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LUMINARY DIALOG

Israeli-Palestinian Peace: On the Horizon Or Just a Mirage?



Mark Rosenblum



Omar M. Dajani

You will not want to miss this Special Presentation. **Mark Rosenblum and Omar Dajani**, in a dialog format, will address these questions:

- Are there feasible solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the present environment?
- Do the current Israeli and Palestinian governments have the will and the capacity to negotiate a permanent agreement to their nations' historic conflict?
- Is it more plausible to pursue conflict management and interim agreements than conflict resolution and a final settlement?
- How is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict related to the myriad of other regional conflicts, from Iraq and Lebanon to Iran and Afghanistan?
- What can the Bush Administration do in its waning days in power?

January 15, 2008

10:00 am

Players Theater Sarasota

2:00 pm

Venice Community Center

Please note special starting times for this program.



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A Message from the President

Welcome to SILL's 37th year of providing quality adult education. In 2007 almost 22,000 attended SILL lectures, a gain of over 5% from 2006. Thanks are due to our loyal audience; the dedicated SILL Board; our selfless volunteers; and the generous contributors to the Friends of SILL. We should also recognize the over 400 subscribers who participated in our focus groups and on-line survey that provided us with good insights into SILL. Thanks to all.

The newly inaugurated pre-registration for the Wednesday/Thursday International Series in Sarasota went smoothly, and you responded so well. While the Thursday International Series tickets "sold out" during pre-registration, daily ticket seating will still be available, and series tickets for the Wednesday International Series in Sarasota can still be purchased. To explain a very complicated world, the International Series again offers provocative topics and speakers with insights not readily available in mainstream media.

The Tuesday Contemporary Issues Series will include many topics that will be addressed by the presidential candidates in the run up to the fall 2008 election. Note in particular the special presentation on Tuesday, January 15, a dialog on Israel and Palestine featuring returning speaker, Dr. Mark Rosenblum and Dr. Omar Dajani, a Palestinian-American and now a US academician and former legal advisor to the Palestinian Negotiating Team.

The Music Series promises to be more interesting than ever, as we feature "The Busy B's: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Beyond". Hear well-known musicians, writers and speakers bring to life the lives and works of A-list composers whose last name began with "B". There's a bunch of them! Presenters include Sherrill Milnes, internationally renowned Metropolitan Opera baritone; Eugenia Zuckerman, CBS "Sunday Morning" arts correspondent and internationally renowned flutist; and Joseph Robinson, former principal oboist, New York Philharmonic.

Explore our website www.sillsarasota.org. It was revamped and upgraded last year, and is now full of even more information about our speakers and their backgrounds. We plan to keep it updated and fresh, so visit frequently.

We raised our fees for 2008 to meet increases in our operating expenses as well as the rising costs of obtaining speakers who will meet your high expectations.

As always, we encourage your ideas and suggestions for future topics and speakers, and we also ask you to tell your friends and neighbors about SILL and our unique brand of adult education that delivers an insider's view of today's world.

Enjoy the season.

Peter J. Huber, *President*

2008 OVERVIEW

The 2008 season kicks off with **Music Mondays** featuring the "Busy B's," ten sessions covering composers from Bach to Bernstein, a program we know music lovers will enjoy at Holley Hall. Among those visiting this year will be Sherril Milnes, Metropolitan Opera baritone; internationally renowned flutist, Eugenia Zuckerman and former principal oboist of the New York Philharmonic, Joseph Robinson. These programs combine commentary with recorded examples and some feature live performances by the guest presenters.

The **Tuesday Contemporary Series** focuses more on domestic issues, many of which will impact the 2008 Presidential election. We do have one international program on Tuesday and are especially excited about it. This featured presentation January 15 will be a special Dialog dealing with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. An expected sellout, a subscription to this series will ensure that you won't miss this program and as well provide the opportunity to hear ten other great speakers. Programs are presented at the Players Theater on Tuesday mornings in Sarasota and repeated in Venice at the Venice Community Center in the afternoon.

The **International Programs** on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Players Theater in Sarasota and Fridays in Venice at the Venice Community Center will again feature some old favorites. Dr. Robert Barylski, Martin Walker and Dr. Jerry Pubantz all return and are joined by some very exciting new speakers. As you might expect, the Middle East and China are featured in a number of sessions. Another explores the global competition for scarce resources, and we look at Islam through the eyes of a leading expert on that subject. Always popular, the Thursday series sold out last May when series ticket holders were offered the opportunity to renew their subscriptions, but series tickets are available for Wednesday. Even though Thursday series tickets are not available, and Wednesday's will likely sell out, we are always able to accommodate some daily ticket buyers on the day of the lecture since all series ticket holders do not attend all lectures. Those wishing to attend individual lectures should arrive early and will be admitted on a space available basis beginning 15 minutes prior to the start of a lecture. The Friday morning Venice programs will be at the Venice Community Center, except for the Feb 1 and March 7 lectures, which will be at the Venice Little Theater.

All of the **Advanced Seminars** will be held at G.WIZ. All seminars this season will be on Thursday afternoons at 2 PM. These three hour sessions are limited to 30 participants to allow for in depth treatment of the subject and an informal interaction between speaker and attendees. If you are interested in attending this season, we recommend you order your tickets early, because with the limited seats available, they fill up quickly.

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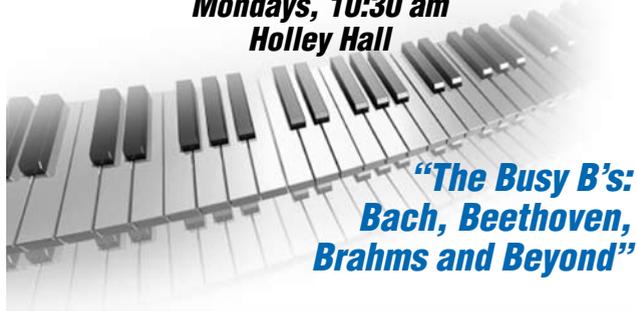
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MUSIC MONDAYS SERIES

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JANUARY 7

Berlioz With Fred Plotkin A true Renaissance man, Plotkin has written books on opera, food and travel, and practices what he preaches. A well-known presence on the Met Opera Broadcast Intermission Features, he is a sought after lecturer on music and his personal perspective on Berlioz will be both insightful and enlightening.

JANUARY 14

Bernstein With Sherrill Milnes and Maria Zouves Sherrill Milnes is one of the great baritones of the 20th century. A principal fixture at the Metropolitan Opera, La Scala and other major opera houses around the world, he was also a favorite soloist for Leonard Bernstein. He and his wife, Maria Zouves, an important American soprano, offer SILL a behind-the-scenes look at Bernstein with audio and video performances.

JANUARY 21

Berg With Gordon Green Having taught music history at both graduate and undergraduate levels for more than 40 years at the University of Toronto, Dr. Green also spent 10 years as Dean of the Faculty of Music at Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario. More a cultural historian than a theoretical analyst, his lectures are seasoned with rich background and important musical examples.

JANUARY 28

Irving Berlin With Michael Lasser Returning to SILL by popular demand, Lasser's take on American popular classics of the 20th century is laced with humor, anecdotes and an encyclopedic knowledge of the genre. Co-author, with Philip Furia, of "America's Songs, The Stories Behind the Songs of Broadway, Hollywood, and Tin Pan Alley," Lasser entertains as much as he educates.

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FEBRUARY 4

Beethoven With John Goodman & Joy McIntyre, Hosted By June LeBell The biggest B of all, Beethoven gets the round table approach with a trio of Sarasota's well-known musicians and lecturers. Dr. Goodman is a Professor Emeritus at Boston University and Program Coordinator and lecturer at the Sarasota Music Archive. McIntyre is a distinguished soprano and Professor Emerita at B.U. And June LeBell is a writer, musician, broadcaster and lecturer, who's interviewed several thousand of the world's best known musicians and performers.

FEBRUARY 11

Bach With Eugenia Zukerman A Renaissance woman, Zukerman is internationally known as a flutist, author and CBS Sunday Morning music commentator. Her discography stretches from works by Bach to the 21st century composer, Lowell Liebermann. And her ability to combine her musical knowledge with her musical performances makes her one of the most sought-after commentators of our time.

FEBRUARY 18

Bellini With Joseph Colaneri Conductor of opera, oratorio and symphonic works, educator and lecturer, Joseph Colaneri has been a leading conductor at the Metropolitan Opera for almost a decade and, concurrently, he serves as Artistic Director of the Opera Program at Mannes College of Music in New York City.

FEBRUARY 25

Barber With Elwood Smith and Members Of Gloria Musicae Dr. Smith holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in music theory from the Eastman School and he earned his Doctorate in opera conducting at Indiana University. He has been Artistic Director of Sarasota's Gloria Musicae for nine years. He will use some of the singers to demonstrate the vivid choral and vocal music of Samuel Barber.

MARCH 3

Borodin With June LeBell As the first female announcer at WQXR, the Radio Station of the NY Times, June LeBell became well known to New Yorkers as the evening drive host and voice and producer of several award winning programs in the course of her 30 years on the air.

MARCH 10

Brahms With Joseph Robinson New York Philharmonic principal oboist from 1978 to 2005, Robinson is one of America's greatest wind proponents and performers. But when the reed is out of his mouth, he's also a versatile and electrifying speaker. A native of Lenoir, North Carolina, Robinson majored in English and economics at Davidson College, and earned a Fulbright Award for study of the arts in Germany, where he met and worked with the legendary oboist, Marcel Tabuteau.

Facilitator: June LeBell

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FEBRUARY 12

The Role Of Money In the 2008 Elections **Dr. Thomas Mann**, Senior Fellow specializing in Governance Studies at The Brookings Institution, focuses on what money means to the presidential candidates. What should we be looking at in terms of the influence of money on the candidates? What can we do that could help reform the system?

FEBRUARY 19

Hispanics, Religion and Electoral Politics In 2008 **Dr. Luis E. Lugo**, director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. We understand that religion has become an increasingly important factor in elections. Find out what we can anticipate in this election year. How will the growing Hispanic vote influence outcomes in border states and the nation?

FEBRUARY 26

Health Reform Proposals: How To Make Sense Of Them **Dr. Theodore R. Marmor**, Professor Emeritus of Public Policy and Political Science, Yale University. Presidential candidates will be talking health care reform. Learn how to distinguish between what ideas might actually work and possibly could be enacted from that which is just rhetoric.

MARCH 4

U.S. Trade and the Dollar: Does China Matter? **Dr. Karen Johnson** is the former Director of the Division of International Finance of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She will discuss the relationship between U.S. trade problems and the value of the dollar. Of special concern is the U.S. - China trade position and the dollar's value, given China's holdings of U.S. government securities.

MARCH 11

Globalization: Pros and Cons Assessed **Kimberly Ann Elliott** is a Senior Fellow with the Peterson Institute for International Economics where her work focuses on economic leverage in international negotiations. She discusses some of the less-well understood aspects of globalization. While Americans have much to gain, how will we deal with the negative consequences of the rapid changes in the economic environment?

MARCH 18

Energy Beyond Carbon Fuels: Bio-Mass? **Dr. Bob Evans** is a leading renewable energy researcher at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and is an expert on bio-mass energy, fuel cells, and producing hydrogen from water using heat from nuclear reactors. Learn about progress in turning garbage and other waste into energy. Can this lead to a source of sustainable energy for small and poor communities here and abroad?

Facilitators: Don Savage, Jim Martin, Margaret Bates, Ed Schmith and Janice Smyth

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JANUARY 2

Russia and Iran: The Origin and Prospects For This Dangerous Alliance Of Cossacks and Mullahs **Robert Barylski**, an internationally recognized expert on Russian policy towards states and peoples of Islamic heritage, focuses on this strange and potentially dangerous alliance.

JANUARY 9

International Efforts To Counter Radicalization **Dr. Ruth David**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Homeland Security Institute, and formerly Deputy Director of Science and Technology at the Central Intelligence Agency. Radicalization, particularly when associated with adoption of extremist beliefs and behaviors, is often cited as a breeding ground for international terrorist organizations.

JANUARY 16

The PKK Terror Organization and the Bigger Picture **Soner Cagaptay**, senior fellow and director of The Washington Institute’s Turkish Research Program, brings new insight to Turkey, a pivotal country in the west’s conflict with Middle Eastern adversaries. The PKK’s attacks are increasingly pulling Turkey away from the U.S. and closer to Iran. How can the PKK issue be tackled?

JANUARY 23

Is Current US Strategy Protecting the US, the Arabian Peninsula and the Global Economy? Ambassador **David L. Mack** serves as Vice President of the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC. How should we deal with Iran, terrorism and the threat of instability?

JANUARY 30

American Exceptionalism: City On a Hill Or Empire On the March? **Jerry Pubantz**, Professor of Political Science at University of North Carolina Greensboro. Because Americans have always believed their country is unique, the great question throughout US history has been whether to stand aloof as the model to be emulated by all others or to advance our values until they are accepted everywhere.

Facilitators: Roy Turrett, Bill Jones, Chet Thompson, Ken Hill and Don Blivas

FEBRUARY 6

Islam and the Concept Of Jihad What are the foundations in Islamic scripture and thought which encourage – or discourages – violence in the name of religion? **Andrea Farsakh**, with the US Foreign Service for 25 years, has lived in many Arab countries; speaks Arabic and is an expert in Islamic Studies. Principal US Embassy liaison to the PLO after the Oslo accords.

FEBRUARY 13

Rising Star: The Challenges and Opportunities Of China’s New Security Diplomacy China’s more constructive diplomacy of recent years poses both opportunities and challenges for U.S. interests, demanding a more nuanced and informed approach from Washington. **Bates Gill**, holder of the Freeman Chair in China Studies at Center for Strategic and International Studies.

FEBRUARY 20

Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The Global Struggle Over Diminishing Natural Resources **Michael Klare** presents a broad look at how global geopolitics are being reshaped by the collision between the world’s insatiable appetite for vital resources and the inevitable shrinkage of global stockpiles of these materials.

FEBRUARY 27

The Superclass: Who Is Really Running the World? **David Rothkopf** There are perhaps only 6000. They are the CEO’s, presidents, generals, terrorist chieftains, and religious leaders who wield more influence than anyone else. They are both shaping globalization and being shaped by it more than any other group.

MARCH 5

Why Insurgencies Win Most insurgencies lose, but those that win rely on some combination of superior political will, better strategy, and external assistance. It also helps if the insurgency’s enemy is a democracy. **Dr. Jeffrey Record** is a professor in the Department of Strategy and International Security at the U.S. Air Force’s Air War College in Montgomery, AL

MARCH 12

Whither Pakistan? A Troubled State At a Crossroads Amb. **Teresita Schaffer** spent 30 years in the US Foreign Service. Since 9/11 Pakistan has been a key US ally in the campaign against terrorism, with Gen. Pervez Musharraf at the helm, now fighting for his political life. What’s next and how will it affect US interests?

MARCH 19

Mexico and the United States: Common Challenges and Opportunities **Dr. Franisco Gonzalez**, from The John Hopkins University, will address Mexico in the 21st Century aspiring to equal partnership with the US and Canada, including issues of moving from authoritarian to democratic rule; immigration and the challenges of integrating Mexicans into US society; NAFTA and the promise of economic cooperation; and whether North America can attain integration similar to the EU.

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JANUARY 3

Russia: What’s Next? Is Dictatorship Returning? Are We Heading Into a New Cold War? **Robert Barylski**, an expert on civil-military relations in Russia, looks at where Russia may be headed and how it could affect our relationship.

JANUARY 10

Europe’s Revival: How the Old Continent Found a Second Wind **Martin Walker**, globe trotting Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of United Press International, knows Europe and knows America. What are the implications of the resurgence of the Old Continent?

JANUARY 17

Turkey’s European Union (EU) Path: How Long Is the Journey? **Soner Cagaptay**, senior fellow and director of The Washington Institute’s Turkish Research Program, addresses these questions. Will Turkey ever enter the EU? What are arguments for and against Turkey’s accession to the EU. What are the U.S. interests in promoting Turkey’s EU accession?

JANUARY 24

What Vital Interests Do We Have In the Evolving Iraqi Crisis? What is the right mix of military force, diplomacy and economic engagement? **David L. Mack**, former Ambassador to Middle East countries, now serves as Vice President of the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC.

JANUARY 31

Rogue Nations With Nuclear Weapons: Can They Be Stopped? **Jerry Pubantz**, Professor of Political Science at University of North Carolina Greensboro. When faced with dangerous nations truly determined to developed nuclear weapons, is there anything the world community or major powers can do legally, politically, economically, or militarily to end their ambitions? Or must we find ways to live with an expanding nuclear threat?

FEBRUARY 7

Sunni and Shi’ite Islam How do they differ? Where do they agree and can Shiites and Sunnis live together? How do their differences affect the Muslim world, and prospects in the Middle East and relations with the U.S.? **Andrea Farsakh** with the US Foreign Service for 25 years, has lived in many Arab countries; speaks Arabic and is an expert in Islamic Studies. She was the principal US Embassy liaison to the PLO following the signing of the Oslo Agreement in late 1993.

FEBRUARY 14

China’s Domestic Transformation: Development, Democracy, Or Disorder? China faces enormous domestic challenges in the years ahead -- politically, socially, and economically. What will the future bring for China and for U.S.-China relations? **Bates Gill**, holder of the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

FEBRUARY 21

The Tradeoffs Between Foreign Policy and Energy Policy **Michael T. Klare**, professor, author and energy expert. Many Americans and most presidential candidates say they want to reduce US dependence to become less exposed to foreign wars and terrorism. He will discuss the various options to reduce our dependency and what it takes to make it happen.

FEBRUARY 28

The 2008 Elections and America’s Role In The World **David Rothkopf** will draw on his Washington experience and contacts to provide unique insights in the current election process. With global opinion of the US at new lows and major challenges from Iran and elsewhere, each party’s candidates offer starkly different ideas of what America’s role should be.

MARCH 6

What Went Wrong In Iraq, Lessons For the Future If the Iraq war is the result of faulty assumptions and bad planning, would getting the assumptions and planning right have made a decisive difference, and if so, how should this change future use of force? **Dr. Jeffrey Record** is a professor in the Department of Strategy and International Security at the Air Force’s Air War College in Montgomery, AL.

MARCH 13

India and the United States: Getting Two Big Democracies Together Since the end of the Cold War India and the US have dramatically expanded trade and investment and are developing a military relationship. What caused this change and how will it play out? Amb **Teresita Schaffer**, a 30 year veteran of the US Foreign Service, will explain.

MARCH 20

ALBA: Sunrise Or Just a Shooting Star? There are groundswell social and political changes underway among Latin America’s poorest countries, led and funded by Cuba and Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez. **Johannes Werner** is an economic journalist, currently active in Sarasota, who argues that Washington is asleep at the switch and rejecting these new and somewhat successful actions.

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Robert Barylski is an expert on civil-military relations in Russia and Russian policy towards states and peoples of Islamic heritage. Understanding the Kremlin's fears could lead to a better understanding of their actions.

JANUARY 10

Globalization 3.0 - How the West No Longer Runs the Show

Martin Walker, globe trotting Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of United Press International, brings his unique journalistic perspective to the issue of Globalization. We may have started it, but where does it end?

JANUARY 17

Whither Turkish Secularism? Soner Cagaptay, senior fellow and director of The Washington Institute's Turkish Research Program, addresses these questions: Why has secularism worked in Turkey since Ataturk? Where does Turkey go from here under the Justice and Development Party (AKP), a party with an Islamist pedigree? How will secular Turks and the military act towards the AKP now that the AKP has won the recent elections?

JANUARY 24

America In the Middle East: Lessons Learned About Diplomacy, Use Of Force and Failures Of Communication.

We can do better. Ambassador **David L. Mack** serves as Vice President of the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC.

JANUARY 31

Religion: The Oldest New Dimension Of Contemporary World Politics

Jerry Pubantz, Professor of Political Science at University of North Carolina Greensboro. The “Politics of God” reemerged as an important element of international relations in the post-Cold War era, and the world was little prepared for it. After 300 years of dominant secular world politics, what explains the new clash of religions? The seminar will explore the origins, manifestations, and consequences of religion on global politics today and in the future.

FEBRUARY 7

A Two State Solution: Is It Possible? Andrea Farsakh,

retired Foreign Service Officer, fluent in Arabic and frequent visitor to Palestine, discusses the outlook for Palestine in light of Israeli wall-building, the spread of Israeli settlements and in her opinion the unqualified US support of Israel.

FEBRUARY 14

How To Cope With a Rising China? China's meteoric rise presents not only new tensions, but significant opportunities. How should the US respond to avoid a destabilizing confrontation? **Bates Gill**, from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, presides.

FEBRUARY 21

Clash Of the Titans: The U.S.-China Energy Competition In Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Michael T. Klare, professor and author looks at the future of energy supplies. The US and China must rely on the same few supplies – leading to an intense competition, increasing tensions and the long-term risk of conflict and war.

FEBRUARY 28

Global Outlook 2008 **Daved Rothkopf**, former managing director of Kissinger Associates, reviews the major issues, principal players and key countries and how they will influence the 2008 elections in particular and the world in general.

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Bounding the War On Terrorism: The way in which the US has defined and conducted the “war on terrorism” may have actually promoted Islamic terrorism. What we need to change and why? **Dr. Jeffrey Record** is a professor in the Department of Strategy and International Security at the U.S. Air Force's Air War College in Montgomery, AL.

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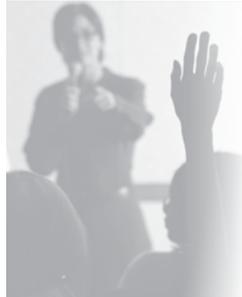
Afghanistan: Reconstructing a Country Or a Neighborhood?

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Community Outreach to deliver our program brochure to libraries, hotels and other locations

Lecture Reception to receive ticket holders and sell available seating

Ushers to help address attendees questions and needs

Web Editors to update our web site on lecture information to include speaker bios, pre and post lecture suggested readings and added information sources.

Speakers to address local groups interested in hearing the SILL story

We also need more volunteers and would welcome any interested newcomers to the Sarasota and Venice committees.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet and interact with the inspired and informed people who are the heart and soul of SILL. If you would like to get more information or volunteer for one of these committees, please contact:

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The Role Of Money In the 2008 Elections

Dr. Thomas Mann, Senior Fellow specializing in Governance Studies at The Brookings Institution, focuses on what money means to the presidential candidates. What should we be looking at in terms of the influence of money on the candidates? What can we do that could help reform the system?

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Hispanics, Religion, and Electoral Politics in 2008

Dr. Luis E. Lugo, director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. We understand that religion has become an increasingly important factor in elections. Find out what we can anticipate in this election year. How will the growing Hispanic vote influence outcomes in border states and the nation?

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Health Reform Proposals: How To Make Sense Of Them

Dr. Theodore R. Marmor, Professor Emeritus of Public Policy and Political Science, Yale University. Presidential candidates will be talking health care reform. Learn how to distinguish between what ideas might actually work and possibly could be enacted from that which is just rhetoric.

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U.S. Trade and the Dollar: Does China Matter?

Dr. Karen Johnson is the former Director of the Division of International Finance of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She will discuss the relationship between U.S. trade problems and the value of the dollar. Of special concern is the U.S. - China trade position and the dollar's value, given China's holdings of U.S. government securities.

MARCH 11

Globalization: Pros and Cons Assessed

Kimberly Ann Elliott is a Senior Fellow with the Peterson Institute for International Economics where her work focuses on economic leverage in international negotiations. She discusses some of the less-well understood aspects of globalization. While Americans have much to gain, how will we deal with the negative consequences of the rapid changes in the economic environment?

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Energy Beyond Carbon Fuels: Bio-Mass?

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Bush's Foreign Policy; What Worked, What Failed and What We Have Yet To See **Martin Walker**, globe trotting Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of United Press International. As the Bush administration moves into its final year, a look at the results of its foreign policy.

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The PKK Terror Organization and the Bigger Picture

Soner Cagaptay, senior fellow and director of The Washington Institute's Turkish Research Program, brings new insight to Turkey, a pivotal country in the west's conflict with middle eastern adversaries. The PKK's attacks are increasingly pulling Turkey away from the U.S. and closer to Iran. How can the PKK issue be tackled?

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American Exceptionalism: City On a Hill Or Empire On the March? **Jerry Pubantz**, Professor of Political Science at University of North Carolina Greensboro. The enduring belief of every American generation has been that their country is unique among the nations of the earth. The great question throughout US history has been whether to stand aloof as the model to be emulated by all others or to advance our values until they are accepted everywhere.

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New Security Diplomacy China's more constructive diplomacy of recent years poses both opportunities and challenges for U.S. interests, demanding a more nuanced and informed approach from Washington. **Bates Gill** holds the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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The Tradeoffs Between Foreign Policy and Energy Policy **Michael T. Klare**, professor, author and energy expert. Many Americans and most presidential candidates say they want to reduce US dependence to become less exposed to foreign wars and terrorism. He will discuss the various options to reduce our dependency and what it takes to make it happen.

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Why Insurgencies Win Most insurgencies lose, but those that win rely on some combination of superior political will, better strategy, and external assistance. It also helps if the insurgency's enemy is a democracy. **Dr. Jeffrey Record** is a professor in the Department of Strategy and International Security at the U.S. Air Force's Air War College in Montgomery, AL

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