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Recently at the Embassy

Ambassador Walker Visits Cities in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County



As part of the U.S. Embassy Budapest outreach program, on January 23-24, Ambassador and Mrs. Walker visited two cities in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County. In Sárospatak they had an informal chat with the senior students of bilingual program of the 475-year-old High School of the Hungarian Reformed Church, visited the world-famous Big Library and toured the historical Rákóczi Castle. In Tiszaújváros, Ambassador Walker met with the directors and toured the plants of U.S. businesses AES Hungary, Columbian Tiszai

Carbon and Jabil Circuit.

For more information about the trip please visit: http://www.usembassy.hu/walker_borsod.html

Congressman Lantos Visits Hungary

On January 20, Congressman Tom Lantos presented President László Sólyom with a copy of the U.S. House Resolution 479 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary. During his visit to Hungary, Mr. Lantos also gave speeches at the Central European University and at the American Chamber of Commerce, attended a ceremony to commemorate the liberation of the Budapest Ghetto, and held a press conference.



Read more about his visit at http://www.usembassy.hu/lantos_2006.html

U.S. Officials Participate in Holocaust Remembrance Events

On January 17, 2006, Ambassador George H. Walker and Ambassador Edward O'Donnell, U.S. Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, attended the unveiling ceremony of a plaque commemorating Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, who saved thousands of Jews in Hungary during World War II. The event was organized by the Raoul Wallenberg Association and Foundation at the Jozsefvaros Railway Station.

For more information on the above event, please visit our web site at http://www.usembassy.hu/wallenberg_plaque.html

Looking Ahead

February: African-American History Month

To celebrate African-Americans achievements, the Embassy plans many events including performances by opera singer Margaret Barron; lectures by Deborah Michaels, PhD student of University of Michigan, School of Education and by Fulbright Professor Jon Woodson; and a concert by the Benko Dixieland Band.



New Publications

Entrepreneurship and Small Business

This issue of the U.S. Department of State's Electronic Journals series features articles by government officials, academics, journalists, and entrepreneurs.

Available at: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/ites/0106/ijee/ijee0106.htm>

Newsletters on Defense Issues, NATO and Response to Terrorism, and on Economic Issues

Our Information Resources Center has recently published two new issues in the Newsletter series. They contain U.S. Government documents, think tank publications, and magazine articles.

Defense: <http://newsletters.usembassy.hu/nato/natojan06.pdf>;

Economic: <http://newsletters.usembassy.hu/econnews/econjan06.pdf>

Zoom In On America: High School Days

The January issue of our *Zoom* features high school life in the United States. Articles describe school events, the experience of European students in an American high school, as well as the special language of teenagers. It also contains a language quiz and a glossary.

Check out *Zoom*: <http://www.usembassy.hu/zoom.html>

In the News... from Washington

State's Fried Says U.S., Europe United on Freedom Agenda

The United States and Europe are "essentially united" in the task of advancing freedom around the world, a senior State Department official said in a wide-ranging foreign policy speech January 18.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/eur/Archive/2006/Jan/19-872021.html>

Rice-Chertoff Joint Vision: Secure Borders and Open Doors in the Information Age

Since 9/11, the Bush Administration has set many changes in motion to improve border security while still welcoming visitors to the United States. There have been two great challenges: to harmonize all these changes for maximum effect while maintaining the right balance between stronger security and facilitating travel. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff have been working together to manage these challenges.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2006/59242.htm>

Pandemic Influenza Planning: A Guide for Individuals and Families (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

This guide is designed to help people understand the threat of a pandemic flu outbreak. It describes common sense actions that people can take in preparing for a pandemic.

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/pdf/guide.pdf>

