

ric surgeon Marletta Reynolds, a pioneer in heart/lung surgery for newborns at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital. The documentary also followed Dr. Reynolds to a reunion of children who had been helped by the doctor's pioneering work.

WBAL-TV Baltimore went to state penitentiaries and clinics where inmates with AIDS were being treated, following particularly the case of an inmate who had complained of poor treatment. The station found that the private contractor who takes care of AIDS-related treatment was doing an inadequate job due to the growing number of AIDS cases, and that the medical staff was improperly trained.

The station took an in-depth look at the use of steroids, focusing on the government's role in production and distribution. Its investigation revealed that the Food and Drug Administration has allowed steroid manufacturing and importation to proceed "virtually unchecked." It documented the need for \$6 million a year for steroids in legitimate use, but found that the government allowed \$200 million to be legally imported in 1988, not including amounts produced by 26 U.S. drug companies, amounts they do not have to disclose by law.

A **KWTV(TV) Oklahoma City** investigation revealed that the Drug Enforcement Agency had been lax in its enforcement of a major chemical supplier. The station was able to buy for \$300 from a storefront operation enough chemicals to make \$150,000 worth of speed. Although the operation was illegal under DEA regulations, the agency had not shut it down. In fact, the DEA conceded the operation was supplying it with names and license numbers so it could bust the buyers, although it had no knowledge of the station-engineered buy. The station took its information to the regional DEA headquarters in Dallas, where managers of that office publicly apologized for not keeping close enough tabs on the operation. The supply company has since been shut down and the DEA is reviewing its Oklahoma operations.

A **KWTV** investigation of a local ambulance service revealed that people were literally dying because of inadequate response time. Frequent breakdowns of old equipment, financial woes and a lack of oversight added to the problems.

Since the report aired, the executive director of the service has resigned and the city council is preparing to dissolve the trust that funds the service.

Noncommercial **New Jersey Network's** documentary unit, Target New Jersey, produced at least six hour-long documentaries per year that have aired both locally and nationally over PBS. Projects over the past 12 months have included *Sun of Man*, exploring the potential of nuclear fusion as an alternative energy source. According to NJN, the program included the first interview by a Western journalist with Andrei Sakharov on the subject of nuclear energy. The documentary was also carried nationally on PBS. *Seas under Siege*, shot on location in New Jersey, the Pacific Northwest and Sweden, dealt with ocean pollution. *Reliving the Lindbergh Case*, hosted by Edwin Newman, explored the "Crime of the Century," using archival footage and interviews with Bruno Hauptmann's widow and other surviving participants in the trial. *AIDS: The Women Speak Up*, was a half-hour documentary that looked at the impact of the disease on women, who make up 20% of the AIDS-infected population in New Jersey.

According to **WANE-TV Fort Wayne, Ind.**, the

city is referred to by police as the "crack capital of Indiana." The station aired a live town meeting from a local library. It featured reports on the drug's impact on the crime rate, police efforts to fight the epidemic, the attraction to youth, what schools are doing and the disorganization of the community's effort to deal with the problem. Each report was followed by panel discussions and questions from a live audience. A live remote from a crack neighborhood allowed residents to question community leaders.

WLKY-TV Louisville, Ky., aired a five-part series and prime time special on one of the state's most controversial and divisive issues: tobacco. It is the state's largest cash crop. The state also has the highest lung cancer rate in the nation. The report, "Ashes to Ashes," looked at the politics of tobacco, including an interview with the governor, who raises tobacco, and an interview with a lung cancer victim who died shortly after the report aired.

On June 8, 1989, **KOIN-TV Portland, Ore.**, broadcast *Wildforest Wars*, a documentary on the use of forest land. Reporter Eric Mason and photographer Gary Kahne showed how logging old-growth trees is key to the survival of the logging industry, and how environmentalists want to protect those forests as places of beauty and home to wildlife. The station "put faces" on the debate: showing environmentalists perched in trees to protect them and loggers arguing "with their fists" when confronted with protesters blocking roads.

In "Conception or Deception," **WRC-TV Washington** consumer reporter Lea Thompson reported on an infertility specialist who duped women into believing they were pregnant when they weren't. As a direct result of the piece, the doctor was barred from practicing medicine for five years.

WRC-TV last year launched a tip line for viewers to call with newsworthy items or who had taken home videos of news events for possible inclusion in the station's newscasts.

WTVT(TV) Tampa, Fla.'s *Closer Look* series took viewers inside the neonatal care unit of Tampa General Hospital for a three-part series, "The Cradle Crisis," on the efforts of hospital staff to save two premature babies. Reporter Ann Dwyer and producer Joyce Cagney received a Gabriel Award from the National Catholic Association of Broadcasters for the story.

"Wednesday's Child" is an investigative series with a public affairs slant. Its spotlight on children waiting to be adopted has led to the subsequent adoption of a number of children. Reporter Deanna Lawrence was honored by

Florida Governor Bob Martinez for her "Wednesday's Child" report on a program supervised by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services that involves churches in finding homes for orphaned black children.

WGRZ-TV Buffalo, N.Y., investigative reporter John Pauly, acting on a tip, found several old transformers being stored at a housing project, some leaking PCB's. After a confrontation with the housing authority director, the state was called in to assess the problem. The transformers were deemed a health hazard and moved.

WTVD(TV) Durham, N.C., reporter George Mallet and photographer Ted Silver traveled to the Soviet Union to cover events surrounding the Moscow Peace Festival concert, organized by the anti-drug group Make A Difference. With assistance from the ABC Moscow, London and New York bureaus, the station was able to air daily reports. It also produced a 30-minute special, *Rockin from Raleigh to Russia*, that aired the following week and is being made available to local schools.

WSET-TV Lynchburg, Va., sent its 6 p.m. news producer to a local hardware store with \$400 in cash to see what kind of semi-automatic weaponry he could get. A reporter and photographer were staked out in an unmarked car nearby. He returned with an AK-47 assault rifle and ammunition, having, by law, only been required to produce a driver's license and sign a statement that he had no criminal record and was not insane. The whole process took less than 10 minutes. The producer described the purchase for the first segment of the report, with a sidebar from the station's Washington bureau on the NRA reaction to growing anti-gun sentiment, and an interview with a policeman on the easy availability of such weapons. Following the program, the weapon was donated to the police department for use in training.

WWLP(TV) Springfield, Mass., sent an anchor and two photographers to Turkey to "eat, sleep and fly" with a Massachusetts Air National Guard unit on maneuvers there. Another crew was flown to Istanbul to focus on Turkey's culture and religion. The two crews combined footage for a series of reports.

In addition, one crew drove across Turkey for a series on the roots of then Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis. The crew located the town where his grandparents lived, then went to the Greek island of Lesbos, home of his parents. A crew was also sent to Kennebunkport to trace the roots of candidate Bush.

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