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1. Group Fosters Dialogue About Post-9/11 World

A faith-based coalition in New York is trying to encourage conversations among people from every walk of life as the anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks approaches. "We're trying to change the emphasis from what divides us to what unites us," one member says.

2. U.S. Jobs Figures Show Upturn in Economic Recovery

The U.S. economy added 117,000 new jobs in July as the unemployment rate ticked down to 9.1 percent, indicating a slight economic upturn as the country continues to recover from the worst recession on record.

3. Congress Passes Debt Limit Extension

The U.S. Congress voted to raise the nation's legal borrowing limit by at least \$2.1 trillion and to begin reducing the nation's total debt by at least \$1 trillion in phases over a 10-year period.

4. U.S. Feeding the Hungry Today, Working for Better Tomorrow

About 11 million people are affected by a humanitarian disaster unfolding in the Horn of Africa, and the international community is working to ease the problems.

5. Energy Entrepreneur Makes Less into More

Jim Conlon of Elysian Energy is thriving in the green economy. His company looks at how homes use energy and what homeowners can do to get the most for their money.

6. International Space Mission Explores New Frontier

An international space mission is spiraling toward the asteroid Vesta on a mission to learn more about the formation of the solar system, NASA announced.

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DAS Reeker touring “PERIBLEPTOS” Church

On August 13, 2011 Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Central Europe, Philip T. Reeker, and Chargé d’Affaires Brian Aggeler visited the Cultural Site - Monastery Complex of the Holy Mother of God “Peribleptos” in Ohrid. ...



The Road Ahead: The Path of Leadership

Ambassador Philip T. Reeker: “The United States remains a steadfast friend of Macedonia in those efforts, and looks forward to offering any support we might give to help all the citizens of this country to achieve security and prosperity of a united Macedonia, envisioned ten years ago.”



Assessment and Analysis of OFA Implementation

Chargé d’Affaires Brian Aggeler: “The Ohrid Framework Agreement is after all precisely what it says it is: a framework upon which Macedonia can continue to build a vibrant, multi-ethnic society.”



Celebrating Ramadan at the White House

10 August 2011 - President Obama, continuing the White House tradition of hosting a dinner in recognition of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, told guests the U.S. will continue to stand for a society where people have the right to worship as they chose.

Also: [Story](#)



Joint Statement: Tenth Anniversary of OFA

SKOPJE, 12 August 2011 – The heads of mission of the European Union, NATO, OSCE, and US issued the following statement today on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Ohrid Framework Agreement on 13 August 2001. [more.](#) »



Chargé Attends Networking Event

Chargé d'Affaires Brian Aggeler: "I strongly believe that the new and existing entrepreneurs from this region will benefit from our joint efforts and will help to boost economic growth." ...



Paul Wohlers, Ambassador to Macedonia

Paul Wohlers is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service who was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on August 2, 2011 to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia. The WH released the following brief bio ... [Video](#) »



YES Students and Alumni Exchange Experiences

On Wednesday, July 27, Public Affairs Officer Angela Aggeler hosted a large reception for high school students from Macedonia who are about to depart for the United States on a year-long high school exchange program.



[Call for Applications: 2012-2013 Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program](#)

The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program is dedicated to international exchange and enables activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. (Deadline: November 1, 2011) [Download our Flyer \(pdf 139kb\)](#) »



[Restoration of the "PERIBLEPTOS" Church](#)

Work has begun on the restoration on the 13th-century Monastery Complex of the Holy Mother of God "PERIBLEPTOS" in Ohrid, Macedonia. This project is supported by a grant for \$650,000 through the U.S. Embassy's Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation.

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