

CBS Takes New Look At JFK Assassination

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Wicker 'JFK' 'Error'

Editor: The basis of Tom Wicker's criticism of Oliver Stone's "JFK" [Datebook, December 22] is misplaced. Wicker asserts that "JFK" presents Garrison's version of the Kennedy assassination as definitive (or at least that the audience will believe so). Moviegoers understand that Stone's film is not a documentary. Stone made a motion picture that presents a theory about the Kennedy assassination. While Stone adopts this theory, he does not assert, as Wicker believes Stone does, that one's disbelief of this theory makes one part of the conspiracy or its coverup. Rather, the film reaffirms what Wicker himself admits ... that the truth ... has not been told.

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TV NEWS & NOTES

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CBS letting viewers call the shots after State of the Union address

CBS News is planning what it calls an "interactive" special about election issues Jan. 28 following President Bush's State of the Union address and the Democrats' response.

The special allows the news organization to get opinions concerning such issues as national health care and the recession from about 300,000 viewers using a sophisticated phone system set up by AT&T in Omaha, Neb., CBS News president Eric Ober told a gathering of television writers in Marina del Rey this week.

Joe Peyronnin, Ober's assistant, said the network also is selecting 1,200 people who will respond to questions asked by the special's hosts, Dan Rather, Connie Chung and Charles Kuralt.

"It will be, in effect, an instant poll, something that is imaginative, innovative and something we really haven't tried before," Peyronnin said.

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"This is not an attempt to prove once and for all that any particular theory is correct," Heyward said. "It really is an attempt to perform a public service, in that it's been awhile since anyone in prime time took a look at what has been established, if not beyond a reasonable doubt, established fairly firmly by many investigations and what hasn't."

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shooter.

As for the theory that Stone's "JFK" presents, Heyward said, "I'm not saying that the effect of the program won't be to make people question some of the conclusions of the film. What I mean is, we're not going to try to do a point-by-point refutation. The framework for the program is not going to be, 'Here's what Oliver Stone's movie says. And here's what the record says.'"

Divorced: Both Mariel Hemingway and Peter Onorati, stars of ABC's divorce drama "Civil Wars" are happily married, they reported to television writers this week.

"I just got married three years ago," Onorati said. "I'm not planning anything in the future."

Series creator William Finkleshtein also is married. "I've not yet been divorced."

The only one of the "Civil Wars" four to have been divorced is executive producer Steven Bochco, whose first marriage ended in his early 20s.

"I was a child bride ... and a child divorcee," he said.

Bochco is married to actress Barbara Bosson, his second wife.