

## Issues Address by the Program Department

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### ISSUE: GENERAL

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

04/06/08

**"A Bigger Leap for Mankind"** – With the Space Shuttle program ending soon, NASA is planning to return men to the moon in preparation for a manned flight to Mars. Among those interviewed in this segment are Dr. Rick Gilbrech, NASA's exploration chief and Dr. Mike Griffith, NASA's Director.

### ISSUE: ECOMONY

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

5/11/08

**"The Price of Bananas"** – Chiquita Brands International of Cincinnati, Ohio has admitted that it paid nearly \$2 million dollars to protect its employees in Colombia—first to the Marxist guerillas know as FARC and then to paramilitaries who rose up to fight them, the AUC. Critics say that the money Chiquita paid may have kept their employees safe, but also helped to buy the weapons and ammunition used to massacre other people, making Chiquita complicit in those deaths. Among the interviewed are Fernando Aguirre, Chief Executive Officer and President of Chiquita Brands International and Salvatore Mancuso, former leader of the AUC.

5/25/08

**"House of Cards"** – This is a report on the United States subprime mortgage crisis, in which banks loaned hundred of billions of dollars to home buyers who are unable to pay them back. Wall Street took the risky debt, dressed it up as fancy securities and sold them around the world as safe investments. Among those interviewed are real estate agent Kevin Moran and Jim Grant, editor of Grant Interest Rate Observer.

### ISSUES: ENVIROMENTAL

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

5/18/08

**"Garden of Eden"** – This is a report on the Foja Mountains of New Guinea, where the mountain rain forest is home to many species found nowhere else on earth. Interviewed is Bruce Beehler, the lead scientist from Conservation International, who pleaded with the Indonesian government of 24 years for access to the wildlife sanctuary. Finally granting his wish in 2005, the initial visit yielded the discovery of dozens of new species.

6/22/08

**"Fish Fuss"** – This is a report on the failure of the U.S. Government's multi-billion dollar effort to save the salmon of the Pacific Northwest, scores of which are falling victim to the hydroelectric dams that provide inexpensive irrigation, transportation and electricity to the area. The issue...dams vs. salmon...has become so contentious that the Clinton Administration has put off a verdict for another five years.

## ISSUES: HEALTH

60 MINUTES

7P-8P

04/13/08

**“The Kanzius Machine”** – Leukemia patient John Kanzius, a former radio and television executive, invented a radio wave machine that kills cancer cells without the need for drugs or surgery and without side effects. Currently, the radio wave machine is the laboratories of two major research centers – the University of Pittsburg and M. D. Anderson, but Kanzius hopes to see his invention go into clinical trials and maybe help other people beat a disease he probably won’t.

4/20/08

**“The Bypass Effect”** – A report on the positive effects of gastric bypass surgery – an operation performed primarily to reduce weight in the obese – on type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, and even cancer. Among those interviewed are Dr. Neil Hutcher, a bariatric surgeon and Italian surgeon Dr. Francesco Rubino.

5/4/08

**“Dr. Farmer’s Remedy”** – This segment is a profile of Dr. Paul Farmer, co-founder of Partners In Health (PIH), a charity which has revolutionized the delivery of health care worldwide. Since the establishment of its first clinic in Haiti, PIH now works in nine countries, including Rwanda, Malawi, and Russia, and has exported its community health worker program to marginalized HIV patients in the United States

6/15/08

**“The Science Of Sleep”** – This is a report on how scientists are discovering that sleep is far more critical to human health than previously believed. They have linked sleep deprivation to serious problems such as diabetes, obesity and heart disease. Among those interviewed are Matthew Walker, director of the Sleep and Neuroimaging Lab at the University of California.

## ISSUES: CRIME

48 Hours:

8PM

4/26/08

**"The Last Take"** – 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, murdered 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 was tape recordings of her sexcapades with her celebrity boyfriends, but those tapes also disappeared. The hunt for the tapes led 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 have discovered a long string of boyfriend 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 murder, 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.

6/28/08

**"The Sugar Land Conspiracy"** – On December 10, 2003, the Whitaker family – Kent, his wife Tricia, and their two sons, Bart and Kevin—returned to their Sugar Land, Texas home from dinner at a restaurant. Upon entering the house, Kevin and his mother were fatally shot by a gunman inside the house. Kent and Bart were each shot in the shoulder. Police investigation revealed that the murders had been planned by Bart Whitaker, who had enlisted friends Steven Champagne and Chris Brashear to carry out the plot and had intended being shot himself as part of the scenario. Among those interviewed are Kent Whitaker, who says he has forgiven his son; Marshall Slot, detective, Sugar Land Police Department; Jeff Strange and Fred Felcman, Fort Bend County prosecutors.

## **ISSUES: SPECIAL**

**48 Hours:**

**8PM**

**4/12/08**

**“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 mission in the U.S. and Africa. The cameras follow each of the three girls as they individually experience and express their reactions to their training, their subsequent missions 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 Camp.

**5/27/08**

**“Polygamy: A World Apart”** – A wide ranging report on polygamy, primarily focusing on the polygamous FLDS (Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), which broke with the Mormon Church decades ago and believes that polygamy is the path to heaven. The FLDS recently found itself in the spotlight after more than 460 children were removed from their compound—the “Yearning For Zion” ranch, in Eldorado, Texas—due to abuse claims. Separated for their parents, they have been scattered across the state in foster homes.