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**GLOBAL ISSUES EVENINGS PRESENT**

## "A Post Election Political Outlook"



**David Brooks**

Author & New York Times Columnist

**Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.**

University of North Florida,  
University Center

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## STAFFING UPDATE

As many of you know, **Ellen Wawrzyniak** will be cutting back her time with the Council. We have been very fortunate to find a terrific person, **Vanessa Harper**, to assume the responsibilities of Education Outreach Coordinator. In addition to heading the Council's current education programs (*Great Decisions*, *Academic WorldQuest*, *World in Transition*) she will work with **Trina Medarev** and **Kelley Keator** on all aspects of the Council's operations. Vanessa's family is from Jacksonville and she attended Nease High School. She has lots of energy and ideas and is thrilled to join the Council's special team.

**Sandy Cook**

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## President's Message

We are off to a great start to our 2008-09 season. At our first Global Issues Evening, Ambassador Martin Indyk provided fascinating insights into the complexity and interconnectedness of the many challenges facing the next President in the Middle East, with special emphasis on Iran. Some of you missed our discussion of Russia, NATO and the Crisis in Georgia at the home of Ambassador McAfee, but that was another stimulating evening of genuine dialogue. We intend to have more sessions like it in the future, drawing on the expertise and experience that exist in our own community. Those of you who attended the evening with Dr. Kloiber, the Secretary General of the World Medical Association, which we cosponsored with our own Dr. Yank Coble's Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy at UNF, enjoyed another illuminating presentation. I can't wait to hear international pollster John Zogby on three occasions during October 13-14 and Steven Levitt on October 28. He is the co-author of the best seller *Freakonomics* whose "central idea" is that "if morality represents how people would like the world to work, then economics shows how it actually works."



Jonathan Howe

Speaking of economics, the Council has competing needs for this

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## LOOKING FOR SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS!

### Academic WorldQuest Scheduled November 2008

Our fourth annual **Academic WorldQuest** competition for high school students will be held on Thursday, November 20 at UNF University Center. Last year we had 14 high schools and 23 teams compete from the Northeast Florida area and expect at least that number to join the competition this year. If you have participated in the "adult" **WorldQuest** competition in the spring you will know how much fun the students have - and their questions are a lot more difficult! The winning team representing our Council will go to Washington D.C. next spring for the national competition. Please help support our brightest students compete both locally and nationally:

- Serve as title sponsor for the event at \$3,000 and support our winning team's trip to Washington
- Sponsor a team for \$250
- Provide promotional items for student gift bags
- Serve as a volunteer on the evening of the activities

Sponsors and volunteers are invited to attend. Call 280-8162 to support this exciting and highly acclaimed event.

**Barbara A. B. Gubbin**

## PROGRAM RECAP

## Iran Must Be the Next President's Number 1 Priority: Indyk

Former **U. S. Ambassador Martin Indyk** told an audience of over 600 at UNF's University Center that with the clock ticking on Iran's nuclear program, the next President can not delay in addressing this country's relationship with Iran and the potential of a very volatile arms race in the Middle East within a year of the President taking office. Indyk said that Iran, not Iraq, must be our country's and the next President's first priority. Indyk admitted that in addressing Iran's nuclear capabilities and reversing its dominance in the region, the next President will have to use his leadership to reverse the decline in the United States' "soft power" - our brand name and influence throughout the world.

In Indyk's opinion, the next President must use his leadership to re-assert a balance between diplomacy and force, between realism and ideology, and between peacemaking and democracy promotion. He must, according to Indyk, win the "war of ideas" and convince the Arab people that moderation, compromise and peaceful resolution of conflict is in their best interest and far superior to resistance and the use of violence and terrorism. He explained in some detail how everything that happens in the Middle East is interconnected, and observed that peace treaties between Israel and Syria and between Israel and Palestine would strike a strategic blow to Iran's efforts to spread its influence.

Suzanne Judas

### COUNCIL 2008-09 CALENDAR

**Oct. 13, noon**

John Zogby  
The River Club

**Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.**

John Zogby  
UNF, University Center

**Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.**

David Brooks  
UNF, University Center

**Dec. 3, noon**

Luc J. Messier  
The River Club

**Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Ambassador Husain  
Haqqani  
UNF, University Center

**Feb. 10, noon**

Adam S. Posen  
The River Club

**Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.**

Adam Posen  
UNF, University Center

**March 3, 7:30 p.m.**

Lt. General Douglas Lute  
UNF, University Center

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year's educational programs/global issues evenings and other immediate expenses as well as for the incredible opportunity to have our tax deductible contributions by December 31, 2008 matched as we establish an enduring endowment that will help support outside speakers for years in the future. In a recent conversation with one of our members, an astute question was posed, "Would I prefer a gift to assist with this year's operating expenses or to help meet the match for the endowment fund?" My answer was 'both.' The gifts by our corporate and individual sponsors for current needs are absolutely essential and deeply appreciated. As the opportunity presents itself, please help me thank this year's sponsors, most of whom are listed in our programs and on our web page. Memberships are also critical to our ability to provide excellent programs in this season.

However, even though turbulent markets are not providing much "appreciated stock" this year, I do hope that many of our members will be able to stretch and also help us take more advantage of the other part of 'both.' If we meet the matching challenge before the end of the calendar year, we will be strengthening the long-term financial foundation of our Council and ensuring a steady flow of leading international thinkers and policy makers to our community in the years ahead. Please help us with 'both.'

**Admiral Jonathan T. Howe, USN (Ret.), President**  
World Affairs Council of Jacksonville

## MEMBERSHIP

## In-Home Receptions A Popular Benefit

Our first of six scheduled in-home reception for the 2008-2009 season was held on September 15, at the Marsh Landing home of **Ambassador Marilyn McAfee**. Sponsors, Ambassador's Circle, and Benefactor Members gathered for an illuminating discussion led by Council President **Admiral Jonathan Howe** and **Ambassador Nancy Soderberg**. Highlights included an overview of the current events in the Republic of Georgia and the effects on Russia/ US relations. Diplomacy, the role of NATO, past Russian/US friction, and the importance of Russian oil were all part of the lively debate. The intimate settings of these in-home gatherings provide an opportunity for Sponsors, Ambassador's Circle and Benefactor Members to socialize, learn and share views about current global issues. I invite you to upgrade your current membership or join us at the Sponsor, Ambassador's Circle or Benefactor Member level and enjoy the hospitality of these in-home receptions.

Jeanie Taras

**The Ambassador Martin Indyk presentation on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, on "The Arab-Israeli Conflict" is scheduled for rebroadcast on WJCT and Partners 7.4 (Comcast 212) as follows:**

**November 8 - 11:30 p.m. November 14 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**November 18 - 6:00 p.m. November 21 - 11:30 p.m.**