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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.19-20.2012

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/5/18/headlines>

Headlines

- Documents Reveal New Details in Trayvon Martin Killing
- Hundreds Protest Acquittal of Houston Ex-Cop in Assault of Black Teenager
- Envoy Tells Israel U.S. Ready for Attack on Iran
- U.S. Gives Israel \$70 Million Boost for Missile Defense
- Israeli Gunfire Wounds 7 Palestinians Near Gaza Border
- Egyptian Police Officers Acquitted in Protester Killings
- U.S. Lifts Trade Restrictions on Burma
- Global Events Mark International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
- House Anti-Abuse Bill Omits Protections for LGBT, Native American, Immigrant Victims
- Report: GOP Super PAC Planned Ads Tying Obama to Pastor

2. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/3/9/>

Journalist, Plaintiff Chris Hedges Hails "Monumental" Ruling Blocking NDAA Indefinite Detention

In a rare move, a federal judge has struck down part of a controversial law signed by President Obama that gave the government the power to indefinitely detain anyone it considers a terrorism suspect anywhere in the world without charge or trial — including U.S. citizens. Judge Katherine Forrest of the Southern District of New York ruled the indefinite detention provision of the National Defense Authorization Act likely violates the First and Fifth Amendments of U.S. citizens. We speak with Chris Hedges, a journalist who filed the suit challenging the NDAA along with six others, and Bruce Afran, the group's attorney. "This is another window into ... the steady assault against civil liberties," Hedges says. "What makes [the ruling] so monumental is that, finally, we have a federal judge who stands up for the rule of law."

"End This Depression Now": Paul Krugman Urges Public Spending, Not Deficit Hysteria, to Save Economy

Public spending is under assault from the United States to Europe in the name of fighting deficits. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman argues in his new book, "End This Depression Now!", that the hysteria over the deficit will constrain an economic recovery in a time of high unemployment and stagnating wages. "The economics is really easy," says Krugman, "If we were to spend more money at the government level and ... rehire the schoolteachers, firefighters, police officers who have been laid off in the last several years because of cutbacks at the state and local level, we would be a long way back towards full employment. ... Right now, there just is not enough spending, and we need the government, which can do it, to step in and provide the demand we need. ... We've had austerity in the face of a recession, in a way that we have never had before since the 1930s. ... And the results are clear: it's disastrous." Krugman writes about the economy as a columnist for the New York Times and is a professor of economics at Princeton University.

Krugman: Jamie Dimon Should Resign over JPMorgan's \$3B Lost Bet and Campaign Against Financial Regs

As the financial giant JPMorgan Chase continues to suffer major losses on its risky derivatives trades, Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman says bank chief Jamie Dimon should resign "precisely because he's been using his supposed wisdom as a way to campaign against reform, and now it's turned out that he wasn't that wise after all. In fact, his bank was doing seriously bad stuff." Krugman says, "I think it would be better for everybody if he went." The Justice Department is now probing JPMorgan amid new calls for tougher regulation of Wall Street. "They're making these bets with your money, because these are banks that are guaranteed. They have guaranteed deposits," Krugman says. "We're supposed to have a rule going into effect — the Volcker Rule — that says that they can't do this kind of stuff. But they are continuing to do it. ... We cannot trust the bankers to use this money safely."

3. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Albany: Student Found Not Guilty Thanks to Video at First Occupy Wall Street Trial:
http://paper.li/occupy_albany/1336671515
- Occupy Frankfurt: Blockupy Scores German Court Victory
<http://theoccupiedtimes.co.uk/?p=4582>

News:

- Back to the Land for the Occupy Movement:
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/05/16-2>

Here are additional Occupy links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>
- Occupy Boston Radio:
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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.12-13.2012

1. **New Yorker Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2012/05/obama-romney-gay-marriage-podcast.html>

Margaret Talbot and Ryan Lizza discuss Obama on gay marriage and reports of Romney bullying a gay student in high school.

2. **The Economist: Trade Between Pakistan and India**

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/banyan/2012/05/trade-between-india-and-pakistan>

For decades, trade on the border between Pakistan and India has been moribund. New regulations should revitalize it—but might bring other changes too.

3. **The Economist: Leonard Mlodinow on the Unconscious**

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/prospero/2012/05/natures-gift>

According to Leonard Mlodinow's new book, *Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior*, the modern unconscious is not a repressed part of the mind but an automatic tool that has helped humans navigate their social environment for millennia.

4. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Offshoot to Bus Protesters to Chicago
<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&cid=8652263>
- Chicagospring.org: NATO Summit
http://chicagospring.org/-!/Nato_G8
- 99% Solidarity: Chicago Bus Trip
<http://99solidarity.net/chicago/>
- Mental Health Movement Calls on NATO protesters to Occupy Clinics, Begins Logan Square Occupation
<http://occupywallst.org/article/mental-health-movement-calls-nato-protesters-occup/>

News:

- Occupy Bank Of America Protest Foreshadows Democratic Convention
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/08/occupy-bank-of-america-democratic-convention_n_1501268.html?ref=elections-2012
- Media Get Bored With Occupy—and Inequality
<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/05/03-3>

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<http://occupywallst.org/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.05-06.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw05_04_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, and the Voice of Russia.

- From Japan - Kazakstan will assist Japan in attempts to clean up areas around Fukushima contaminated with radiation. Japan and the US will collaborate on nuclear energy and alternatives for rare earth minerals. A Greenpeace activist landed a motorized glider inside a nuclear power station in France. In Vienna, the mayor of Nagasaki again called on the world to abolish nuclear weapons. Pakistan condemned another US drone attack which killed 4 last Sunday.
- From Germany - An American counter-terrorism official defended President Obama's use of targeted drone strikes. A British Parliamentary committee said that Rupert Murdoch was not fit to run a major media corporation. Two stories on the final round of France's Presidential election to be held this Sunday.
- From Cuba - Following the Argentine take over of a Spanish oil company, Bolivia has nationalized the Spanish owned power company. Last Sunday, tens of thousands of Spanish citizens took to the streets to protest austerity measures in education and health care. On Tuesday, May Day protests took place around the world. A 3 year long US Congressional probe has found that the torture practices employed by the CIA have not led to significant intelligence gains.
- From Russia - In the US 7 million people owe a total of 1 trillion dollars for student loans. This has surpassed the total amount owed on credit cards in the US. A week ago students around the country staged an "Occupy Student Debt" campaign on campuses.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy London Supporters Hold May Day 'Occupy the Tube':
<http://www.demotix.com/news/1192620/occupy-london-supporters-hold-may-day-occupy-tube>
- May Day Draws Rallies, Protests Across Canada:
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/story/2012/05/01/may-day-events.html>
- Converge for Justice: Occupy Wall Street South – Bank of America Call to Action!:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/converge-justice-occupy-wall-street-south-bank-ame/>

News:

- 99% Spring Disrupts Verizon Shareholder Meeting Six Times
<http://www.ourfuture.org/blog-entry/2012051803/99-spring-disrupts-verizon-shareholder-meeting-six-times>

- 'Festive, Righteous Anger': Occupy Makes May-Day Comeback With Massive Demonstrations
http://www.alternet.org/story/155240/%22festive%2C_righteous_anger%22%3A_occupy_makes_a_may_day_comeback_with_massive_demonstrations?page=entire

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.14-15.2012

1. **The Dusty Show with Clay Pigeon**
<http://wfmj.org/playlists/shows/44681>

Interview with Brendan Burke, head of Occupy Wall Street De-Escalation Security. Includes many call-in questions for Mr. Burke.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/why-we-need-free-media/>
- Occupy Denver Update:
<http://occupydenver.org/open-letter-to-mayor-hancock-about-the-urban-camping-ban/>
- Occupy Detroit Update:
<http://www.occupy-detroit.us/2012/04/11/come-help-serve-darth-governors-snyder-and-walker-with-subpoenas/>

News:

- Occupy Your Mind
<http://theoccupiedtimes.co.uk/?p=3103>
- OWS' 'Spring Awakening' in Central Park Will Kick Off a Season of Activism, Attract New Faces
[http://www.alternet.org/occupywallst/154954/ows%27 %27spring_ awakening%27_in_central_park_will_kick_off_a_season_of_activism%2C_attract_new_faces](http://www.alternet.org/occupywallst/154954/ows%27%27spring_awakening%27_in_central_park_will_kick_off_a_season_of_activism%2C_attract_new_faces)

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.07-08.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Fracking: The Rest of the Story**
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/04/relapse-and-recovery.html>

A fresh update on Japan after the tsunami and nuclear accident with Warren Karlenzig. Is it a chance to build new green cities, or a vision of what we all face as the oil runs out? Then a quick interview with anti-nuclear campaigner Helen Caldicott, and Marsha Coleman-Adebayo at the Occupy the EPA protest in Washington. We conclude with an invitation by Susanne Moser to “get real” about our difficult future as we destabilize the climate.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Boston Update:
<http://www.occupyboston.org/2012/04/06/occupy-boston-daily-digest-4-6-12/>

News:

- Occupy Transit! Transit Workers & the Occupy Movement Team Up
<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/04/05/1080996/-Occupy-Transit-Workers-the-Occupy-Movement-Team-Up>
- Debt and the Tar Sands:
<http://www.occupy.com/article/debt-and-tar-sands-0>
- Occupy May Day: Not Your Usual General Strike:
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/03/26-8>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.24-25.2012

3. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw03_23_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, and the Voice of Russia.

- From Spain - First, a press review from *El Pais* on the state of culture in an economic crisis. On the 9th anniversary of the start of the US invasion of Iraq, there were more than 30 bomb attacks across the country. Russia and the Red Cross are pushing for daily ceasefires in Syria while Saudi Arabia began delivering more military equipment to the rebel forces. Human Rights Watch accused rebels of human rights abuses. Amnesty International says that NATO has failed to investigate the civilian deaths its bombing raids in Libya caused.
- From Cuba - The Syrian Foreign Minister denounced the foreign government support given to rebels in the country. Chilean student protests have extended around the country. Argentinian President Fernandez wants South America to unite to demilitarize the South Atlantic zone and defend natural resources of the region. Bolivian President Morales has threatened to close the US Embassy if espionage and interference continues.
- From Japan - The US is planning a major military shift out of Japan. Japan's Defense Ministry is considering using missiles against a N Korean satellite launch next month. An Insight segment on the rethinking of Japanese reliance on nuclear energy. The British government is lifting restrictions on the export of sheep meat, which have been in place since the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.
- From China - In defense of its economic practices, China points out that it is the second largest importer of goods, and that it will soon be the largest. The Afghan government is renewing its offer of holding talks with the Taliban. A five year research project in China shows that traditional Chinese medicine has proven to be a cost-efficient HIV/AIDS treatment.
- From Russia - The US is fast tracking research into cyber-weapons, including using radio waves to infiltrate computer systems which are isolated from networks.

4. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/support-occupy-union-square>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/03/occupy-oakland-re-occupies-in-secret-location-32212>
- Occupy Berlin Update:
http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=de&u=http://occupyberlin.info/&ei=DI5sT6bhK6jZ0QH6_-

[TiBg&sa=X&oi=translate&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CDIQ7gEwAA&prev=/search%3Fq%3Doccupy%2Bberlin%26hl%3Den%26prmd%3Dimvns](http://www.google.com/search?sa=X&oi=translate&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CDIQ7gEwAA&prev=/search%3Fq%3Doccupy%2Bberlin%26hl%3Den%26prmd%3Dimvns)

News:

Occupy Wall Street: 6 Months Later, What Has Occupy Protest Movement Achieved?:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/16/occupy-wall-street-6-months-later_n_1352752.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

- Horizontal Meets Vertical: 3 Ways Occupy, Community Groups and Unions Can Work Together to Change Society:
http://www.alternet.org/occupywallst/154599/horizontal_meets_vertical%3A_3_ways_occupy%2C_community_groups_and_unions_can_work_together_to_change_society?page=entire

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.17-18.2012

1. **Guns & Butter: NATO's Assault on Syria**
<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/101538>

For the past six months and longer, once Libya had fallen to the NATO sponsored "rebels," we have faced a continuous media onslaught about Syria with reports of protests, shootings, killings, attacks, bombing, and so forth. The backdrop to the narrative is that this is part of the Arab Spring which started last year and it is a good thing overall. So many people are probably wondering what really has been happening, given that this is the same media that was cheer leading the Iraq war almost 10 years ago even though at least a million+ are now dead as a result. And yet somehow they want to imply that they are doing the right thing now. We should also recall that this is the same media that is promoting austerity and encouraging us to accept the blame for the mad years of the bubble and as a consequence we should pay up the €90 billion bailout and in the process see all the state services stripped to the bone. They are presenting the uncomplicated truth surely.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/weekly-marches-wall-street/>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/03/reimagine-the-ga-working-group-the-holdout-oakland-friday-march-16-2012-600-to-730-pm/>
- Occupy Amsterdam Update:
<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=nl&u=http://www.occupyamsterdam.nl/&ei=1QNkT6WNPOeS0QHioKmpCA&sa=X&oi=translate&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCcQ7gEwAA&prev=/search%3Fq%3Doccupy%2Bamsterdam%26hl%3Den%26client%3Dsafari%26rls%3Den%26prmd%3Dimvns>

News:

- The Occupy Spring?:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166828/occupy-spring>
- The Purpose of Occupy Wall Street is to Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166827/purpose-occupy-wall-street-occupy-wall-street>
- Occupy is Dead? Long Live Occupy!:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166826/occupy-dead-long-live-occupy>
- What Does Democracy Look Like?:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166824/what-does-democracy-look>
- More Than a Protest Movement:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166822/more-protest-movement>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.10-11.2012

4. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/3/9/headlines>

Headlines

- Report: U.S. Offers Israel Weapons to Stall Attack on Iran
- Iran Accused of Covering Up Alleged Nuclear Site
- Syrian Activists Reject Call for Assad Talks
- Greece Secures Debt Relief to Obtain Bailout
- Hundreds Rally for Palestinian Woman Prisoner on Hunger Strike
- Senate Rejects Bid to Speed Keystone XL Pipeline Approval
- DOJ Reviews NYPD Spying on Muslims
- Report: NYPD Spied on 3rd-Generation Muslim Americans
- Whistleblower: Bank of America Blocked Aid to Homeowners
- Georgia Senate Passes Bill Requiring Drug Tests for Welfare
- Haiti: Hundreds March to Demand Cholera Reparations

5. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/3/9/>

U.S. Faces Challenge to “Drug War” as Latin American Countries Mull Decriminalization, Legalization

As Vice President Joe Biden wraps up a trip to Central America insisting the drug war must continue, a growing number of Latin American leaders are calling for the decriminalization or legalization of drugs. “This debate now is no longer going to be suppressed,” says Ethan Nadelmann, founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. “Once U.S. officials are obliged to participate in the discussion and to do it in a real way, the smartest among them know there’s no way to defend the current U.S. strategy.”

“Beautiful Souls”: Eyal Press on the Whistleblowers Who Risk All to “Heed the Voice of Conscience”

From corporate whistleblowers to Army refuseniks, a new book, *Beautiful Souls: Saying No, Breaking Ranks, and Heeding the Voice of Conscience in Dark Times*, explores what compels ordinary people to defy the sway of authority and convention for the greater good. “I feel like we have two very different discourses about whistleblowers in this country,” says the book’s author, Eyal Press. “On the one hand, when you see them cast in Hollywood movies, they’re invariably heroes, played by leading actors and actresses, and everybody salutes them... On the other hand, when we have whistleblowers actually speaking up in real time, the response is very different.”

“El Librotráfico” Tony Diaz Defies Ethnic Studies Book Ban with Caravan to Arizona

Self-described book smuggler Tony Diaz, nicknamed “El Libro-Traficante,” is set to launch a small caravan to bring carloads of controversial books into Arizona that were recently banned by public school officials in Tucson after the city suspended its acclaimed Mexican American Studies program due to a state ban on the teaching of ethnic studies. “When Arizona tried to erase our history, we decided to make more,” Diaz says. “We’ve unleashed this informal network that’s galvanized into a national movement... People are forming groups to read the protested books, to read the books that have been confiscated. They’ve actually brought so much attention to our community that I think right now we really are on the

verge of a Latino Renaissance.”

6. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/occupy-international-womens-day/>
- Occupy Palm Beach Update
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/05/occupy-palm-beach-camp-sh_n_1321579.html
- Occupy Dublin Update:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/08/irish-police-clear-occupy-site?newsfeed=true>

News:

- Occupy AIPAC Update:
<http://www.occupyaipac.org/2012/03/citizens-occupy-aipac-policy-conference-and-mic-check-cong-ros-lehtinen/>
- Springtime for Occupy: Movement's Plans For Coming Weeks and Months:
<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/occupy-wall-street-movement-plans-spring-surprises/story?id=15870450-.T1n4ndFSQuO>
- Can Occupy pull off a general strike?
http://www.salon.com/2012/02/29/can_occupy_pull_off_a_general_strike/singleton/

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 02.25-26.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw02_24_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, Radio Havana Cuba, Spanish National Radio, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

- From Japan - The last nuclear reactor in western Japan has been shut down for inspection. The two remaining nuclear reactors will be shut down by late April. More than 40% of the citizens in the regions near the Fukushima plant were exposed to radiation beyond the annual safety limit. Media was allowed to be near the Fukushima reactors for the first time this week. Cement is being laid atop the seabed offshore of the Fukushima power plant to stop the radioactive materials from spreading at sea. The US says it may begin arming anti-government demonstrators in Syria.
- From China - China is urging the Syrian government and rebels to cease all violence against civilians, and disagrees with the idea of other countries arming opposition forces. China says that the veto of the UN resolution against Syria was not a result of partiality, but of considering what is best for the Syrian people. The mayor of Nagoya Japan denies that the Rape of Nanking occurred in 1937, angering the Chinese people. The Chinese firm Great Wall Motors is to begin having their autos assembled in Bulgaria. China wants Israel to accept the reconciliation between the Palestinian factions of Fatah and Hamas.
- From Cuba - An Israeli human rights organization is criticizing Israel's increased imprisonment without charge or trial of Palestinians. There are claims of a media campaign targeting Venezuela and especially President Hugo Chavez and his health.
- From Spain - Last Sunday in Spain up to one-half million people protested against reforms to the labor market and cuts to social programs. This week saw student in Valencia, who were protesting education cuts, being beaten by riot squads.
- From Germany - An analysis of the latest Greek bailout- can Greece ever repay its growing debts, and can it stay in the Eurozone?

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Birmingham Update:
<http://occupybirmingham.org/occupy-our-homes/>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/02/occupy-education-california-march-from-uc-berkeley-all-peralta-colleges-to-oscar-grant-plaza-march-1-2012/>
- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/f27-occupy-our-food-supply-global-day-action/>

- Occupy Nigeria Update:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/15/what-occupy-nigeria-looks-like_n_1279348.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

News:

- Santorum Exploring Secret Service Protection:
http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2017508407_apussantorumsecretservice.html
- In a 325-Page SEC Letter, Occupy's Finance Gurus Take on Wall Street Lobbyists:
<http://motherjones.com/mojo/2012/02/occupy-sec-letter-volcker-rule>
- Philadelphia Convention Plans Lead To Rift In Occupy Movement:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/23/philadelphia-convention-occupy-rift-michael-pollok_n_1297859.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

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1. **The Invention of Ancient Israel, The Silencing of Palestinian History**
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2012/02/492182.html>

On 8th February 2012, Professor Keith Whitlam addressed a packed room at the Friends Meeting House in Sheffield, on the subject of "The Invention of Ancient Israel, the Silencing of Palestinian History." The meeting was organized by the Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

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- Occupy London Update:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/feb/13/occupy-london-eviction-postponed?newsfeed=true>

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- Iris Photographs By Police, Not So Optional:
<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/02/13-4>
- Occupy Movement Regroups, Preparing for Its Next Phase:
<http://occupytheairwaves.wordpress.com/2012/02/12/occupy-movement-regroups-preparing-for-its-next-phase/>

Here are additional Occupy links for research and reference:

- **Occupy Wall Street:**
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- **Occupy Together:**
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- **Global Revolution:**
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 02.11-12.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Fracking: The Rest of the Story**
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/02/fracking-rest-of-story.html>

Gasland director Josh Fox arrested at U.S. Congress. Fracking Hearing Speakers Rep Harris (R-MD), Rep Miller (D-NC), Kathleen Sgamma (industry). Hear John Fenton, whose well was poisoned by fracking at Pavillion, Wyoming. Theo Colborne of TEDX explains little-known air pollution health impacts of fracking. Interview with EPA whistle-blower Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, inspiration for the No Fear Act.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Seattle Update:
<http://occupyseattle.org/blog/2012-02-09/strike-rally-support-seattle-port-truck-drivers>
- Occupy Vancouver Update
https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B5j_dGoSFCLJNW1z_OTQzNTctNTVjYS00MGViLTk1OWMtMzhiMGNmYzQzYmYw&pli=1
- Occupy Oakland Update:
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/02/occupy-legal-is-holding-an-occupy-know-your-rights-training-on-sunday/>
- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/nyc-stop-vote-close-schools-occupy-pep/>

News:

- OWS Stands With Farmers, Says Enough! to Monsanto:
<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/01/31-0>
- New Rules for Radicals: 10 Ways To Spark Change in a Post-Occupy World
http://www.alternet.org/story/153972/new_rules_for_radicals%3A_10_ways_to_spark_change_in_a_post-occupy_world?page=entire

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- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 01.28-29.2012

1. **President Barack Obama: 2011 State of the Union Address**
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2012>

The President outlines a series of ideas to build an economy that works for everyone, one that will bring about a new era of American manufacturing, and promote homegrown and alternative energy sources.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Denver Update:
<http://occupydenver.org/upcoming-occupy-denver-events-for-january/>
- Occupy Oakland Rise Up Festival:
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/01/occupy-oakland-weekend-of-action-detailed-schedule-oakland-rise-up-festival/>
- Occupy Austin Update:
<http://occupyaustin.org/discuss/-/20120124/infoscribes-newsletter-2-12412-events-meeting-1209924/>
- Occupy London Update:
<http://www.meetup.com/occupytogether/London-GB/404222/>
- Occupy Wall Street Foreclosure Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/breaking-one-hundred-brooklyn-community-members-an/>

News:

- Occupy DC Gives State of the 99% Address:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/24/occupy-response-state-of-the-union-rebuttal_n_1229606.html
- Metaphor, Translation, and Occupy Amsterdam:
<http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2011/12/22/metaphor-translation-and-occupy-amsterdam>
- Don't Let Occupy Be Occupied: 6 Ways to Fight the Creep to Institutionalize:
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/01/26-11>

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- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 01.21-22.2012

3. **Radio Ecoshock: The Brutal Logic of Climate Change**
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/01/kevin-anderson-brutal-logic-of-climate.html>

“The future is impossible,” says Dr. Kevin Anderson, former Director of UK’s top climate research institute, the Tyndall Centre. Speech in London lays out our awful tilt toward an unlivable climate. Then we get agreement, but a slightly hopeful solution, from Dr. William Calvin. He’s authored a dozen books, including on human evolution and climate change.

4. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

- “Occupy Wall Street: Why Now? What’s Next?—Naomi Klein and Yotam Marom in Conversation About Occupy Wall Street”
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/01/10-1>
- “Occupying Student Debt: How OWS is Saying ‘No’ to \$1 Trillion in Debt”
<http://bostonoccupier.com/2012/01/12/occupying-student-debt-how-ows-is-saying-”no”-to-1-trillion-in-debt/>

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<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 01.14-15.2012

1. Radio Ecoshock: Climate Change May Force Human Evolution
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/01/climate-may-force-human-evolution.html>

We journey into the deep past, to find the future, with Dr. Andrew Glikson, former Principal Research Scientist, for the Australian Geological Survey. He is an expert on past extinction, climate, & asteroid hits. Then neurobiologist Dr. William Calvin from Washington U, author of *Global Fever, How to Treat Climate Change*. Plus remarks by Dr. Colin Campbell.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement
 - “2011: A Year in Revolt”: <http://occupywallst.org/article/2011-year-revolt/>
 - “Zuccotti Park Barricades Removed: Occupy Wall Street Protesters Stream Back In To Former Camp”:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/10/zuccotti-park-barricades_n_1198129.html#liveblog

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- **Occupy Wall Street:**
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- **Occupy Together:**
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- **Global Revolution:**
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.10-11.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Voices of Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC7cDBtMvU4>
- Democracy Now!: Ex-Greek PM George Papandreou on Greece's Fiscal Crisis and Why He Backs Occupy Movement:
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/12/9/exclusive_ex_greek_pm_george_papandreou
- Rustbelt Radio: Occupy Update:
<http://pittsburgh.indymedia.org/news/2011/12/47641.php>
- Occupy Boston Avoids Eviction 12/8/2011:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I89sq9GQLx0>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.3-4.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Jamarhl Crawford at Occupy Boston:
<http://www.occupyboston.org/2011/10/17/jamarhl-crawford-of-blackstonian-at-occupy-boston/>
- Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz at Occupy Boston:
<http://hereweprotest.com/2011/11/04/upcoming-lectures-in-the-howard-zinn-memorial-lecture-series-at-occupy-boston/>

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<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.26-27.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

Democracy Now! – Occupy Everywhere

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2011/11/25>

How does the Occupy Wall Street movement move from “the outrage phase” to the “hope phase,” and imagine a new economic model? In a *Democracy Now!* special broadcast, we bring you excerpts from a recent event that examined this question and much more. “Occupy Everywhere: On the New Politics and Possibilities of the Movement Against Corporate Power,” a panel discussion hosted by *The Nation* magazine and The New School in New York City, features Oscar-winning filmmaker and author Michael Moore; Naomi Klein, best-selling author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*; Rinku Sen of the Applied Research Center and publisher of *ColorLines*; Occupy Wall Street organizer Patrick Bruner; and veteran journalist William Greider, author of *Come Home, America: The Rise and Fall (and Redeeming Promise) of Our Country*.

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- **Occupy Wall Street:**
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- **Occupy Together:**
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- **Global Revolution:**
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.19-20.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

Democracy Now! – Occupy Special

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2011/11/18>

- Occupy Wall Street Draws Massive Turnout in NYC and Across the Nation to Mark 2-Month Milestone
- Hip-Hop Legend Russell Simmons, Member of the 1%, on Why He Supports the 99% and OWS
- New York City Students Join OWS Day of Action with Union Square Rally, March
- SEIU President, Union Leaders Arrested in OWS Brooklyn Bridge Protest Demanding Job Creation
- NYC Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez Detained in Zuccotti Raid, Urges Mass Involvement in OWS
- Projectionists Light Up New York City Buildings, And Protesters' Spirits, With Occupy-Themed Display
- The Revolution Will Be Live Streamed: Global Revolution TV, the Occupy Movement's Video Hub
- Occupy Oakland Protester Pancho Ramos Stierle Faces Deportation After Arrest While Meditating

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- **Occupy Wall Street:**
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- **Occupy Together:**
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- **Letter to President Obama (re: Occupy):**
<http://www.spiritplants.org/forums/index.php/topic,4633.msg31067.html - new>
- **Global Revolution:**
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.12-13.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- The Dusty Show with Clay Pigeon – Occupy Update
<http://wfmj.org/playlists/shows/42617>
- Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith – Occupy Oakland General Strike
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2011/11/488049.html>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.22-23.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Interview with Alexa O'Brien of US Day of Rage and Occupy Wall Street
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/19/18694162.php>
- Mike Cann interviews at Occupy Boston
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A5jppj_FpE&feature=related
- Police Raid of Occupy San Francisco
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/17/18694040.php>
- *Democracy Now!* - NPR Fires Radio Host
<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/10/21/headlines-10>
- *New Yorker* Political Scene – Income Inequality and Occupy Wall Street
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2011/10/political-scene-occupy-wall-street-the-primal-scream.html>
- Uncle Eddie & Robin at Occupy Wall Street - Let 'Em Eat Cake
<http://uncleeddieandrobin.com/>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- A Framing Memo for Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.readersupportednews.org/opinion2/275-42/7970-a-framing-memo-for-occupy-wall-street>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.15-16.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) demonstrations.

- ***Democracy Now!*** - NYC Withdraws Cleaning Evacuation Order in Face of Defiant Occupy Wall Street Protesters
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/10/14/nyc_withdraws_cleaning_evacuation_order_in
- **Here and Now with Robin Young** - Interview with Fordham University sociology professor and activist Heather Gautney:
<http://hereandnow.wbur.org/2011/10/13/occupy-wall-movement>
- **Rapper Immortal Technique Speaks Out at Occupy Wall Street**
<http://qik.com/video/44583274>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- **Occupy Wall Street:**
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- **Occupy Together:**
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- **I Am Not Moving:**
http://www.dangerousminds.net/comments/i_am_not_moving_occupywallstreet_video_will_mak_e_glenn_beck_shit/

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.08-09.2011

Occupy Wall Street Special

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) demonstrations.

- Occupy Wall Street - Brooklyn Bridge Takeover and Arrests:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/02/18691934.php>
- Countdown with Keith Olbermann - Interview with Michael Moore:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln1QILrnFzQ>
- Occupy San Francisco - General Assembly October 6:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/06/18692478.php>
- Rachel Maddow Show:
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26315908/vp/44795303#44795303>
- Daily Show with Jon Stewart:
<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-october-5-2011/parks-and-demonstration>
- Dr. Cornell West speaks at Occupy Wall Street demonstrations:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H31XN8zgXII>

Closing Music by Steve Roach, "Slow Rising"

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- The American Revolution is underway, #occupywallstreet takes it to the belly of the beast:
<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/100645>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 09.24-25.2011***

BBC Radio Documentaries: The Secret War on Terror
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive/all>

The Secret War On Terror reveals the astonishing inside story of the intelligence war which has been fought against al-Qaeda over the last decade since 9/11.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 09.17-18.2011***

5. Democracy Now! Special with Noam Chomsky
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2011/9/13>
 - On the 9/11 decade and the assassination of Osama bin Laden: was there an alternative?
 - On joblessness, excessive military spending, and healthcare
 - On U.S. to veto Palestinian statehood bid despite “overwhelming international consensus”

6. The Economist: “The Great Mismatch: A Special Report on Jobs”
http://www.economist.com/audiovideo?fr_chl=8a2059e9ac993b05e749291542c9e65bda3af5bf&rf=bn

For many, income expectations will fall as global competition increases. But for some, it’s never been a better time to look for work.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 09.10-11.2011

3. President Barack Obama: American Jobs Act
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2011/09/08/president-obama-presents-american-jobs-act>

US President Obama presents plan to create jobs with joint session of Congress.

4. The Rachel Maddow Show on MSNBC
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26315908/vp/44447285-44447418>

Discussion with White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett about Obama's jobs plan.

5. Short Wave Report
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_26_11notes.html

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- From China - The Australian government is working with farmers to reduce their carbon footprint. Environmental activists have accused Apple Computer Corporation of using Chinese manufacturers who are dangerously polluting the air and water.
- From Japan - Dangerous levels of dioxin have been found in rivers and ground water in prefectures hit by the March 11th earthquake. An iron wall is to be built around the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant to prevent radioactive water from leaking into the sea. Iran says that its first nuclear power plant is up and running, and plans to build 20 more.
- From Germany - The European Court of Justice has ruled that honey with any traces of genetically modified pollen must not be sold. The EU plans to stop some computer automated stock market sales to prevent rapidly plunging share values. Turkey is extremely angry at Israel over the killing of its citizens aboard last year's flotilla to Gaza by Israeli troops.
- From Cuba - Israeli warplanes have attacked a Palestinian refugee camp in Central Gaza just hours after Israeli settlers burned a mosque in the West Bank. A Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister strongly criticized NATO's military intervention in Libya, and urged the West to avoid a similar scenario in Syria. Nigeria has asked Libyan rebel leaders to stop the indiscriminate killing of black Africans in that country. Thousands of Italians opposed to the government's austerity plans have taken to the streets. US military commanders want more authority to conduct covert operations in Iraq.
- From Russia - The US has a secret army that answers to no one but the President and Secretary of Defense. The Joint Special Operations Command, or JSOC, was created in response to the attacks of 9/11 and carries out targeted assassinations.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 08.27-28.2011

1. [New Yorker: The Political Scene](http://www.newyorker.com/online/2011/08/29/110829on_audio_politicalscene)
http://www.newyorker.com/online/2011/08/29/110829on_audio_politicalscene

Wendell Steavenson and Steve Coll discuss Libya, Syria, and Obama's response to the Arab Spring.

2. [Short Wave Report](http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_26_11notes.html)
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_26_11notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and NHK World Radio Japan.

- [From Germany](#) - Some European economists say that if the 17 Eurozone nations were to pool their finances, it would be in much better shape than the US. In Libya, the rebels seem to have united many different tribes on the way to Tripoli—there is a question as to how well they will all get along once a new government begins to form.
- [From Cuba](#) - It turns out that US and NATO forces had key roles in the Libyan rebels push into Tripoli—and they were aided by covert forces from France, Britain, and some East European countries. A massive national strike in Chile has united trade union workers with the students who have been protesting for weeks. The Foreign Ministers from the Union of South American Nations have gathered in Argentina to find ways to mitigate the impact of the global financial disaster. Bolivian Assembly Socialist members voted to expel the US Agency for International Development for conspiring against the local government.
- [From Russia](#) - An analysis of the protests taking place at the White House to demand that President Obama put an end to the proposed tar sands oil pipeline from Alberta Canada to oil refineries on the Gulf Coast of Texas—which many say is the largest “carbon bomb” in North America.
- [From Japan](#) - Prime Minister Kan says that he and his cabinet will resign next week if his bill on renewable energy passes through the Diet. The Japanese government has a plan to reduce the radiation level in Fukushima Prefecture by 50% within 2 years. Three quarters of the nuclear reactors in Japan are now out of service. NHK produced a daily segment last week on the various types of renewable energy being successfully used around the planet. This segment covers the use of a combination of solar panels and hydroelectric generators in Laos.

3. [The Economist](http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342)
<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>

- The Aftermath of the Riot
- Doing Business in Washington, D.C.
- Booker Literary Prize

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Weekend of 08.20-21.2011***

Radio Ecoshock

“The Myth of the Industrial Forest”

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/07/myth-of-industrial-forest.html>

Is biochar a real solution for climate change? Why is big oil pushing biochar to “offset” emissions from the Canadian Tar Sands? Earthbeat (<http://www.earthbeatradio.org/>) reporter Daphne Wysham investigates with Rachel Smolker from <http://www.globaljusticeecology.org/>.

Then Daphne interviews Executive Director Anne Petermann on the Stop GE Trees campaign. Big corporations are risking the wild forest with genetically engineered Eucalyptus trees.

This Earthbeat for Ecoshock sampler ends with Dr. Helen Calicott. *Before* Fukushima, Caldicott predicts a nuclear power disaster.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 08.13-14.2011***

BBC Radio Documentaries: Afghanistan
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive/all>

1. **Afghanistan: War Without End?**
To mark ten years since the invasion of Afghanistan, key decision-makers reveal the inside story of how the West was drawn ever deeper into the Afghan war. John Ware charts the history of a decade of fighting and looks at when the conflict may end.
2. **Assignment: The Afghan Governors**
Ten years after foreign forces invaded Afghanistan, they've begun to hand full responsibility back to Afghans. Lyse Doucet, who's been covering Afghanistan for more than 20 years, travels around Afghanistan to meet the Afghans in charge.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 07.30-31.2011

1. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/7/28/wealth_gap_between_minorities_and_white

A new study of U.S. census data reveals that wealth gaps between whites and minorities in the United States have grown to their widest levels since the U.S. government began tracking them a quarter-century ago. White Americans now have on average 20 times the net worth of African Americans and 18 times that of Latinos. According to the Pew Research Center, the gaps were compounded during the housing bust and the subsequent recession, and essentially wiped out much of the economic progress made by people of color over the past 20 years. We discuss the center's study with Roderick Harrison, sociologist and demographer, and former chief of racial statistics at the Census Bureau. "Any hopes or aspirations, particularly based solely on Obama's election, that we had reached some kind of post-racial state were close to delusional," says Harrison. "This report is pointing to just how much the socioeconomic inequalities have been exacerbated by the recession and poor economy."

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/7/28/richard_woff_debt_showdown_is_political

Republicans have agreed to a vote today on a budget plan they say will cut the deficit \$917 billion over 10 years. The move sets the stage for a showdown against unified Democratic opposition in the Senate and threats of a White House veto. To discuss the debt talks and economic austerity worldwide, we're joined by Richard Wolff, Emeritus Professor of Economics at University of Massachusetts Amherst and author of several books, including "Capitalism Hits the Fan: The Global Economic Meltdown and What to Do About It." "This is political theater in which two parties are posturing for the election coming next year," says Wolff. "To put it in perspective, the number of times the government has raised the debt ceiling since 1940? Ninety, almost twice a year. This is a normal, automatic procedure. Every president, Republican and Democrat, has asked for it."

3. The Economist

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-economist-all-audio/id151230264>

- Israeli Jews in a Palestinian State
- The Birth of South Sudan
- Whither the Arab Spring?
- The Fight Over the Debt Ceiling
- Orpheus: The Song of Life

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 07.23-24.2011***

Voices from the National Football League Labor Talks
<http://www.nfl.com/videos>

The playing of the 2011 NFL season, the 92nd regular season of the National Football League, is contingent upon the adoption of a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the owners of all 32 NFL teams and the NFL's players. The season is tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 8, 2011 with the New Orleans Saints traveling to Lambeau Field, the home of the Super Bowl XLV champion Green Bay Packers; and end with Super Bowl XLVI, the league's championship game, on February 5, 2012 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. However, the failure to agree to a new CBA has led to a lockout, which may, depending on how long it lasts, shorten or cancel the entire season, similar to what happened to the National Hockey League in the 2004-05 NHL lockout.

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 07.16-17.2011***

Radio Ecoshock

"The Machinery of Climate Denial"

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/07/machinery-of-climate-denial.html>

Who are the climate deniers & who funds them? Thorough investigation by Dr. John Mashey of California, former Chief Scientist for super-computer maker Silicon Graphics. He met climate scientists being harrassed and threatened, and went on a years-long quest to know who and why. Fake "institutes" funded by big oil and coal use plagiarism and lies to stall public awareness of climate change danger.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 07.09-10.2011

Reports on Today's China

1. **BBC World Service**

Enter the Dragon

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00h4vr8>

Taiwan is an island of 23 million people right next to China, which sees it as a renegade province of its own, insisting that other countries do not recognize its government, and reserving the right to retake it—by military means if necessary. For the last three years Taiwan's response to these tensions has been mainly conciliatory—under the presidency of Ma Ying-jeou, economic and cultural links with the Chinese mainland have flourished for the very first time, and the idea of formal independence has become more taboo than ever. Yet polls suggest that increasing numbers of Taiwanese see themselves as separate from mainlanders, and many fear that closer ties will lead to reunification by stealth. With Ma's presidential term now drawing to a close, this series considers the achievements and criticisms of his China policy and asks what Taiwan's future options might be. Along the way, we learn about the emerging Taiwanese identity, how Taiwanese and Chinese people get on face to face, and what Taiwan's experiences tell us about Beijing's wider foreign policy.

2. **The Economist**

Special Report on China

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/banyan/2011/06/special-report-china>

China's continued economic success is under threat from a resurgence of the state and its resistance to further reform.

3. **Democracy Now!**

Western Companies Launch Sweeping Video-Surveillance Project in China

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/7/5/headlines/western_companies_launch_sweeping_video_surveillance_project_in_china

The Wall Street Journal reports several western companies, including Cisco Systems, are poised to help build a massive new surveillance project in China — a citywide network of as many as 500,000 cameras in the city of Chongqing. Officials say the sophisticated video-surveillance will prevent crime, but human rights advocates warn it could target political dissent. Cisco is expected to supply networking equipment that is essential to operating large and complicated surveillance systems. Human rights advocates say Chinese police have used surveillance footage to identify people in political protests. Jailed Chinese artist-activist Ai Weiwei, who was released last month, complained before he was apprehended in April that police were using cameras to monitor him.

[Interlude music: Joshua Redman Quartet – “Second Snow”]

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 06.11-12.2011

4. Democracy Now!

Bill Moyers on His Legendary Journalism Career

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/6/8/bill_moyers_on_his_legendary_journalism

In a *Democracy Now!* special broadcast, we are joined by legendary journalist Bill Moyers, a founding organizer of the Peace Corps, press secretary for President Lyndon Johnson, a publisher of *Newsday*, and senior correspondent for CBS News. Public television is where he has made his home, producing many groundbreaking shows and winning more than 30 Emmy Awards. Moyers has just published a new book, *Bill Moyers Journal: The Conversation Continues*, a collection of interviews from his popular PBS show that aired from 2007 to 2010. “The greatest change in politics in my time has been the transformation of democracy, America, from a citizens’ society, the moral agency of all those people in the civil rights movement who stood up against the weight of authority and against persecution and acted as agents of change—the change from a citizens’ society to a consumer society, where most of us are caught up on that treadmill, trying to get more,” Moyers says. In a wide-ranging interview, he also discusses the state of the public media infrastructure he helped to establish as part of the Johnson administration. “Public broadcasting, which remains a place that treats you as a citizen and not a consumer, is also threatened. We must defend it. We must call it back to its heights. We must continue to support it, because without it, we’re at the mercy, totally, of corporate power.”

5. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw06_10_11notes.html

This week’s show features stories from NHK Japan, Spanish National Radio, China Radio International, Radio Havana Cuba, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

- From Japan - It has been revealed that three of the reactors in Fukushima experienced meltdowns within a few days of the tsunami. Highly contaminated water continues to accumulate at the site. Soil samples show strontium and cesium more than 60 km away from the reactors. The IAEA is asking Japan to provide a more transparent report on the nuclear crisis.
- From Spain - The European Commission has proposed a large aid package to help farmers hurt by the E. Coli outbreak in Germany. The new President of Peru, Ollanta Humala, has vowed that the poor will share in the country’s wealth. Portugal’s Socialist party lost elections over the weekend. Demonstrations continue in Spain by “The Outraged Ones.”
- From China -The Chinese government wants the NATO countries to actively consider the African Union’s roadmap for peace in Libya. A report on the protests against Israel on the Syrian border that left more than 20 dead.
- From Cuba -Thousands of Israelis protested in Tel Aviv against Netanyahu’s policies. Dozens of medical workers in Bahrain were charged with crimes for treating anti-government protestors. The Crown Prince of Bahrain was quietly visiting President Obama this week. Obama will be met by protests when he visits Puerto Rico next week. Defense Secretary Gates suggested extending US troops in Afghanistan beyond 2014. US drone strikes continue in Pakistan, with

at least 33 killed this week.

- From Germany - German operators of off-shore wind farms look forward to the German shutdown of nuclear power plants. The Global Commission on Drug Policy released a report has called the War on Drugs a failure and suggested a new approach. Occupants of the International Space Station are not to eat the vegetables they grow.

6. **The Economist**

<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>

- **Sectarian Tensions in Bahrain** - In Manama, a facade of calm conceals ongoing repression of Bahrain's Shia majority. We speak to a government minister and Shia cleric.
- **Elections in Peru**- Ollanta Humala, a retired military officer, won Peru's presidential election on June 5th. Will he maintain the current democratic order?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 06.04-05.2011***

1. Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith
Nukes, Storms & Fighting Back
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/06/nukes-storms-fighting-back.html>

After Fukushima, making U.S. reactors safer. Feature interview with nuclear engineer David Lochbaum from Union of Concerned Scientists. Speech by Paul Watson at premiere of new film *Eco-Pirate* with director Trish Dolman in Vancouver, Canada. Lively Q-&-A, as Watson updates his campaigns, now off to stop illegal fishing off the coast of war-torn Libya. Has Japan given up its illegal whaling for good? *Earthbeat* host Daphne Wysham records a Virginia storm victim.

2. *The New Yorker: The Political Scene*
http://www.newyorker.com/online/2011/06/06/110606on_audio_politicalscene-ixzz1OGwcCZUL

John Cassidy and Ryan Lizza on the Republicans' Medicare problem.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 05.28-29.2011

4. Democracy Now!
The Legendary Bob Dylan Turns 70: Democracy Now! Airs Rare Interviews and Songs from Pacifica Radio Archives
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/5/24/the_legendary_bob_dylan_turns_70

Today Bob Dylan turns 70 years old, and we air a special program on his life and music. Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmerman on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota. Raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, he moved to Greenwich Village in January of 1961. Within a couple of years, Dylan would be viewed by many as the voice of a generation as he wrote some of the decade's most famous songs, including "Blowin' in the Wind," "The Times They Are a-Changing," "Like a Rolling Stone," "Masters of War," "Desolation Row" and "Mr. Tambourine Man." After emerging from the New York City folk scene, Dylan explored many other genres, from rock to country to the blues. He continues to tour to this day. In 2008, the Pulitzer Prize jury awarded him a special citation for "his profound impact on popular music and American culture, marked by lyrical compositions of extraordinary poetic power." But before Bob Dylan became a musical star, he was one of countless young musicians in New York City trying to get heard. Some of his earliest radio appearances were on Pacifica radio station WBAI. We speak with the legendary WBAI broadcaster Bob Fass, the host of *Radio Unnameable*, who interviewed Dylan several times. Fass's show began in 1963 and became a leading outlet for the emerging counterculture of the 1960s. It still airs every Thursday night at midnight. We play excerpts from the Pacifica Radio Archives of a 1962 performance by Dylan on Fass's show and an interview when he was only 20 years old. We also speak with music writer Elizabeth Thomson, co-editor of the newly reissued book, *No Direction Home: The Life and Music of Bob Dylan*, written by the late Robert Shelton. And we feature part of Dylan's 1963 performance at the March on Washington and hear why Dylan refused to sing out at protests against the Vietnam War.

5. The Economist
<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>
- **Israel and America** - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses a joint session of Congress with a speech that was big on hype but short on substance.
 - **Unrest on Israel's Borders** - Following Israel's violent response to "Nakba Day" protests on its borders, our correspondents discuss the state of the peace process.
 - **Sexual Abuse in America's Prisons** - For ten years, Scott Howard, while an inmate in Colorado's prisons, was a victim of sexual abuse. New standards would be welcome.
 - **The Republican Nomination** - Our correspondents discuss the race for the Republican presidential nomination and the pool of flawed candidates vying for the honour.
 - **A Special Report on Australia** - Australia is rich, tranquil and egalitarian. As its economy booms, now is the time to plan an even better future, says John Grimond.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 05.14-15.2011***

Radio Ecoshock

“Climate, Media and Learning”

<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/05/climate-media-and-learning.html>

New look at public health risks of climate change, with Harvard’s Paul Epstein, and Tim Tarako of SFU. Interview with Andy Revkin, former environment reporter for *The New York Times*. Interview with Vermont teacher Katy Farber on “Service Learning” & Captain Charles Saylan on fixing environmental education.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 05.07-08.2011***

American RadioWorks presents:

"Power and Smoke: A Nation Built on Coal"

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/coal/>

The production of electricity in America pumps out more greenhouse gases than all of our cars, trucks, planes, and ships combined, and half of our electricity comes from burning coal.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 04.30-05.01.2011***

Bill McKibben, "Last Stand for Climate"

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/blogs/earthmatters/2011/04/10/mckibben-tells-vancouverites-help-close-tar-sands>

As part of a free public lecture series, [The Vancouver Institute](#) hosted Bill McKibben last weekend. McKibben has been called "the nation's leading environmentalist" by the *Boston Globe* and "the world's best green journalist" by *Time Magazine*. Over four hundred people of all ages packed into the auditorium at UBC to hear him.

McKibben's most recent book, *Eaarth*, describes the planet on which we live. Earth is a thing of the past. Eaarth has conditions unlike any that have occurred during the presence of primates on the planet. "If an alien were to view human activity from afar and take a guess at what we were trying to do with the planet," McKibben told his audience, "creating the perfect conditions for a worldwide mosquito ranch would be a viable hypothesis."

Speech recorded by Alex Smith of Radio Ecoshock:

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/04/bill-mckibben-last-stand-for-climate.html>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 04.09-10.2011***

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Fear and Loathing in Fukushima

<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/04/fear-and-loathing-in-fukushima.html>

Will there be more explosions at the damaged nuclear reactors in Japan? What is reaching North America, or Europe? Japanese government withholds vital information. News and interviews with Dr. John Large in UK, & Dr. Krzysztof Starosta who measured emissions on Canada's West Coast (as UC Berkeley did in San Francisco).

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 04.02-03.2011***

1. Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith
Japan: Triple Meltdown
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/03/japan-triple-meltdown.html>

Confirmation of three reactors damaged, melting down in Japan. Radioactivity spreads round world. From Japanese TV, civil defense info to protect yourself, breastfeeding, pregnancy, which veggies safe. News you don't hear. Economic impact serious, world-wide. Plus investigation into California reactor built on quake zone, and how citizens can take action. Interviews with Rochelle Becker and University of California, Berkeley lawyer Steven Weissman.

3. ***The New Yorker: The Political Scene***
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, Ryan Lizza, and the activist Marwa Sharafeldin discuss the Libya intervention and Egypt's stalled revolution.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.26-27.2011

1. Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith
The Nuclear Nightmare Continues
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/03/nuclear-nightmare-continues.html>

Key interview with famous anti-nuclear campaigner Dr. Helen Caldicott on the Japanese nuclear disaster. How radioactivity works, the impacts and risks in Japan, the United States, Canada, and Europe (especially France). What the media doesn't tell us. Then "Peak Oil shrink" psychologist Kathy McMahon on coping with increasing bad news, while dealing with spouse or family in denial. Kathy is 35 miles from an old New England reactor up for renewal. Plus news from Japanese TV you may not know. Radiation has spread around the Northern Hemisphere, the whole island of Japan is in severe risk.

2. Shortwave Report
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from NHK Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and The Voice of Russia.

- From Japan - The earthquake/tsunami in Japan has resulted in 25,000 dead or missing citizens, and damage estimates of \$300 billion so far. The government issued a warning that leafy vegetables from the disaster region contain very high levels of radioactivity. Radioactive iodine levels have made tap water in Tokyo unsafe for infants, though some scientists say that the risk is minimal.
- From Germany - With minor amounts of nuclear fallout reaching Europe, the German government is facing pressure to shut down the seven oldest nuclear power plants in the country. While Germany, the Arab League, China, India, Russia, Brazil and other nations oppose the Western military intervention in Libya, the French are enthusiastically supporting their government's role.
- From Cuba - Two stories on the protests that greeted President Obama throughout his brief tour of select South American nations. Then a viewpoint on the US military using mercenaries, or contractors, to operate with fewer restrictions in America's expanding war fronts. Brazil and most of South America want a peaceful settlement in Libya, and called for an end to air strikes by allied forces.
- From Russia - British commandos have been assisting rebels in Libya for three weeks, leading to speculation that a ground invasion may be in the plans. A report on the international opposition to the air strikes on Libya, and the division of British marines who have been placed on alert for deployment to the region.

3. Democracy Now!

Debating Intervention: Is U.S.-Led Military Action the Best Solution to Libya Crisis?

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/3/23/debating_intervention_is_us_led_military

Forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi continue to advance on rebel-held towns amidst ongoing U.S.-led air strikes. Gaddafi's deadly crackdown on the Libyan uprising has sparked debate on longstanding questions around international intervention. We're joined by Libyan poet, scholar and University of Michigan professor Khaled Mattawa, who supports U.S.-led intervention, and UCLA law professor Asli Bali, who says the U.S.-led coalition has ignored viable alternatives to military attacks.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.19-20.2011

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Japan: Twilight of the Nuclear Gods

<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/03/japan-twilight-of-nuclear-gods.html>

Something new has happened. What does it mean? Is it bigger than 911? We focus on how the Japanese government and utility company failed to inform the public, and could not control events at a reactor. Exactly what always happens.

They had been warned this would happen, but did nothing. The same is true of a series of American reactors, with the same design, and the same vulnerabilities. If the electricity is shut down, for any reason, from ice storms, to earthquakes to terrorism, these plants can melt down. The result, as we see, is mass evacuations and health risks. Can that region ever be re-inhabited?

Will radioactivity be carried to the North American West Coast? Or elsewhere in the Northern Hemisphere? Essential information citizens need to know, about emergencies, about authorities withholding vital information, about the risks we face.

Separate segments on reactor risks in USA and Canada, plus a tiny bit on European reaction. Nicole Foss blogs as "Stoneleigh" on "The Automatic Earth" (in the top 10 financial blogs on the 'Net). She studied nuclear affairs, and published on the Chernobyl reactor accident. We reached her in Eastern Europe. Plus we talk to Shawn Patrick, a nuclear campaigner for Greenpeace Canada, where the government fired a regulator demanding a backup power system for a failed reactor, before it was reopened.

The nuclear nightmare revisited.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 03.12-13.2011***

Noam Chomsky on the Drug War
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noam_Chomsky

MIT professor and political commentator Noam Chomsky discusses the hidden motivations for the United States' decades-long so-called "War on Drugs." Professor Chomsky argues that, domestically, the U.S. government has sought to create a new slavery of the African-American population and, abroad, has used its Drug War campaign to control the policies and political agendas of other nations.

Background music is "Spirit Dome" by Steve Roach and Vidna Obmana.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 02.26-27.2011***

6. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/2/25/headlines>

Headlines

- U.N.: Thousands May Have Died in Libyan Crackdown
- Protesters Plan Rally in Libyan Capital
- U.N. Security Council, Rights Panel Holds Sessions on Libya
- Wisconsin Assembly OKs Anti-Union Bill
- Idaho Senate Advances Curbs on Teachers' Union
- Thousands Join "Day of Rage" in Iraq
- Pakistan Trial of CIA Operative Adjourns
- Algeria Lifts State of Emergency
- Foreign Student Arrested on Terror Charges
- Indiana Senate OKs Anti-Immigrant Bill
- Same-Sex Marriage Legalized in Hawaii, Advanced in Maryland

7. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/2/25/>

Thousands Feared Dead in Gaddafi's Crackdown on Libyan Uprising

The United Nations is warning thousands of people may have been killed in Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's assault on the growing popular uprising across Libya. The United Nations is also warning Libya's food supply network is on the brink of collapse. Deadly clashes are ongoing as anti-government forces close in on the capital city of Tripoli. We get a report from *Democracy Now!*'s Anjali Kamat in Libya.

Protesters Expect 100,000 in Madison as Assembly OKs Anti-Union Bill

The Republican-controlled Wisconsin State Assembly has passed Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill that would eliminate collective bargaining rights for most public employees. The measure has sparked an unprecedented 11 days of protest in the capital city of Madison and across the state. Broadcasting from the Capitol Rotunda in Madison, we speak to The Nation magazine's John Nichols.

Despite Exemption from Anti-Union Bill, Wisconsin Firefighters Stand with Public Sector Workers

Thousands of workers and labor activists have descended on Madison since last week, calling on state lawmakers to reject Republican Gov. Scott Walker's anti-union bill. Although police officers and firefighters are exempted from key provisions of the bill, they have joined the protests in large numbers. We are joined by Mahlon Mitchell, president of the Wisconsin Professional Firefighters Association. "There is not one public employee that does their job to get rich," Mitchell says. "We don't do our job to get rich. We do our job to have a decent life, to have a decent middle-class family and not have to struggle like a lot of our other people do."

"Until We Throw This Bill Out, We Can't Come Back:" Wisconsin State Senator Chris Larson Remains in Illinois

Wisconsin senate Democrats have stalled the anti-union bill by fleeing the state, thereby denying Republicans quorum for a vote. On Thursday, Wisconsin police were deployed to retrieve the absent Senate Democrats at their homes without success. We speak to Democratic State Senator Chris Larson, who has fled to Illinois.

Policing & Protesting: Wisconsin Officers Patrol Capitol, But Join in Demonstrations

Wisconsin police officers have participated in the Madison labor protests, not only on the job as public security, but also as demonstrators. “Law enforcement officers from all across the state are proud to stand with their fellow devoted public employees,” says Jim Palmer, executive director of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association. “We have been very impressed by how peaceful everyone has been.”

“Gov. Walker Needs to Get Over His Koch Addiction”: Labor Activists Protest Koch Brothers’ Madison Office

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the lobbying offices of the Koch brothers in Madison on Thursday. “The Koch brothers have funded a lot of anti-union, anti-worker legislation not just here in Wisconsin, but across the country,” says Elizabeth DiNovella of the Madison-based magazine *The Progressive*. “People in Wisconsin are here to say that Walker needs to get over his Koch addiction and to really respect workers’ rights to organize.”

Teachers, Students Among First to Protest at Wisconsin Capitol

Teachers and students have been on the front lines of the Wisconsin protests. We speak to University of Wisconsin graduate student Angela Wellman.

Wisconsin’s Uprising: A Guided Tour of the 11-Day Protest Encampment Inside the State Capitol in Madison

Public employees, labor activists and students have been filling the hallways of the Wisconsin State Capitol for the past 11 days. Hundreds of people have slept inside the Capitol building each night. So many people are staying here that protesters have begun building impromptu dining areas, a lending library and a medic center. Democracy Now! senior producer Mike Burke and John Hamilton receive a tour of the building from an activist who’s stayed at the Capitol building for nine straight nights.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 2.19-20.2011

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Hello Hard Times

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_110128_Script_Blog.htm

- Host Alex Smith rants about the business takeover of the U.S. government in Washington. Is it “friendly fascism” as Bertram Gross predicted in 1980?
- Interview with Kiko Brito, Greenpeace Brazil Communications Director, in Rio de Janeiro, about the deadly floods and landslides near Rio, Brazil. Western media covered the floods in Australia as well. But less is known about similar extreme precipitation events in South America and Sri Lanka, happening at the same time. In addition to hearing stories and reactions from Brazil, Brito discusses that country’s expectations from the new climate grouping called “BASIC” (Brazil, South Africa, India, and China).
- An interview with Nafeez Masaddeq Ahmed, author of *A User’s Guide to the Crisis of Civilization: And How to Save It*. Discussion of controversial subjects, like 911 Truth versus Climate Change, the lack of Muslim scholarship on global warming, and why he left population out of his list of drivers to crisis.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 2.12-13.2011

1. ***Democracy Now!***

Post-Mubarak: What Will Egypt Look Like the Day After the Regime Ends?

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/2/11/post_mubarak_what_will_egypt_look

University of Michigan Professor Juan Cole and Georgetown Professor Samer Shehata examine the future of Egypt. Will the revolution succeed or will the next government be another “Mubarak regime without Mubarak?” Cole spoke at Columbia University in New York City last night at an event titled, “Egypt Arising.” Samer Shehata joins us in Washington, D.C.

2. ***The Michael Slate Show***

<http://radio.indymedia.org/en/node/18516>

Alan Goodman, correspondent for *Revolution* newspaper, talks about the significance of the rebellion in Egypt, where it came from, its impact, the role of the US imperialists and what it all means for the people of the world.

3. ***Shortwave Report***

<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Spanish National Radio, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia..

- **From China** - Cambodian and Thai military forces are fighting over a disputed border temple. The drought in Northern China continues with the wheat crop in peril. The Arctic Sea ice is at its lowest surface area since monitoring began. Chile is experiencing a severe drought. Haiti has allowed a passport for former President Aristide. Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi denies paying for sex with a 17-year-old, an act that may end his reign. Julian Assange has demanded that Swedish prosecutor come to the UK before he goes to Sweden.
- **From Spain** - Spain's banned political party Batasuna has reemerged, rejecting the violence used by Basque separatists ETA. Oil-rich South Sudan is the newest nation on the African continent. Tunisia has suspended activities of the former ruling party to prevent further unrest.
- **From Germany** - As I write this, Hosni Mubarak is telling the crowds in Cairo that some powers will go to Omar Suleiman—clearly there are more demonstrations ahead. Here is a report from Wednesday on the new Vice President Suleiman. Private Bradley Manning is being held in a maximum-security military prison for allegedly releasing confidential material to Wikileaks—there are calls in London to intervene on his behalf.
- **From Cuba** - Wikileaks cables show that Omar Suleiman has been Israel's choice to lead Egypt for some time. George W Bush had to cancel a trip to Switzerland to avoid being arrested for war crimes. Hillary Clinton argued in Mexico that the US cannot legalize drugs because there is too much money in it. FARC rebels in Colombia have begun releasing prisoners. The World Social Forum began Sunday in

Senegal.

- From Russia - France is currently chairing the G20, and preparing a full-scale reform of the world financial system.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.29-30.2011***

President Barack Obama: 2011 State of the Union Address
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2011>

US President Obama underscores in his address “the need to maintain America’s leadership in a rapidly changing world so that our economy is competitive—growing and working for all Americans.” In order to achieve this, Obama outlines “a plan to help the United States win the future by out-innovating, out-educating, and out-building our global competition.” At the same time, the President acknowledges the need to reform the way our government does business and take responsibility for our deficit “by investing in what makes America stronger and cutting what doesn’t.”

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.22-23.2011

1. ***The New Yorker: The Political Scene***
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, discusses our troubled relationship with China with Evan Osnos and John Cassidy.

2. ***The Economist: A Special Report on Global Leaders***
<http://www.economist.com/node/17929075?fsrc=splg/200111>

This special report is about global leaders, but mostly not the sort you have heard of, such as presidents and pop stars. Instead, it looks at the people who shape the world without anyone noticing: those with enough brains, money or influence to affect the lives of large numbers of others. These three things often go hand in hand, but not always.

3. ***Shortwave Report***
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Spanish National Radio, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and The Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - Chinese President Hu Jintao is visiting the US and is stressing the need for mutual respect. The US and China have signed huge business deals on energy technology and established a joint clean energy research center. The UN has ended its peace mission in Nepal. The worst flooding in Australia in a hundred years has moved to the state of Victoria. Agreements on a common market were reached at the second Arab Economic Development and Social Summit.
- **From Spain** - The unity of Tunisia's new coalition government has failed with instability and civil unrest continuing. The government of Lebanon collapsed due in part to the investigation of the murder of the Prime Minister's father.
- **From Germany** - China has doubled its banking presence in Europe, providing convenience and relief but also worry. A Swiss whistle blowing banker handed Julian Assange confidential information about 2000 rich and famous individuals and corporations.
- **From Cuba** - Internal US government reviews found the Wikileaks revelations have caused relatively little damage to the US abroad. The Israeli government is preparing another major settlement expansion in occupied East Jerusalem. Thousands protested in Tel Aviv against a government probe of Israeli human rights groups.
- **From Russia** - Russian oil firm Rosneft signed an agreement with BP to jointly develop oil and gas resources in the Arctic region. An analysis of the possibility of the US defaulting on its global debt, which currently stands at \$45,000 per US citizen.

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.15-16.2011***

1. **President Barack Obama: Memorial in Arizona**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztbJmXQDIGA>

President Barack Obama traveled to Tucson to attend a memorial ceremony for the victims of the shooting. Before the ceremony on January 12, Obama met with the families of the deceased victims and visited Giffords at her bedside in the medical center. During the evening event, titled "Together We Thrive: Tucson and America", Obama spoke of Giffords' improving condition, recalled and praised the victims of the attack, and held up Christina Taylor Green and her interest in civics and leadership as examples for how American politics should function. "I want us to live up to her expectations," stated Obama. "I want our democracy to be as good as she imagined it. All of us—we should do everything we can to make sure this country lives up to our children's expectations."

2. **Democracy Now!**
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/1/13/tavis_smiley_on_obamas_arizona_memorial

Tavis Smiley on Obama's Arizona Memorial Speech, Martin Luther King, and Hate in America

We get reaction to President Obama's memorial speech in Tucson from journalist Tavis Smiley. "I thought the speech the President gave was a wonderful speech, and I thought it properly contextualized what it is that we are up against as a nation," Smiley says. "I wish the President had gotten around to giving this speech a year ago." And on this eve of the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who decried violence abroad and at home, we also play excerpts of his historic 1967 address at the Riverside Church, when he called for an end to the Vietnam War.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.08-09.2011

1. **Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith**

Climate Chaos and Chinese Consumers

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_110107_Script.htm

- Millions of people check with “The Weather Underground” (<http://www.wunderground.com>) website for the latest. They want the color charts, maps, satellite photos—and the big picture from Dr. Jeff Masters. As a meteorologist, Jeff was a “Hurricane Hunter”, flying with the National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration planes out of Miami. He flew right into the big ones, like Gilbert, and finally Hurricane Hugo. In 1995, Masters co-founded a web site to make real-time sense of raw data pouring out of the National Weather Service. We talk about the relationship of wetter and warming winters to the blizzards that hit the U.S. and Canadian Northeast, the wild winter heat wave in the Arctic, and floods in Australia. What does the future hold?
- Oil burning has jumped significantly in 2010, the biggest jump in over 5 years. Bad news for the planet’s atmosphere. With Russia now the world’s largest oil producer (bigger than Saudi Arabia), and China likely the world’s biggest oil consumer (or heading that way), how does this impact the U.S. dollar and the American government’s ability to borrow.
- Why China went the standard American-style consumer route, complete with an unsustainable oil path. Hear the interview with Karl Gerth, who teaches modern Chinese history at Oxford. His new book is *As China Goes, So Goes the World: How Chinese Consumers Are Transforming Everything*.

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/1/6/phil_ochs_the_life_and_legacy

Phil Ochs: The Life and Legacy of a Legendary American Folk Singer

The legendary American folk singer Phil Ochs is widely regarded as one of the world’s most influential political musicians. Rising to fame in the 1960s, Ochs used his music to both chronicle and help mobilize the labor rights, civil rights and antiwar movements. A new documentary, *Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune*, has just been released chronicling Ochs’ life. We speak with Phil Ochs’ brother Michael and Kenneth Bowser, the director of the film, which premiered yesterday in New York City.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.11-12.2010

1. Democracy Now!
<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/10/headlines>

Headlines

- U.N. Human Rights Chief Concerned over WikiLeaks Targeting
- Cables: Pfizer Targeted Nigerian Attorney General in Drug Case
- Alleged Nuclear, Missile Sites Reported in Burma
- Military Bars Removable Media Devices to Stem Leaks
- Lula Backs WikiLeaks Release
- House Dems Reject Obama-GOP Tax Deal
- Senate GOP Blocks “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Repeal, DREAM Act, 9/11 Settlement
- Liu Xiaobo Awarded Nobel Prize
- Thousands Protest Student Fee Hikes in Britain
- Free Speech Radio News Faces Closure

2. Democracy Now!
<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/10>

Nobel Awarded to Jailed Chinese Human Rights Activist Liu Xiaobo

The jailed Chinese human rights activist and writer Liu Xiaobo has been awarded this year’s Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo. Liu was sentenced to 11 years in prison last year after spearheading a petition calling for freedom of assembly, expression and religion in China. For the first time since the 1930s, a representative of the winner is not on hand to collect the award.

China Faces International Criticism at Nobel Ceremony in Oslo and Climate Talks in Cancún

The Nobel Committee’s decision to award Liu Xiaobo has enraged the Chinese government. In Cancún, Chinese climate negotiators reportedly refused to talk with their Norwegian counterparts. We discuss China’s reaction to Xiaobo’s award and its role at the climate talks with Lucia Green-Weiskel of the Beijing-based Innovation Center for Energy and Transportation.

Bolivian President Evo Morales at Cancún Climate Summit: WikiLeaks Cables Reveal “Diplomacy of Empire”

Speaking at the U.N. Climate Change Conference, Bolivian President Evo Morales warned against throwing out the Kyoto Protocol, saying such a move could result in ecocide or genocide. Bolivia has become a leading critic of how the climate talks have developed and of last year’s U.S.-backed Copenhagen Accord. At a news conference, Morales also talked about U.S. dispatches on Bolivia unearthed by WikiLeaks and his response to recent criticism from Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa.

Guardian Reporter John Vidal: With Climate Talks on Verge of Collapse: “You Could Argue that America Has Done Very Well Out of This”

On the final scheduled day of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, negotiations remain deadlocked, and negotiators are scrambling to come up with some form of agreement to prevent the talks from

collapsing. We speak to John Vidal, the environment editor at *The Guardian* newspaper.

Pentagon Whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg: Julian Assange is Not a Terrorist

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will remain in a London prison until a British court takes up a Swedish request for extradition for questioning on sexual crime allegations. An international group of former intelligence officers and ex-government officials have released a statement in support of Assange. We speak to one of the signatories, Daniel Ellsberg, the famous whistleblower who leaked the Pentagon Papers about the Vietnam War in 1971. “If I released the Pentagon Papers today, the same rhetoric and the same calls would be made about me,” Ellsberg says. “I would be called not only a traitor—which I was then, which was false and slanderous—but I would be called a terrorist . . . Assange and Bradley Manning are no more terrorists than I am.”

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.04-05.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/3/headlines>

Headlines

- CIA Engineered Spying on U.N. Diplomats
- Cables: Britain Allowed U.S. Cluster Bombs
- Amnesty Intl: Cables Confirm U.S. Attack Killed Yemeni Civilians
- State Dept. Bars Staffers from WikiLeaks, Warns Students
- Attorney: Assange Accused for Not Wearing Condom During Consensual Intercourse
- House Approves Tax Measure Despite Filibuster Vow
- Law Enforcement Agencies Conduct “Real-Time” Spying Without Court Orders
- 2010 Projected to Be Among Warmest Years on Record
- Protests Held at Cancún Climate Summit
- Haitians Protest Controversial Elections
- Nigeria to Charge Cheney in Bribery Case

2. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/3>

Is WikiLeaks’ Julian Assange a Hero?

Glenn Greenwald Debates Steven Aftergood of Secrecy News WikiLeaks is coming under attack from all sides. The U.S. government and embassies around the world are criticizing the whistleblowing group for releasing a massive trove of secret State Department cables. The WikiLeaks website is struggling to stay online just days after Amazon pulled the site from its servers following political pressure. The U.S. State Department has blocked all its employees from accessing the site and is warning all government employees not to read the cables, even at home. “These attacks will not stop our mission, but should be setting off alarm bells about the rule of law in the United States,” said WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. We host a debate between Steven Aftergood, a transparency advocate who has become a leading critic of WikiLeaks, and Glenn Greenwald, a constitutional law attorney and legal blogger for Salon.com.

Abandoning “Net Neutrality,” FCC Chair Backs Two-Tiered Internet Fees

The Federal Communications Commission is being accused of abandoning “net neutrality” rules that would ensure a free and open internet. On Wednesday, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski unveiled proposals that would allow internet service providers to charge higher fees for faster access to online content. We speak to Josh Silver, co-founder of the media reform group Free Press.

Greenpeace Sues Chemical Companies for Corporate Espionage

Greenpeace has filed a lawsuit against two major chemical companies and their PR firms for corporate espionage. The complaint alleges that Dow Chemical and Sasol—formerly CONDEA Vista—hired private investigators to spy on Greenpeace in the late 1990s. The charges of espionage center on surveillance of the Greenpeace office in Washington, D.C., and

the infiltration of a community group in St. Charles, Louisiana, that was working with Greenpeace on dioxin contamination. Greenpeace accuses the corporations of engaging in this level of surveillance “with the intention of preempting, blunting, or thwarting” the organization’s environmental advocacy campaigns. For more on this story, we speak with Greenpeace USA senior researcher Charlie Cray. Dow Chemical declined to comment on the lawsuit.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.27-28.2010***

Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/11/26>

- Chilean Economist Manfred Max-Neef on Barefoot Economics, Poverty and Why The U.S. is Becoming an “Underdeveloping Nation”

We speak with the acclaimed Chilean economist, Manfred Max-Neef. He won the Right Livelihood Award in 1983, two years after the publication of his book *Outside Looking In: Experiences in Barefoot Economics*. “Economists study and analyze poverty in their nice offices, have all the statistics, make all the models, and are convinced that they know everything that you can know about poverty. But they don’t understand poverty,” Max-Neef says.

- Author and Activist Derrick Jensen: “The Dominant Culture is Killing the Planet . . . It’s Very Important for Us to Start to Build a Culture of Resistance”

We speak with Derrick Jensen, who has been called the poet-philosopher of the ecological movement. He has written some 15 books critiquing contemporary society and the destruction of the environment. His many books include *A Language Older than Words*, *Endgame*, *What We Left Behind*, *Resistance against Empire*, and *Deep Green Resistance*. “I think a lot of us are increasingly recognizing that the dominant culture is killing the planet,” Jensen says. “I think it’s very important for us to start to build a culture of resistance, because what we’re doing isn’t working, clearly.”

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.20-21.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, discusses the White House and Wall Street with John Cassidy and Ryan Lizza.

2. **Sea Change Radio:**
<http://www.cchange.net/>

This week on Sea Change Radio, we take an in-depth look at the key climate change proposals that have emerged from the past two decades of talks—cap and trade, and the carbon tax. First, Eric Pooley, the author of *The Climate War*, lays out the players and the policies for us. Then we speak to Peter Umhofer, former advisor on energy and environmental issues to Senators Harry Reid and Tom Daschle, who gives an overview of the history of climate change policy in the US.

3. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - The Chinese government will counteract rising food prices by releasing its reserves onto the market to maintain supplies. APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, concluded its meeting by agreeing to establish a free trade area including the US, China, and Japan with developing countries like Mexico and Indonesia. The US is offering Israel 20 Stealth jet fighters and UN veto protection for renewing a freeze on illegal settlement building. Colombia will extradite an alleged drug kingpin to his home country of Venezuela rather than the US. The international summit on cluster munitions concluded in Laos with plans to implement the ban and destruction of all such weapons- the US neither attended nor observed the meetings.
- **From Germany** - Britain announced that it will pay millions of pounds to 10 former detainees for colluding with the US in their torture. They claim it is not an admission of guilt, but that it will be cheaper than going through the courts.
- **From Netherlands** - An interview with a representative from Amnesty International concerning the British payout to former detainees and a new report on the practice of extraordinary rendition. Italian President Berlusconi is facing probable lack of confidence votes and resignation. Germany has raised terror alerts.
- **From Cuba** - Another US drone attack in Pakistan with local reports claiming civilian deaths. An update on US military and CIA plans for Yemen. More information on the 10 British citizens given large sums of money to avoid public hearings on their alleged torture. Clashes in Haiti arose when the Cholera outbreak was blamed on UN soldiers from Nepal. The new UN raconteur on torture insists

that the US investigate all claims of torture in Iraq. A Latin American attorney says that some US senior congressmen just met with right-wing Latin American figures involved in coups and terrorist actions.

- From Russia - A commentary on the history of nations attempting to conquer Afghanistan, in light of vague plans for withdrawal from the country.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.13-14.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/11/12/headlines>

Headlines

- Obama Defends \$600B Fed Spending as G20 Ends
- Death Toll in Haitian Cholera Outbreak Reaches 800
- Burmese Pro-Democracy Leader Suu Kyi Nears End of Prison Term
- Clinton Avoids Mention of Settlement Building at U.S.-Israel Talks
- Wall St. Banks Exploiting Reform Loophole to Avoid Volcker Rule
- DNA Testing Casts Doubt on Guilt of Executed Texas Prisoner
- Media Watchdogs Criticize Dobbs Hiring at Fox Business Network

2. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/11/12>

East Timorese Journalist Marks 19th Anniversary of Santa Cruz Massacre

Democracy Now! is in Argentina for the tenth World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters conference, an annual meeting of hundreds of community radio stations from around the world. Among those in attendance is Prezado Ximenes from Radio Lorico in East Timor. Nineteen years ago today in the Timorese capital of Dili, he survived the Santa Cruz massacre, in which Indonesian soldiers gunned down more than 270 Timorese.

A Look at Argentina's Economic Rebellion and the Social Movements that Led It

As we broadcast from Buenos Aires, we look at the economic rebellion of Argentina that took place after the government defaulted on \$95 billion in foreign loans in 2001. The next two years saw record protests and social upheavals that changed the country's political landscape. Today, Argentina's current president Cristina Kirchner is in South Korea taking part in the G20 summit. We speak with Ezequiel Adamovsky, a historian and activist who teaches at the University of Buenos Aires.

"Nieto Recuperado"—Born to Parents Disappeared by Argentina's Dictatorship, Kidnapped and Raised by a Military Family, a "Recovered Grandchild" Finds His Way Home

We speak with Manuel Gonçalves, a "nieto recuperado," or a "recovered grandchild," in Argentina. He is one of the thousands of children born to parents who were disappeared during the dictatorship. These children were born in captivity, then kidnapped by the military and given away to government supporters or military families. Some of them have found their way back to their families.

Argentine Torture Survivor Patricia Isasa Tells of Her Struggle to Bring Her Torturers to Justice

We speak with Patricia Isasa, a torture survivor from Argentina's military dictatorship. She was a 16-year-old student union organizer in 1976, when she was kidnapped by police and soldiers and tortured and held prisoner without trial for two-and-a-half years at one of the 585 clandestine detention and torture centers set up during the dictatorship. After a long legal battle to bring her torturers to justice, six of her nine torturers were recently sentenced to prison.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.6-7.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, discusses the midterm results with the magazine's Washington correspondent, Ryan Lizza, and Hendrik Hertzberg.

2. **The Economist: Mid-terms in America - The Results**
http://www.economist.com/blogs/multimedia/2010/11/mid-terms_america_results

Our US editor and Washington correspondents take stock of Tuesday's election and look ahead to the next one.

3. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - China has completed the first stage of a massive wind power project. 200 nations attending the United Nations Biodiversity meeting in Japan agreed on a 10-year plan to protect natural resources—the United States declines to join the biodiversity convention. China will impose a tobacco-smoking ban in public places in 2 months, though enforcement is uncertain. Greek militants sent package bombs to over a dozen European leaders and embassies—the Greek government emphasizes that there is no connection to Al-Qaeda.
- **From Germany** - A review of the impact that the US midterm elections will have on international relations—can a divided America maintain world leadership? Germany's Parliament extended the life of its nuclear power plants by 10 or more years, leading to demonstrations and unrest.
- **From Netherlands** - Ireland announced austerity measures including increased fees at universities, and found 40,000 students had violent confrontations with police in Dublin.
- **From Cuba** - Cuba congratulated the president-elect of Brazil, Dilma Rouseff, who has pledged to eradicate poverty in the country. The young man from Canada held in Guantanamo Bay prison may return to Canada within a year. US drone attacks continue in Pakistan, as do attacks on NATO trucks delivering fuel to Afghanistan. The Obama Administration is considering sending elite hunter killer teams under CIA control into Yemen along with drone attacks.
- **From Russia** - A commentary on the packages allegedly sent from Yemen containing bombs intended for the United States—why now and why from Yemen?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.16-17.2010***

1. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/10/15/headlines>

Headlines

- Admin Seeks to Block “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Repeal; Pentagon Vows Compliance
- Judge OKs Challenge to Healthcare Law
- US Confirms Backing of Afghan-Taliban Talks
- ICC Petitioned to Probe Israeli Attack on Gaza Flotilla
- Ahmadinejad: Israel Will “Disappear”
- UN: DRC Troops Committing Rape
- US Agents Spying through Social Networking Sites
- Torture-Linked Psychologist Awarded Military Contract
- 2 Convicted of Hate Crime in Beating Death of Mexican Immigrant
- WikiLeaks: US Committing Financial Warfare

2. **Democracy Now!**
http://www.democracynow.org/2010/10/15/hermann_scheer_1944_2010_german_lawmaker

Hermann Scheer (1944-2010): German Lawmaker, Leading Advocate for Solar Energy and “Hero for the Green Century” in One of His Final Interviews

Hermann Scheer, one of the world’s leading advocates for solar power, has died at the age of sixty-six. The German economist and politician helped make Germany a renewable energy powerhouse and inspired many across the world to expand the use of solar power. Scheer had been member of the German Parliament for three decades and was the president of EUROSOLAR, the European Association for Renewable Energy. In 1999, he won the Right Livelihood Award for his “indefatigable work for the promotion of solar energy worldwide.” When he received the award, he described solar energy as the energy of the people. We met up with Herman Scheer last month in Bonn, Germany, for what turned out to be one of his final interviews.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.09-10.2010***

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Post Climatic Stress Disorder - Climate Psychology

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_101001_Script.htm

Friends, did a month of rain that fall last night? Did rivers flood in the fall? Did you know 214 all-time heat records were set in the U.S. September 24th? It was 30 degrees Celsius in Toronto, feeling like 37 with the humidity—the heat of the human body. And just lately, Los Angeles hit an all-time high of 113 degrees Fahrenheit—in late September! Worried about your kids?

You might have Post Climatic Stress Disorder. PCSD is a serious condition. But don't worry—professional help is on the way . . .

This week on Radio Ecoshock, it's Climate Psychology 101—with psychologists **Robert Griffin and Joseph Reser**. Plus new film on the granddaddy of the double bind, **Gregory Bateson**.

What if humans are not capable of conceiving a slow-moving global problem? Maybe we do not have the mental equipment to “see” climate change. If that were so, we may go extinct, due to a disability in our minds—and evolution works too slowly to fix such things. Do we have what it takes? Are we too stupid or psychologically challenged to survive?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.02-03.2010

1. The New Yorker: The Political Scene
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Steve Coll and George Packer on the Middle East peace process.

2. The Economist
<http://www.economist.com/>

- A Special Report on Water
- Is Barack Obama Bad for Business?
- The Biology of Business

3. Shortwave Report
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

From China - The US Congress has passed legislation targeting China's currency policy- some believe that the bill will make the trade imbalance worse. Russia has completed a major crude oil pipeline to China. The Australian government will have a parliamentary debate on the country's involvement in the war on Afghanistan. In Colombia, the military commander of the FARC rebels was killed, possibly weakening the organization.

From Germany - There were massive demonstrations and strikes across Europe in response to austerity measures and bank bailouts imposed by various governments. The European Commission is launching legal proceedings against France over its crackdown on and deportation of Roma gypsies. The German government has extended the life of its 17 nuclear power plants by more than 10 years.

From Cuba - A US court has ruled that corporations cannot be sued for human rights violations abroad. Northern Irish Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Maguire is under arrest and facing deportation from Israel after being refused entrance to the country. The CIA continues to escalate drone attacks in Pakistan. The Pakistan government threatened to cease protecting NATO supply routes into Afghanistan, following Apache helicopter attacks by the US military which crossed the border into Pakistan. A new study warns that 20% of the plants on earth face human induced extinction.

From Russia - Venezuela's United Socialist Party retained a majority in the national assembly following elections last weekend. A complex computer worm, capable of seizing control of industrial plants, has infected computers at Iran's first nuclear power station as well as those controlling gas and oil pipelines. An observation on how the war on Afghanistan is likely to turn into a second Vietnam, based on government corruption and the expansion of fighting into neighboring countries.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.25-26.2010***

JFK and The Unspeakable (Khrushchev, Cuba, World Peace, and Martyrdom of JFK/MLK)
"Unwelcome Guests" Episode #517
<http://www.unwelcomeguests.net/517>

James Douglass' talk centers on the assassination of JFK, and it retells the Kennedy presidency with some of the backstage manipulations from down memory hole. He sets the scene by recounting Thomas Merton's prediction that, if Kennedy could turn towards the good, he would be assassinated by "the unspeakable." We look at Kennedy's close collaboration with his supposed adversary, Khrushchev to avert war, and explore a parallel with World War One. We listen to a section of Kennedy's most important speech, in which he finally stepped over the line by unilaterally announcing a US nuclear test ban treaty, and chronicle how he worked for world peace, until he was assassinated by the US security state. We conclude by looking at the implications for the 21st century, exploring a parallel with Martin Luther King, and hear an afterword by Bill Hicks.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.18-19.2010***

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

When the World is Running Down

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2010/09/when-world-is-running-down.html>

One in seven Americans are now officially poor. Millions are losing their homes. The “Recovery” was just a fantasy. If we all believed hard enough, the empty shell economy could stumble on forever. Now, even the mainstream media doubts our chances.

There are people who know what is going on . . . what are they saying? Host Alex Smith interviews three experts on the triple crunch: climate chaos, energy decline, and a global Ponzi economy going bust.

- Stoneleigh will warn you. (reference: <http://theautomaticearth.blogspot.com/>)
- Laurence Budd explains life after Peak Water
(reference: <http://urbanwaterconservation.com/urbanwater/Welcome.html>)
- Musician and gardener Dana Pearson talks about getting out . . . and getting trapped

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.11-12.2010***

9/11 Special: Deep Ideology and Conspiracy
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/09/458132.html>

Talk given by Michael Parenti in May 2010 at the Understanding Deep Politics Conference held in Santa Cruz, California

Parenti describes the right-wing agenda of dismantling social democracy while calling anybody who describes this as a purposeful strategy a conspiracy theorist. He shows that this strategy began right after World War II but culminates now as powerful segment of right wing media and the GOP have moved so far to the right that they have overshot their popular base. Meanwhile Democrats, including Obama, unable or unwilling to formulate the social democratic alternative, still talk of bipartisan approaches. Parenti also considers George Bush and Dick Cheney and company to be complicit in the events of September 11, 2001.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.21-22.2010***

1. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/20/obama_admin_claims_end_to_combat

Obama Admin Claims End to Combat Operations in Iraq, But Iraqis See Same War Under a Different Name

The Obama administration says the last combat brigades have left Iraq. Is this the end of the Iraq war or just a rebranding of the US occupation? More than 50,000 troops remain in Iraq as well as 4,500 special operations forces and tens of thousands of private contractors. The US embassy in Baghdad is the largest in the world—the size of eighty football fields. We get a perspective on the so-called withdrawal rarely heard in the US media: that of two Iraqis, Raed Jarrar of Peace Action and Yanar Mohammed of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq.

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/20/iraq_war_vet_camilo_mejia_us

Iraq War Vet Camilo Mejía: US Withdrawal Plan Marks “Privatization of Military Occupation”

Staff Sergeant Camilo Mejía, the first US combat veteran to publicly resist the war, joins us to give his reaction to the so-called US withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq. Mejía served six months in Iraq in 2003 with the Florida National Guard. While on a two-week leave in the United States, he decided never to return. In May 2004, a military jury convicted him of desertion, and he was sentenced to one year in prison. He served nine months behind bars, prompting Amnesty International to declare him a prisoner of conscience.

3. **How Are Things In Cuba? Interview With Bob Price**

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/08/15/18656120.php>

Interview on current conditions in Cuba. Bob Price, a chemistry professor at City College and a member of the Freedom Socialist Party, visited Cuba several months ago on behalf of his party. Bob had previously visited the country in 1997. He compares and contrasts what he observed 13 years later with observations with information and his overall sense of things in Havana. The economy is flat and struggling and there may be an upsurge in government repression, including obvious attempts to legally separate visitors from residents. He also discusses Cuban LGBT issues.

4. **Shortwave Report**

<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

From China - Mudslides continue in China which is experiencing extreme rain, leaving more than 1300 people dead. China denies US accusations of increased military strength and developing cyber warfare capabilities. China is reviewing its use of the death penalty.

From Netherlands - Greenpeace is on a mission called "Go Beyond Oil" to challenge the most dangerous off-shore oil drilling and the Danish Navy are in pursuit. Then a report from Russia on the state of the fires, the drought, and the impending rise in food prices.

From Cuba - Colombian courts ruled that the US military and mercenaries do not have rights to use Colombian military bases. The Financial Times reported that President Obama personally warned Turkey that unless it changes its position on Israel and Iran the US will not sell it weapons, specifically drone aircraft. Wikileaks will publish the remaining 15,000 Afghan war documents, despite warnings from the US government.

From Russia - An update on the fires in Russia. Iran is moving forward with enriching uranium for fueling a research reactor. NATO has rejected a Taliban proposal for a joint probe into civilian deaths in Afghanistan.

From Germany - In Germany there are several controversies about the elimination and taxation of nuclear power plants. Then a report on the unprecedented disaster from extreme rainfall in Pakistan.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.14-15.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/13/headlines>

Headlines

- Prop 8 Backers Given 6 Days to Block Resumption of Gay Marriages
- Poll: Most Americans Back Same-Sex Marriage
- Jobless Claims Reach Six-Month High; Foreclosures Rise 9%
- Report: Wall St. Bonuses to Increase for Consecutive Year
- BP Fined \$50.6M for Safety Hazards at Texas Refinery
- Alabama AG Sues BP and Other Firms over Spill
- Congress Approves \$600M Border Militarization Bill
- Israel Rejects Palestinian Offer for Peace Talks
- Pentagon Warns WikiLeaks on New Document Release
- Congress Members Seek to Reduce US Compensation for Iraqi Victims of US Attacks
- Pakistani Province Faces New Round of Flooding
- Canadian Navy Seizes Tamil Migrant Ship
- Haitians Hold Sit-in to Protest Forced Evictions

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/13/after_over_four_decades_justice_still

After Over Four Decades, Justice Still Eludes Family of 3 Civil Rights Workers Slain in Mississippi Burning Killings Neshoba

As the Justice Department announces it has closed nearly half of its investigations into unresolved killings from the Civil Rights era, we look back at the 1964 murders of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, the subject of the new documentary "Neshoba: The Price of Freedom." Although dozens of white men are believed to have been involved in the murders and cover-up, only one man, a Baptist preacher named Edgar Ray Killen, is behind bars today. Four suspects are still alive in the case. We play excerpts of Neshoba and speak with its co-director, Micki Dickoff. We're also joined by the brothers of two of the victims, Ben Chaney and David Goodman. And we speak with award-winning Mississippi-based journalist Jerry Mitchell of the Clarion-Ledger, who's spent the past twenty years investigating unresolved civil rights murder cases, as well as Bruce Watson, author of the new book *Freedom Summer: The Savage Season that Made Mississippi Burn and Made America a Democracy*.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.07-08.2010

1. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/2/andrew_bacevich_on_afghanistan_war_the

Retired US Army colonel and historian Andrew Bacevich asks: "Who is more deserving of contempt? The commander-in-chief who sends young Americans to die for a cause, however misguided, in which he sincerely believes? Or the commander-in-chief who sends young Americans to die for a cause in which he manifestly does not believe and yet refuses to forsake?"

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/3/end_of_iraq_combat_operations_or

Independent journalist Jeremy Scahill says current US military troop drawdown in Iraq marks the beginning of a downsized and rebranded occupation that will rely heavily on private military forces.

3. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/4/i_have_no_regret_to_anybody

Lt. Dan Choi, a West Point graduate, an Arabic linguist and an Iraq war veteran, was fired under the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. He talks about his life, his coming out, and his military service.

4. The Shortwave Report

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, Radio Deutsche-Welle, and the Voice of Russia.

- From China - Again, more flooding and more rain the forecast in Northeast China. The government in China controls the cost of natural resources and has plans to place caps on those prices. South Korea began more military exercises despite threats from the North. Ban Ki Moon will be the first United Nations Secretary-General to attend the annual peace memorial ceremony in Hiroshima. The Mexican government revealed that 28,000 have died in drug violence since President Calderon came into office in 2006. Pakistan has been hit by huge floods, submerging villages and killing more than a thousand, while the President is visiting the UK.
- From The Netherlands - An on the ground report from the flooding in Pakistan, where aid from the government is inadequate. Meat and milk from the offspring of a cloned cow is in the market in Britain. Another bomb in Northern Ireland is again threatening the peace accord, with dissident Republicans the prime suspects.
- From Cuba - Brazilian President Lula de Silva says that dialogue rather than sanctions will solve the Iranian nuclear issue including the fuel exchange with Brazil and Turkey. President Obama announced that the combat phaser of the war on Iraq ends this month although tens of thousands of troops will remain, along with untold mercenaries. Colombian troops are accused of making civilian

deaths look like guerilla fighters to get more money from the US government. A treaty banning cluster bombs went into force this week- the US has refused to sign the treaty and continues to be the largest producer and stockpiler of the munitions on this planet.

- From Russia - A report on the devastating fires in Russia along with the worst heat wave there in history- the fires just missed reaching two nuclear power plants. Russia is worried about the escalation of fighting between Israel and the Gaza Strip. An analysis on President Obama's recent statements that the US has very modest objectives in Afghanistan.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.24-25.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/7/23/headlines>

Headlines

- Tropical Storm Bonnie Forces BP to Suspend Relief Well Drilling
- Two BP Managers Named as Potential Targets of Fed Probe
- BP's Hiring of Prison Labor Cleanup Scrutinized
- US Lifts Ban on Training Indonesian Special Forces Unit
- Peruvian and Ugandan Contractors Killed in Attack on Green Zone
- Rep. Rangel to Face Ethics Violations Trial
- Obama Apologizes to Shirley Sherrod
- Report: Bailed-Out Banks Paid Out \$1.6B in Excessive Bonuses
- Venezuela Cuts Ties to Colombia
- IMF Cancels Haiti's Debt But Gives Haiti a New Loan
- Trafigura Fined for Exporting Toxic Waste to Ivory Coast

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/7/23/reclaiming_the_democratic_majority_progressive_activists

Many progressives helped to elect Democratic majorities in Congress in 2006 and 2008 and helped Obama win the presidency. But with the Democrats in power, the feeling now among many grassroots activists is that most Democratic lawmakers have not acted on behalf of their progressive constituencies. We speak with two progressive activists: Ilyse Hogue of MoveOn.Org, and Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee.

3. New Yorker Weekly Political Scene

http://www.newyorker.com/online/2010/07/19/100719on_audio_politicalscene

Ryan Lizza and Robert Stavins, the director of the environmental economics program at Harvard, on the Senate's surprising new push for climate-change legislation.

4. Dirty Electricity and Diabetes

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/07/17/18654111.php>

Documentary on the link between electromagnetic radiation and diseases, especially diabetes. Cutting edge research is uncovering a Type 3 diabetes, which can coexist in the body with Types 1 and 2. The cause of Type 3 appears to be a staple of modern life: Dirty Electricity. The people who have this Type 3 diabetes are hypersensitive to the electromagnetic fields—EMF—they encounter in everyday life.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.17-18.2010***

Friday Drivetime

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/07/455564.html>

Interview with journalist and former “Leveler” Ian Henshall, author of *9/11 - The New Evidence*. His book gives us the latest developments in the tangled web that is 9/11. Homicide cases usually fall into place the more evidence that is gathered, but in the six years that have elapsed since the tragic events, the case is still a mystery, wrapped in a riddle, shrouded in an enigma.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.10-11.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/7/9>

- **Report:** Concerns are being raised about the hazards posed by thousands of abandoned oil and gas wells throughout the Gulf Coast. An Associated Press investigation found more than 27,000 abandoned sites are in danger of leaking, with about 13 percent said to be particularly worrisome. Regulations forcing companies to plug the wells have been routinely ignored with no government intervention. We speak with Jeff Donn, the AP reporter who broke the story.
- **ProPublica:** Just over three months ago, thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals began spewing into the skies from BP's massive oil refinery in Texas City. The release began on April 6, two weeks before the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, but it took BP weeks to even realize there was a problem. BP now estimates 538,000 pounds of chemicals escaped from the refinery over a 40-day period. We speak with reporter Ryan Knutson of ProPublica and Frontline who traveled to Texas City to investigate what happened.
- **Photographer Harassed by BP Security, Detained by Police While on Assignment at BP Texas Refinery.** We speak with Lance Rosenfield, a freelance photographer who was hired by ProPublica to take pictures of BP's Texas City refinery that had spewed thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals into the skies. While on assignment Rosenfield was followed by BP Security and then detained by local police.

2. Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

After the Oil Rush

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_100702_Script.htm

Doubt rises that BP relief wells won't work. Beyond oil, is transition to a clean economy - if we don't crash first. Dr. John Kessler of Texas A&M U, just back from the Gulf, talks methane. Did the BP spill damage the climate? Alex wraps up the big picture - including heat, floods, record ice melt, & the economy.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.12-13.2010***

Beyond Gay Marriage
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/06/10/18650400.php>

This new radio documentary looks at the Gay Marriage Movement and asks: Why is gay marriage the primary issue of the gay community? Is it really the issue most Queers are interested in? What effect does the funding and emphasis on gay marriage have on displacing other crucial gay issues? This documentary presents the voices of Queer scholars and activists seldom heard in the media who provide a cutting edge critique of the Gay Marriage Movement—and the mainstreaming of gay politics—, and looks at what progressive Queers are working on instead.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.05-06.2010***

Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/6/4>

Survivors Recount Shootings, Beatings Aboard Mavi Marmara

While the Obama administration has refused to condemn the Israeli flotilla raid outright, survivors of the assault continue to challenge Israeli military claims that soldiers acted in self-defense after rappelling onto the lead vessel, the Mavi Marmara. We speak to two passengers who were aboard the ship: Kevin Neish of the Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid and Kevin Ovenden of Viva Palestina.

43 Years After Surviving Israeli Attack on USS Liberty, US Veteran Joe Meadors Seized by Israeli Forces on Gaza Aid Flotilla

Joe Meadors was on one of the other Free Gaza boats that was seized early Monday morning. For Meadors, this marks the second time he has been aboard a ship attacked by Israeli forces in international waters. In 1967, Meadors was a signalman aboard the USS Liberty, a US Navy electronic intelligence gathering ship that was attacked by Israeli planes and torpedo boats in 1967. Thirty-four Americans were killed and more than 170 were wounded in the attack. [includes rush transcript]

Nearly 5 Years After Katrina, African American Fishing Community in Louisiana's Plaquemines Parish Faces New Struggle in Oil Spill Devastation and BP Obstruction

Democracy Now!'s Anjali Kamat visits the town of Phoenix, Louisiana on the east bank of Plaquemines Parish, an area that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She speaks to Reverend Tyrone Edwards, a pastor and longtime community activist who spearheaded efforts to rebuild the largely African American fishing community after Katrina. In the aftermath of the BP oil spill disaster, Rev. Edwards is at the forefront of getting Washington, DC to pay attention to the needs of his community, whom he calls the "forgotten people" of Plaquemines Parish. [includes rush transcript]

Family Members Fear for Life of Jailed US Attorney Peter Erlinder in Rwanda

The US State Department is calling on the Rwandan government to release attorney Peter Erlinder, the past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Erlinder has been imprisoned for the past week after being charged with denying the Rwandan genocide. The Rwandan government has been accused of using laws barring genocide denial to silence opposition critics.

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News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.22-23.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/5/21>

- Audio from 1998: Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN) Hangs Up on Amy Goodman When Asked If He Has Ever Had an Affair
- Senate Passes Sweeping Financial Reform Bill; Lobbying Frenzy Expected as Measure Moves to Committee
- GOP Senate Nominee Rand Paul of Kentucky Faces Firestorm After Suggesting Opposition to Civil Rights Act
- BP Acknowledges Oil Spill Is Larger Than Previous Estimates

2. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Evan Osnos and Barbara Demick discuss North Korea and the school killings in China.

3. **The Economist – A Special Report on Water**

http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story_id=16136302

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.15-16.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Jeffrey Toobin and Ryan Lizza discuss Obama's Supreme Court pick, Elena Kagan.

2. **Rachel Maddow Show**
http://www.today.msnbc.msn.com/id/37149270/ns/msnbc_tv-rachel_maddow_show/

Interview with Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Washington State) about the BP oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, and the prospects of drilling on the American West Coast.

3. **The Economist - Special Report - Banking in Emerging Markets**
http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story_id=16078452

4. **National Public Radio Foreign Dispatch - Dispatches from Pakistan, France, China and Kenya**
http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_detail.php?siteId=6661111

5. **The Shortwave Report**
<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

5/14/2010 show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

From CHINA - On Monday Thailand's Redshirt protestors agreed to the offers made by the Prime Minister to dissolve Parliament and hold elections, but insisted on staying in the streets until the Deputy Prime Minister surrenders to the police—on Wednesday the government cut power and water to the protestors. Russia signed an agreement to build Turkey's first nuclear power plant. 5 Colombians face sabotage charges in Venezuela for tampering with the nations power grid.

From NETHERLANDS - Radio Netherlands has eliminated SW broadcasts to North America. The decision is based on their surveys that find very few listeners in N America. If you ever listen to RN on shortwave please let them know- by email to letters@rnw.nl or send them a letter to RNW Worldwide, PO Box 222, 1200JG, Hilversum, The Netherlands.

In light of the worsening Gulf oil spill, a salmon fisher from Kodiak Island describes what happened to the community following the Exxon oil spill 21 years ago. A report says that Europe will become irrelevant globally unless it creates a united political front. In a controversial move, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has formally invited Israel to join it. An explanation from Monday of how the Euro was saved by loan guarantees of 500 billion Euros.

From CUBA - US Senators are trying to push President Obama to sign an international treaty banning land mines. The International Atomic Energy Agency has tentatively announced plans to discuss Israeli nuclear weapons. BP is using toxic chemicals to disperse the toxic oil spill in the Gulf- the owner of the oil rig that exploded, Trans Ocean, has made a \$270 million profit from an insurance pay out for the disaster. The International Red Cross reports that the US is operating a "secret prison" at an airbase in Afghanistan despite US government denials. Seymour Hersch reports that US forces are carrying out "battlefield executions" of prisoners in Afghanistan. Deadly drone attacks have been increased in Pakistan since US officials accused the Taliban of involvement in the failed car bomb in New York. McClatchy news agency says that Pakistani investigators are unable to find evidence linking the Time Square bombing suspect with the Taliban or other militant groups. Despite bad economic conditions, the leading US banks made profits every single day in the first three months of this year.

From RUSSIA - A commentary on a new US/Russia agreement on the civilian uses of nuclear energy. A commentary on the immigration law in Arizona, comparing it to the US Civil War over slavery.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 5.08-09.2010

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

BP Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Special

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/05/450722.html>

The Gulf of Mexico “spill” is really a man-made underwater volcano of oil. This accident taps a primeval fear in the human mind. Something dark and uncontrollable rushes out of the Earth, poisoning the global oceans. Could that really happen?

In this Radio Ecoshock report you’ll hear from the activists who knew this was coming:

* Riki Ott, marine biologist, fisherwoman, and the conscience of Valdez, Alaska, checks in from New Orleans.

* Antonia Juhasz, oil researcher from Global Exchange, introduces us to BP—and it’s lobby in Washington. Antonia wrote *The Tyranny of Oil: The World’s Most Powerful Industry and What We Must Do To Stop It*.

* Peak Oil guru Richard Heinberg looks at the big picture impact. His famous books are *The Party’s Over*, *Peak Everything*, and *Blackout*. Richard is a founder of the Post Carbon Institute.

* And former Shell Oil executive Anita Burke finds the inside track, and the real culprits.

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News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.01-02.2010

1. **BBC Global News**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/globalnews>

- Oil spill reaches US coast
- Belgium bans the Burqa
- New cancer treatment
- Chinese world expo

2. **60 Minutes**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6430933n&tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea.3>

Jihadists And “The Narrative”

A former member of a Muslim extremist group tells Lesley Stahl the reason for the increase in home-grown jihadists like the U.S. Army major accused of shooting 13 at Ft. Hood is an ideology called “the narrative,” which states America is at war with Islam.

3. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Hendrik Hertzberg and Ryan Lizza on why immigration reform won't happen this year.

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News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.10-11.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/4/9>

4/9/2010 War & Peace Report

- Rescue Effort Continues at W. Va. Mine; More Safety Violations Revealed
- Kyrgyz President, Opposition Claim Control of Gov't
- US Troops Killed in Afghan Helicopter Crash
- Israeli PM Withdraws from US Nuke Summit
- Iranian Minister Hints at Espionage Trial for Jailed US Hikers
- Spanish Judge Faces Trial for Franco Probe
- Fmr. Citigroup Execs Appear Before Financial Crisis Panel
- EPA Faults California Waste Plant for Chemical Disposal
- Protesters Demand Firing of SF Officer in 2009 Shooting
- ACORN Staffer Reported Prostitution Claims to Police
- Virginia Gov. Apologizes for Excluding Slavery from Confederate History Month Proclamation

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/4/9/once_banned_muslim_scholar_tariq_ramadan

Once-banned Muslim scholar Tariq Ramadan on his first visit to the US in six years, President Obama, and why Muslims should make their voices heard.

3. **The Economist**

<http://www.economist.com/>

Economist editors Adam Roberts and John Parker discuss the week ahead in news and politics around the world.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 4.03-04.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/4/3>

4/3/2010 War & Peace Report

- EPA Places New Limits on Mountaintop Removal
- U.S. Limits Greenhouse Emissions in Cars
- Murderer of Abortion Provider Dr. George Tiller Sentenced to Life Term
- Israel Threatens New Assault on Gaza Strip
- Karzai Accuses Ex-UN Official of Steering Electoral Fraud
- Amazonian Land Activist Killed in Brazil
- Report: Africa Lost \$1.8T to Illegal Outflows
- U.S. Alters Airport Screening Rules
- Justice Dept. Sues KBR For Security Billing
- Army Secretary: No Easing of Don't Ask, Don't Tell
- U.S. Bankruptcies at 4-Year High
- California Probe Clears ACORN of Unlawful Activity
- Haitian Earthquake Survivors Freed from Immigration Jails

2. **The New Yorker: Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

David Remnick on the improbable career of Barack Obama.

3. **The Shortwave Report**

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

4/3/2010 show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia:

From CHINA- Experts from China and Taiwan are meeting to expand cross-strait economic ties. Democrat and Republican party leaders met with Chinese political party leaders in a high-level exchange. The US has reaffirmed its commitment to the "One China policy." China's need for imported oil continues to increase at a rate that is alarming to economists and politicians. A US drone attack killed 6 people in Pakistan on Wednesday. Israeli forces fired on demonstrators along the fence in Gaza. A Chechen militant is said to have claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway.

From NETHERLANDS- Radio Netherlands has eliminated SW broadcasts to North America. The decision is based on their surveys that find very few listeners in N America. If you ever listen to RN on shortwave please let them know- by email to letters@rnw.nl or send them a letter to RNW Worldwide, PO Box 222, 1200JG, Hilversum, The Netherlands.

A woman from Human Rights Watch discusses how the rights abuses in Chechnya fueled the suicide bombings in Moscow and Dagestan. Belgium may be the first European country to implement a ban on

burkas. Pope Benedict referred to priest sex scandals as “petty gossip.” In Italy, Berlusconi’s coalition party surprised everyone by gaining more regions in recent elections. French President Sarkozy has warned the US that it cannot run the world alone. The US Bureau of Prisons is being sued for discriminating against Muslims.

From CUBA- Bolivian President Morales announced oil exploration will be carried out in the Amazon region near the border with Brazil. A Viewpoint on the resolution by the European Parliament concerning human rights violations in Cuba. North Korea warned the US to stop allowing journalists inside the demilitarized zone.

From RUSSIA- Russia mourned the deaths in the subway bombings on Tuesday and made threats against the perpetrators. On Wednesday a second pair of suicide bombings occurred in the northern Caucasus. A group of British Parliamentarians has urged the government to make the UK foreign policy less dependent on the US.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 3.27-28.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/3/26>

3/26/2010 Headlines | Healthcare legislation update with *Huffington Post's* Ryan Grimm.

2. **The Rachel Maddow Show on MSNBC**

<http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2010/03/25/4070278-tonight-on-trms>

Rachel Maddow discusses healthcare reform passing the US Congress this week. Guests include: Chris Hayes, Washington editor, *The Nation*; and Ezra Klein, staff writer, *The Washington Post*.

3. **The Shortwave Report**

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

03/26/10 show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia:

From CHINA - Google has moved some of its search engine servers out of China to Hong Kong in the ongoing dispute over censorship. The US and Russia have reached an agreement on nuclear weapons reduction. An Israeli diplomat has been expelled from Britain because of forged passports in the plot to kill a Hamas leader in Dubai.

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David Cronin, a reporter from Brussels, issued a citizens arrest on Tony Blair for war crimes but was pushed away by bodyguards. Hillary Clinton offered further aid in the war on drugs in Mexico, including social development in border towns.

From CUBA - Another Guantanamo prisoner has been released without charges after 8 years. The Obama administration is looking at Afghanistan as a site for holding foreign prisoners without charges, to replace Guantanamo. The US military confirmed that they no longer eradicate opium production in Afghanistan, saying "we don't trample the livelihood of those we are trying to win over." This week was the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Bishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. Many Haitians protested the arrival of former US Presidents Clinton and Bush. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu renewed his vow to keep expanding Jewish settlements in occupied East Jerusalem.

From RUSSIA - Iraqi citizens went to the streets to protest election results, demanding a recount. Protests continue in Greece with people demanding the wealthy be taxed to make up for the economic collapse. France and Germany will help bail out Greece if they agree to purchase new weapons. The Earth Hour

Action is taking place this Saturday March 27th at 8:30 p.m. local time—the plan is to not use electricity for one hour to consider how we could all conserve resources.

4. **KPEA-FM San Francisco**

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/03/22/18642573.php>

Gabrielle Wilson interviews Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of *The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, The Media and That Veil Thing*.