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Recently at the Embassy

Ambassador Walker Lays Wreath at Washington Statue in Budapest



Ambassador Walker joined distinguished Hungarians at the wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the founder and first President of the United States George Washington, on February 22.

For more information, please visit our web site at:
http://www.usembassy.hu/walker_washington_statue.html

Hungary-Ohio Partnership for Education Recognized

Ambassador Walker and Lieutenant Colonel Tom Brown received the Hungary-Ohio Partnership for Education certificate of appreciation from the Hungarian Minister of Education Bálint Magyar on February 17 for their contribution to facilitating a series of teacher-teacher exchanges between Hungary and Ohio since May 2004. Office of Defense Cooperation Chief Colonel Tony Neal also attended the presentation.

More about the Partnership: http://www.usembassy.hu/odc_ohio.html



U.S. Diplomat Talks About Black Experience in America

An African-American Embassy diplomat met with students of Karinthy Dual Language High School on February 23 as part of the Embassy outreach program in Budapest. He offered a historic overview of the black experience in the U.S. and answered questions from about 50 students in attendance on race-related issues.

Embassy Hosts U.S. Women's Fencing Team

Ambassador George H. Walker hosted a reception for the visiting U.S. Women's Fencing Team as well as for Hungarian fencers, members of the Hungarian Fencing Federation, and György Nébald, the Hungarian Olympic fencing champion, on February 23. The U.S. Women's Saber Fencing Team came to Hungary to participate in the World Cup individual and team events held in Budapest on February 24-26.

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



Traveling to the United States of America?

Now available on our web site is a **brief video** explaining new visa policies and procedures for visitors to the United States -- a nation with secure borders and open doors. The animated feature, subtitled in Hungarian, will tell you what to expect when applying for a visa and when arriving at the port of entry to the United States.

Available at: http://www.usembassy.hu/visa_video.html



Looking Ahead

New Online Multimedia Legal Skills Program to Launch

On March 2 in Budapest, the very first interactive online multimedia module of the Language4Law E-Experience will be introduced to professionals and the Hungarian and international media under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State and the CEELI Institute, Prague.

Detailed information is available at: <http://www.language4law.org>

U.S. Infocommunications Companies to Exhibit at CeBIT March 9-15, 2006, Hannover, Germany

The USA pavilions will host over 100 leading American ICT companies at CeBIT 2006, the most important information technology trade show in the world. The U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) can connect interested Hungarian businesses with these companies for free.

Please visit: <http://www.buyusa.gov/ifp/cebit06.html>.

New Publications

IRC Newsletters on Defense Issues, NATO and Response to Terrorism; and on Information Technology

Recently, the Information Resource Center (IRC) 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/natofeb06.pdf>

InfoTech: <http://newsletters.usembassy.hu/infotech/infotechfeb06.pdf>

Zoom In On America: America at the Movies

This issue features articles about the "Oscars", an excerpt from an essay about movies in the American society, and information about the Sundance Institute. It also offers a language quiz and a glossary. Check it out at <http://www.usembassy.hu/zoom.html>

In the News... from Washington

The Rewards for Justice (RFJ) Program

Administered by the U.S. Bureau of Diplomatic Security, the RFJ program has been one of the most effective tools for the U.S. Government in the global war against terrorism.

Please visit the RFJ web site at: <http://www.rewardsforjustice.net/>

NATO Faces Challenges in Mideast, Darfur, Black Sea and Elsewhere

Remarks by Kurt Volker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, at Howard University's Model NATO Conference. Washington, DC, February 23, 2006

Available at: <http://usinfo.state.gov/eur/Archive/2006/Feb/24-848590.html>

