

Those who would save Shiva's hair

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AS sprinklers hiss on pretty lawns and gardens on this side of the world, women of the Himalayan villages cling to the trees to save them — and the Ganges.

"The Holy River," the Hindu name for the Ganges, was once considered a life-giver. It is now a bringer of death and destruction to lives and a culture.

Along the Ganges, a magnificent new three-part documentary, brings home the fact that saving trees is not just the preoccupation of what is often described as middle-class, greenie ratbags.

The trees of the Himalayas, believed to be the hair of the god, Shiva, are essential in preventing erosion and landslides and providing firewood for millions of people.

With the destruction of the Himalayan forests where the Ganges rises, the flow of the river in flood is not controlled, with disastrous results.

The irrepressible women of the

Along the Ganges: SBS at 7.30pm
Deadly Intentions: 7 at 8.30pm
Times and programs may vary.

Himalayas struggle to protect "Mother Ganges" defying the axes and saws of those who would shave "Shiva's hair".

But why only women? Because in India men want their women at home, cooking and minding children, yet without the life provided by the forest and the river there is no food and children perish; sheep and goats cannot graze and bread cannot be baked without firewood. Incredibly, the women are still waiting for their men to join them in the fight to preserve, not just forests, but a culture and a way of life.

The friendly bedside manner of your doctor will never be quite the same after a psycho-sexual hair-raiser which starts tonight. **Deadly Intentions**, based on a real

event, reveals how a marriage made in heaven turns into a nightmare.

On their wedding night a promising young doctor, Charles Raynor, demonstrates alarming sexual behaviour towards Kathy, his wife.

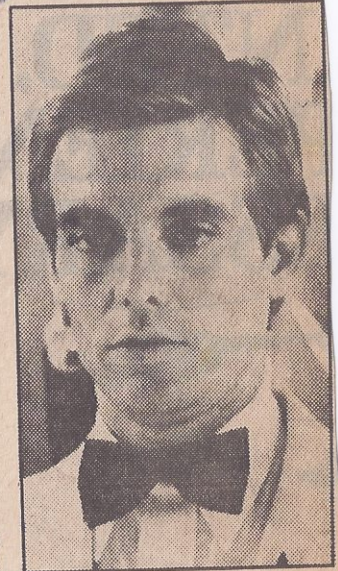
Kathy believes marriages are made to last forever but when Charles plots to kill Kathy with bizarre surgery, including pins, knives, surgical gloves and firecrackers, even she decides to pack it in.

Legal and medical ranks close in, making Kathy sound hysterical if not preposterous but finally the doctor is trapped.

Will prison cure Charles? And what will happen to Kathy and her children when he goes on probation?

This Andrew Peter Marin teleplay is based on William R. Stevens' book and court records and reports.

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Groom before the gloom and murderous terror