

# United States Embassy Macedonia

## Presents Newsletter *C O L L A G E*



*Global articles for your interest  
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#### **1. Clinton, Gates Urge NATO Reform to Meet 21st-Century Threats**

Secretary Clinton and Secretary Gates praise NATO Secretary-General Rasmussen's draft Strategic Concept, which is designed both to streamline the alliance and better equip it to meet emerging 21st-century threats such as terrorism, ballistic missiles and cyberattacks. ...

#### **2. Clinton Urges Kosovo-Serbia Talks "as Soon as Possible"**

Secretary Clinton urges Kosovo and Serbia to begin a European Union-brokered dialogue "as soon as possible." In visits to Belgrade and Pristina, Clinton reasserts U.S. support for Kosovo's sovereignty and backs Serbia's efforts to join the EU. ...

#### **3. Economic Recession Influences US Midterm Election**

The results of the November 2 U.S. midterm election will likely reflect Americans' discontent about the country's slow economic recovery and result in the loss of Democratic congressional seats, according to political scientist Thomas Mann. ...

#### **4. Cash for Coverage: The Unreported Dark Side of Journalism**

Even as some journalists risk their lives to uncover corruption and other stories to serve the public, others in their profession are willing to trade news coverage for bribes, extortion or access. A recent report discusses how widespread the problem is, and what some are doing about it. ...

#### **5. Three Women Serving as Highest US Court Opens**

For the first time in its history, the U.S. Supreme Court has opened a new term with three women on the bench. The 2010-2011 session of the nation's highest court begins October 4 with one new member, former Harvard Law School Dean Elena Kagan. ...

#### **6. Connecting Volunteerism with Spirituality on Chicago Streets**

Ever since college, Rami Nashashibi has continued to build volunteer organizations and inspire community service for all of Chicago's citizens. Recognized nationally for his efforts to serve those in need, Nashashibi is helping his fellow citizens through the Inner-City Muslim Action Network. ...

## **In case you missed it:**

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Variety Editor Kirstin Wilder interviews Daryl Hannah before the audience and the press at the Manaki Brothers Film Festival. (LP)

Photo credit: David Wilder

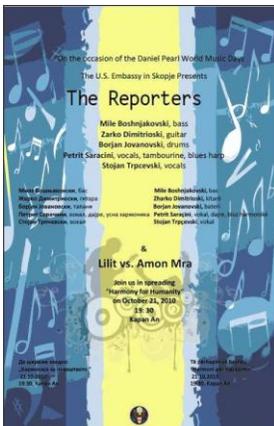
### **American Cinema and Film industry in Focus at the Manaki Brothers Film Festival**

October 17, 2010

American Cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond and Actress Daryl Hannah were awarded the prestigious Golden Camera 300 at the Opening Festival of the Manaki Brothers Film Festival on Saturday, October 16, in Bitola. The Embassy provided the Festival with support for travel from the U.S. to Macedonia and is hosting a Cultural Journalism Workshop, led

by Kirstin Wilder, Managing Editor of Variety magazine, the essential film industry news source. Ambassador Reeker presented Ms. Hannah with the Embassy's Cultural Diplomacy Award for her contributions to American Cinema and for bringing American Culture to Macedonia. Ms. Wilder also interviewed Ms. Hannah for a discussion of her 30-year career in American Cinema.

◇ **Video:** See the local media coverage of this Event. ([Kanal 5 TV](#))



### **“The Reporters” – Celebrating the Daniel Pearl World Music Days**

Who: Amon Mira, Borjan, Mile, Stojan, Zharko - The Reporters

What: Gig

Where: Kapan An

When: Thursday, October 21, 19:30

Why: Daniel Pearl World Music Days

The U.S. Embassy Skopje is pleased to present “The Reporters”- a musical band of journalists from Macedonia who accepted the Embassy's invitation to perform in honor of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days. The World Music Days were created in response to the 2002 kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl at the hands of extremists in Karachi, Pakistan. Danny was a talented musician who joined musical groups in every community in which he lived, leaving behind a long trail of musician-friends spanning the entire world. Commemorating Danny's October 10th birthday, the Daniel Pearl World Music Days coordinates concerts in cities around the world to use the universal language of music to encourage fellowship across cultures and build a platform for "Harmony for Humanity." The Music Days have grown to include the participation of more than 6,000 performances in 105 countries.



*Ambassador Reeker takes picture with the Red Cross Volunteers who participated in this year's Blood Drive Event. (LP)*

## [Helping the People in our Neighborhood: Embassy and Red Cross Community Blood Drive](#)

October 14, 2010

The Embassy partnered with the Skopje Red Cross today for a very successful "Community Blood and Food Drive." This is the second year we have sponsored a Blood Drive with the Red Cross – last year's event was focused on President Obama's call to service to honor the victims of the attacks that took place on September 11, 2001. This year's event was even more successful, increasing the numbers of those donating blood by 40%. Food donations, made by the Speaker and Members of Parliament, Minister of Defense and the Islamic Community of Macedonia more than quadrupled last year's donations. Our focus this year was on inter-ethnic participation and we were pleased to see high school students and community leaders of all communities come together to give blood. Speaking in Macedonian to the press, Ambassador Reeker stressed that events like this show us what is possible when we put aside our differences and focus on the things that unite us.

- ◇ **To see full text of Ambassador Reeker's remarks please [click here](#).**
- ◇ **Video: See the local media coverage's of this Event, [(Kanal 5 TV and MTV 1) in Macedonian] and [(Alsat TV and MTV2) in Albanian]**



*Megalithic Observatory Kokino supported with AFCP grant in 2006 (LP)*

## [Call for Proposals for the 2011 Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation \(AFCP\)](#)

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje, Macedonia is currently accepting proposals for the 2011 Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, see: <http://www.exchanges.state.gov/afcp/index.html>

AFCP supports preservation projects in the following three categories...[more](#).

**Deadline for submitting proposals: December 10, 2010.**



## [Innovation and Entrepreneurship with Microsoft Macedonia](#)

October 13, 2010

*(Center) Ambassador Reeker and Mr. Ilijančo Gagovski, Microsoft – Macedonia, (Left) Mr. Darren Hultman, Deputy Political and Economic Chief/U.S. Embassy – Skopje, (Right) Mr. Nikolce Petkovski, GOM/Ministry of Interior/IPR Issues Coordinative Body. LP*

Ambassador Philip Reeker addressed the Fourth Annual Microsoft Innovation Forum in Macedonia on Wednesday, October 13. This year's conference highlighted the participation of Microsoft Macedonia in the global BizSpark program. In his address, Ambassador Reeker emphasized the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship to the economic success of the country, noting that small businesses lead in the creation of job opportunities.

◇ **To read the text of Ambassador Reeker's address please [click here](#).**



## [Ambassador Reeker Speaks to ALSAT about the Integrated Education Policy](#)

October 13, 2010

*Ambassador [Philip T. Reeker](#)*

In an exclusive interview with national Alsat M television after the presentation of the Strategy for Integrated Education on October 9, Ambassador Reeker applauded the adoption of the Strategy as a step forward toward implementation of a 21st century education which reflects the multicultural values on which Macedonia is based.

◇ **To read the Ambassador's remarks, please [click here](#).**



## **Women's Rights as Human Rights**

October 7, 2010

*Allida Black, Research Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University and also Human Rights Specialist Add a caption Allida Black, Research Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University and also Human Rights Specialist. (LP)*

The American Corners in Tetovo, Bitola and Skopje had the honor to host Allida Black, a U.S. Speaker hosted by the Embassy and Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University, for roundtable discussions on "Women's Rights as Human Rights." Professor Black opened her discussions with the case of Fatuma Abdulkadir Adan, founder of an NGO in Kenya that works to make access to education safer for women. Professor Black also discussed the example of leadership set by Eleanor Roosevelt, the driving force behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Professor Black expressed particular appreciation of the work of Club GLOW, a youth leadership club for young women at the American Corners. Professor Black also visited with women leaders in Parliament and local municipalities.

◇ **To see more pictures from here visit, please [click here](#).**



Secretary Clinton speaks as moderator Sasa Delic looks on during a town hall meeting at the National Theater in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. (LP)

## Secretary Clinton's Travel to the Balkans and Brussels

October 11, 2010 to October 14, 2010

**Secretary Clinton (Oct. 12):** "The Balkans are a critical part of Europe – dynamic and resilient, rich in history and culture. I'm well aware that the history, also, is filled with pain and conflict. But the people of the Balkans have worked very hard ..." [Full Text»](#) | [Trip Page»](#)

### Remarks

10/13/2010 **Town interview with Students, Women Leaders, and Members of Civil Society**

10/13/2010 **Remarks With Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci - (in English | in Albanian)**

10/12/2010 **Remarks Following Her Meeting with Serbian President Boris Tadic**

10/12/2010 **Town Hall at the National Theater in Sarajevo with Students and Civil Society Representatives.**

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