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NOW on PBS 45 & 49 takes a hard look at government secrecy

KENT, Ohio — Friday, March 17, 2006 — Tune in Friday, March 17 at 8:30 p.m. for an eyeopening, special hour-long episode of **NOW** on PBS 45 & 49. **The Sunshine Gang** takes a hard look at government secrecy and the efforts of private citizens to fight it. The program repeats on Monday, March 20 at 5 a.m.

Timed to coincide with the American Society of Newspaper Editors' "Sunshine Week," the show will feature:

- Two American mothers, Peggy Buryj from Canton, Ohio and a mother from Mountain View, Calif., whose sons died days apart while serving as soldiers in Iraq. These women have never met and have different political viewpoints, but share a common struggle to uncover the truth about their children's deaths.
- A couple in Montebello, Virginia, whose constant questions about the closing of their fish hatchery and use of the Freedom of Information Act resulted in a major shake-up at the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
- The mayor of Fall River, Mass., who was concerned about a proposed liquefied natural gas facility in his community one of 40 in various stages of planning around the country. He refused to sign the government's non-disclosure agreement that would have prevented him from sharing security information with his own constituents.
- An interview with Heather Wilson, the Republican congresswoman who heads a committee that oversees America's intelligence agencies, and charges the White House with resisting attempts at oversight.

More information can be found at www.pbs.org/now/politics/sunshine.html.

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