

Issues Address by the Program Department

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ISSUE: ECONOMIC

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

10/05/08

The Wall Street's Shadow Market – This is a report on credit default swaps and their impact on the current economic crisis. Private, largely undisclosed, and deregulated, these are the contracts that mortgage investors, who bought up the riskiest mortgages when they were repackaged by Wall Street as exotic investment securities, entered into to protect themselves in case their investments went bad. When homeowners began defaulting and the Wall Street high-risk mortgage-backed securities also began to fail, the big investment houses and insurance companies who sold the credit default swaps hadn't set aside the money they needed to pay off all the insurance contracts they'd written. This segment includes an interview with Jim Grand, editor of Grant's Interest Rate Observer; Frank Partnoy, former derivatives broker and Michael Greenberg, law professor at the University of Maryland.

10/26/08

Financial Weapons of Mass Destruction – This is a report on credit derivatives or credit default swaps. Essentially side bets on the performance of the U.S. mortgage markets and the solvency of some of the biggest financial institutions in the world, they are a form of legalized gambling that allows you to wager on financial outcomes without ever having to actually buy the stocks, the bonds and the mortgages. Although illegal for most of the twentieth century, Congress gave Wall Street an exemption eight years ago.

ISSUES: ENVIRONMENTAL

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

12/21/08

The Orphanage – This segment is a visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Kenya-based orphanage for elephants who were abandoned when they were less than two years old. This segment includes interviews with Dame Daphne Sheldrick, the orphanage founder who has been working with elephants for 50 years and Edwin Lusichi, head of the elephant keepers.

ISSUES: HEALTH

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

11/02/08

Brain Power – This is a report on brain-computer interface or BCI, a new technology that connects the human brain to a computer, which allows people who are completely paralyzed due to illness or trauma to operate computers, write e-mails, and drive wheelchairs. Scientists hope that in the future, BCI may restore movement to paralyzed people and allow amputees to move bionic limbs. This segment includes comments from neuroscientist Dr. Jonathan Wolpaw of New York State's Wadsworth Center and Dr. Andy Schwartz, a neuroscientist at the University of Pittsburgh

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ISSUES: GENERAL

48 HOURS

7P-8P

12/27/08

The Lord's Boot Camp – In the summer of 2007 Tabitha Taylor, Nicole Scrivener and Valerie Smith were among the 700 American teenagers who attended a two-week session at The Lord's Boot Camp, a no-frills training camp in central Florida where the participants face physical and mental challenges as they prepare to embark on Christian evangelical missions in the U.S. and Africa. The cameras follow each of the three girls as they individually experienced and express their reactions to their training, the subsequent mission in Africa or Indiana, and their eventual return home. Commentary is given by Tabitha Taylor, of Bellwood PA; Nicole Scrivener of Tallahassee Fla.; Valerie Smith, of Las Vegas, NV and Bob Bland, founder of the Lord's Boot Camp.

ISSUES: CRIME

48 Hours:

8P-9P

10/4/08

The Last Take – This is an investigation into the unsolved 1977 murder of actress Christa Helm, who was found stabbed and bludgeoned outside her agent's home in West Hollywood, California. Police at first thought her murder might be connected to the sensational killing of actor Sal Mineo, murder exactly one year before in the same neighborhood. Detectives also found out about her infamous "love diary" but it had vanished. The diary was not the only way she had kept track of her lovers; there were tape recordings of her sexcapades with her celebrity boyfriends, but those tapes also disappeared. The hunt of the tapes lead to actor Tony Sirico (now best known as "Paulie Walnuts" on "The Sopranos"), who had been sent by Helm's friends to remove them from her residence. In 2006, when investigators finally spoke to Sirico, he was less than cooperative, but the missing items turned up in the possession of Lennie Barin, Helm's closest friend. Now 31 years into the case, detectives had discovered a long string of boyfriends and girlfriends of Christa's, and suspect that jealousy may have been the motive in her murder. However, recent information has led back to the Sal Mineo connection, and his murderer, Lionel Williams, who served 12 years for the crime. After sifting through all the drama of Christa's life, could the detectives discover that she was simply the victim of a random street robbery at the hand of a career criminal? Her daughter hopes that the murder will be solved, whatever the reason.

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ISSUES: CRIME CONTINUED

48 Hours:

8P-9P

11/01/08

"Blood and Money on Horseshoe Bay" - This is a report on the November 2005 murder of Charlie White, a larger-than-life Texas millionaire who lived a lavish lifestyle in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. When police were called to White's lakeside mansion, they found his body, which had been brutally beaten, with an extension cord wrapped around his neck several times. By first impression, White was a very likeable person, but as police investigated his murder, a darker image of White emerged, one of a cruel man with a dangerous mean streak sharpened by arrogance e, alcohol, and women. With an unbridled passion for the fairer sex, White bedded and rated the sexual powess of over a thousand women, including strippers, prostitutes, and even the girlfriends of his own son Darin, who Charlie use to pick up women to fulfill his needs. As the murder investigation unfolded, police focused on the troubled relationship between father and son and soon settled on Darin as the main suspect. When Darin voluntarily came in for questioning, he admitted to being with Charlie the night he died. Darin claimed that after a trip to Wal-Mart, they returned home, where he and his father got into an argument that turned dangerously violent. Darin believed that his father was going to kill him. After Darin beat and choked his father, he went upstairs to bed and the next morning, drove to his mother's house in New Mexico. But the Texas Rangers didn't buy Darin's story and found no evidence to show that 73 year- old Charlie had put up a fight at all. Arrested for his father's murder, prosecutors maintained that it was a case of premeditated murder. But Darin's attorney, Eddie Shell, maintained that it was a misdemeanor murder and a crime of sudden passion, which carries a much lighter sentence. Shell believed that Darin exploded and killed his father in a fit of rage, on that was brought on by years of torment and physical abuse. In the end, the jury sentenced Darin White to twenty years of confinement at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division for the murder of his father, Charlie White. Darin will be eligible for parole in ten years.

12/13/08

"Deadline For Justice" – This is a report on the cold case of two young women, both new to the areas where they lived, who were both raped and murdered. In the first case, in 2002, young television reporter Jennifer Servo was found murdered weeks after moving to Abeline, Texas to begin a new job at KRBC-TV. Co-worker suspected an ex-boyfriend, Ralph Sepulveda, who had moved to Texas with her, but with whom she had recently broken up. Investigators also suspected a fellow reporter, Brian Travers, who had recently begun a romantic relationship with Jennifer. In the five years since the murder, police have not been able to make an arrest but vow not to give up until the case is solved. In the second case, Patty Scoville moved to Vermont in September 1991 to become a children's ski instructor, but just three weeks later, she disappeared and was found raped and murdered on a local scenic hiking trail. The investigation turned up more than 20 suspects: men Patty knew or those who had been in the park that day. The best evidence in solving e murder would be DNA, but Vermont was one of the last states to have a DNA data base. After seven years of lobbying by her parents, the Vermont DNA database was enacted into law. Seven additional years after it was established, and fourteen years after the murder the case was solved. Howard Godfrey a 59 year old window installer, was charged and found guilty.

ISSUES: GOVERNMENT

Campaign '08

9P-11P

10/02/08

"Vice Presidential Debate" – This was live coverage from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri of the single Vice Presidential debate between Republican nominee Governor Sarah Palin (AK) and Democratic nominee Senator Joseph Biden (DE). The debate moderator: Gwen Ifill (PBS). Preceded by brief exchanges between CBS News Correspondents Katie Couric (anchor) and Bob Schieffer; Included in CBS News coverage after the debate where: (1) a summary and commentary by Correspondents Couric, Schieffer and Greenfield; (2) an interview with Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT); (3) interview with Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO); (4) Correspondent Byron Pitts at CBS Television City at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. With an audience of about 100 uncommitted voters who watched the debate on television.

10/07/08

"Presidential Debate" – This was live coverage (from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee) of the second of three Presidential debates between Republican nominee Senator John McCain (AZ) and Democratic nominee Senator Barack Obama (IL). The debate moderator: Tom Brokaw (NBC News). Tonight's debate utilized the format of a town meeting, with the candidates responding to questions asked by audience members at Belmont University and submitted over the Internet. Proceeded by brief exchanges between CBS New Correspondent Katie Couric (anchor; NY studio) and Chip Reid (Nashville).

11/09/08

"The Inner Circle" – This is an interview with the four key members of President-elect Barack Obama's campaign team, recorded on election night, shortly after their candidate gave his victory speech in Chicago's Grant Park. Those interviewed are David Axelrod, Obama's Chief Strategist; Campaign Manager David Plouffe; Senior Aide Robert Gibbs; and Anita Dunn, who handled communications, research and policy.

11/16/08

"The 44th President" – In his first post-election interview, President-elect Barack Obama discusses the economy, the ailing automobile industry, and the government's \$700 billion bailout program.

11/16/08

"The Next First Family" – This is an interview with President-elect Barack Obama and future First Lady Michelle Obama, as they look to transition into life at the white house.