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Recently at the Embassy

Embassy Honors Hungarian Contributions to Democracy



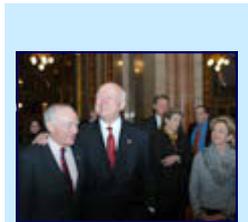
On March 15, Ambassador George H. Walker joined President Bush, other members of the Administration, and leaders of the U.S. Congress at a commemorative event in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington. In his remarks, Ambassador Walker praised the courage and bravery of Hungarians and the role Hungary now plays as a promoter of freedom and democracy around the world. Here in Hungary, Charge d'Affaires Philip Reeker attended official ceremonies and welcomed distinguished guests and primary

school students to the U.S. Embassy-owned Táncsics Mihály property, an important historical site of the 1848 Revolution, for an exhibit loaned by the Budapest History Museum and an historical presentation.

The Ambassador's remarks and more information about the event are available on our web site at http://www.usembassy.hu/walker_march15.html; and <http://www.usembassy.hu/march15.html>.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bodman Visits Hungary

On the heels of his participation in the G8 Energy Ministers meeting Moscow, U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman visited Hungary March 17 to join a ministerial meeting and press conference with counterparts from Hungary, Austria, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania. The meeting, an initiative of Hungary's Minister of Economy and Transportation János Kóka, provided an opportunity for Secretary Bodman to brief regional leaders on the G8 discussions in Moscow and to share ideas on regional cooperation to better support energy security.



Ambassador Helps Bring New York Photos to Budapest

On March 17, Ambassador Walker opened the traveling photographic exhibition of Pulitzer Memorial Award winning Hungarian photographer Tamás Révész. The 62 black and white images of New York arrived to Budapest with the help of the U.S. Embassy Budapest, the U.S. Cultural Exchange Foundation, the Transatlantic Cultural Exchange and the Sister City Program of the City of New York. They will be on display at the KOGART gallery through May 3.

Please visit http://www.usembassy.hu/revesz_exhibit.html



Missouri Governor Builds Ties with Hungarian Market

As part of his European journey to meet business leaders of Belgium, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy and the United Kingdom, Missouri Governor Matt Blunt visited Hungary from March 21-23 at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy Budapest. The purpose of the meetings in Hungary was to discuss possible fields of cooperation between Missouri and Hungary. More on the visit at <http://www.usembassy.hu/missouri.html>



Looking Ahead

U.S. Officials Participate in Conferences in Hungary

Deputy Chief of Mission Philip T. Reeker will deliver the Opening Welcome Address of a NATO-sponsored roundtable event on national security and terrorism held by the Institute for Transitional Democracy and International Security (ITDIS) March 30-31. <http://www.itdis.org>

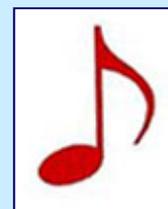
Ambassador Gregory Schulte, the U.S. Permanent Representative to the UN and the IAEA in Vienna, will present an American view at a conference on "Prevention or Pre-emptive Intervention: The Right Tools?" sponsored by the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID) on March 31. <http://www.ceid.hu>



Ambassador Schulte

Webchats

The State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) seeks to put international audiences in touch with U.S. experts on a wide variety of topics through internet chat sessions. As April is Jazz Appreciation Month in the United States, we would like to draw your attention to the following program: **Jazz in the New Millennium** on April 3, at 11:00 a.m. EST (1500 GMT). Please visit: http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Webchats/pulliam_03_apr_2006.html
Information on how to participate: <http://www.usembassy.hu/webchats.html>



New Publication

Zoom In On America: American Women

As March is National Women's History Month in the United States, this issue features some exceptional American women. <http://www.usembassy.hu/zoom.html>



In the News... from Washington

President Bush Celebrates Hungarian Contributions to Democracy

President Bush on March 15, in the U.S. Capitol said, "The Hungarian example is an example of patience, and an example of the fact that freedom exists in everybody's soul. It's an example that tyranny can never stamp out the desire to be free. It's an example that -- of a country that, once becomes free, joins with other freedom-loving countries to keep the peace." Read the President's remarks at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/03/print/20060315-4.html>



National Security Strategy Released

On March 16, the White House released President Bush's second term National Security Strategy (NSS), which reflects the President's most solemn obligation: to protect the security of the American people by promoting freedom, justice, and human dignity and by confronting the challenges of our time by leading a growing community of democracies. Available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss/2006/>

