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FACE THE NATION

- 10/04/20 **Guests:** Weijia Jiang, CBS News White House correspondent (1); Robert O'Brien, U.S. national security adviser (2); Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the House (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (4); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (6); Adam H. Schechter, chairman and CEO, LabCorp (7)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (8)
1) a report from Washington, DC on President Trump's coronavirus prognosis
2) Topics include: President Trump's treatment at Walter Reed / potential temporary transfer of Presidential power / contact tracing among infected government officials / potential concerns over Vice President Pence campaigning and participating in the debate / risks in President Trump attending campaign rallies and large gatherings / potential Russian election interference
3) Topics include: President Trump's illness and its impact on the election / potential source of White House infections / disproportionate effect of the pandemic on people of color / legislation for additional stimulus and federal funding / potential contact tracing for Congress
4) a report from Atlanta on surging coronavirus infection in Michigan and among college and professional football teams.
5) a report from London on how European leaders are dealing with coronavirus
6) Topics include: President Trump's coronavirus symptoms / potential timeline for President Trump's infection / concerns over White House testing protocols / concerns over Vice President Pence's infection status
7) Topics include: reliability of different coronavirus tests / precautions to avoid testing backlogs from building up / precautions people can take to avoid coronavirus
8) an excerpt from Friday night's focus group conversation with three Biden supporters and three Trump supporters about President Trump's coronavirus diagnosis
- 10/11/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (1); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (2); Ronna McDaniel, chairwoman, Republican National Committee (3); Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D-MI) (4); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Leonard Schleifer, MD, PhD, president & CEO, Regeneron (6); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (7); Neel Kashkari, president & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (8)
1) a report from Atlanta on the rising number of coronavirus cases and the Trump administration's efforts to refocus voter attention back to the election
2) Topics include: CBS News Battleground Tracker poll results / Joe Biden's lead in electoral votes / Michigan voters' negative view of President Trump's coronavirus response / President Trump's lead over Joe Biden on economic issues
3) Topics include: cancellation of the second Presidential debate / President Trump's better poll numbers on economic issues / Congressional disputes over additional federal coronavirus aid / moves by Democrats and Joe Biden to consolidate political power / lawsuits in various states over ballot drop boxes
4) Topics include: security threats to Governor Whitmer following the foiled kidnapping attempt / unifying Michigan residents despite deep political divides / early and absentee voting efforts in Michigan / President Trump encouraging supporters to act as poll watchers / alleged efforts by the Trump administration and Republicans to undermine voting
5) a report from London on the restrictions in Europe stemming from rising coronavirus cases and North Korea's claims of no infections
6) Topics include: President Trump's coronavirus treatment / duration of immunity following coronavirus infection / President Trump's promise of free coronavirus drug treatment / how to decide distribution of a limited drug / the Trump administration's opposition to drug treatments developed using fetal cells
7) Topics include: resurgence of coronavirus cases heading into fall and winter / states building field hospitals as a capacity precaution in the event of a surge / President Trump's coronavirus recovery / low supply of therapeutic treatments despite government funding of private manufacturers
8) Topics include: toll on economic recovery without a second coronavirus relief bill / large job loss numbers in travel, tourism, and dining industries / higher job loss among women and minorities

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- 10/18/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (1); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (2); Weijia Jiang, CBS News White House correspondent (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (4); Ed O’Keefe, CBS News political correspondent (5); Admiral Mike Rogers (retired), former commander, U.S. Cyber Command, former director, National Security Agency (6); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (7, 9); Raphael Bostic, president & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (8); Tom Perez, chairman, Democratic National Committee (10); Reince Priebus, CBS News political analyst, former chairman, Republican National Committee (11)
- 1) a report from Atlanta on America’s “third wave” of coronavirus cases
 - 2) a report from London on the new restrictions in Europe following a rise in coronavirus cases
 - 3) a report from Las Vegas on President Trump’s campaign rallies in the Midwest, despite the high coronavirus infection rates
 - 4) Topics include: CBS News Battleground Tracker poll results / President Trump trailing Joe Biden in Arizona and Wisconsin / Mr. Trump’s focus on wealthy voters / influence of additional coronavirus outbreaks on Wisconsin voters / voters’ desire for a calm next presidency
 - 5) Topics include: the Biden campaign hopes for winning North Carolina / Joe Biden making fewer rally appearances than President Trump / the Biden campaign outspending President Trump’s / Mark Kelly’s lead in Arizona possibly boosting Biden / Jamie Harrison’s campaign fundraising in South Carolina
 - 6) Topics include: potential record voter turnout / potential delays in ballot certifications until December / Russian disinformation focus on polarizing voters / Russian disinformation campaigns against Democrats in 2016 and 2020
 - 7) Topics include: rising spread of coronavirus going into winter months
 - 8) Topics include: lower unemployment rates in Southern States / staggered recovery rates for different industries / food insecurity exacerbating by the pandemic / disproportionate economic impact from the pandemic on black and minority households
 - 9) Topics include: questionable coronavirus strategy decisions by the Trump administration / likelihood of an additional wave of infections before vaccine distribution / coronavirus precautions at polling locations / individual precautions around holiday gatherings / limited distribution of therapeutic antibody drugs
 - 10) Topics include: Democratic efforts to increase voter turnout / Arizona voters blaming Democrats for lack of additional coronavirus stimulus funding / Michigan court ruling on ballots favoring Republicans
 - 11) Topics include: President Trump’s potential lead in rural areas / President Trump’s shrinking base of white, non-college educated voters / potential influences of coronavirus deaths on voters
- 10/25/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (1); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (2); Robert O’Brien, White House and national security adviser (3); Mayor Quinton Lucas (D-Kansas City, MO) (4); Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR) (5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (6)
- Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (7)
- 1) a report from Atlanta on spikes in coronavirus cases nationwide and the effect on early voting
 - 2) Topics include: CBS News Battleground Tracker poll results / contrasting concerns between Democratic and Republican voters / Joe Biden’s lead among college-educated white women and seniors / risks associated with making conclusions from early voting numbers / potential path for a President Trump electoral victory
 - 3) Topics include: coronavirus cases among Vice President Pence’s staff / the Trump administrations focus on a coronavirus vaccine over other preventative measures / mask procedures around the White House / election misinformation from foreign nations such as Iran and Russia / potential electronic ballot interference on Election Day
 - 4) Topics include: unintentional underreporting of coronavirus cases in Missouri / concerns about potential surges during the winter months / pushback and violations over mask requirements and limited business capacity / potential benefits of a national mask mandate / voter intimidation aimed at communities of color
 - 5) Topics include: spike in coronavirus hospitalizations in Arkansas / concerns over hospital capacity going into the winter / President Trump’s behavior contributing to problems with mask enforcement / threats against governors following Governor Whitmer’s kidnapping plot
 - 6) Topics include: likely surge in coronavirus cases in the winter / benefits of a national mask mandate / timeline from vaccine distribution to immunity / Vice President Pence campaigning despite his staff’s positive COVID cases
 - 7) an excerpt from Friday night’s focus group conversation with three Biden supporters and three Trump supporters about the impact of the coronavirus on the election

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60 MINUTES

- 10/04/20 **“Cause and Effect”** – a report on the harmful effects of climate change on the world’s ecosystem, and the need for increased regulatory environmental policy. While scientists say that the effects can be slowed, they fear the deadline is quickly approaching for a major shift in the global approach to the problem. The world’s ecosystems, and communities, have already suffered irreversible damage, which has been contributed to by man-made emissions. Includes interviews with Reed Rankin, former chief of Volunteer Fire Station 61; Thom Porter, California State Fire Chief; James Hansen, who runs the program on climate science at Columbia University and is the former director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies; Michael Mann, a geophysicist who is director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State and a member of the National Academy of Sciences; and Wade Crowfoot, head of California’s Natural Resources Agency. (See also: “The Age Of Mega-Fires”, OAD: 10/21/07; and “Paradise Lost”, OAD: 12/02/18) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic, Alex Ortiz)
- “Talent on the Spectrum”** – a report on the employment opportunities being made available to people on the autism spectrum. As companies learn to work with and accommodate employees who are on the spectrum, they are participating in a mutually beneficial system in which people with autism can thrive. Includes interviews with Erik Rolan, Phillip Mitchell, Sarah Klaich, Matt Friedman, Brennen Novak, who all have autism; Dave Friedman, who has hired many employees with autism at his tech company Autonomy Works; Kelly Grier, Ernst & Young’s U.S. Chairwoman; Maithilee Kunda, a computer scientist at the Frist Center; Dan Burger, a data scientist at the Frist Center; and Keivan Stassun, an astrophysics professor at Vanderbilt University who helped create the Frist Center. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta)
- “Seinfeld in 2020”** – a profile of comedian Jerry Seinfeld. Seinfeld reflects on his lifelong relationship with New York City, as many question the future of the city in the wake of Covid-19-related shutdowns. The comedian also discusses topics outside of the comedy scene, ranging from the New York Mets to his experiences raising children. Includes an interview with Jessica, his wife. (See also: “Seinfeld”, OAD: 02/09/97) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer)
- “ENDER”** – Lesley Stahl addresses the postponement of her President Trump interview due to his Covid-19 diagnosis.
- 10/04/20 **60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION (8:42 – 9:42p)**
- “Nadia”** – an interview with Nadia Murad, the Nobel Peace Prize winner from Iraq fighting to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. Murad implored the U.N. Security Council to hold ISIS accountable for the genocide of the Yazidi people, a key factor in her recognition via the prestigious award. Pelley first sat down with Murad five years ago in her search for her family who had been taken by ISIS. Since, she has settled in Germany and works with human rights groups. Includes an interview with Amal Clooney, human rights attorney. (See also: “The Islamic State”, OAD: 09/21/14) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Rachael Morehouse) (OAD: 10/13/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/19/20)
- “A Different Kind of Vision”** – a profile of architect Chris Downey who lost his sight after a tumor surgery. By relying on sound and texture, and new tools, Downey has developed a specialty in designing spaces that are accessible to the blind. Includes interviews with Rosa Downey, his wife; Renzo Downey, his son; Bryan Bashin, director, LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein, Jaime Woods) (OAD: 01/13/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 08/11/19; 2nd Rebroadcast: 07/05/20)
- “The Wright Way”** – a report on the Wright family, called the first family of American rodeo. With nine members who rank among the best in the world and five world titles between them, the Wrights compete in what many consider to be the last blue collar sport in America. Rodeo began as an event called saddle bronc in the old west. The goal is to remain, for eight seconds, on a randomly paired horse trained to dismount the rider. While the nature of the sport promotes intense competitiveness, the Wrights maintain an emphasis on family. Cody Wright started the family dynasty twenty years ago and is a two time world champion. In describing his technique for riding, Cody likens it to a dance where control is needed to deal with the adrenaline and fear which comes with each ride. Team Wright has qualified for the biggest rodeo competition, the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, for the last fifteen years. But winning comes at a price; the job is very dangerous and there is no big money to be made. The family works the same land in Southern Utah they have for the last century and a half, defining their lives by hard work. Includes interviews with Bill and Evelyn Wright, parents; Cody, Jake, Jesse, Alex, Calvin, Stuart, and Spenser Wright; Coburn Bradshaw, brother-in-law; and Ryder, Rusty, Stetson, and Statler Wright, Cody’s sons. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Nichole Marks) (OAD: 11/03/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/19/20 – this rebroadcast includes an update.)

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- 10/11/20 **“Treating COVID-19 Today”** – a report on potential treatments for Covid-19 currently in development. As scientists race to understand the new virus, around 3,500 clinical trials are currently in progress to develop a vaccine as well as effective therapeutic drugs. Medical professionals are also preparing themselves for an increased surge in positive virus results. Includes interviews with Dr. David Ho, AIDS researcher and virologist at Columbia University; Dr. James Pruden, medical director of emergency preparedness at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey; Dr. Kevin Tracey, head of the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at Northwell Health in New York; and Dr. Christina Brennan, who oversees Northwell Health’s clinical trials. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)
- “The Lincoln Project”** – a report on The Lincoln Project, a Political Action Committee composed of former Republicans with experience working for the conservative party. The group produces marketing materials targeting the Trump administration and other prominent Republicans, employing the same methods from their past experiences in making pro-Republican political ads. Includes interviews with Steve Schmidt, Reed Galen, Rick Wilson, John Weaver, Mike Madrid, co-founders of the Lincoln Project. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein)
- “Grizzlies”** – a report on the resurgence of the grizzly bear population in the United States. The once-endangered species has successfully been repopulated, though living in close proximity to humans has created challenges for wildlife officials and communities alike. Includes interviews with Erik Wenum and Milan Vinks, state bear specialists; Hilary Cooley, a wildlife biologist in charge of grizzly bear recovery for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bryce Andrews, a rancher, author, and field director for the non-profit People and Carnivores; Greg Schock, a farmer in Montana’s Mission Valley; and Anders Broste, a grizzly bear attack survivor. (See also: “Not In My Backyard!”, OAD: 06/05/05) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)
- UPDATE: “Cause and Effect”** (OAD: 10/04/20)
- 10/11/20 **60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION (8:49 – 9:49p)**
- “Genetic Revolution”** – a report on a clinical trial for sickle cell anemia at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Sickle cell affects a hundred thousand people in the United States, mostly African-Americans. Utilizing gene therapy, which locates and fixes the genes responsible for different diseases, doctors and scientists are hoping to find a cure for the painful, chronic and often deadly disease. Includes interviews with Jennelle Stephenson, patient; Ray Stephenson, Jennelle’s father; Dr. John Tisdale, hematologist; and Dr. Francis Collins, director, National Institutes of Health (NIH). (C: Dr. Jon LaPook – P: Denise Schrier-Cetta, Megan Kelty) (OAD: 03/10/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 12/29/19 on 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “New Frontiers in Medicine”; 2nd Rebroadcast: 07/26/20)
- “The Youngest Refugees”** – a report from Jordan on the Syrian child refugee crisis. Half of six million Syrian refugees – and of all refugees worldwide – are children. In spite of this, only 2% of all refugee funding goes to education. Sesame Workshop and the International Rescue Committee, a refugee non-profit founded by Albert Einstein, have partnered to develop a version of Sesame Street aimed directly at Syrian child refugees called “Ahlan Simsim.” The show focuses on emotions such as fear, loneliness, anger, and determination while teaching coping mechanisms. It will begin airing in February in 20 countries. Includes interviews with Laila Hussein, guide and I.R.C. Coordinator; David Miliband, head of the International Rescue Committee; Scott Cameron, “Ahlan Simsim” showrunner and Sesame Street producer; a family of Syrian refugees who live in a camp; and a family who live in a tent settlement outside the refugee camp. (See also: “New Kid on the Street”, OAD: 03/19/17) (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) (OAD: 11/17/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/26/20)
- “Vision of Music”** – a profile of Matthew Whitaker. Whitaker, a blind jazz pianist, has been called a prodigy and has performed globally since the age of 11. His parents say he always had an ear for music, playing at an advanced level without being taught. After a complicated birth, Whitaker underwent eleven surgeries in an attempt to restore his eyesight with no success. With the help of teacher Dalia Sakas, a classically trained concert pianist and director of music at a school for the visually impaired, Whitaker learned to hone his skills. Neuroscientists have studied his MRIs to find a link between brain stimulation and creativity. Includes interviews with Moses Whitaker, Matthew’s father; May Whitaker, Matthew’s mother; Dalia Sakas, director of music studies at the Filomen M. D’Agostino Greenberg Music School in New York City; and Dr. Charles Limb, a surgeon and neuroscientist. (Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Katy Textor) (OAD: 02/23/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/26/20)

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- 10/18/20 **“Putin’s Public Enemy”** – an interview with Alexie Navalny, a Russian opposition leader who was poisoned in August. Navalny, a whistleblower and activist, is believed by many to have been poisoned by the Russian government with the military grade poison Novichok, though President Putin denies involvement. After recovering from his near-death experience, Navalny has continued to fight against corruption in his country. Includes an interview with Yulia Navalny, his wife. (See also: “The Challenger”, OAD: 12/10/17) (C: Lesley Stahl – P: E. Alexandra Poolos)
- “Dr. Fauci”** – an interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. As one of the leaders of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, he addresses the current state of the coronavirus pandemic in America and the effect it has had on his own life. Includes an interview with Dr. Christine Grady, his wife, a bioethicist at the National Institutes of Health. (See also: “Superbugs”, OAD: 05/02/04; “The Zika Virus”, OAD: 11/06/16; and “COVID-19”, OAD: 03/08/20) (C: Dr. Jon LaPook – P: Denise Schrier Cetta)
- “Hell Flight”** – a report on the handling of one of the earliest recorded coronavirus super-spreader events, a transatlantic cruise called the Costa Luminosa. After an outbreak of the virus onboard the ship, the Costa Luminosa eventually docked in France and allowed passengers to disembark, traveling home unrestricted through airports across the world. Health organizations have failed to take responsibility for the safety oversight, which ultimately enabled the rapid spread of the virus. Includes interviews with Bob Anderson, Sue Anderson, Kelly Edge, and Jenny Catron, who were all passengers on the flight; and Dr. Ali Khan, the dean of the University of Nebraska’s School of Public Health and former director of the CDC’s Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)
- 10/25/20 **“The Candidates”**
- “2020: The Republican Ticket”** – separate interviews with current President and Republican nominee Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. Topics discussed include coronavirus, foreign policy, and the economy. While discussing alleged media bias, President Trump abruptly ended the interview. (See also: “The Republican Ticket”, OAD: 07/17/16; “The 45th President”, OAD: 11/13/16; and “President Trump”, OAD: 10/14/18) (C: Lesley Stahl – Producers listed for Part I: Richard Bonin, L. Franklin Devine; Producers listed for Part II: L. Franklin Devine, Richard Bonin) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT
- “2020: The Democratic Ticket”** – separate interviews with former Vice President and Democratic nominee Joe Biden and vice presidential nominee and California Senator Kamala Harris. Topics discussed include racial injustice, taxes, and healthcare. (See also: “Joe Biden”, OAD: 10/27/19) (C: Norah O’Donnell – Producers listed for Part I: Andy Court, Keith Sharman; Producers listed for Part II: Keith Sharman, Andy Court) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

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48 HOURS

- 10/03/20 **48 HOURS: “The Final Days of JJ and Tylee”** – a follow-up to “The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell” (OAD: 05/16/20), a report on the deaths of JJ Vallow and Tylee Ryan, whose mother refused to speak about their whereabouts after they went missing and is now on trial for their murder. Lori Vallow and Charles Vallow were raising Tylee, Lori’s daughter from a previous marriage, and JJ, the adopted grandson of Charles’ sister, in Arizona. Things began to change in 2017 when Lori became interested in the works of Chad Daybell. Thereafter, Lori allegedly came to believe that she could see “light and dark” in people. Charles went to the police and stated that Lori had threatened to kill him, believing him to be a “zombie”, and would eventually file for divorce. In July 2019, Charles went to Lori’s home to pick up JJ for school. After arriving, he was shot by Alex Cox, Lori’s brother, who claimed he was acting in self-defense, which Lori and Tylee backed up. By September 2019, Lori moved to a home near Chad Daybell in Rexburg, ID with the children and Alex. By the end of the month, both Tylee and JJ would be missing. Roughly one month later, Chad’s wife, Tammy Daybell, died mysteriously in her sleep. Two weeks later, Chad and Lori were married. In November 2019, Kay Woodcock, JJ’s grandmother, contacted police after becoming concerned that she could not reach Tylee or JJ. Lori told police that the children were staying with her friend, Melanie Gibb, in Arizona. She would then ask Melanie to corroborate the story and allegedly to take pictures of random children and say they were JJ and Tylee. In January 2020, Lori was ordered to produce the children. She ignored the order and was arrested. Police examined location data from Alex’s cell phone for the last days Tylee and JJ were seen alive and, in June 2020, searched Chad Daybell’s property. Checking an area of shorter grass, they found JJ’s body, his limbs bound with duct tape. In the pet cemetery, they found some of Tylee’s remains, which showed signs of being burned. Chad Daybell was arrested and he and Lori were charged with conspiracy to destroy or conceal evidence. There were no charges involved in the children’s deaths as Alex had passed away from natural causes earlier in the year, leaving police unable to determine who the killer was. Tammy’s body was exhumed and investigators now consider her death suspicious. Arizona authorities are also re-examining Charles’ death. **On-screen text graphic:** If found guilty, Chad Daybell faces up to 20 years in prison, and Lori Vallow faces up to 10 years in prison. Interviewed: Vaisia Itaaehau, Tylee’s friend; Morgan Loew, KPHO investigative reporter; Echo Itaaehau, Vaisia’s mother; April Raymond, Lori’s friend; Margaret Travillion, co-founder of Lauren’s Institute for Education; Julia Allen, JJ’s teacher; Benjamin Hyde, Chad’s friend. (See also: 48 HOURS: “The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell”, OAD: 05/16/20) (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Liza Finley, Richard Fetzner)
- 10/10/20 **48 HOURS: “The Case Against Sandra Garner”** (9:00 - 10:00p) – a report on the murder of Jon Garner and the trial of his wife, Sandra, accused of the crime. In January 2018, Maypearl, Texas police responded to Sandra Garner’s 911 call about her husband, Jon, having been shot by a home intruder. Officer Boyd Norton was aided in the investigation by Ellis County Sheriff Shane Thompson. After questioning Sandra and her son Wes, police began to consider her a suspect. They found suspicious search queries on her electronic devices as well as a gun matching the one used to kill Jon stashed under the front seat of her car. Sandra was arrested for Jon’s murder. In September 2019, Sandra’s trial began. In court, prosecutor Lindy Beaty mocked Sandra’s story, but privately she and co-prosecutor Ricky Sipes, were unsure of the strength of their cases based on errors in the police’s investigation: police took too long to respond to Sandra’s call and secure the crime scene, they failed to fingerprint Sandra’s car, and a series of crime scene photos Officer Norton took disappeared from his phone. Prosecutors also lacked a motive for Sandra, but could ascribe a financial motive to Wes, whose alibi also turned out to not be valid and proved much of the information against Sandra. After three hours of deliberation, the jury returned a not guilty verdict. Sandra was released, but much of her family still believes she is Jon’s killer. Sandra and her daughter no longer speak to Wes. Original on-screen text graphic: Jon Garner’s family believes Wes was not involved in Jon’s murder. They remain close to him. **On-screen text graphic for 10/10/20 rebroadcast:** Jon Garner’s family moved out of the house across the street from Sandra. They believe Wes was not involved in Jon’s murder and remain close to him. Interviewed: Sandra Garner; Chief Boyd Norton, Maypearl Police investigator; Sheriff Shane Thompson, Ellis County Sheriff’s Office investigator; Andrea Miller, Sandra’s daughter; Jessica Garner, married to Jon’s cousin; Tom Pappas, Sandra’s trial attorney; Lindy Beaty, trial co-prosecutor; and Ricky Sipes, trial co-prosecutor. (C: Richard Schlesinger – P: Lisa Freed, Matthew Goldfarb) (OAD: 03/07/20)

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- 10/10/20 **48 HOURS: "Justice for Ahmaud"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, which led to widespread national outrage after video of the incident was released. On February 23, 2020, Ahmaud Arbery went running in the Satilla Shores neighborhood of Brunswick, GA. During that time, he went inside a home under construction, which led to a neighbor calling 911 to report a trespasser. Another neighbor, Greg McMichaels, and his son, Travis, decided to follow Ahmaud in their truck. Ahmaud fled when they confronted him. Soon Roddie Bryan also joined the pursuit, and the McMichaels were able to box Ahmaud in. As Ahmaud attempted to run past Travis, a confrontation ensued, which resulted in Ahmaud being fatally shot. First responders arrived within minutes and allowed all three men to go free. Police contacted Ahmaud's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, and stated that he was killed during a break-in. She would learn the truth after it was published in the paper. Two district attorneys recused themselves from the case afterwards due to ties with Greg, who was a former police officer. In May 2020, video of the incident was released and led to widespread condemnation and protests. Greg, Travis, and Roddie would subsequently be arrested. At a preliminary hearing, defense attorneys portrayed Ahmaud as the aggressor and cited a previous mental illness diagnosis of his, while dismissing any accusation of racism. However, investigators from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation revealed numerous texts including the N-word from Travis. At Roddy's arraignment hearing in July 2020, he claimed to have been only a witness to the shooting and denied any involvement, despite Ahmaud's handprint being found on his truck. **On-screen text graphic:** The Department of Justice is considering federal hate crime charges in the Ahmaud Arbery case. Interviewed: Wanda Cooper-Jones, Ahmaud's mother; Jasmine Arbery, Ahmaud's sister; Akeem Baker, Ahmaud's friend; Shenice Johnson, Ahmaud's ex-girlfriend; Jason Vaughn; Ahmaud's high school football coach; Lee Merritt, attorney for Ahmaud's family; Bob Rubin, Travis' defense attorney; Frank Hogue, Greg's defense attorney; Laura Hogue, Greg's defense attorney; Hason Sheffield, Travis' defense attorney; Jesse Evans, Cobb County prosecutor; Larry English, homeowner; Elizabeth Gaddy, English's attorney; Kevin Gough, Roddie's defense attorney. (C: Omar Villafranca – P: Josh Yager, Rodney Hawkins, Gayane Keshishyan Mendez)
- 10/17/20 **PREEMPTION**
- 10/24/20 **48 HOURS: "Where is Jennifer Kesse?"** – an update on the case of Jennifer Kesse, who disappeared from her Orlando, FL condo in 2006. In January 2006, Jennifer did not show up to work or answer her phone, which caused her family to worry. Upon arriving at her condo, her family members found the apartment nearly untouched. By early evening, the police would declare her a missing person and the Kesse family started outreach efforts in a search for Jennifer. Two days later, Jennifer's car was found at a nearby apartment complex, however, surveillance camera footage did not clearly show the driver. In 2009, Detective Joel Wright re-interviewed a condo housekeeper, which led him to a former maintenance worker named Chino. Wright interviewed Chino, who was serving time in prison. He denied any wrongdoing in Jennifer's disappearance and passed a polygraph test. In 2016, Jennifer was declared dead by the state of Florida. In 2018, the Kesse family sued the Orlando Police Department for Jennifer's case files. After six months of investigation with no new leads, the files were turned over. Michael Torretta, a private investigator for the Kesse family spoke with former residents of Jennifer's condo complex who all expressed concern over workers that had taken to living in unrented apartments. This renewed suspicion of Chino, who continued to deny wrongdoing. Torretta's new theory was that workers living in the apartment across from Jennifer abducted her and dumped her body. The police never interviewed the workers and without any paper work, the workers could not be located. Torretta also learned that ten months after Jennifer's disappearance, a person was seen dumping a carpet into a nearby lake. Based on this, police divers checked the lake, but were unable to find the carpet. **On-screen text graphic:** The Kesse family is offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to Jennifer's whereabouts. If you have any information about Jennifer Kesse's disappearance, please visit the "Find Jennifer Kesse" Facebook page. Interviewed: Drew Jesse, Jennifer's father; Joyce Kesse, Jennifer's mother; Louis Bolden, WKMG reporter; Lauren McCarthy, Jennifer's friend; Rob Allen, Jennifer's boyfriend; Logan Kesse, Jennifer's brother; Sergeant Roger Brennan, Orlando police officer (2008 interview); Detective Joel Wright, Orlando police officer; Chief Orlando Rolon, Orlando police chief; Michael Toretta, Kesse family private investigator; Collen, former resident of Jennifer's condo complex; Tami, former resident of Jennifer's condo complex; Ashley, former resident of Jennifer's condo complex; Chino, former condo complex maintenance worker. (See also: 48 HOURS VANISHED: "Stolen Beauty", OAD: 07/01/08; Rebroadcast: 01/10/09 as 48 HOURS SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "Stolen Beauty") (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris Young Ritzen, Gabriella Demirdjian)

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FACE THE NATION

- 12/06/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (1); Moncef Slaoui, PhD, chief adviser, Operation Warp Speed (2); Mayor Lori Lightfoot (D-Chicago, IL) (3); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (4); Dr. James Linder, CEO, Nebraska Medicine (5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (6); Chris Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (7)
- 1) a report from Atlanta on President Trump's role in the national surge in coronavirus cases and deaths
 - 2) Topics include: the timeline for coronavirus vaccine distribution to lower infection rates / potential date for FDA approval of a coronavirus vaccine / potential side effects of a coronavirus vaccine / forthcoming vaccine trials for children and adolescents / President-elect Joe Biden's criticism of Operation Warp Speed's incomplete distribution guidelines
 - 3) Topics include: effects of stay-at-home orders in reducing coronavirus infections / disproportionate effects of coronavirus on Black and Latinx groups / federal guidelines for the first groups to receive the coronavirus vaccine / combatting vaccine distrust among Black and Latinx groups / the necessity of local governments to fund services in the absence of federal money
 - 4) a report from London on the relaxation of severe lockdown restrictions in Europe
 - 5) Topics include: the continued strain on the healthcare system, especially frontline workers / changes in the standard of care due to limited medical staff and resources / plans to distribute a coronavirus vaccine to healthcare workers
 - 6) Topics include: likelihood of continued coronavirus infections and deaths towards and into 2021 / ways to protect vulnerable residents of long-term care facilities / the benefits of vaccinating a larger population, against advised dosage protocols / groups that should be prioritized to receive a coronavirus vaccine / the likelihood of increased vaccine production in 2021, despite shortage worries
 - 7) Topics include: President Trump spreading disinformation over the 2020 Presidential Election results / Congressional Republicans largely not acknowledging President-elect Joe Biden's victory / the negative effects of election disinformation on the democratic process / foreign vaccine disinformation campaigns / foreign cyberattacks on vaccine-related businesses
- 12/13/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (1); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (2); Alex Azar, secretary, Health and Human Services (3); Representative Cedric Richmond (D-LA), incoming senior adviser to President-elect Joe Biden (4); Robert Garrett, CEO, Hackensack Meridian Health (5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (6); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8)
- Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (7)
- 1) a report from Atlanta on surging coronavirus cases straining hospital capacity even as a vaccine looms
 - 2) a report from London on the release of coronavirus vaccines in the United Kingdom, Russia, and China
 - 3) Topics include: the first shipment of coronavirus vaccine in the U.S. / the focus on vaccinating nursing home residents rather than the general population / the potential number of vaccinated citizens by 2021 / CVS's claims they were told by the Trump administration to delay vaccination until December 21st / governors' concerns over lack of federal funding and logistical support for vaccination efforts / President Trump's executive order banning vaccine exports until Americans are vaccinated
 - 4) Topics include: the Biden administration's vaccine distribution plans / prioritizing teacher vaccinations after frontline health workers and long-term care facility staff; Republican support for President Trump's efforts to invalidate the Presidential election; potential conflict of interest for President-elect Joe Biden's Attorney General regarding investigations of Hunter Biden; concerns over Inauguration Day violence between pro-Trump groups and ANTIFA
 - 5) Topics include: hospital capacity in New Jersey through the pandemic / improved access to new therapeutic treatments / the logistics of vaccinating working medical staff / CVS's claims they were told by the Trump administration to delay vaccination until December 21st
 - 6) Topics include: the continued rise in coronavirus deaths / rotating peaks of infection numbers in different regions of the U.S. / CVS's focus on obtaining consent before beginning vaccinations on December 21st / potential issues distributing vaccines to wider communities / the Trump administration disputing claims it rejected additional vaccine supplies from Pfizer / President Trump's executive order banning vaccine exports until Americans are vaccinated
 - 7) an excerpt from an October focus group conversation with three Biden supporters and three Trump supporters about their willingness to receive the coronavirus vaccine
 - 8) insight from Mr. Salvanto as to why Trump voters want the President to keep fighting to overturn the election

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- 12/20/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Vice Admiral Dr. Jerome Adams, U.S. Surgeon General (2); Ron Klain, incoming White House Chief of Staff for President-elect Joe Biden (3, 5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (4); David Ricks, chairman & CEO, Eli Lilly and Company (6); Kevin Mandia, CEO, FireEye (7); Mary Daly, president & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (8)
- 1) a report from Atlanta on issues affecting the rollout of coronavirus vaccinations in the U.S.
 - 2) Topics include: the new coronavirus strain identified in the United Kingdom / the slow pace of vaccinations despite the number of doses distributed / overcoming suspicions of the vaccine in the Black community / overcoming suspicions of the vaccine among Republicans and in rural communities
 - 3) Topics include: President-elect Joe Biden's plans for Operation Warp Speed
 - 4) Topics include: holiday gatherings likely contributing to coronavirus case spikes / the new coronavirus strain identified in the United Kingdom / distribution issues for Pfizer's vaccine
 - 5) Topics include: guidance for visiting houses of worship during the pandemic; hacking attacks on the government and private entities, allegedly by Russia
 - 6) Topics include: the low usage rate of monoclonal antibody treatment / increased antibody distribution through Operation Warp Speed / contrast between federal distribution of antibodies and states' infrequent use
 - 7) Topics include: ongoing cyberattacks on the government and private entities in the U.S. / possible suspects behind the attacks, including Russia / the balance between combatting cyberattacks without making public statements regarding them
 - 8) Topics include: the economic benefits of additional federal aid packages / potential job cuts at the state and local levels from lack of federal aid / limits from Congress on the Federal Reserve's ability to repeat programs in the future / the number of women who have given up looking for new jobs
- 12/27/20 **Guests:** Mola Lenghi, CBS News correspondent (1); Mayor John Cooper, (D-Nashville, TN) (2); Frank Figliuzzi, former FBI assistant director for counterintelligence (3); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (4); Governor Gretchen Whitmer, (D-MI) (5); Governor Mike DeWine (R-OH) (5); Isabel Wilkerson, author, Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent (6); Jon Meacham, author, His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope (6); Peter Baker, *The New York Times*, co-author, The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III (6); Susan Glasser, *The New Yorker*, co-author, The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III (6)
- 1) a report from Nashville on the investigation into the Christmas Day bombing and the raid of a home tied to Anthony Quinn Warner, a person of interest
 - 2) Topics include: possible motives behind the Christmas Day bombing in Nashville, TN / potential links between the bombing and AT&T; ongoing coronavirus spikes in Tennessee
 - 3) Topics include: the likelihood of the Nashville bombing being an isolated incident / potential links between the bombing suspect and AT&T / the vulnerability of city infrastructure to bombings / the likelihood of a single bombing perpetrator / conspiracy theories linking 5G and the coronavirus
 - 4) Topics include: the likelihood of an additional coronavirus case spike due to holiday gatherings / the timeline before vaccination impacts coronavirus case numbers / the new coronavirus strain first identified in the United Kingdom / the slow pace of vaccine distribution and inoculation
 - 5) Topics include: the value of local government during times of crisis / coordinating the distribution of information and supplies between states / efforts to vaccinate essential groups whose designation varies by state / the backlash from constituents over lockdown measures
 - 6) Annual authors' roundtable topics include: summer protests over systemic racism in the U.S. / the ideas of progress and redemption regarding incidents of law enforcement violence / ways President-elect Joe Biden can bridge the racial gap in America / the contrast of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as running mates / President-elect Joe Biden's potential struggles overcoming the international issues caused by the Trump administration

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60 MINUTES

- 12/06/20 **“Peddling PPE”** – a report on companies rising to meet the demands for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). With an unregulated market, companies like Blue Flame Medical have been accused of exploiting the pandemic for profit. Includes interviews with John Thomas, president of Blue Flame Medical; Jim Mangia, CEO of St. John’s Well Child & Family Center; and Rudy Rong, founder of Magic Ice Cube. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)
- “Secondary Sports”** – a report on NCAA sports programs cut due to the pandemic. With universities pressured to sustain high-earning programs like football, “secondary sports” like gymnastics and tennis have suffered. Includes interviews with Mike Burns, former men’s gymnastics coach at the University of Minnesota; Mark Coyle, athletic director at the University of Minnesota; Shane Wiskus, member of the University of Minnesota gymnastics team; Victoria Jackson, a former student athlete who specializes in the history of college sports at Arizona State University; and Sarah Wilhelmi, senior director of collegiate partnerships at the U.S. Olympic Committee. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)
- “Viola Davis”** – an interview with Emmy, Oscar and Tony winning actor Viola Davis. She discusses her varied roles, her childhood, and the struggles she’s overcome in her industry. Includes an interview with Julius Tennon, her husband. (See also: “Denzel”, OAD: 12/18/16) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer)
- 12/13/20 **“Saudi Fugitives”** – a report on Saudi citizens accused of crimes in the U.S. After being charged, many have returned back to Saudi Arabia, escaping prosecution with the alleged help of the Saudi government. Survivors and families of victims urge the U.S. to seek justice for citizens. Includes interviews with Fawn Lengvenis, whose daughter was killed; Shawn Overstreet, the district attorney prosecuting Lengvenis’ case; Teresa, a victim of rape; and Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), a member of the senate intelligence committee. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Robert G. Anderson, Aaron Weisz)
- “The High Cost of Healing”** – a report on Sutter Health, a hospital chain that has been accused of leveraging its dominant position to increase healthcare costs. A lawsuit against the company filed by the California Attorney General is hoping to regulate the costs of healthcare services and encourage other governments to pursue similar cases. Includes interviews with Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of California; Glenn Melnick, a health care economist at the University of Southern California; Hillary Ronen, a member of San Francisco’s city and county board of supervisors; and Elizabeth Mitchell, CEO of the Pacific Business Group on Health. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin)
- “Excited Delirium”** – a report on “excited delirium”, a controversial term used in many cases of death in police custody. It is not recognized by the American Medical Association, the World Health Organization or the American Psychiatric Association. Psychiatrists argue the phrase is utilized by the police as a way of escaping blame and is disproportionately associated with young black males. Includes interviews with Sheneen McClain, whose son was killed; Dave Young, Adams County District Attorney; Dr. Paul Appelbaum, a leading psychiatrist who oversees changes to psychiatry’s main diagnostic manual; Barb Johnson, whose son was hospitalized and almost killed; and Joe Baker, paramedic. (C: John Dickerson – P: Sarah Koch)

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- 12/20/20 **“An End in Sight”** – a report on Pfizer’s release of the first U.S. approved coronavirus vaccine. Created in collaboration with BioNTech, the vaccine has been expeditiously vetted through the design and certification process to meet the urgent need to stop the virus. Includes interviews with Kathrin Jansen, head of vaccine research and development for Pfizer; Dr. Ugur Sahin and Dr. Ozlem Tureci, founders of BioNTech; Albert Bourla, Pfizer’s CEO; and Dr. Mark Mulligan, director of the NYU-Langone vaccine center. (See also: “Stopping the Virus”, OAD: 03/22/20); “Pandemic Politics”, OAD: 05/10/20; “Treating COVID-19 Today”, OAD: 10/11/20; “A Shot in the Arm”, OAD: 11/08/20) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman)
- “Justice Defenders”** – a report on the Justice Defenders, an organization aiming to educate prisoners about the legal system and equip them to represent themselves or others who are detained without proper legal counsel. The organization has greatly impacted Kenya, challenging the constitutionality of Kenya’s mandatory death sentence, which was changed due to their efforts. Includes interviews with Alexander McLean, founder of Justice Defenders; Morris Kaberia, George Karaba, Pauline Njeri and Jane Manyonge, who were all helped by the Justice Defenders; and Willie Ojulu, chief inspector at Langata Women’s Prison. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Kate Morris)
- “Built by Angels”** – a report on the Christian holy site Lalibela, where 11 churches carved from a single block of stone sit on the central plateau of Ethiopia. Members of the Ethiopian Orthodox church say it was constructed by angels – the site attracts droves of faithful pilgrims, many travel hundreds of kilometers on foot to visit the churches. Masons are unable to work on the structure of the building due to the belief that it was built via divine intervention, but the World Conservation Fund is teaching locals to repair and maintain the property. Includes interviews with Fasil Giorghis, architect and historian; Tewede Yigzaw and Getaye Abebeaw, farmers; Tsigie Selassie Mezgebu, pilgrim; Stephen Battle, architect with the World Monuments Fund; and Simon Warrack, master stone mason at the World Monuments Fund. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young) (OAD: 12/01/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 12/22/19 on 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “A Holiday Feast for the Senses”; 2nd Rebroadcast: 08/02/20)
- 12/27/20 PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Home for the Holidays”
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- “Shakira”** – a profile of Shakira, the award-winning Colombian singer. With a multifaceted successful career, the artist details the difficulties of finding balance while striving for perfection. A philanthropist, she feels her music career is a vehicle which allows her to work as an advocate for early childhood education. Now preparing for the Super Bowl LIV halftime show, Shakira remains one of the best-selling music artists. Includes an interview with Gerard Pique, famed soccer player and Shakira’s husband. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman) (OAD: 01/05/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 08/16/20)
- “Vision of Music”** – a profile of Matthew Whitaker. Whitaker, a blind jazz pianist, has been called a prodigy and has performed globally since the age of 11. His parents say he always had an ear for music, playing at an advanced level without being taught. After a complicated birth, Whitaker underwent eleven surgeries in an attempt to restore his eyesight with no success. With the help of teacher Dalia Sakas, a classically trained concert pianist and director of music at a school for the visually impaired, Whitaker learned to hone his skills. Neuroscientists have studied his MRIs to find a link between brain simulation and creativity. Includes interviews with Moses Whitaker, Matthew’s father; May Whitaker, Matthew’s mother; Dalia Sakas, director of music studies at the Filomen M. D’Agostino Greenberg Music School in New York City; and Dr. Charles Limb, a surgeon and neuroscientist. (Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Katy Textor) (OAD: 02/23/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/26/20; 2nd Rebroadcast: 10/11/20 on a 60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION)
- “The Crown Prince of Kabuki”** – a profile of Ebizo, the famed Kabuki performer who has gained celebrity status in Japan through the traditional theater art. Includes interviews with Denjiro Tanaka, a friend of Ebizo; and Mark Oshima, who translates the plays into English. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Vanessa Fica) (OAD: 04/19/20)

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48 HOURS

12/05/20 PREEMPTION

12/12/20 **48 HOURS: "The Hunt for the Long Island Serial Killer"** – a third follow-up report to "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 07/12/11, on the ongoing investigation and search for the murderer linked to the multiple victims found dead along a stretch of Ocean Parkway near Gilgo Beach on Long Island, NY. In the early morning hours of May 1st, 2010, sex worker Shannan Gilbert left a client's home in Oak Beach, NY. She frantically called 911 and went to various homes asking for help before disappearing. The search for Shannan would lead police to the bodies of four missing women: Maureen Brainard-Barnes, Megan Waterman, Melissa Barthelemy and Amber Costello. All sex workers, police suspected a serial killer. In the spring of 2011, six more bodies were found in the area. In December 2011, Shannan's possessions, then body, were found. Investigators concluded she died from hypothermia, however a second autopsy found injuries to her neck which suggested strangulation. Police turned their attention to Dr. Peter Hackett, in whose home Shannan's possessions were found. Days after Shannan's disappearance, Hackett called her mother saying he was running a halfway house Shannan was trying to join. Police began looking at other suspects, but the Gilbert family sued Hackett in civil court. In 2012, with the retirement of Suffolk County Chief of Detectives Dominick Varrone, work on the case slowed. In 2018, former FBI agent Geraldine Hart took over as Suffolk County Police Commissioner. Using new genealogical tools, investigators identified one of the victims as Valerie Mack, missing since 2000. Police also released images of a monogrammed belt they believe belonged to the killer. This broadcast also includes Megan's daughter Lily's first television interview. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have information on the Long Island Serial Killer go to: gilgonews.com. Interviewed: Missy Cann, Maureen's sister; Dominick Varrone, former Suffolk County Chief of Detectives; Sara Karnes, Maureen's friend; Lily Waterman, Megan's daughter; Elizabeth Meserve, Megan's aunt; Lynn Barthelemy, Melissa's mother; David Schaller, Amber's friend; Sherre Gilbert, Shannan's mother; John Ray, Gilbert family attorney; Gus Garcia-Roberts, newspaper reporter; John Oliva, former Suffolk County detective; Geraldine Hart, Suffolk County Police Commissioner. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 07/12/11, rebroadcast on 12/17/11 – included an update; 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 06/23/12 - a follow-up report; and 48 HOURS: "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 07/20/13 - a second follow-up report to the original broadcast.) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Mary Ann Rotondi, Murray Weiss)

12/19/20 PREEMPTION

12/26/20 **48 HOURS: "Broken Hearts"** (9:00 - 10:00p) – a report on how the death of Karen Ermert was connected to a lifesaving heart transplant for Eva Baisey. Gene Weingarten, a writer for The Washington Post, had the idea that reporting on any single day could encapsulate the entire human experience. He and Editor Tom Shroder placed twenty years of dates into a hat and randomly chose December 28th, 1986. This led Weingarten to Detective Tommy Lee, who had been holding onto the file for Karen Ermert's case for decades. In Fairfax County, VA. in the 1980s, Karen was in a relationship with Mark Willey. According to Mark's friend Rich Lieb, Mark was very possessive and jealous; he stalked Karen and committed acts of physical violence against her. In 1986, Karen broke up with Mark. On the evening of December 26th, an intoxicated Mark climbed a tree and entered Karen's apartment in an attempt to reconcile; she refused. Mark retrieved a rifle from his car and killed her and then himself. Elsewhere in the county, Eva Baisey - a 20 year old nursing student at Fairfax Hospital - needed a heart transplant. At the time, it was illegal to perform the surgery at any Washington D.C. area hospital. Dr. Ed Lefrak, chief of cardiac surgery at Fairfax Hospital, recruited celebrated surgeon Dr. Christiaan Barnard to lobby the state health commissioner on Lefrak's behalf. Barnard was successful - all that was left was to wait for a donor. On December 27th, 1986, a viable heart became available from Mark Willey, whose suicide had left him braindead, but his heart was still beating. The next day, Dr. Lefrak replaced Eva's heart. Though her procedure was successful, Eva was told she would never be allowed to work in healthcare due to fears over her susceptibility to disease. However, as Eva's life expectancy projection climbed, that restriction was removed and she was able to begin a career in nursing. Eva continues to have a celebratory anniversary call with her transplant team every December 28th. She finally learned the source of her heart when Gene Weingarten published his book in 2019; Eva expressed remorse and gratitude toward Mark's family. Rich Lieb was happy that Karen Ermert's death allowed Eva to live. **On-screen text graphic:** To sign up to be an organ donor visit the National Donate Life Registry at Registerme.org. Interviewed: Gene Weingarten, writer for The Washington Post; Detective Tommy Lee, Fairfax Police; Rich Lieb, friend of Karen Ermert; Dr. Ed Lefrak, chief of cardiac surgery, Fairfax Hospital; Mary Dellinger, surgical nurse; Deidre Carolan Doerflinger, Eva's primary care nurse; Eva Baisey, heart transplant recipient; Mary Beth Maydosz, transplant coordinator; Antonio Baisey, Eva's son. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Liza Finley, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 03/14/20)

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48 HOURS: “Lizzie Borden Took an Axe...” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report detailing the 1892 murder accusations against Lizzie Borden and a mock trial with modern forensics experts, attorneys and jurors. The Borden family lived in Fall River, MA. Despite his wealth, Andrew Borden was known to be very frugal. He lived in a house that lacked indoor plumbing and gas lighting, with daughters Emma and Lizzie and second wife Abby. On August 4th, 1892, Lizzie alerted her neighbor that her father had been killed. The neighbor noted that there was no blood on her. When police arrived, they found Andrew in the sitting room and Abby in an upstairs room – both had been hacked to death. Emma had been away visiting friends and was not at the house. Five days later, Lizzie was able to give her version of events during the police inquest. Police were able to construct a timeline for the murders and when looking for a motive, focused on how Lizzie and Emma begrudged their father for his frugality and for buying a house for his wife’s sister, rather than the two of them. Other than around the bodies, the only blood found in the house was a spot on one of Lizzie’s undergarments and the bloody rags in the basement. Lizzie explained both were the result of her menstruating, and the primitiveness of forensics at the time did not allow for further testing. Police were also suspicious that the day after her father’s funeral, Lizzie burned a dress in the stove and claimed it was ruined from paint. Initially lacking a murder weapon, police later found a hatchet head covered with ash in the basement; the handle appeared to have been freshly broken off. Witnesses claimed to have seen Lizzie’s failed attempt to buy prussic acid, a powerful poison. Lizzie was arrested for murder at the close of the inquest. On June 5th, 1893, Lizzie’s trial began in New Bedford, MA. Over the course of a week, the prosecution laid out their case with expert witnesses and medical testimony, but the judge did not allow them to mention Lizzie’s attempt to buy poison. The defense team spent two days attempting to raise reasonable doubt. After two hours of deliberation, the all-male jury returned with a not guilty verdict. Following her acquittal, Lizzie and Emma used their inheritance to buy a large house in the rich part of town. However, Lizzie was shunned from the church that had brought her solace and Emma too eventually left her. She lived as a recluse until her death on June 1st, 1927. Emma would pass away nine days later. Both were laid to rest near Andrew and Abby. Nevertheless, popular culture has cast Lizzie Borden as one of America’s most notorious killers. Los Angeles author Cara Robertson first became interested in Lizzie Borden when searching a subject for her college thesis; 30 years later, Simon & Schuster published her book, The Trial of Lizzie Borden. Using a jury recruiting firm and paid jurors, a modern Lizzie Borden trial is staged with Anna-Sigga Niccolazzi as prosecutor; Matthew Troiano for the defense; and Erin Rubas and Andrew Schweighardt as expert witnesses. Both attorneys would only be able to use evidence presented at the original trial. The eight jurors deliberated, with attorneys allowed to listen in. After one hour, a vote was taken: on the first count, the murder of Abby Borden, it was a hung jury with only one juror voting not guilty; on the second count, the murder of Andrew Borden, it was again a hung jury, with two not guilty votes. Interviewed: Cara Robertson, author; Anna-Sigga Niccolazzi, former prosecutor, Brooklyn district attorney; Matthew Troiano, defense attorney; Erin Rubas, crime scene investigator, former homicide detective; and Andrew Schweighardt, criminalist, New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Josh Gelman) (OAD: 03/28/20)

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