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**FLORIDA WEST**  
**'Democracy Now!' radio host Amy Goodman will speak Tuesday at New College**

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"Democracy Now!" host Amy Goodman's day last week included an overnight car trip to Washington, D.C., where she arrived at 4 a.m., did her daily radio broadcast, gave the 24th annual Everett C. Parker Ethics in Telecommunications Lecture and then spoke yet again that evening at a benefit for WPFW radio.

In the afternoon, she broke up the monotony with press interviews, speaking in the rapid-fire cadence immediately recognizable from her radio show.

Such is the life of one of the nation's biggest rabble-rousers, a woman unafraid to ask hard question after hard question of people in authority.

Goodman will be in Sarasota and Tampa on Tuesday for two lectures, part of an 80-city tour in support of the book she co-wrote with her brother, David Goodman, titled "Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the People Who Fight Back" (Hyperion, \$23.95).

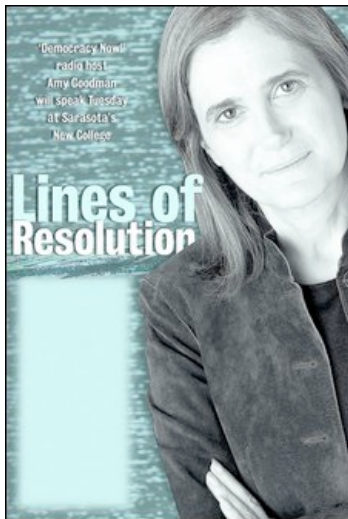
The book follows "The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers and the Media Who Love Them," and continues in the same theme.

So what's changed since "The Exception to the Rulers" was published in 2004?

"I still think the media is at an all-time low," said Goodman. "The good news is that media activism is increasing. We called the (new) book 'Static' because in this high-tech digital age, all we get is static, this veil of distortion."

She'd prefer to see the media fulfilling another definition of the word: "criticism, opposition, unwanted interference."

"We need static that creates history. We need a fourth estate," she



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**Interested?**

Amy Goodman, host of "Democracy Now!" and co-author of "Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the People Who Fight Back," will speak at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Sudakoff Center on the New College of Florida campus, 5700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Tickets are \$25, \$35 for couples, and include a copy of "Static."

Tickets are available at Sarasota News & Books and Fogartyville Café in Bradenton.

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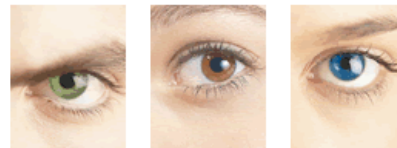
Goodman also will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Tampa Theater.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (813) 238-8001 or access [www.wmfn.org](http://www.wmfn.org).

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said.

She's heartened by the growth of "Democracy Now!" her daily international broadcast news show, which in the past two years has moved from broadcast on 250 radio and television stations to 450.

"It's because people are so angry," she said. "I think people are disgusted. I think people know that they were lied to about weapons of mass destruction, not just by Bush, but by the media."

In the new book, the Goodmans critique the administration for many of its post-Sept. 11 policies, internationally and at home.

"The United States is an outlaw nation," the authors charge on the first page. "The laws that used to govern the behavior of American leaders evolved from basic codes of conduct for civilized nations," including the Magna Carta and the Geneva Conventions.

"These have long been the publicly proclaimed ideals of Western nations. In private they have been routinely violated. ... Yet, even by these sordid standards, the United States is now probing new lows."

The mainstream media, Goodman charges, are aiding and abetting such behavior by failing to question, challenge and report on it.

In her travels around the country, Goodman said she hears from the public "that they want to turn to media that is not simply cheerleading for war."

In "Static," the Goodmans uncover resistance to the war, including among American soldiers and their families.

With the midterm elections less than two months away, Goodman said she is "optimistic that people are getting involved. There are more perspectives now that people from more than two parties are getting involved."

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