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Recently at the Embassy

Embassy Celebrates Independence Day

The Embassy celebrated the 230th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America with concert at Budapest's spectacular Palace of Arts on July 3. Musical selections representing the American choral music tradition were performed by special guest Ms. Charity Sunshine Tillemann-Dick and the Alma Mater Choir of the Liszt Ferenc Academy. The Hungarian Air Force Band also performed patriotic selections during the concert and reception. ***Ambassador's Opening Remarks►***

President Sólyom Awards Ambassador for Contributions to Hungarian-American Relations

Photo courtesy of the President's Office

On June 19, President of the Republic of Hungary László Sólyom presented Ambassador George H. Walker with the Middle Cross of the Order of Merit in recognition of Ambassador Walker's outstanding work in developing bilateral Hungarian-American relations. ***More►***

Ambassador Walker Addresses AmCham Budapest

In his farewell address to the American Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Walker mentioned fond memories of his stay in Hungary, praised AmCham for its activity, and also outlined some of his ideas for the future development of Hungary. ***Text and video of the address►***

Consul General Takes Questions in Inaugural Web Forum

On July 5, the Embassy held our first, very successful Hungarian language web forum with U.S. Consul General, Philip Skotte. We received a great number of questions touching upon all aspects of visas to the U.S. Review the questions and answers! ***Web forum►***

Congressman Lantos on U.S.-Hungarian Relations

In his press conference in Budapest on July 7, Congressman Tom Lantos said that U.S.-Hungarian relations have never been stronger or better than today. He congratulated the Hungarian government for its courage in implementing reforms necessary to strengthen the economy. ***More►***

Ambassador Brings Business and Educators Together for Hungary's Future

The U.S. Embassy, the Hungarian American Fulbright Commission and the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary sponsored a June 27 summit on "Higher Education for Hungary's Future: Bringing Business and Educators Together." The program included rectors from many of Hungary's major institutions of higher learning, as well as representatives of multinational corporations and the Government of Hungary to discuss ways to enlist greater private sector support for Hungary's universities. The summit featured a keynote address by Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton of Washington University in St. Louis, and a presentation by David Mortensen of the University of Hawaii Foundation.

American Monodrama at Spinoza House

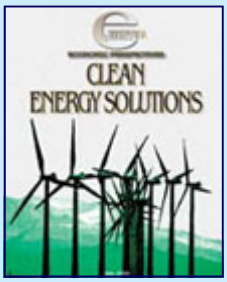
Helen Hayes Award-winning one-man show "Nijinsky's Last Dance" by American playwriter Norman Allen, translated to Hungarian by Magda Zalán, was put for the first time on the Hungarian stage with thanks in part to the U.S. Embassy's financial assistance. ***More►***

Looking Ahead

Teaching Tolerance through English

From August 5-19, 65 students and 13 teachers from four countries will participate in a summer camp in Balatonlelle. The students, including Hungarians, Romanians, Slovaks, Serbs, Croats and Roma, along with their teachers will participate in a variety of athletic, theatrical, artistic and educational activities designed to further their understanding of each other while enhancing their English language skills. The program is being organized by our Regional English Language Office. ***More►***

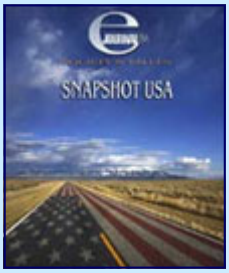
New Publications



Electronic Journal: *Clean Energy Solutions*

Projected dramatic increases in energy consumption in the coming decades, combined with a higher risk of climate change, require a massive global response based on technological innovation and the power of the marketplace. ***E-Journal►***

Electronic Journal: *Snapshot USA*



This issue is designed to provide a central resource for information about the United States. It is tailored to the current generation of young people around the world, containing many facts and statistics, but also essays which describe a little of how Americans think about their country and the world. ***E-Journal►***

2006 Trafficking in Persons Report in Hungarian

The Hungarian translation of the Introduction and the report on Hungary is now available on our web site. ***Report►***

In the News… from Washington

Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative (BFTFI): Summer Institute for Youth

Beginning July 1, Wake Forest University hosts a new youth program aimed at strengthening U.S.-European relations by building bridges between future leaders from 32 European and Eurasian countries and American youth. ***More►***

G8 Summit 2006, St. Petersburg, Russia

Leaders of the Group of Eight countries held their yearly summit July 15-17 to discuss topics of global concern such as energy security, the possibility of pandemic flu, and potential threats from Iran and North Korea. ***More►***

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