

PREVIOUSLY ON "MEDIA EDGE" (during 2005)

Episode #36 (December 18-19)

Segment #1. "Anti-War, Civil Rights and Free Speech Concerns"

Sacramento activists Stephen and Virginia Percy lead a discussion about what to do when those charged with protecting the message oppose it. Recorded by a Media Edge crew at Sacramento's Coloma Community Center on November 19.

Segment #2. "Extradite Posada!"

This film explores why Luis Posada Carriles -- the planner of terrorist acts that have killed dozens of Cubans and other people -- should be extradited to Venezuela by the U.S.

Segment #3. "The Poetry of Listening -- Middle Eastern Stories"

A short documentary featuring Israeli and Palestinian poets and storytellers from Gaza to Tel Aviv.

Episode #35 (December 11-12)

Segment #1. "Our Story"

A video by Media Edge producer Steve Kolb that shines a warm light on both the providers and consumers of supported living services to demonstrate the "who, what, how, where and why" that has helped thousands of Californians realize lives filled with potential, productivity and joy.

Segment #2. "Voices of Venezuela"

Interviews with community people in the social projects ("Missions") of Venezuela. This moving series of vignettes was produced by filmmaker Gloria La Riva earlier this year.

Segment #3. "Peace, Propaganda and the Promised Land"

This film provides a striking comparison of U.S. and international media coverage of the crisis in the Middle East, zeroing in on how structural distortions in U.S. coverage have reinforced false perceptions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Episode #34 (December 4-5)

Segment #1. "Chew On This!"

A new monthly segment in the "*Media Edge*" series, "*Chew On This!*" offers videos aimed at younger viewers. This week: a story about democracy by Medea Benjamin, the Sacramento City Council resolution to bring the troops home from Iraq, some fun exploration of dumpster diving, and the music of Bluespace.

Segment #2. "It's the Jews, Stupid!"

Yitzhak Santis, Director of Middle East Affairs for the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco and the Bay Area, discusses anti-Semitism during the past century and by the global jihadi movement. Recorded by Media Edge in Davis on October 30.

Episode #33 (November 27-28)

Segment #1. "Hear Our Voices"

Interviews with homeless youth, conducted in 2004 at Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento. According to the Urban Institute, children make up nearly 40% of the homeless population in the United States.

Segment #2. "Heroes, Not Looters"

Eyewitness accounts of the recent hurricane devastation in New Orleans, and the struggles of survivors in the aftermath as government officials failed to respond to this catastrophe.

Segment #3. "Iraq - The Way Out"

Dynamic presentations by Congresswomen Lynn Woolsey, Barbara Lee and Maxine Waters, activist Cindy Sheehan, singer Holly Near, and spoken word artist Aya De Leon. Recorded by a Media Edge crew last month in San Rafael.

Episode #32 (November 6-7)

Segment #1. "The Ground Truth: The Human Cost of War"

Our soldiers' perspectives of the Iraq War, and how they are being treated upon returning home. This film goes beyond the war stories to look underneath our American tradition of going to war and then abandoning the warrior.

Segment #2. "American Hiroshima"

David Dionisi, author of "American Hiroshima," which makes the case for a new way of thinking to solve existing conflicts and prevent future ones, speaks to an audience at the Varsity Theatre in Davis. Recorded by a Media Edge crew on October 17.

Segment #3. "Speak Up! Speak Out! -- Women's Voices"

Singers Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert and spoken word artist Aya De Leon. Recorded by a Media Edge crew in San Rafael on October 23.

Special Presentation (October 30 -- Access Sacramento Channel 17)

"Town Hall Meeting on Costs of the Iraq War"

On Tuesday, November 1, the Sacramento City Council voted 8-1 in support of a Resolution to withdraw U.S. troops and bases from Iraq. Six days earlier, a "Media Edge" crew was on hand to record a "Town Hall Meeting on Costs of the Iraq War" at Sacramento's Coloma Community Center. Agreeing that this was an important event that residents should see before the City Council meeting where the Resolution would be considered, Access Sacramento pre-empted its normal schedule to show the "Media Edge" coverage of the Town Hall meeting on Sunday evening, October 30.

Featured speakers at this Town Hall included former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin, Hugo Vera of the Mexican American Political Association, CSU-Sacramento Sociology professor Dr. Ayad Alqazazz, Ruth Holbrook of the Central Labor Council, David Main of Veterans for Peace, and Jeanette Madison of Military Families Speaking Out. Sacramento City Council member Kevin McCarty also attended this event.

The purpose of the Town Hall meeting was to inform the large audience about how the Iraq War impacts our communities back here at home, and to encourage residents to get involved in these matters on the local level. We were very pleased to see that over 100 residents attended the November 1 City Council meeting to show their support for the Resolution, which was adopted by the Council with only one member opposed.

Episode #31 (October 30-31)

Segment #1. "SourceCode: Rights/Exception"

Since 9/11, the Bush Administration has created a State of Exception, where the Constitution and human rights are being suspended "in order to save them". Populist commentator Jim Hightower, U.S. Rep. Bernie Sanders and others discuss these vital issues.

Segment #2. "September Mobilization"

Media Edge's Mary Brassell traveled to Washington, D.C. last month to attend the "Operation Ceasefire" activities. She returned with video footage that she recorded with Air America Radio's Laura Flanders during the September 26 anti-war demonstration at the White House.

Segment #3. "A Song of Peace"

Andy Markley's video of the August 17 rally in Sacramento to support Cindy Sheehan, accompanied by the lovely voices of "Harmonious Combustion" from the Sierra foothills.

Segment #4. "Eyes Wide Open -- A Visual Tone Poem"

Sacramento videographer Steve Kolb's award-winning look at the "Eyes Wide Open" tribute to the soldiers and civilians killed in Iraq. This travelling exhibit stopped in Capitol Park in Sacramento on March 29-31, 2005. Since then, almost 500 more US soldiers have died in Iraq.

Segment #5. "Falluja - April 2004"

U.S. forces invaded Falluja, Iraq with several thousand soldiers. Ten days after the siege was lifted, Toshikuni DOI, a Japanese independent journalist, went into Falluja. His documentary investigates the causes of, conditions during, and damages from the siege.

Episode #30 (October 23-24)

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Segment #2. "Mobilizing Media Reform"

An examination of the problems that plague our media system, their causes and effects, and the ways that we as citizens can bring about change.

Segment #3. "Beyond Treason"

Very powerful documentary presents comprehensive and compelling evidence of the U.S. government's long history of experimentation on military and civilian populations with depleted uranium, chemical and biological exposures, and experimental vaccinations.

Episode #29 (October 16-17)

Segment #1. "Connecting the Dots....9/11 - Four Years Later (from the A-Bomb to Depleted Uranium and Beyond"

Geological scientist and international radiation expert Leuren Moret gives a riveting account of the effects of radiation throughout the world and depleted uranium ammunition on US soldiers and civilians. Recorded by a Media Edge crew in Sacramento on September 11, 2005.

Segment #2. "SourceCode: Greed/Water"

Big business is turning off the tap...the global corporate/ government effort to privatize water is causing suffering and violence around the world. This segment includes reports from India, Bolivia, Canada...and neighborhoods like ours.

Segment #3. "Keynote: Wanjira Mathai"

Wanjira Mathai, international liaison for the world-renowned Green Belt Movement of Kenya, speaks about "Peace, Justice and the Environment."

Episode #28 (October 9-10)

Segment #1. "SourceCode: Packaging/Truth"

Interviews with Russ Feingold, Tom Hayden and Robert Greenwald; activist group Free Press on the struggle to keep the Internet public; and inside the Howl Festival on the 50th anniversary of Allen Ginsburg's revolutionary poem.

Segment #2. "Motherhood by Choice, not Chance"

A film about the struggle for women's reproductive rights in the U.S. and the chilling threats to those rights. Intimate interviews reveal the passion of people who moved abortion from the danger of the back alleys to a safe, legal choice.

Segment #3. "Truth and Politics: Unanswered Questions about 9/11"

David Ray Griffin, speaking in Santa Rosa last year, presents his concerns about the 9/11 Commission Report, based on his book "The 9/11 Commission Report -- Omissions and Distortions."

Episode #27 (October 2-3)

Segment #1. "Alexander Cockburn: How to Change the World in Six Easy Lessons"

One of the most prominent commentators with a progressive point of view, Irish-born journalist Alexander Cockburn speaks to a large, appreciative audience at Sacramento's Coloma Community Center earlier this year.

Segment #2. "Resilience"

Love and labor intersect in "Resilience," as director Betty Yu documents the impact that sweatshop conditions has had on her family life.

Episode #26 (September 25-26)

Segment #1. "The World Tribunal on Iraq - The Final Session" (Part 2)

Is the U.S. government guilty of war crimes in Iraq? Have the U.S. government and its allies violated international law and human rights? These concerns are examined in this historic June 2005 tribunal in Istanbul by an international "Jury of Conscience."

Segment #2. "Invisible Ballots - A Temptation for Electronic Vote Fraud"

Does the proverbial "Black Box" (touch screen voting machine) jeopardize the sanctity of the voting process? Governments are installing computerized voting systems with no paper record to verify accuracy. If vote counting becomes privatized, there may be no way to get it back.

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Segment #2. "Cindy Sheehan"

Cindy Sheehan, co-founder of "Gold Star Families for Peace" and mother of a soldier killed in Iraq, raises her voice against the U.S. invasion and occupation of that country, in an address to a Bay Area audience during a Memorial Day weekend event.

Segment #3. "A Song of Peace"

Andy Markley's video of the August 17 rally in Sacramento to support Cindy Sheehan, accompanied by the lovely voices of "Harmonious Combustion" from the Sierra foothills.

Segment #4. "Charisse Shumate: Fighting for Our Lives"

A look at the life of Charisse Shumate, who led a legal battle that challenged the medical neglect and abuse of women in California state prisons.

Segment #5. "A Wedding Album"

As Governor Schwarzenegger prepares to veto the state legislature's bill to legalize same-sex marriage, this video looks at a brief moment in time in San Francisco last year.

Episode #24 (September 11-12)

Segment #1. "A Song of Peace"

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Segment #2. "Hijacking Catastrophe: 9/11, Fear & the Selling of"

This powerful documentary examines how a radical fringe of the Republican Party used the trauma of the 9/11 terror attacks to advance a pre-existing agenda to radically transform American foreign policy while rolling back civil liberties and social programs at home.

Segment #3. "An Insider's Report"

Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski's first-hand account of how neo-conservative Defense Department officials selected and manipulated intelligence to justify the US invasion of Iraq.

Segment #4. "Eyes Wide Open -- A Visual Tone Poem"

Sacramento videographer Steve Kolb's remarkable, heartfelt look at the "Eyes Wide Open" tribute to the soldiers and civilians killed in Iraq. This travelling exhibit stopped in Capitol Park in Sacramento on March 29-31, 2005. Since then, over 350 more US soldiers have died in Iraq.

Episode #23 (September 4-5)

Segment #1. "LPFM: The People's Choice"

The extraordinary story of a low power radio service that withstood the rigors of Capitol Hill and special interest attacks.

Segment #2. "The Color of Sustainability"

Can the "Green" movement include people of color and low-income people? LaDonna Redmond says it can, and demonstrates that crucial reality through her pathfinding work in the inner city of Chicago.

Segment #3. "The Intersection of the Psychological and Political"

A forum sponsored by the Sacramento chapter of Therapists for Social Responsibility. Derrill Bodley, a Sacramento City College music professor who lost his daughter in the crash of Flight 93 on 9-11, describes his efforts to deal with this tragedy.

Episode #22 (August 28-29)

Segment #1. "Talking Peace"

This inspirational documentary about the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue tells a compelling story of two sides coming together through the simple act of listening.

Segment #2. "In Home Support Services: People and Services Worth Protecting"

California's budget cutters should see this intimate look at in home support services before slashing the funds that sustain them.

Segment #3. "Bill Moyers: Take Public Broadcasting Back!"

Bill Moyers, veteran broadcast journalist, rocked the audience at The National Conference for Media Reform in St. Louis in May 2005 with this stinging indictment of Beltway journalism, a strong defense of his public affairs program, "NOW," and a powerful reminder that the mandate of the Public Broadcasting System is to "defend the interests of the people who have to live with the consequences of corporate and governmental power."

Episode #21 (August 21-22)

Segment #1. "Eyes Wide Open -- A Visual Tone Poem"

Sacramento videographer Steve Kolb's remarkable, heartfelt look at the Eyes Wide Open exhibit in Capitol Park on March 29-31, 2005.

Segment #2. "Medea Benjamin"

The founding director of Global Exchange and Green Party candidate for the US Senate from California in 2000 discusses how to "Stop the Next War Now" with a large audience last month at Sacramento's Coloma Community Center.

Segment #3. "System Failure: Violence, Abuse and Neglect in the California"

This moving documentary offers a close look at the human rights violations in the CYA facilities, and the impact this has had on the incarcerated kids and their families.

Segment #4. "Al Franken - One on One"

Talk City 1240 AM radio host Mary Jane Popp interviews Al Franken.

Episode #20 (August 14-15)

Segment #1. "Eyewitness in Iraq"

Dahr Jamail, an unembedded American journalist, describes his recent trip to Baghdad. His report covers the use of illegal weapons by American forces, the rip-off of American taxpayers by US corporations, the weak coverage by our media, and the resilience of the Iraqi people.

Segment #2. "Baghdad Stories"

An insightful documentary about young Iraqis who decide to start an independent newspaper. They soon tackle some of the toughest stories on the streets of Baghdad, from the state of the country's hospitals to why young children are being raped in broad daylight.

Segment #3. "Standing with the Women of Iraq"

Passionate statements of resistance by Iraqi women are intercut with actions by Code Pink, Women in Black and others who have been at the forefront of protests against the war in the U.S.

Segment #4. "Speak Up! Speak Out!"

Sacramento residents raise their voices at a local demonstration in reaction to the revelations of the Downing Street Memo.

Episode #19 (August 7-8)

Segment #1. "Voices of a People's History of the United States"

Author Howard Zinn leads a stellar group of nationally renowned actors and political activists in dramatic readings based on his "Voices" book. Recorded in New York City on October 22, 2004.

Segment #2. "Kathy Kelly: A Life of Resistance"

Peace activist Kathy Kelly, founder of Voices in the Wilderness (a campaign to end UN/US sanctions against Iraq) and author of "Other Lands Have Dreams," speaks to a Sacramento audience on May 26, 2005.

Episode #18 (July 31-August 1)

Segment #1. "System Failure: Violence, Abuse and Neglect in the California Youth Authority"

This moving documentary offers a close look at the human rights violations in the CYA facilities, and the impact this has had on the incarcerated kids and their families.

Segment #2. "The FCC Past and Present"

The Federal Communications Commission plays a powerful role in ensuring that media companies serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Current and former Commissioners and an overflow audience at the National Conference for Media Reform discuss the FCC's mission, its priorities, and how citizens can be a part of the regulatory process.

Episode #17 (July 24-25)

Segment #1. "National Conference for Media Reform: Saturday Evening Keynote Event (Part 2)"

Speakers and performers include US Representative Diane Watson of California, "Democracy Now!" host Amy Goodman, Phil Donahue (inducting the first member of the "Big Media Hall of Shame"), and a memorable jam with rock icon Patti Smith's band and FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein.

Segment #2. "Medea Benjamin"

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Episode #16 (July 17-18)

Special: "National Conference for Media Reform: Saturday Evening Keynote Event (Part 1)"

A night of inspiring speeches and performances, with Al Franken as MC. Speakers and performers include author and commentator Jim Hightower, musician Patti Smith, DJ and activist Dave "Davey D" Cook, and FCC Commissioners Michael Capps and Jonathan Adelstein.

Episode #15 (July 10-11)

Segment #1. "News, Information and Corporate Media"

Phil Donahue was the host of this terrific session at the National Conference for Media Reform. Specific examples of corporate media disinformation are highlighted, and the structural defects in our media system that bring about such universally flawed news and information are described. Panelists include Juan Gonzalez of the New York Daily News and author/journalist Naomi Klein.

Segment #2. "Speak Up! Speak Out!"

Sacramento poet Tonia Beverly offers a passionate reading of her work at the second annual Rantathon, sponsored by Straight Out Scribes and K.I.N.K.S. International Holistic Beautification Center in Sacramento.

Episode #14 (July 3-4)

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Segment #2. "Amy Goodman"

The dynamic host of the radio/TV series "Democracy Now!" speaks to an audience earlier this year at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco on her book, "The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers and the Media That Love Them."

Episode #13 (June 26-27)

Segment #1. "Speak Up! Speak Out!"

When George W. Bush was inaugurated in January, many Sacramento residents took to the streets in protest. Hear Carl Pinkston, Mario Galvan and others explain why George Bush's stolen election and policies must be resisted by each one of us.

Segment #2. "The Bush Family Fortunes: The Best Democracy Money Can Buy"

On the trail of the Bush family, from Florida election finagling, to the Saudi connection, to the Bush team's spiking the FBI investigation of the bin Laden family and the secret State Department plans for post war Iraq.

Segment #3. "In Home Support Services: People and Services Worth Protecting"

California's budget cutters should see this intimate look at in home support services before slashing the funds that sustain them.

Segment #4. "Emulating Nature's Design Genius"

According to award-winning inventor Jay Harman, the solution to pollution and waste lies in creating a flexible partnership with the natural world.

Episode #12 (June 19-20)

Segment #1. "God in Government"

This documentary explores the complex relationship between religion & politics. With the United States as the focal point, and Iran, Israel and India as object lessons, the film asks: What happens when religion and politics are intertwined? Where do tensions and conflicts occur?

Segment #2. "Michael Newdow: The Fight to Preserve the Bill of Rights"

Sacramento area resident Michael Newdow, who filed a lawsuit to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, talks (and sings) about the role that religion has played in our government since the Founding Fathers. Recorded at the Coloma Community Center in Sacramento on April 20, 2005.

Episode #11 (June 12-13)

Segment #1. "The AI Franken Show - with Phil Angelides"

Recorded during the live broadcast of The AI Franken Show on May 11, 2005 from Sacramento's Crest Theatre, featuring California State Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides.

Segment #2. "AI Franken - One on One"

Talk City 1240 AM radio host Mary Jane Popp interviews AI Franken.

Segment #3. "How Democrats and Progressives Can Win: Solutions from George Lakoff"

Noted UC Berkeley professor on the critical role of language in today's politics.

Segment #4. "A Call to Choose Our Future"

Presentation by David Korten, author of the book, "When Corporations Rule The World."

Episode #10 (June 5-6)

Segment #1. "Conscientious Objector or Warrior"

Nine Sacramento area high school students, finalists in a 2005 scholarship essay contest, read their essays in response to a question once posed by President John F. Kennedy regarding society's view of conscientious objectors as compared to warriors.

Segment #2. "US Military Fatalities in Iraq"

After more than two years of US military occupation in Iraq, the Bush Administration tells us that fewer US soldiers are dying there than before. This short film illustrates how terribly false that is.

Segment #3. "When They Came for Ward Churchill"

Embattled Professor Ward Churchill speaks on the controversy over his essay, his treatment by the media and the people calling for his firing, and even execution, for 'treason'. He tells the side of the story told nowhere else on U.S. television: his side.

Episode #9 (May 30-31)

Segment #1. "Truth Merchants"

A documentary that explores the twilight world of public relations, video news releases, and the symbiotic relationship between PR people and journalists.

Segment #2. "Subverters"

A look at media activists who combat the barrage of advertising and corporate imagery by designing their own.

Segment #3. "Eyes Wide Open - A Visual Tone Poem"

Sacramento videographer Steve Kolb's remarkable, heartfelt look at the Eyes Wide Open exhibit in Capitol Park on March 29-31, 2005.

Segment #4. "The Intersection of the Psychological and Political"

Derrill Bodley, a Sacramento City College music professor who lost his daughter in the crash of Flight 93 on 9-11, describes his efforts to deal with this tragedy.

Episode #8 (May 22-23)

Segment #1. "The World Tribunal on Iraq"

The whole world is watching, and the whole world is judging as well. This documentary brings testimony from the New York Tribunal on Iraq, part of a world-wide series of hearings. This is an informative and engaging view of the World Tribunal.

Segment #2. "The California Health Insurance Reliability Act"

A Sacramento forum, hosted by State Senator Sheila Kuehl, about her proposed legislation to switch to a single payer health care system in California.

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Segment #2. "The Intersection of the Psychological and Political"

A Sacramento forum sponsored by Therapists for Social Responsibility. This program features very compelling presentations by four individuals about the impact that the Iraq war has had on their personal lives and work.

Segment #3. "Keynote: Desmond Tutu"

An address by Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu, at the "Stop the Silence" AIDS Symposium in 2004 at the University of Colorado.

Episode #6 (May 8-9)

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Segment #2. "Keynote: Terry Tempest Williams"

Terry Tempest Williams speaks about "Democracy and Dissent."

Segment #3. "Mobilizing Media Reform"

An examination of the problems that plague our media system, their causes and effects, and the ways that we as citizens can bring about change.

Episode #5 (May 1-2)

Segment #1. "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism"

An examination of how media empires, led by Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, have been running a "race to the bottom" in television news. The film provides an in-depth look at Fox News and the dangers of ever-enlarging corporations taking control of the public's right to know.

Segment #2. "Rich Media, Poor Democracy"

Based on media activist Robert McChesney's excellent book of the same title. Media conglomerates produce news system high on sensationalism and low on information.

Segment #3. "Eyes Wide Open -- A Visual Tone Poem"

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Episode #4 (April 24-25)

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Segment #2. "Toni Morrison and Cornel West - In Conversation"

An engaging discussion on race and politics in America. Toni Morrison received the 1993 Nobel Prize for Literature.

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Wanjira Mathai, international liaison for the world-renowned Green Belt Movements of Kenya, speaks about "Peace, Justice and the Environment."

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Segment #2. "Losing Hearts and Minds"

The US has lost moral authority in Iraq, with abuses continuing even since the Abu Ghraib scandal first came to light. Featuring footage shot on the ground in Iraq.

Segment #3. "National Insecurities" (from Deep Dish TV's "Shocking and Awful" series)

Violence against immigrants, especially Arabs; imprisonment without trial, especially for Muslims. Is the U.S. government fomenting fear to inflame racial and ethnic divisions? History repeats itself, as violence against immigrants and imprisonment without trial become routine.

Episode #2 (April 10-11)

Segment #1. "A Quiet Neighborhood"

A closer look at the anti-Bush display and reactions to it at the Sacramento Land Park home of Virginia and Stephen Percy.

Segment #2. "The Real Face of the Occupation" (from Deep Dish TV's "Shocking and Awful" series)

How U.S. military occupation looks from the other end of the gun barrel. Was Abu Ghraib an exception or merely an extreme? How has Iraq changed since the fall of Saddam? What is life like under occupation? On-the-ground footage shows the humiliation and dehumanization inevitable in a colonial situation.

Segment #3. "Uncovered: The Whole Truth about the Iraq War"

This documentary chronicles the Bush Administration's determined quest to invade Iraq following the events of September 11, 2001. The film deconstructs the administration's case for war through interviews with U.S. intelligence and defense officials, foreign service experts, and U.N. weapons inspectors. Their analyses and conclusions are sobering, and often disturbing, regardless of one's political affiliations.

Episode #1 (April 3-4)

Segment #1. "An Eyewitness to the War in Iraq: An Hour with Dahr Jamail"

Through journal entries and slides from his 8 months in occupied Iraq, US journalist Dahr Jamail's talk with Denis Bernstein of KPFA puts a face on the people of that war-torn country. Taped on February 25, 2005 in Oakland.

Segment #2. "Globalization at Gunpoint: The Economics of Occupation" (from Deep Dish TV's "Shocking and Awful" series)

The military occupation of Iraq has enabled the U.S. to enforce privatization of the Iraqi economy, in effect, selling off Iraq's assets to foreign investors. A look at the challenges to privatization.

Segment #3. "Saddam Hussein was not a Threat to the U.S."

Scott Ritter, former lead U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, argues that Bush Administration officials knew Saddam Hussein posed no threat to the United States, even as they justified war on grounds of self-defense.