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## Recently at the Embassy

### Ambassador Walker Visits Lake Balaton Communities



As part of the U.S. Embassy Budapest outreach program, on February 8, 2006, Ambassador Walker visited the towns of Balatonfüzfő, Balatonalmádi, and Balatonfüred, where he met with local and community leaders and spoke with students about the United States and its foreign policy. In Balatonfüzfő Ambassador Walker met with representatives of Dow Chemical and toured their facilities.

For more information about the trip please visit: [http://www.usembassy.hu/walker\\_balaton.html](http://www.usembassy.hu/walker_balaton.html)

### U.S. Embassy and GE Foundation Acknowledge Student Accomplishments

At GE Foundation's scholarship award ceremony on January 30, 2006, Ambassador Walker honored fifteen Hungarian university student winners of the "GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders in Hungary 2005-2006" program. The students received merit-based scholarships for their outstanding academic achievements, community work and future leadership potential. More at [http://www.usembassy.hu/ge\\_scholarship.html](http://www.usembassy.hu/ge_scholarship.html)



### Fulbright Professors Lecture at Hungarian Universities

At an orientation session earlier this month, the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Embassy welcomed four new Fulbright professor grantees to Hungary for the 2006 Spring Semester. Dr. Beth Furlong of Creighton Univ. is lecturing at Univ. of Debrecen's Nyiregyháza College of Health Care and Semmelweis Univ. College of Health Care. Dr. Carol Thompson of the Univ. of Arkansas at Little Rock will be teaching communication courses at the Univ. of Pécs. Dr. Jon Woodson of Howard Univ. is lecturing on American literature at the Univ. of Pécs and at Eötvös Loránd Univ. in Budapest. Dr. Wynne Wright of the Univ. of Northern Iowa is teaching environmental sociology courses at Szent István Univ. in Gödöllő. More at <http://www.fulbright.hu>



## Looking Ahead

### Embassy Honors African-American History Month

The following U.S. Embassy-sponsored events are open to the public: *Moving Beyond "Separate and Unequal", Striving Toward Educational Equity: Lessons from the History of Desegregation in the United States.* Public lecture by Deborah L. Michaels (University of Michigan). February 21, 5 p.m., CEU Auditorium, 9 Nádor u., Budapest

Benkó Dixiland Band concert featuring African-American music and paying tribute to legendary African-American musicians. March 1, 6 p.m., Benkó Klub, 3 Török Pál u., Budapest



## American Corner in Pécs Offers Free Movie Series

This month, the American Corner in Pécs will start a free 6-week session of Movie Nights 2006. The series runs through April and will feature film adaptations of the greatest masterpieces of American and English literature. "The Portrait of a Lady" kicks off the series on February 21. For more information, visit <http://www.americancorner.hu>.



## SEEAMERICA Pavilion at Berlin Tourism Fair

ITB 2006, one of the world's largest and most comprehensive tourism fairs, is being held March 8-12, in Berlin, Germany. Tourism professionals interested in establishing contacts with the exciting U.S. tourism destinations before the show should visit the SEEAMERICA Pavilion. More information is available at <http://www.buyusa.gov/germany/en/itb2006.html>.



## *New Publications*

### Newsletters on Environmental and on Health Issues

Our Information Resource Center has recently published two new issues in the Newsletter series. They contain U.S. Government documents, think tank publications, and magazine articles.  
Environment: <http://newsletters.usembassy.hu/environmental/envijan06.pdf>  
Health: <http://newsletters.usembassy.hu/health/healthjan06.pdf>

### Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)

The U.S. Defense Department's QDR focuses on adapting the military to the information age and being prepared to wage a long-term fight against terrorism. China, India and Russia are cited as nations with which the United States wants to work constructively. (02/03/2006)  
Available at: <http://www.defenselink.mil/qdr/>



## *In the News... from Washington*

### Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice Hosts Commemoration of 50th Anniversary Year of the Hungarian Revolution

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice hosted a ceremony and reception to commemorate the 50th anniversary year of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution on Monday, February 13, 2006 in the Benjamin Franklin Room of the U.S. Department of State. Secretary Rice made brief remarks about the Hungarian Revolution and the freedom fighters who inspired the world with their courage.  
Read the remarks at: <http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2006/61121.htm>

### Democracy Dialogues

Democracy Dialogues is a new web site developed by the U.S. Department of State to address specific topics of democratic governance through readings, videos, photos, and historical documents, with a new topic introduced every two months. Visit: <http://www.democracy.gov>