixed with green peas
· Stuffed cabbage
· Catfish paprika (stew) with noodles
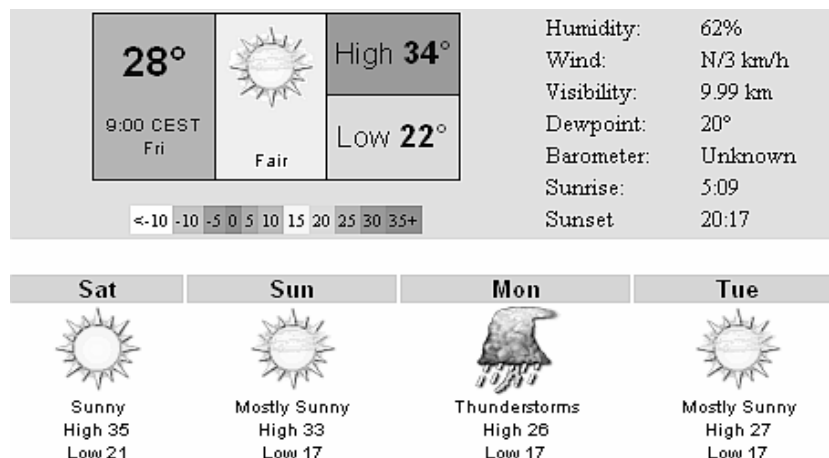· Strudel

Dinner at the "Lábasház":

Grilled
· sausages,
· crown &
· breast of chicken

"Lábasház"
(source: Eszter Oláh & Boglárka Batta)

Weather

28°		High **34°**	Humidity:	62%
9:00 CEST Fri	Fair	Low **22°**	Wind:	N/3 km/h
			Visibility:	9.99 km
			Dewpoint:	20°
			Barometer:	Unknown
			Sunrise:	5:09
			Sunset	20:17

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Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
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▲ Jungle Dance
◄ The King of the Jungle
Indian Dance ►

▲ The Black Cat