

CNN Correspondent Peter Arnett, to give public lecture May 8 at UCSD

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CNN CORRESPONDENT PETER ARNETT TO SPEAK AT UCSD ON MAY 8

CNN Correspondent Peter Arnett, who gained international fame earlier this year as the only Western journalist reporting from Iraq during the first days of the Gulf War, will give a public lecture May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of California, San Diego's Main Gymnasium.

Arnett, who will discuss his recent experiences as a correspondent during the Persian Gulf War, conducted the only interview with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein during the conflict.

The lecture is being sponsored by University Events' National Issues Forum and the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. A sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$8 for UCSD staff and faculty and \$10 for the general public. They can be purchased on campus at the UCSD Box Office (534-6467) at the Price Center or at any TicketMaster outlet (278-TIXS).

Parking permits are required for evening events at UCSD. They can be purchased for \$1 at the Gilman and Northview Drive entrances to the campus. Those attending the lecture should allow extra time for parking and walking to the gymnasium.

A seasoned journalist with more than 25 years of experience, Arnett has been based in CNN's Jerusalem bureau since February 1990. Previously, he served as national/international security correspondent in CNN's Washington bureau where he reported on national and international security issues and the intelligence community. Prior to that, he spent two years as CNN's bureau chief and correspondent in Moscow where he covered the latest developments in the Soviet Union.

Since joining CNN in 1981, some of Arnett's major stories have included: an in-depth status report on the crisis in Central America; a study of the resurgence of patriotism in the United States; and a report on U.S. military involvement in the political situation in El Salvador which won him a Sigma Delta Chi Award.

Prior to joining CNN, Arnett spent 20 years as a correspondent for the Associated Press where he covered the Vietnam War, the Iranian hostage crisis, the Jonestown massacre in Guyana and the Atlanta child murders. His first-hand accounts of the American involvement in Vietnam earned him the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in 1966.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, Arnett's Vietnam coverage was honored with two Sigma Delta Chi awards, the Overseas Press Club Award and the George Polk Memorial Award. As a CNN correspondent, Arnett has been honored with an Award for Cable Excellence for a special report linking organized crime with illegal dumping of toxic wastes. He also received a National Association of Black Journalists Achievement Award for a series on the increasing number of blacks holding top police positions around the country.

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