

Issues Address by the Program Department

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ISSUE: GENERAL

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

07/01/07

"Hiding From Death" – An interview with Immaculee Ilibagiz, A Tutsi woman who survived the massacre of her people by the Hutus in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She and six other Tutsi women were hidden in a tiny bathroom for three months by a friendly Hutu minister.

8/12/07

"Searching For Jacob" – a report on the ongoing genocide being perpetrated by the Sudanese government upon the ethnic African population of Darfur. Jacob, an ethnic African who fled his destroyed village of Hangala, is interviewed in a refugee camp. Also includes interviews with John Prendergast, International Crisis Group; and Dr. Ashis Brahma, a refugee camp physician.

9/23/07

"President Ahmadinejad" – an interview through an interpreter with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, before his journey to New York to speak at the UN General Assembly. Topics include his denied request to visit the World Trade Center site, the growing evidence that Iranian weapons are being sent to Iraq and claims by the Bush administration that Iran is pursuing a nuclear bomb.

ISSUE: ECONOMY

48 Hours

8P-9P

9/16/07

“Alan Greenspan” – An interview with Alan Greenspan, former Federal Reserve chairman who had his hand on the lever of the US economy through 18 years and four presidents. Topics discussed include his candid new memoir, “The Age of Turbulence”; his predictions about the economy; his relationship with his wife, NCB newswoman Andrea Mitchell; and his defense against the criticism for his perceived role in the housing and lending crisis.

ISSUES: ENVIROMENTAL

60 MINUTES

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07/08/07

“Shooting Tigers” – A report on the devastating impact of poachers upon the dwindling number of tigers now remaining wild in the Indian jungles. The segment includes interviews with tiger photographer Belinda Wright; tiger naturalist Valmilk Thapar; and tiger scientist Joseph Vattakaven.

8/19/07

“The Age of Warming” – A report on global warming and the apparent effect it has in Antarctica, making the region the fastest warming place on Earth. Includes interviews with Gino Cassassa, Glaciologist; American biologist Sue and Wayne Trivelpiece; and Scott Pelley -

9/16/07

“Swimming with Sharks” – Because tour operators use food to attract sharks for their “shark tourist” customers, critics say surfers and swimmers are in more danger now because the dangerous fish are associating humans with food. Includes footage of Bob Simon’s trip to Shark Central at the tip of South Africa where he got a close-up view of great whites from the vantage of a shark-proof cage; and interviews with Aidan Martin, an Australian scientist; Chris Fallows a shark tourism operator and Chris Bovim, a surfer.

ISSUES: HEALTH

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

07/01/07

“A Fighting Chance” – A report on the high level of combat medical care in Iraq, as illustrated in the treatment of two wounded Americans, Marine Corporals Kenny Lyon and Brad Fulks. This segment also includes interviews with Lt. Col. Paulette Schank, operating room supervisor; Dr. Warren Dolac; Sgt. Danny Stevenson, flight medic.

07/08/07

“Wake Up Call” – An interview with U.S. Comptroller General David Walker, who says that the Medicare program will bankrupt the treasury in the coming decades unless vast reforms to the program and to the nation’s healthcare system are made. This segment also includes comments by Senator Kent Conrad.

07/29/07

“Under The Influence” – A report on how the pharmaceutical industry lobby influenced Congress to pass the Medicare Prescriptions drug legislation, the cornerstone of the Republicans’ domestic agenda. Includes interviews with Representatives Walter Jones and Dan Burton; former congressman Billy Tauzin; Congressman John Dingell, new chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee which oversees Medicare; and Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA a nonpartisan health care watchdog group.

9/9/07

“The Dust at Ground Zero” – a re-edited and condensed version of the original two-part segment on the pervasive respiratory illnesses affecting the firemen, police, construction and utility workers who breathed the toxic dust in the aftermath of the World Trade Center destruction,. Includes interviews with Dr. David Prezant, chief medical officer for New York City’s Fire Department; Christine Todd Whitman, former head of Environmental Protection Agency and Rudy Washington, a former deputy mayor under Rudy Giuliani.

ISSUES: CRIME

48 Hours:

8P-9P

07/21/07

“Jeffrey MacDonald: Time for Truth” – This is a report on the 1970 murders of U.S. Army Doctor Jeffrey MacDonald’s pregnant wife and two young daughters at their Fort Gragg home in Fayetteville, N.C. Having served 25 years in prison for the murders, MacDonald, now 61 still proclaims his innocence and expresses hope that he will eventually be legally vindicated. From the day following the murders 35 years ago, MacDonald has maintained that a group of crazed, drug-fueled hippies broke into his apartment and murdered his wife Collette and daughters – five year old Kimberly and two year old Kristen. It took the U.S. Government nine years to make its case against him, but in 1979, a jury convicted MacDonald of three counts of first-degree murder – a conviction based entire on circumstantial evidence. Since then, MacDonald and his lawyers have exhausted every avenue of appeal. Married behind bars over two years ago, MacDonald’s request for parole was denied. He is hoping that DNA testing being done on hair and blood evidence from the crime scene will confirm that he did not kill his family.

ISSUES: CRIME

48 Hours:

8PM

07/31/07

"The Puppet Master" – A report on the marriage of Heather and Ron Samuels, who, even after divorcing, were involved in a bitter custody battle. In October 1997, newlyweds Heather and John Grossman were shot at while driving. John survived the shooting but a bullet severed Heather's spinal cord, leaving her a quadriplegic. Heather was immediately certain that ex-husband Ron was involved in the crime, as he had once threatened to make her pay for leaving him. Investigators were able to track down three men who they believed were involved in the assault; Hugh Estess, the car owner; Eddie Stafford, the driver, and Roger Runyon, the shooter. Also implicated was Geoff Pollock, who was present at meetings when the crime was discussed. Ron Samuels was named as the man behind the crime - the puppet master. In exchange for complete immunity, police got the co-conspirators to acknowledge Samuels' lead role in the crime. Before Samuels could be arrested, he fled to Mexico. He ran afoul of the law there when police found six kilos of cocaine in his car. He was imprisoned and, five years later, still proclaiming his innocence, he was extradited to the U.S. to stand trial for the attempted murders. He was found guilty of all charges and sentenced to life in prison for the attempted murders, plus an additional 120 years of the other charges. The court ordered Samuels to pay Heather restitution, but he claims that he's broke. Investigators are tracking any remaining assets. He is planning to appeal his conviction.

8/4/07

"Chamber of Secrets" – In her divorce case, Frieda Hanimov feared that she would lose custody of her children because she suspected that the judge ruling on her case was corrupt. Having gone to authorities with her suspicions, Hanimov agreed to go undercover and wearing a wire, she went alone into a warehouse to try to prove that New York State Supreme Court Judge Gerald Carson was corrupt. A taped conversation with Nissim Elmann, the judge's confederate, was enough evidence to have the Brooklyn District Attorney grant permission to place a hidden camera in Judge Garson's chambers. Prosecutors caught Judge Garson on videotape taking a gift for legal advice, giving a lawyer advice on how to write a legal memo on a case before him, and accepting a \$1,000.00 referral fee. Judge Garson will go on trial next fall; Nissim Elmann will be tried next week. Hanimov's case has led to the creation of a new commission to reform divorce court.

ISSUES: CRIME-Continued

48 Hours:

8PM

9/29/07

"The McGuire Diaries"- Melanie McGuire, on trial for the murder of her husband Bill, was provided by 48 Hours Mystery with a video camera, so that she could record her intimate thoughts as she stood trial. Excerpts of her video diary are interspersed throughout the broadcast. In May of 2004, his dismembered body was found in three suitcases in Chesapeake Bay. He had been shot with a .38 caliber gun. Melanie claimed that Bill had vanished weeks before, after an argument. She had never filed a missing person's report and without having heard from Bill, she later filed for divorce. She claimed that he had been abusive and suggested that his disappearance and murder were the result of his gambling problem and that his frequent trips to Atlantic City had put him in contact with shady characters. However, a blanket wrapped around Bill's torso was the same kind of blanket used at the fertility clinic where Melanie worked as a nurse, making her a suspect. After extensive searches, police were unable to find a murder weapon or tool used to cut up Bill's body, and there was no evidence of a crime scene. Soon afterwards, police learned that Melanie had purchased a Taurus .38 special revolver just 48 hours before Bill had disappeared. Melanie, however, claimed that she had purchased that gun for Bill at his own request. She claimed he wanted it for his own protection, but couldn't buy it himself because of a felony conviction. Believing her to be guilty, Prosecutor Patti Prezioso intensified her investigation and had Melanie put under surveillance. This soon revealed two of Melanie's secrets—she had been carrying on an affair for more than two years with her boss, Dr. Bard Miller, and she had been in Atlantic City the night after she claimed Bill had left her. She later stated that she had gone to Atlantic City in search of Bill, had found his car and moved it out of spite. Thirteen months after the suitcases were found, Melanie McGuire was arrested for the murder of her husband. Nine months after her arrest, the trial began. After seven weeks and more than seventy witnesses, Melanie McGuire was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. She will be eligible for parole in 2073, when she would be 100 years old.

Issues: Crime

60 Minutes

7PM

08/26/07

"Was it Murder?" an interview with Dr. Anna Pou, a New Orleans physician arrested, along with nurses Cheri Landry and Lori Budo, for the murder of four patients by lethal injection, at Memorial Medical Center, a hospital left isolated and without power in the days after Hurricane Katrina. Also interviewed is Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti.

9/02/07

"The Killings in Haditha"— Marine Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich speaks publicly for the first time about the circumstances surrounding the November 2005 killing of 24 Iraqi civilians in Haditha, Iraq, resulting in murder charges against him and three other marines. Includes an update of March 18, 2007.