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*Global articles for your interest
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1. United States Seeks Multilateral Diplomacy with World Community

Whether it is the crisis in Sudan's western region of Darfur, Iran's and North Korea's attempts to create nuclear weapons, or atrocities being committed by a national leader, the United States actively seeks out partners and multilateral approaches to issues, a senior U.S. diplomat says.

2. United States Seeks Collaborative Solution to Financial Crisis

The United States seeks a fresh start with its neighbors across the Americas, beginning with a collaborative approach to confronting the global financial crisis, says Vice President Biden. "We genuinely want to be collaborative. ... We genuinely want to know what others think." ...

3. North Atlantic Treaty Travels for First Time to Europe

Washington — The treaty that brought the North Atlantic Treaty Organization into being on April 4, 1949, has left the United States for the first time to be featured at the 60th anniversary NATO Summit. ...

4. United States to Host Climate Change Forum in April

The United States has invited 16 major economies to a forum in April to discuss climate change and clean energy ventures, the White House says. The April 27–28 meeting in Washington is designed to culminate in a leaders' meeting on the sidelines of the G8 Summit in July in La Maddalena, Italy. ...

5. College Excels at Green Work Force Training, Sustainability

Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon, has been cited as a model of commitment to environmental stewardship and a leader in green work force training. Lane is helping other community colleges in the United States and abroad develop energy management programs similar to one it founded in 1980. ...

In case you missed it:



Ambassador Reeker and President-elect Ivanov speak to the press after their meeting. (LP)/  video - WMV/1.25MB

[Statement of the US Embassy on the Macedonian Presidential and Local Elections](#)

April 7, 2009

The United States congratulates the people of Macedonia on the April 5 second round of nationwide Presidential and local elections. The citizens of Macedonia, along with the Macedonian authorities, deserve praise for carrying out these elections successfully. We congratulate President-elect Gjorge Ivanov and look forward to working with him to help Macedonia achieve full Euro-Atlantic integration as soon as possible. We also congratulate his opponent, Mr. Frckoski, for running a very spirited campaign and for his gracious concession remarks. Click here for [full text](#).

◇ To see A1 TV news footage (WMV/size 1.25 MB), [please click here](#).



President Obama with the leaders of the new NATO member-states. (LP)

[Remarks by President Obama at meeting of North Atlantic Council](#)

April 4, 2009, Strasbourg, France

PRESIDENT OBAMA: "I want to address my remarks directly to the delegation from Albania and Croatia and their leadership: Welcome to NATO. We are very excited about your participation. The Atlantic Alliance is 60 years old and it's a measure of our vitality that we are still welcoming new members. . . .I'd also like to note that as we welcome Albania and Croatia to NATO, this will not be the last time that we have such a celebration, and I look forward to the day when we can welcome Macedonia to the Alliance. The door to membership will remain open for other countries that meet NATO's standards and can make a meaningful contribution to allied security." Click here for [full text](#).



Ambassador Reeker discusses the forthcoming second round of the presidential and local elections with ALSAT reporter. (LP) /  video - (WMV-size 6.06 MB)

[Ambassador Reeker Cautions against Intimidation](#)

April 2, 2009

In an interview with Alsat television where he discussed the second round of the presidential and local elections, Ambassador Philip Reeker voiced concern about reports of pressure and intimidation of voters.

◇ **To see a transcript of the interview, please [click here](#).**

◇ **Link to Alsat TV website: [Macedonian](#) | [Albanian](#).**

◇ **To see excerpts of the interview (Alsat video footage/WMV file - size 6.06 MB), please [click here](#).**



Rogge simulates Lake Ohrid in the classroom. Watch out for run-off from the spray-bottle rain!

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Visits Macedonia for "Blue Waters" Program

March 22-27, 2009

As part of the U.S. Embassy's Speakers without Borders Program, and in cooperation with the NGO OXO, Mr. Jeff Rogge from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) in Annapolis, MD, held several workshops with primary school kids in Veles, Ohrid, and Struga, as well as lectures at the Faculty of Pedagogy "St. Kliment Ohridski" in Skopje and at the American Corner in Bitola. In the interactive sessions, Rogge brought the CBF's "learn by doing" philosophy of environmental education to Macedonia. Rogge also appeared on ALSAT TV's Pet Plus, to see a clip, [click here](#).

Running a National Park in Vermont



Major Todd Goff, a member of the Vermont National Guard delegation, discusses national parks and cultural preservation at American Corner Tetovo. (LP)

March 17-20, 2009

Park management officials, members of the Vermont National Guard delegation, who visited Macedonia last week, worked with the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Office to reach out to the Macedonian Ministry of Environment, the National Museum of Macedonia, the Center for Cultural Preservation, the Public Enterprise for Green Parks in Tetovo, the Tetovo Art Gallery, the Natural Science Museum in Struga, and the Pelister National Park, to discuss national parks and cultural preservation. The American Corners in Skopje, Tetovo and Bitola hosted the Vermont delegation for presentations dedicated to National Parks in Vermont called "Running a National Park in Vermont." The strategies and challenges of establishing and successfully running a park, together with the stunning pictures of Vermont's picturesque scenery and historic sites, were presented by the Vermont guests John Dumville and Larry T. Simino. On the question how parks in Vermont are funded, the audiences were surprised to hear that only 5% comes from state funding.



News footage from A1 Television (LP)
video WMV file - size 6.7 MB

Vermont and Macedonia Strengthen Their Partnership

March 20, 2009

General Michael Dubie of the Vermont National Guard led a delegation of civilian and military officials on a one-week visit to Macedonia. Members of the delegation worked with medical doctors, disaster response teams, park management officials and lawmaking groups among others to exchange ideas and share lessons learned. As a part of the visit, General Dubie also met with President Crvenkovski and members of the Macedonian military.

◇ **To see A1 TV news footage (WMV file - size 6.7MB) about the delegation's visit**, please [click here](#).



Colonel Christopher Benya speaks about his life in the U.S. military

Colonel Christopher Benya Speaks at American Corner Skopje about Life in the U.S. Military

March 19, 2009

In a wide-ranging talk that covered, among other topics, his own personal history in the military, the role of Army chaplains, the ways that the U.S. military trains officers, and how green card holders can join the military, Colonel Christopher Benya gave an insider's view of his life as an American Army officer. The audience asked many questions after the informal presentation, and Col. Benya gave each participant a lapel pin featuring the American and Macedonian flags. To see upcoming events at American Corner Skopje, please [click here](#).



Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program

[2010-2011 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program](#)

U.S. Government Scholarships

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-level professionals to the United States for a year of combined academic (NON-DEGREE) and professional work. Fellows are selected based on potential for leadership and commitment to public service. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U. S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas...[more](#).

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009.



Jordanian participants try out the climbing wall at Hollywood Elementary School in Maryland.

The Fulbright Program competition for academic year 2010-2011 is now open

- 2010-2011 Application for the Fulbright Student program in the United States (NON-DEGREE and DEGREE). ...[more](#).

Deadline: June 30, 2009.

- 2010-2011 Application for the Fulbright Scholar program (post-doctoral) in the United States (NON-DEGREE). ...[more](#).

Deadline: November 15, 2009.



[The 2010 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award for Outstanding Foreign Students](#)

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje is pleased to announce the opening of the worldwide competition for the FY 2010 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award for outstanding foreign students. The award is designed to be among the most prestigious international scholarships in science and technology. The International Fulbright Science and Technology award is for Ph.D. study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. The program is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the Department of State. ...[more](#). | **DEADLINE: May 15, 2009.**

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