

13WHAM Remembers: September 2006

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13WHAM anchorman Don Alhart looks back at the events that made news in the Rochester area during September 2006.

Serial Rapist Discovered

13WHAM News learned that Melvin Carter, a convicted serial rapist, had been living in Livingston County in anonymity. Carter was notorious in California admitting to the violent rapes of 100 women. After being released from prison, he moved near Geneseo. Due to a pending lawsuit, Carter was not on the state's public sex offender registry. Soon after the report, a Livingston County court judge ordered Carter to be placed on the state's public sex offender registry.

Ralph "Bucky" Phillips Captured

After the biggest manhunt in New York state in years, state troopers finally caught fugitive Ralph "Bucky" Phillips. Five months before Phillips escaped from prison near Buffalo, and shortly thereafter shot and wounded a state trooper who spotted his car. A month later, while he was on the run, he shot and wounded two officers in the woods. One officer-- Joe Longobardo--died. Later, Phillips pleaded guilty to all charges and will spend life in prison.

Fifth Anniversary of September 11 Attacks

At ceremonies around the community and the country, Americans remembered the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. More than 3,000 people died on that day, many with ties to Rochester area. The day was spent in prayer and at local memorials.

New School of Pharmacy

The new Wegmans School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College was dedicated. The school was started with a \$5 million donation from Robert B. Wegman, chairman of the Rochester-based supermarket chain.

Spinach E. Coli Scare

Grocery stores in Rochester and all over the United States pulled bagged fresh spinach from their shelves after a deadly outbreak of E. Coli. One of those cases of someone getting sick from eating spinach was in Monroe County. The contamination was traced to spinach farms in California.

Audit Blasts Water Authority

A new audit by the state comptroller said customers of the Monroe County Water Authority were ripped off. The audit found former directors were paid nearly half a million dollars that they did not earn. In response, the water authority hired an independent counsel to investigate the possibility of getting money back for rate payers.

Dalai Lama in Western New York

The Dalai Lama visited the University of Buffalo. The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader visits the United States once each year, and the UB convinced him to visit their Asian Cultural Studies students and speak to a stadium crowd.

Local Soldier Killed in Iraq

A Brighton native was killed in Iraq. Lieutenant James Lyons was killed by a sniper on September 27. Lyons was a member of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Department Explorers.

Gabe Dalmath Dies

A long-time television news anchor from Rochester died. Gabe Dalmath was diagnosed with untreatable kidney cancer in early June. Gabe was on the air for 29 years until he retired to pursue other business interests. He is survived by his mother, his wife Jean, and daughter, Amanda. He was 60 years old.

Rivera to Go to Boston

Dr. Manual Rivera, superintendent of the Rochester's City School District, announced that he retiring from the city school district at the end of the school year. He is heading to Boston to head schools there.

Kaufmann's Now Macy's

Every Kaufmann's Department store in our area became a Macy's. It all came about because the parent company Federated merged with its rival store owner May Company. Kaufmann's took over Rochester's Sibley's chain several years ago.

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