



**CURRENT'S "VANGUARD" JOURNALISTS TACKLE CONTROVERSIAL  
GLOBAL ISSUES WITH NEW INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS PREMIERING  
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***New "Vanguard" Reports Premiere Wednesdays at 10 pm ET/PT***

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10, 2009 – From Mexican drug wars to a refugee crisis in Yemen and America's complicated relationship with guns, Current's "Vanguard" journalists have traveled the country and the globe for a new slate of investigative reports geared to young adults.

Beginning with the premiere of "Fully Automatic America" on Wednesday, Jan. 14, the new "Vanguard" reports will premiere weekly on Current TV Wednesday nights at 10 p.m. ET/PT, followed by online debuts at [current.com/vanguard](http://current.com/vanguard).

"While other outlets are scaling back on their international investigations, the 'Vanguard' team is pushing the envelope, trying to be at the forefront of covering global conditions and trends," says Laura Ling, vice president of "Vanguard." "We're taking risks and using all of our resources to pursue the important stories that need to be told."

The latest "Vanguard" reports provide an intimate look at some of today's most compelling and urgent news stories. Presenting the underlying causes and impact of critical global issues, these first-hand accounts allow viewers to explore all sides of each topic.

Upcoming episodes of "Vanguard" include:

"Fully Automatic America" – Jan. 14 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

- The debate on gun control rages on in the U.S. Kaj Larsen investigates the issues of guns and crime in America, from the gun nirvana of Knob Creek, Kentucky, to one of the most dangerous cities in the country, Camden, New Jersey.

"The Most Controversial Jail In The World: Inside America's Detainee Camps On Cuban Soil" – Jan. 21 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

- While the families of 9/11 victims want the Guantanamo Bay detention camps to remain open, President-elect Barack Obama and many other critics believe the military prison is a failure of the American

government. After working for a year and a half to arrange media access to the camp, Adrian Baschuk's report from the controversial detention center includes interviews with a freed detainee, detention guards, psych workers and the camp's Admiral.

**Hot SexXxy Young**: Teen Prostitution in Oakland, California" – Jan. 28 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

- Underage prostitution overwhelms the city of Oakland as drug dealers sexually exploit young girls for greater profits and at a lower legal risk than pushing drugs. This story follows three Oakland teens for a look inside the social epidemic of teen prostitution.

"Battle Of Saipan" – Feb. 4 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

- Once the ultimate globalization success story, the island of Saipan now faces one of the fastest economic collapses in history. After suffering a harsh history of military struggles as well as a temporary economic boom after becoming a U.S. commonwealth, the island now stands devastated. Scores of factories remain empty, rotting shopping centers litter the country, and former factory workers turn to the sex industry for survival. Adam Yamaguchi visits Saipan to document the rise and sudden collapse of a tiny piece of America.

"Narco War Next Door" – Feb. 25 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

- From homicides to gun battles on the streets, ruthless Mexican drug lords are using increasingly violent tactics against government crackdowns on the deadly drug trade. Power struggles among the cartels, the Mexican army and the police become more extreme and lines between them continue to blur. Laura Ling investigates the battle for control of drug smuggling routes in Mexico as corruption and violence rattle local citizens.

"The Beach Of Death: Escaping Terror in Somalia" – March 4 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

- Fleeing from years of civil unrest, Somali refugees risk their lives, traveling through shark and pirate-infested waters to find relative peace in Yemen. In a follow up to their Emmy-nominated documentary from Somalia in 2006, Christof Putzel and Kaj Larsen return to the Horn of Africa to investigate one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world.

**About Current**

Current is a cross-platform media company that works with its young adult audience to create and distribute media that informs, enriches and inspires. The company is comprised of Current TV and Current.com, the first fully integrated online and broadcast platforms that help users determine the news and information that is relevant to them. Current connects young adults with what's going on in their world through its unique blend of citizen journalism and viewer participation, offering programming and content that's authentic, often surprising and consistently compelling. Current pioneered the television industry's leading model of interactive viewer created content (VC2) that comprises roughly one-third of Current's on-air broadcast. The network has also advanced advertising models via Viewer Created Ad Messages (VCAMs).

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