



## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

WBTV, Charlotte, North Carolina

January 1, 2023 – March 30, 2023

## DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

### **WBTV NEWSCASTS:**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
WBTV News This Morning	Monday-Friday	4:30-7:00 a.m.
WBTV News @ Noon	Monday-Friday	12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.
WBTV News @ 4:00	Monday-Friday	4:00-5:00 p.m.
WBTV News @ 5:00	Monday-Friday	5:00-6:00 p.m.
WBTV News @ 6:00	Monday-Saturday	6:00-6:30 p.m.
WBTV OYS Tonight with Jamie Boll	Monday-Friday	7:00-8:00 p.m.
WBTV News @ 11:00	Monday-Sunday	11:00-11:30 p.m.
WBTV News Saturday Morning	Saturday	5:00-8:00 a.m.
WBTV News Sunday @ 6:30	Sunday	6:30-7:00 p.m.

### **WBTV PROGRAM SPECIALS:**

Jackie Robinson Tribute	February 4, 2023	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Grammy Awards	February 5, 2023	8:00-11:00 p.m.
Super Bowl Greatest Commericals	February 8, 2023	8:00-9:00 p.m.
Star Trek	February 18, 2023	8:00-10:00 p.m.
Survivor Premiere	March 1, 2023	8:00-10:00 p.m.

## **CBS NETWORK PROGRAMS:**

### **CBS Morning News**

Monday – Friday 4:00-4:30 a.m.

A comprehensive look at overnight news, the day ahead, plus the latest weather from across the nation. Viewers can expect the latest headlines in world and national news, as well as regular segments on business, sports and entertainment.

### **CBS Mornings**

Monday – Friday 7:00-9:00 a.m.

This two-hour network program provides the latest in international and domestic news, weather reports and interviews with newsmakers from the world of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports. WBTV provides local news updates at 7:25 a.m., 7:55 a.m., 8:25 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.

### **CBS Saturday Morning**

Saturday 8:00-10:00 a.m.

The weekend broadcast extension of *CBS Morning News*, *CBS Saturday Morning* covers breaking news as well as a variety of reports on health, finance, pop - culture, human-interest stories, as well as presenting the latest weather reports.

### **CBS Sunday Morning**

Sunday 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Each episode begins with a short summary of national and world headlines, sports and a national weather forecast. *CBS Sunday Morning* includes significant coverage of the fine and performing arts, including coverage of topics usually not covered in network news, such as architecture, painting, ballet, opera, and classical music.

### **Face the Nation**

Sunday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Each Sunday, the program's moderator interviews newsmakers on the latest issues and delivers a short topical commentary at the end of the broadcast. The program generally broadcasts from Washington, D.C. Guests include government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. CBS News correspondents and other contributors often engage the guests in a roundtable discussion focusing on current topics.

### **CBS Evening News**

Monday – Sunday 6:30-7:00 p.m.

This half-hour network program anchored by Scott Pelley provides reports and analysis of the day's most newsworthy national and international events.

### **60 Minutes**

Sunday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*60 Minutes* consists of three long-form news stories, without superimposed graphics. The stories are introduced from a set with a backdrop resembling pages from a magazine story on the same topic. The show undertakes its own investigations and follows up on investigations instigated by national newspapers and other sources.

## LOCAL ISSUES ADDRESSED DURING THE QUARTER

Attached hereto are descriptions of issue-responsive programming broadcast by this station during the reporting period.

The listed programs aired on the station during the reporting period on the days and times indicated. Each program regularly provides information or addresses current issues of concern to viewers in the area where the station is located.

The following local issues of concern to the community were addressed in programming of the station during the past quarter:

1. **ECONOMY** including local and regional job gains/losses, growth in the and local government
2. **PUBLIC SAFETY** includes crime prevention, product testing and consumer safety alerts
3. **SOCIAL/HUMAN SERVICES** including community involvement, health education and awareness, parenting and family issues.

## **ECONOMY**

### **3/16/23 WBTV INVESTIGATES: LEADERS LISTEN TO PEOPLE SADDLED WITH MEDICAL DEBT (6:00pm 1:30)**

At a town hall on medical debt at CPCC, local and state leaders listened to the stories of people that you've already seen on WBTV.

Terry Belk spoke about the lien placed on his home for medical bills he says he can't afford. Daryl Procnier said he was billed tens of thousands of dollars after a trip to the ICU he didn't need. Coleen Tolson talked about how hard it is raising a daughter while filing bankruptcy because of mounting hospital bills.

NC State Treasurer Dale Folwell, Dr. Ricky Woods from First Baptist Church - West, Mecklenburg County Commissioner Pat Cotham and former Huntersville Mayor John Aneralla all sat listening and pledging that something needs to change to protect patients and make healthcare more accessible.

The Medical Debt De-Weaponization Act was re-filed in the North Carolina. If passed into law, it would make the Tar Heel State one of the best in the nation at protecting patients from crippling medical bills and predatory debt collection.

WBTV has a new way for people to share their stories about medical debt. Click on the links below to get your information to the WBTV Investigates Team.

### **3/22/2023 NEW TENANTS COMING TO QUEEN CITY QUARTER, CHARLOTTE'S FORMER EPICENTER (11:00pm 1:35)**

The former EpiCentre is rebranding as "Queen City Quarter." Tenants, like Portal 123, a rotating art and Instagram Museum, are preparing to move in as early as April.

"We realized there was space in there," said Portal 123 owner Carole Hall. The museum will join at least three other new spots.

CBRE, the commercial real estate firm that now manages the EpiCentre, said that a Cajun-Creole restaurant called Cajun Market, Italian ice vendor Super Icy Brothers, and Kannapolis-based coffee shop Nostalgia Hollow Company, are all on their way Uptown.

"I used to go out to the EpiCentre all the time and it was fun, it was lively, a lot to do," said Ashley Hines, Nostalgia Hollow co-owner. "And it would be a space for people to come and congregate, not just for coffee during the day and on your way to work, but after work you can come and enjoy small plates and cocktails."

CBRE also said World of Beer, Mortimer's Cafe and Pub, and bowling alley Bowlero will also be sticking around.

Several other retail deals are in negotiations, and CBRE is planning to renovate and improve the property in the spring. They also say they added parking deck lighting, an upgraded security camera system, and a team of 28 security officers to create a safer atmosphere.

"That's a lot, so [this will] be fun for families, for fellowship, for bachelorette parties, bachelor parties...it'll just be fun for people coming," said Hall.

## **2/7/2023 PLANS FOR A NEW ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT SURROUNDING THE SPECTRUM CENTER IN UPTOWN (6:00pm 2:41)**

The Spectrum Center, a new Transit Center, and a revamped Epicentre, now known as Queen City Quarters will come together in new plans to create an entertainment hub in the city.

City leaders tell WBTV it's a public-private partnership with the Spectrum Center being one of the centerpieces in the district. It would attract people throughout the year instead of just gamedays and concerts.

Edmund Driggs, a Charlotte City Councilmember who chairs the Transport, Planning and Development Committee said, "this project has grown from being just a transit center to being an exciting new hub."

The district, as it's referred to in city documents, would encompass about a dozen city blocks along Brevard and Trade Street, creating an entertainment corridor in the heart of Charlotte.

James LaBar, the SVP of Economic Development for Charlotte Center City Partners said the district would be "a 360-day place where all types of people can enjoy it."

Ethel Hollins, who works a few blocks away in Uptown said, "any kind of driver to bring back more activity in the Uptown area, I think would be good."

Currently, people see this area as a void, mainly parking lots and the transit center.

People living in Charlotte want to see a district like the Epicentre, but better.

"I would like to see something similar, but probably without the clubs because I think the clubs were part of the reason why some of the other stores closed," said Hollins.

Councilmember Driggs said, "so the idea is that we create an activity space there, restaurants, shops, pedestrian area, people could walk, so it would be a destination." The new transit center tower, Hornets training facility, redeveloped Epicentre and the district would create a public-private partnership that's not dependent on each other.

Councilmember Driggs tells WBTV if things go as planned, we could see shovels in the ground in about a year, starting with work on the new transit center. It would take about 5 years once construction starts until the district and new transit center are complete.

The district and buildings would seek corporate naming rights which could bring in \$60 million dollars over a 10-year period.

## **1/23/2023 CONSTRUCTION COSTS RISING IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY (6:00pm 2:51)**

Rising costs are hitting every aspect of life right now, not only across the country but right here in Charlotte.

The cost to build homes and office towers across the city is skyrocketing year-over-year as seen through the number of building permits issued. Experts point to the pandemic for starting this wave of higher costs that has trickled down through every aspect of our economy.

Ryan Schooler of Charlotte said, "It seems like prices keep increasing."

"It's been a very challenging construction period for those developers in 21 and 22," said Antoine Dennard, a partner of Quore Real Estate Advisors.

Kenneth Bell, the president of KB Holdings Construction Development said, "COVID really started really inflated prices for construction, for a lot of different materials and that was really the start of it, and now inflation after that has kept prices kind of high, so it's been probably about 2-years now."

WBTV obtained data from Mecklenburg County about the number of building permits issued which includes all construction in the county ranging from repairs, additions, alterations, and renovations.

According to Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement, the construction value increased from \$5.9 billion in 2018 to \$8.5 billion in 2022.

Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement said, "We have no evidence that the rising cost of construction in Mecklenburg County differs from the national drivers – increase in building material prices and decrease in availability, inflation, rising labor costs and rising interest rates, among others."

"Unfortunately, most of that is passed down to the consumer, so the rising prices here in Charlotte, a lot of that had to do with COVID, of course the number of people coming here and then also the shortage of houses," said Bell.

As prices for construction projects have increased, permits issued for projects in the county have decreased, dropping from 113,040 in 2021 to 108,830 in 2022.

## **1/5/2023 HIRING EVENT HOPES TO RECRUIT MORE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (5:00am 1:39)**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is holding a hiring event Thursday in an effort to recruit more bus drivers. The shortage of bus drivers has been going on for a couple of years now and the district wants those who may be interested to know there are some good benefits that come with the job.

That hiring event will take place at the bus lot on Wilkinson Boulevard in west Charlotte. Early Thursday morning, dozens of drivers arrived and rolled out to pick up kids. The problem is there aren't enough of them.

So, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, those interested can learn more about it and fill out an application. A few of the qualifications are:

- You have to be at least 18 years old with a good driving record and references.
- You have to have had a valid driver's license for at least six months.
- You'll need to pass the state bus driver written and road test.

One of the biggest draws is the higher salary; the district is currently paying \$17.75 an hour. Drivers also point out some of the other perks.

"You get summertime off if you choose but they also have summer work for you if you choose," CMS bus driver Laquisha Mercer said. "It's a good job like if you have children because you're off when they're off." The hiring fair is at the CMS bus location at 3101 Wilkinson Blvd., in Charlotte. An application can be filled out online.

## **SOCIAL/HUMAN SERVICES**

### **3/30/23 CHARLOTTE TRANSIT PLAN DELAYED AGAIN AS CITY LOOKS TO REBUILD FAITH IN CATS (6:00pm 3:29)**

Charlotte's multi-billion-dollar transit plan looks increasingly likely to face another delay as the chair of city council's Transportation, Planning and Development Committee told WBTV the city is not ready to bring it to a referendum for voters to decide on.

In an interview with WBTV, Republican Councilman Ed Driggs said the city needs to regain the trust of voters after a series of debacles at CATS that raise questions about transparency. The plan would require billions of dollars of funding, and a new one-cent sales tax in Mecklenburg County, to build new light rail, greenways, sidewalks, roads and buy more buses.

The unlikeliness of the plan pushing forward this year was doubled down on by Charlotte City Manager Marcus Jones during a new conference Thursday when he said it would be challenging to accomplish it this year. Driggs also told WBTV that the Blue Line is safe after one of the cars derailed in May of 2022 but was kept secret from the public for nearly a year.

"I was pretty appalled," Driggs said.

"You don't like to be identified with a breach of trust like that and, of course, it's on us (council) at the end of the day."

However, Jones divulged that he had received a text message about the derailment from former CATS CEO John Lewis the day that it happened. He told reporters he did not remember receiving the ext message and that he did not receive any other notifications about the derailment, according to a review of his communications from the IT department.

Jones said the text was "something I missed."



Assistant City Manager Brent Cagle was appointed Interim-CEO of CATS late last year and has gone about finding and divulging information about CATS that was kept hidden from council and CATS riders. That includes the derailment, overdue maintenance on light rail cars and overdue inspections on LYNX bridges and parking decks. Cagle told reporters during the news conference that CATS will bring a third part contractor called The DiJulius Group into CATS to help understand the culture and organization and analyze more next steps.

Despite the growing list of issues, Driggs said he believes the light rail is safe for riders, noting the derailment only involved one set of wheels on one car and no one onboard was injured from the accident.

### **3/15/23 MULTIPLE CATS LIGHT RAIL TRAINS DERAILED IN 2022 (6:00pm 2:51)**

Charlotte city leaders just learned Monday about a Blue Line train derailment that happened nearly 10 months ago.

WBTV is digging deeper into the derailment after the interim CEO of the Charlotte Area Transit System brought the news to the Charlotte City Council after reportedly finding out two weeks ago. WBTV found three derailments that happened last year within the CATS light rail system. One was a mainline derailment and the other two were yard derailments. The biggest issue here is none were reported to elected leaders or the public.

“It’s a little unsettling,” Wayne Greenslit, a CATS Light Rail passenger, said.

Information from CATS and the U.S. Department of Transportation shows the first incident happen on May 21, 2022. A LYNX Blue Line train was traveling north between the Scaleybark and Woodlawn stations when the derailment happened just south of the grade crossing of Old Pineville Road, near South Boulevard.

A statement from CATS on Tuesday says, “a wheel on the middle truck of Light Rail Vehicle 201 derailed and traveled 1,206 feet down the alignment before coming to a stop safely. The middle truck wheel came off the tracks.”

WBTV learned there were 24 people on the light rail, and no one was injured in the derailment. After digging through the U.S. Department of Transportation site, WBTV found there were two other derailments in CATS light rail train yards.

The second happened on Sept. 21, 2022, when a train derailed at the CATS North train yard at 1911 North Brevard St. on Track 11. Parts of the incident report are redacted on the U.S. Department of Transportation site but said “*{Redacted} was operated by a maintenance of way ({Redacted}) employee, who had properly set {Redacted} {Redacted} for a straight move remaining on Track 11 prior to the derailment. The probable cause of the derailment of {Redacted} was {Redacted} {Redacted} being damaged from being trailed previously by an unknown vehicle. The investigation continues.*”

The third derailment was on Oct. 17, 2022, at the CATS South rail yard at 3305 Pelton Street on Track 17.

## **2/15/23 CRTPO PASSES I-77 TOLL LANE PROPOSAL, NCDOT TO CONDUCT STUDY AS PLAN MOVES TO NEXT STEP (11:00pm 3:08)**

The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) took the next step to bringing toll lanes to the southern stretch of I-77 on Wednesday night.

The board approved NCDOT to study options to add express toll lanes to I-77 from uptown Charlotte all the way down to the South Carolina/North Carolina state line. The vote was prompted by an unsolicited proposal from private development company Cintra, which operates the current I-77 toll lanes from Uptown to Mooresville.

Drivers around Charlotte are on both sides of the fence when it comes to the debate about extending the toll lanes south of the Queen City. Joshua Elder drives all over the state for his work, often on I-77, and said having an express lane to alleviate commute time is worth every penny.

“The less time you’re spending in traffic, and time is money, I mean if I’m stuck in traffic, I’m not making money,” Elder said.

Other drivers, like Chris McCoy in Mooresville, said that while the easy commute is nice from time-to-time, the toll lanes still don’t fully accomplish the goal of mitigating traffic congestion.

“It creates problems, we still have the same amount of congestion as we had before the express lanes because I think folks inherently don’t want to use them,” McCoy said. “It starts to make me wonder from a cost-benefit analysis, how much money is going into this...and is it really worth it if you aren’t having that many people in there and you still have the same problems with traffic backing up at the end of the day.”

Express lanes from Uptown to the south could ease some commuting issues, but questions remain whether the benefits will outweigh the costs involved.

The proposal will now go to the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT), which will perform a study to determine whether to move forward with the plan.

## **2/24/23 REPORT SHOWS NUMBER OF PEOPLE DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO RISE IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY (6:00pm 3:02)**

Charlotte’s homeless population is steadily growing, according to a new report just put out by Mecklenburg County.

The report estimates there are 3,206 homeless people in the county, representing a three-percent increase from a year ago.

Laura Gorecki, the chief dignity officer for Project Outpour.

“We’re definitely seeing some increases,” she said. “Also, in the report it showed how much we’re losing in affordable housing, and so with those two numbers, with more people entering homelessness and affordable housing, we’re going to see increases.”

The report shows housing for low-income renters is disappearing, with availability dropping significantly over the past 10 years.

“Charlotte is growing, we have a need for more housing, and yes some of it is coming in the form of new development, but unfortunately, a lot of it is also coming in the form of tearing down the older housing stock, which is the only remaining affordable housing, and it’s being replaced with units that are frankly unaffordable for many people,” Gorecki said.

As the number of homeless people increases in Charlotte, the report says they’re staying in emergency shelters longer too. In 2015, the average stay in an emergency shelter was 66 days, compared to 126 days in 2021.

The increase in homelessness presents a challenge for nonprofit organizations and case workers.

Ed Smith is a case manager for Running Works in Charlotte, and believes the homeless population is even higher, but harder to count because homelessness doesn’t look the same for everyone.

“It’s so hard for a case manager or social worker to meet with a person that’s needing, the first thing they say, ‘can you help me with housing,’ they may have a job and other of things going on,” Smith said.

Nonprofits said people face a lot of barriers to getting housing.

Some have jobs, but don’t earn enough money to make down payments, or are recently released from prison, or have faced domestic violence issues, had a lack of guidance, or suffer from mental health problems.

“Really, more than anything we need collaboration, we all need to work together to try to figure out what solutions are best and realizing there is no one size fits all, we need all solutions in the mix,” Gorecki said.

This annual report by the county is important so people on the front lines can determine where efforts need to be directed.

Right now, that focus is on street outreach and getting resources to those not using homeless shelters.

## **1/27/23 CHARLOTTE LAB SCHOOL OPENING NEW CAMPUS FOR ALL STUDENTS (9:30am 5:18)**

We’ve talked about the Charlotte Lab School here on QC Morning and QC@3 in the past.

It’s a tuition-free public charter school that relies on reading, writing and STEAM skills to help students learn real-world problem-solving skills.

Artist Ricky Singh is head of the Upper School. It’s actually one of three locations; there’s the Upper School on South Tryon Street, the Lower School on East 9th Street, and the Primary School just outside of uptown Charlotte on Seigle Avenue.

But that's all about to change when Charlotte Lab School relocates to one facility on Suttle Avenue in west Charlotte.

Dr. Mary Moss is the executive director and co-founder of Charlotte Lab School. She dropped by QC Morning to tell us more about this new campus.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **3/28/2023 WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS AN AIRLINE PASSENGER STUCK ON THE TARMAC? (6:00pm 3:05)**

A flight to New York's LaGuardia airport didn't go as planned for some travelers Monday in Charlotte. Cassie Hernandez, an American Airlines passenger said, "the flight was supposed to leave at 1:30. I sat at the gate for about an hour and a half, almost 2-hours because there was a technical issue with the AC."

After Hernandez reached out to WBTV Monday after claiming she waited for hours on the tarmac at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, WBTV started digging into airline passenger rights when it comes to delays during your flight.

There are policies in place to protect airline passengers from extended delays on the tarmac. They're handed down from the Department of Transportation and each airline may have additional policies different from the DOT.

Hernandez tells WBTV that once the maintenance issue was fixed, the plane was halted again just before takeoff.

"Got told we had to wait another hour due to watching the weather in the area, waited the hour, an hour passed, then we waited another hour," said Hernandez.

According to Flight Aware, American Airlines flight 1048 was well over 5-hours late arriving to LaGuardia Airport in New York City. On an average day, the flight takes anywhere from one and half to just under 2-hours for the flight, but tarmac delays aren't uncommon.

Travelers should be aware that DOT requirements only apply to US-based airports, and delays have become a common sight following COVID-19.

"Travelers rights are a hot topic right now, especially with all of the issues we've had post pandemic with delays and cancellations, and lack of staffing," said Roni Fishkin, the Director of Marketing for Mann Travels.

Getting stuck on a plane sitting on the tarmac can become uncomfortable quick and some passengers might want to get off the plan, while it might be a logistical challenge, the DOT does require airlines let passengers off after a certain time.

“For flights landing at U.S. airports, airlines are required to provide passengers with an opportunity to safely get off of the airplane before 3 hours for domestic flights and 4 hours for international flights,” according to the DOT.

### **3/27/2023 NORTHLAKE MALL INCREASING SECURITY MEASURES (12:00pm 3:05)**

Northlake Mall is increasing its security measures, management announced Monday. The mall will have five new security measures in collaboration with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's partnership:

- Significantly increasing the amount of staff and visibility of off-duty police officer presence patrolling during operational hours
- Escorted K-9 Patrol and Firearm Detection Unit
- Large public view monitors, to be installed at Northlake Mall's entrances and high-traffic areas
- Upgrading the property's 140 CCTV cameras
- Adding vehicle recognition technology at vehicle entrances that cross references with CMPD's programs

The changes come in the wake of multiple shootings in the mall over the last three months.

The changes are also in addition to other programs already in place, including onsite 24/7 security; a Youth Supervision Policy requiring all visitors under the age of 17 to be accompanied at all times by a parent or supervising adult age 21 or older on Fridays and Saturdays after 3 p.m.; and regular active shooter training for all retailers and their employees.

“We have been proactively working with the CMPD to ensure the safety of our retailers, employees, and customers while working to prevent these events from happening in the future,” said Carmen D. Spinoso, Chairman and CEO of Spinoso Real Estate Group in a press release. “We stand in partnership with our valued retailers in prioritizing the safety and well-being of Mall employees and the shoppers who enjoy our retail experience – and will continue to ensure that anyone who enters the Mall can do so comfortably.”

CMPD Police Chief Johnny Jennings also recently released a statement regarding Northlake Mall, saying “Northlake Mall has been a vigilant and dedicated partner on these incidents in ensuring a safe environment for our community. They are working with CMPD on several safety measures. Public safety remains our top priority, and we look to our continued work with the mall, area businesses, community members, and others as we address these incidents.”

### **3/23/2023 STREET TAKEOVER BILL INTRODUCED IN THE N.C. HOUSE (5:30pm 2:15)**

A bill designed to stop street takeovers like those recently seen in uptown Charlotte was introduced Thursday in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Two lawmakers from Charlotte are behind the bill that was filed earlier this week. It seeks to prevent drivers from doing burnouts, street racing and blocking other motorists. It not only targets the drivers but also the people who gather to watch them.

The first offense would include a \$1,000 fine. If they do it again within two years, it'll be a felony and the fine would jump to double the amount of the car's value and the car will be seized.

In a statement, Rep. Carolyn Logan, who introduced the bill told WBTV:

*"Currently, Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) has directed the bill to be heard in the committees on Transportation, Judiciary 2, and the Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House before being able to be heard on the House Floor."*

Rep. Mary Belk of Mecklenburg County and Rep. Jay Adams of Catawba County told WBTV Thursday they are supporting the bill because it's a matter of public safety. "It's public safety obviously, but it's also law and order," Rep. Adams said. "It's a sense of order in our communities that you're trying to restore here." Rep. Belk said she feels confident the bill will succeed.

"We can't have people, especially in Charlotte where it's densely populated, stopping traffic, doing maneuvers, doing stunts that could potentially hurt somebody," she said.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police said they've already issued more than 50 citations and arrested at least seven people in connection with street takeovers so far in 2023.

## **2/28/2023 STREETS OPTIMIZED TO MOVE PEOPLE WOULD STOP CHARLOTTE STREET RACING – MAYOR PRO TEM SAYS (5:00pm 2:30)**

Charlotte's Mayor Pro-tem says the key to stopping street racing is to "engineer streets NOT to be racetracks."

That's a portion of a tweet from Braxton Winston, in response to police reports that hundreds of cars have participated in street takeovers in the Queen City.

It happened again this past weekend near the NASCAR Hall of Fame in uptown Charlotte, leading to officers issuing over a dozen citations, making two arrests, towing eight vehicles, and seizing one firearm.

"Charlotte is not unique to face this situation, many other cities have dealt with it, either right now or some point in the last few years," said Jean-Claude Thill, a Knight Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Winston said streets should be engineered to optimize moving people, especially near neighborhoods.

“For far too long we’ve engineered streets to move cars as fast as possible. Hence, they will be used as racetracks,” Winston, serving his second term on Charlotte City Council, tweeted.

Thill added, “when you have these kinds of situations, you need a drive, you need a car, and you need an environment that is conducive to it, so all of the ingredients seem to be put together here for this to happen.”

Professor Thill agrees with Winston’s tweet about road designs contributing to the issues. A Charlotte resident I talked to thinks differently.

Micah Downs said, “I think it’s a very odd take on how it would translate to what happened out here, but I think there’s always a better way to do things.”

Thill said, “certainly, when you have streets that stretch, especially intersections, so 4 lanes, 6 lanes, it’s a tremendous opportunity, it’s a big welcoming sign there for those street racers.”

The Mayor Pro Tem added in a second tweet, “Traffic calming can be cheap, effective, & temporary while more permanent long-term solutions are engineered.”

So, I asked the Distinguished Professor if the posts from Winston were practical.

Thill said, “you can put from speed bumps and other kinds of concrete obstacles to prevent this kind of behavior, so it definitely is possible to do and require some active action from part of the community and CDOT in this case.”

Professor Thill added more when it comes to planning and designing cities: “This is really putting the citizens back in the center of design for our cities, cities for citizens and people, not for cars.”

## **2/19/2023 GROUP DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR SHANQUELLA ROBINSON, MAILS LETTERS TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES (11:00pm 2:50)**

Nearly four months since the death of Shanquella Robinson, the push for answers continue.

Saturday, dozens came to Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church in Charlotte to stuff pink envelopes with hand-written letters. The destination: delivery to the Mexican government.

“I just want to do whatever I can do to put pressure on whoever needs to pressure to get something done,” Rhonda Holmes said. “Because it’s been four months now. Why are we still here? Why has nothing been done? You know, her life mattered.” One by one, each letter was folded.

“It’s been four months and we have we cannot let these people forget this. We need to keep talking about Shanquella Robinson,” Mecklenburg County Commissioner Pat Cotham said. The goal of sending messages to the Mexican government, supporters said, is to keep pressure on authorities to make an arrest.



Robinson died in Cabo, Mexico, on Oct. 29. The Mexican government has issued an arrest warrant for a “direct aggressor” on the trip, but no one has been arrested with Mexican authorities claiming they’re working with U.S. officials.

The FBI’s independent investigation is also ongoing.

“Every time they see a pink envelope, they’re gonna know that we’re trying to put pressure on them to execute the warrants to lock up these individuals, been almost four months, the mother and family needs closure,” activist John Barnett said.

From the church, supporters marched to the post office on North McDowell Street to send off the letters. As they put each envelope in the drop off box, Robinson’s name echoed as they called for justice.

“Appreciate that to deepest of my heart. I don’t take nobody kindness for their weakness. That lets me know everybody out here love the Lord and they know about praying, they know praying works,” Shanquella’s father, Bernard Robinson, said. He said his faith is keeping him and God is guiding his path.

“I’m on God’s time, that’s how I’m standing. I’m on God time,” he said. “He fights everybody battle, he says your vengeance is his. I’m going to stick on his word.”



## PSAS AIRED THIS QUARTER

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### **MLK Growing the Dream Award Luncheon – January**

WBTV is a sponsor of this event that honors leaders in the community for their advocacy work.

### **MLK Jr. Holiday Special – January**

WBTV works with the MLK Jr. Parade planning committee and the community relations department for the City of Charlotte to produce a one-hour special to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This special will on the MLK Jr. Holiday from 7-8pm.

**Talent:** Shevaun Bryan, Alex Giles, Jamie Boll, Molly Grantham, Steve Crump, Chery Brayboy

### **Dancing with the Stars Charlotte – February**

WBTV sponsors this event every year, based on the hit television show. Money raised by local “celebrity” dancers benefits Carolina Breast Friends and Go Jen Go!

**Talent:** Molly Grantham

### **Mayor’s Mask Ball – March**

WBTV is a sponsor of this event. The Mayor’s Masked Ball is a premier fundraising gala and major social event, focusing on raising awareness of the need and benefits of college education, the students UNCF serves, and the contributions of historically Black colleges and universities across North Carolina.

### **Dress for Success – March**

WBTV is a sponsor of this event. Dress for Success seeks to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support. Monies donated helps to assist with professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in the workplace.

## NETWORK AND SYNDICATED PROGRAMMING

### FACE THE NATION

01/01/23

**Guests:** Michael Gapen, managing director, chief U.S. economist, Bank of America (1); Kristalina Georgieva, managing director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2); John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia (3); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor (3); Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, Obama Administration (3); General H.R. McMaster, former national security adviser, Trump administration (3); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (4); Kevin Book, energy analyst, managing director, Clearview Energy Partners (4)

1) Topics include: 2023 domestic economic forecast / risk of recession / inflation / President Biden's economic plans to bolster the economy / unemployment rate / housing market and mortgage rates / optimism regarding the long-run prospects for the U.S. economy

2) Topics include: impact of rising COVID cases in China on the global economy / China's relaxation of its "zero-COVID" policies / post-pandemic supply chain challenges' predictions for the global economy in 2023; Ukrainian economy; state of U.S. economics and politics

3) Topics include: predictions for the war in Ukraine / Russian President Vladimir Putin's mindset; military partnership between Russia and Iran; Iran's nuclear capabilities / protests in Iran; trans-Atlantic unity against the war in Ukraine; U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; emerging terrorism threats; challenges from China

4) Topics include: planning for climate change's long-term regional trends / federal government's investment in green energy / nuclear energy / impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on gas and oil prices / development of domestic energy supplies

01/08/23

**Guests:** Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales, (R-TX) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX) (4); Senator Angus King (I-ME) (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (6)

1) Topics include: last week's lengthy battle for Representative Kevin McCarthy to secure enough votes to elect him speaker / rules package / working with the Freedom Caucus, an ultraconservative faction; new colleague from New York, Representative George Santos, who lied about his work history, education, and family background

2) Topics include: last week's battle in the House of Representatives for speaker / rules package / Speaker McCarthy's "Commitment to America" agenda; President Biden's southern border visit; New York Representative George Santos

3) a report from Atlanta on a new CBS News poll that finds Americans are feeling better about some things in the new year, but there is still a lot of angst

4) Topics include: preview of President Biden's trip to southern border / CBS News poll results indicating disapproval of the Biden administration's handling of immigration / new Biden administration policy announcement, expanding the use of Title 42

5) Topics include: his recent trip to Kyiv, Ukraine and meeting with President Zelenskyy / recently approved U.S. aid for Ukraine / potential impact on U.S. stockpiles; immigration and border security; bipartisanship

6) Topics include: life in Ukraine during the holiday season / U.S. aid package for Ukraine / status of Ukrainian children deported to Russia

01/15/23

**Guests:** Adriana Diaz, CBS News correspondent, anchor, CBS Weekend News, Saturday edition (1); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Representative Daniel Goldman (D-NY) (3); Representative Chris Stewart (R-UT) (4); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor, former deputy director, CIA (6); Lucius Outlaw, professor of law, Howard University (6); Larry Pfeiffer, director, Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy, and International Security, senior director, White House Situation Room, Obama administration (6); Chris Whipple, author, "The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House" (7); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (8)

**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)

1) a report from Chicago on the latest about the classified documents found at President Biden's former office and residence and what legal experts say about the records

2) a discussion on the criticism the White House is facing about transparency regarding the classified documents at President Biden's home and former office and what the administration is saying

3) Topics include: appointment of special counsel Robert Hur to oversee the Biden document probe / how the administration is reacting to the discovery of classified documents at President Biden's home and former office / differences in how Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden oversaw the issue of classified materials; new GOP Representative George Santos of New York, who falsified his resume and is now under multiple criminal investigations

4) Topics include: classified documents discovered at Mr. Biden's home and former office / how classified documents look; U.S. set to hit the debt ceiling on January 19<sup>th</sup>; Representative George Santos

5) "Honoring MLK" - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. appeared on FACE THE NATION in May of 1964 and said there was a danger the Republican Party would become "a white man's party". Though the 118th Congress is the most diverse in U.S. history, only five of the 60 Black members of the House and Senate are Republicans.

6) a discussion and analysis on how classified documents should be managed, including by outgoing administrations, when possessing classified documents becomes a criminal act, the risks and the differences between the cases of Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden

7) a discussion on his book, about the first two years of President Biden's White House, as well as Bob Bauer, the attorney the president has turned to represent him in the classified documents investigation

8) a report from Kyiv, Ukraine on the Russian wave of missile attacks, killing about two dozen people in Dnipro and knocking out critical infrastructure in at least two major cities, as Ukraine asks for advanced air defenses

## FACE THE NATION (continued)

01/22/23

**Guests:** Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1) Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (4); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (6); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL), president, United States Conference of Mayors (7); LaToya Cantrell, mayor (D-New Orleans, LA) (7); Andre Dickens, mayor (D-Atlanta, GA) (7); John Giles, mayor (R-Mesa, AZ) (7)

**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)

1) a report from Monterey Park, CA on the mass shooting after a Lunar New Year celebration

2) the latest on the investigation regarding the mass shooting in Monterey, CA, where at least ten people were killed and another ten wounded

3) Topics include: discovery of six more classified items during Friday's search of President Biden's Delaware home; serving on a House committee with Republicans who worked with former President Trump to overturn the 2020 election / working with Democrats and Republicans to pass legislation

4) a discussion and analysis on the discovery of documents marked classified at President Biden's home, and what it means for the White House and Democrats, political conversations about the debt ceiling and President Biden's relationship with Senator Mitch McConnell

5) Roe v. Wade: 50 Years Later – How FACE THE NATION covered challenges to Roe v. Wade in 1989

6) Topics include: mass shooting in Monterey Park; discovery of additional classified items at during Friday's search of President Biden's Delaware home / support for the special counsel probe into the discovery of classified documents at Mr. Biden's home and former office; the debt ceiling; difference among Western allies in types of equipment support for Ukraine

7) a discussion on the challenges facing their cities and how they are addressing issues, such as gun violence, policing, and immigration

01/29/23

**Guests:** Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), vice chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); former Representative Val Demings (D-FL), former police chief, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, FL (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4)

1) Topics include: this Wednesday's meeting with President Biden / what he is seeking in a deal to raise the debt ceiling; vision of leadership; assigning 2020 election deniers to key House committee assignments / New York Republican Representative George Santos

2) Topics include: investigation into classified documents found at the residences of President Biden and former President Trump / need to work on the issues of declassification and over-classification regarding record keeping; threat posed by China / banning TikTok / Elon Musk / bringing back chip and semiconductor making to America

3) Topics include: video of five Memphis, TN police officers beating Tyre Nichols, an unarmed Black man who died three days later / Memphis Police Chief C.J. Davis / police reform

4) a report from Jerusalem ahead of a visit by Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is traveling to Israel and the West Bank amid an outbreak of violence that has raised security concerns in the region

## 60 MINUTES

01/01/23

**"Radio Free Europe"** – a report on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty from the RFE headquarters in Prague. Funded by the U.S. government, the editorially independent station's reports focus on human rights and democracy. Includes interviews with Maryan Kushnir, a Ukrainian war correspondent with RFE; Jamie Fly, President and CEO of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; Pavel Butorin, who runs RFE's 24/7 Russian-language television channel, Current Time; Ksenia Sokolyanskaya, anchor of Current Time's nightly news program; Sergei Dobrynin, Natalya Dzhaneladova, Anastasia Tishchenko, Alexey Alexandrov, investigative reporters; and Natalie Sedletska, host and executive producer of an investigative news series. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Jack Weingart)

**"The Vanishing Wild"** – a report on mass extinction. Scientists warn human activity has driven us to the brink of a sixth mass extinction, predicting life on Earth will drastically change in the next 20 years. Includes interviews with Dana Wilson and Armando Brionez, fishermen; Paul Ehrlich, Tony Barnosky, and Liz Hadly, biologists; and Gerardo Ceballos, a leading extinction scientist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

**"Obesity"** – a report on obesity and its different causes. Wegovy, a new weight loss medication on the market boasts results, but it is expensive and most health insurers refuse to cover it, thus preventing widespread use. Includes interviews with Dr. Fatima Cody Stanford, an obesity doctor at Mass General Hospital and Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School; Nicole Sams, Maya Cohen, who have all struggled with weight loss; Dr. Caroline Apovian, Co-Director of the Weight Management and Wellness Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston; and Thomas Philipson, a University of Chicago health care economist. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

**The Last Minute** – Dr. Anthony Fauci on 60 MINUTES over the years. (C: Scott Pelley)

01/08/23

60 MINUTES (7:34 – 8:34p)

**"Prince Harry"** – an interview with Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex. In his first U.S. television interview, he discusses his upcoming memoir, *Spare*. C: Anderson Cooper – P: Draggan Mihailovich) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

**"A Hans Zimmer Score"** – a profile of Hans Zimmer. He discusses composing for film and his upcoming tour. Includes interviews with Jim Brooks, film director; and Pedro Eustache, flautist and collaborator. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin)

**The Last Minute** – The historic chaos in the House of Representatives this past week embarrassed not only a party, but an entire nation. A small minority blocked the House from electing a leader, or even swearing in its own members. (C: Lesley Stahl)

## 60 MINUTES (continued)

01/15/23 **“Star Power”** – a report on Lawrence Livermore Laboratory’s National Ignition Facility. The federal research center recently reported a breakthrough which may help make controlled fusion a commercial power. Includes interviews with Kim Budil, director of Livermore Laboratory; Tammy Ma, who leads the lab’s laser fusion research initiatives; Michael Stadermann, the Target Fabrication Program manager; and Charles Seife, an NYU professor who authored a book on fusion power. (See also: “The Last Minute”, OAD: 12/18/22) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Andy Court)

**“Hide And Seek”** – a report the island of Cyprus, used by Russian oligarchs to hide their assets. Following sanctions made against Russia launching its invasion of Ukraine, investigators for the U.S. and EU are attempting to find hidden offshore money on the small Mediterranean country. Includes interviews with Alexandra Attalides, a member of the Cyprus Parliament; Maira Martini, an analyst for Transparency International; Constantinos Petrides, the Cyprus Minister of Finance; and Lisa Monaco, U.S. Deputy Attorney General. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Oriana Zill de Granados)

**“The Guru”** – a profile of Rick Rubin. The prolific music producer discusses his creative approach to collaborating with artists. Includes interviews with Chuck D, rapper; and Kesha, singer. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Nichole Marks)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “Counting the Vote”, OAD: 11/08/20. (C: Anderson Cooper)

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**“Carnegie Heroes”** – a report on the Carnegie Hero Medal, which is awarded to individuals in recognition of their unique heroic acts. Neurological data supports the theory that some people are predisposed to performing acts of bravery. Includes interviews with Terryann Thomas, Pete Pontzer, and David McCartney, who are all Carnegie Heroes; Eric Zahren, President of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; and Dr. Abigail Marsh, a neuroscientist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz) (OAD: 11/07/21; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22)

**“Ballet in Exile”** – a report on the effect of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on ballet. As the war continues, many dancers have condemned the invasion and moved elsewhere to pursue dance. Includes interviews with Olga Smirnova, Russian dancer and former lead dancer with the Bolshoi; Alexei Ratmansky, who trained at the Bolshoi and was its former artistic director; Polina Chepyk, a ballerina; Larissa Saveliev, founder of the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition; Oleskii Potiomkin, a Principal Dancer with Ukraine’s National Ballet who now serves as an army medic; and Ted Brandsen, head of the Dutch National Ballet. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (OAD: 05/08/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/21/22)

**“Flying Blind”** – a profile of Jacob Smith. At 15, he is the only blind competitive free ride skier in the country. Includes interviews with Andrew, Preston, and Julia Smith, his siblings; and Nathan Smith, his father. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Sarah Koch) (OAD: 03/06/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/07/22)

**The Last Minute** – Tales of inspiration are stories too – and it does not hurt to report them; they can inspire the viewer, as well as help to keep the cynic in the reporter at bay. (C: Jon Wertheim)

01/29/23 PREEMPTED

## 48 HOURS

01/07/23 **48 HOURS: “The Idaho Student Murders”** – a report on the latest developments and inside details surrounding the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 murders of four University of Idaho students – Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen – in their off-campus home in Moscow, ID; all four victims were stabbed with a large knife. Bryan Kohberger, studying to get his Ph.D. in criminology at Washington State University, was arrested Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at his family’s home in Albrightsville, PA; he was flown back to Idaho on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and appeared in court the next day, charged with the four murders. **On-screen text graphic:** Bryan Kohberger’s next court appearance is scheduled for January 12. He will have a chance to enter a plea at a later date. Interviewed: Steve Goncalves, Kaylee Goncalves’ father; Benjamin Roberts, Kohberger’s Washington State University classmate; James Gagliano, retired FBI supervisory special agent, CBS News consultant; CeCe Moore, genetic genealogist; Jason LaBar, Monroe County public defender, represented Bryan Kohberger before he was extradited to Idaho; Bree, Kohberger’s friend from when they attended Pleasant Valley High School - requested her last name not be used; Casey Arntz, Kohberger’s high school classmate; Andrew Miller, Ethan Chapin’s former boss at a tulip farm in Skagit Valley, WA; Reese Gardner and Aariah Macagba, Ethan’s former co-workers; Matt Loveless, journalism professor, Washington State University; Cathy Mabbutt, coroner. (C: Peter Van Sant. No producers listed.)

## 48 HOURS (continued)

01/14/23

**48 HOURS: “Melissa Turner’s Closing Act”** – a report on the investigation into the death of Matthew Trussler, who lived with his fiancée, Melissa Turner, in Riverview, FL, a suburb of Tampa. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Turner called 911, saying she had discovered Trussler lying unresponsive near their swimming pool. He was pronounced dead at the scene and an autopsy later revealed he had died from stab wounds. Turner initially told detectives that the couple had been drinking the night before and could remember few details. Investigators located a security camera above a neighbor’s garage door that recorded audio of screaming and yelling and when confronted, Turner’s story changed. She then claimed to have acted in self-defense and stabbed Trussler when he tried to choke her. Turner was eventually arrested and charged with second degree murder with a weapon. Turner, who had been out on bail since her 2019 arrest, went on trial on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022; prosecutors used the audio from the neighbor’s camera, as well as video from inside the couple’s home. The trial wrapped on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022; after seven hours of deliberation, the jury found Turner guilty of murder in the second degree. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Melissa Turner was sentenced to 20.5 years in the Florida State Prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Prosecutors say Matthew Trussler was a victim; of domestic violence. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or visit TheHotline.org. Interviewed: Melissa Turner, former cosplay model; Sean Trussler, Matthew’s brother; Jennifer Giles, Sean’s fiancée; Ryan LaGasse, a detective for the sheriff’s office at the time; Cameron Walega, Melissa’s former boyfriend; John Trevena, Melissa’s attorney; Katherine Fand, prosecutor, Hillsborough County; Chinwe Fossett, prosecutor, Hillsborough County; and Donald Goodwin, juror. (C: Erin Moriarty - P: Asena Basak)

01/21/23

**48 HOURS: “A Killer In The Family Tree”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the murders of Tanya Van Cuylenborg, 18, and her boyfriend, Jay Cook, 20, in November 1987 and the connection to Chelsea Rustad, an amateur genealogist from Tumwater, WA. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1987, Tanya and Jay left British Columbia in Jay’s parent’s van for Seattle, WA, to pick up furnace parts. After they did not return home, Jay and Tanya were reported missing. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Tanya’s body was found in Skagit County, some eighty miles north of Seattle; she had been raped and shot in the head. The next day, her wallet, the keys to the van, bullets and other items were found under the porch of a tavern in Bellingham, WA. The following day, Jay’s body was found under High Bridge, seventy miles south from where Tanya was found; he had been strangled. Recovered evidence and semen samples allowed investigators to create a profile for “Individual A”. In 2017, Parabon NanoLabs was hired to predict the genetic traits of “Individual A” through Snapshot Phenotyping. After the Golden State Killer was arrested in 2018, Parabon NanoLabs agreed to upload the DNA of “Individual A” to the genetic database GEDmatch on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Genetic genealogist CeCe Moore assisted with what became her first criminal case and soon identified William Earl Talbott II. Investigators sought information from Chelsea Rustad, Talbott’s second cousin, who had also uploaded her DNA to GEDmatch. After a fresh DNA sample from Talbott was matched to “Individual A”, William Talbott was arrested on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018; he pleaded not guilty. Talbott’s trial began in June 2019 in the Snohomish County Superior Court; he was found guilty of the aggravated murders of Tanya and Jay and sentenced to two life terms in prison without parole. Also included in this broadcast is an interview with Andrea Roth, who expressed her concerns about sharing DNA on public genealogy websites and the lack of legal oversight. *This broadcast does not contain an on-screen text graphic summary at its conclusion.* Interviewed: Chelsea Rustad; CeCe Moore, investigative genetic genealogist; Jim Scharf, Snohomish County cold case detective; John Van Cuylenborg, Tanya’s older brother; Lisa Collins, forensic scientist, Washington State Patrol; Matthew Baldock, chief criminal deputy, lead prosecutor on the Talbott case; Jon Scott, William Talbott’s defense attorney; Rachel Forde, William Talbott’s defense attorney; and Andrea Roth, UC Berkeley Center for Law and Technology. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Lisa Freed, Sarah Prior, Mary Ann Rotondi) (OAD: 11/20/21)

01/21/23

**48 HOURS: “The Daughters Who Disappeared”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the latest developments in the murders of four young women: 12-year-old Laura Smither, who disappeared on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1997 in Friendswood, TX (her body was found on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1997); 20-year-old Kelli Cox, who disappeared on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in Denton, TX (her remains were found in April 2016); 26-year-old Tiffany Johnston, who disappeared on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in Bethany, OK (her body was found the next day); and 17-year-old Jessica Cain, who disappeared on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in Le Marque, TX (her remains were found in March 2016). William Reece, a sex offender who had been released from prison six months before the murders began and was working in Friendswood, was named a suspect. Investigators found evidence that tied him to Laura Smither’s murder but were unable to make an arrest. While police continued to investigate, he remained free. In April 1998, William Reece went on trial for the kidnapping of Sandra Sapaugh in Texas; he was convicted and sentenced to 60 years in prison. Eventually identified by DNA, William Reece agreed to talk to investigators about the cases in 2016. In May 2021, he went on trial for the murder of Tiffany Johnston in Oklahoma and was found guilty and sentenced to death. In Texas, William Reece agreed to plead guilty to murdering Laura Smither, Kelli Cox, and Jessica Cain; in exchange, he received three life sentences. **On-screen text graphic:** William Reece is still in a Texas prison. Oklahoma authorities are in the process of trying to bring him back to face his sentence there. Interviewed: Mary Ellen O’Toole, retired FBI profiler; Gay Smither, Laura Smither’s mother; Jan and Alexis Bynum, Kelli Cox’s mother and daughter; Kathy Dobry, Tiffany Johnston’s mother; Josh Rogers, deputy chief of police, Friendswood, TX; Lynn Williams, retired police chief who in 2012, was working on cold cases at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) and was assigned to Tiffany Johnston’s case; Wendy Duke, supervising criminologist, OSBI cold case unit; Jimmy Harmon, Oklahoma County prosecutor; and Ryan Stephenson, Oklahoma County prosecutor. (Note: The broadcast marks 48 HOURS’ 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary; 48 HOURS launched as a regular series on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1988.) (See also: “Killer In Friendswood”, OAD: 05/01/97; “Prime Suspect”, OAD: 10/23/97; and 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “The Killing Fields”, OAD: 10/22/11, Rebroadcast: 07/07/12, which includes a follow-up to “Killer in Friendswood”) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Sarah Prior, Richard Fetzner)

## 48 HOURS (continued)

01/28/23

**48 HOURS: “What Ally Kostial Didn’t Know”** (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the July 2019 murder of 21-year-old Ally Kostial and the digital trail investigators followed to find her killer. Kostial, originally from St. Louis, MO, was a business and marketing student at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Investigators found her body near a remote fishing camp near to campus; she was shot at least nine times. By using Kostial’s Apple Watch and the stored text messages, investigators tracked Kostial’s life before her death, which led Lafayette County sheriff’s deputies to fellow student Brandon Theesfeld. Enroute to where his parents lived in Texas, Theesfeld was arrested in Memphis, TN three days after Kostial was found. Kostial and Theesfeld dated throughout college, but each viewed the relationship differently, with Theesfeld treating it much more casually. In April 2019, Kostial feared she was pregnant; Theesfeld did not see fatherhood in his immediate future. Investigators believe Kostial’s murder was premeditated; Theesfeld denies it was planned and claims he snapped under the influence of alcohol and cocaine. Facing a death sentence, Theesfeld pleaded guilty to first-degree murder on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The judge sentenced him to life in prison. Autopsy results indicated Kostial was not pregnant at the time of her death; her parents believe she had a miscarriage. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or anyone you know is struggling with substance abuse or mental health visit SAMHSA.gov or call 1-800-662-HELP for more information. Interviewed: Keith and Cindy Kostial, Ally’s parents; Morgan Hull, friend; Elizabeth Brock, friend; Maddy Norris, friend; Ben Creekmore, district attorney; Mickey Mallette, Lafayette County assistant district attorney; Jarrett Bundren, investigator; Tony Farese, Theesfeld family attorney; Jake Thompson, former reporter for the Oxford Eagle; Dr. Kris Mohandie, forensic psychologist asked by 48 HOURS to read some of the text messages between Ally and Brandon. (C: Michelle Miller, co-anchor, CBS SATURDAY MORNING – P: Marcelena Spencer, Susan Mallie) (OAD: 03/05/22)

01/28/23

**48 HOURS: “The Death of an Officer’s Wife”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the events leading up to the day Seth Perrault reported his wife, Amanda Perrault, dead. Five days after Amanda made allegations of abuse against Seth, an Eatonton, GA police officer, he reported that she took her life by shooting herself on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Investigators immediately doubted Seth’s story, based in part on the crime scene, including the position of her body in the couple’s bed, the way the Smith and Wesson .380 was found lying next to her body with its magazine ejected, other forensic evidence and allegations of abuse. Two days after Amanda’s shooting, Seth was arrested, but the COVID pandemic shut down the courts and Seth remained in jail. During that time, the medical examiner released the autopsy report, which declared Amanda’s death a suicide. In November 2020, the grand jury decided that the case should go to trial; Seth was charged with malice murder, felony murder and aggravated assault. At his February 2022 trial, Seth decided not to testify; prosecutors included evidence found on Amanda’s cell phone. Seth Perrault was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life, without the possibility of parole. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE or visit the hotline.org. Seth Perrault’s daughter is living with her mother, who has custody. Perrault’s sister is petitioning to take custody. Seth Perrault’s first appeal has been denied. Interviewed: Angie and Alesha Johnson, Amanda’s sisters; Wright Barksdale, district attorney; Justin Kenney, Seth’s attorney; Howard Sills, sheriff, Putnam County, GA; and Terrell Abernathy, deputy, Putnam County, GA. (Contributor: Anne-Marie Green – Producer: Judy Rybak)

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## FACE THE NATION

02/05/23

**Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (2); Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (5); Representative Robert Garcia (D-CA), president, Democratic freshman class (6); Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY) (6); Representative Summer Lee (D-PA) (6); Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA) (6)

- 1) a discussion on the latest fallout from the Biden administration shooting down a suspected Chinese spy balloon after it traveled across the U.S.
- 2) Topics include: Chinese spy balloon / Texan Mark Swidan, political prisoner held in China / TikTok / need to delink U.S. supply chain from China / China’s human rights violations; his bill to limit terms to two six-year terms in office for Senators
- 3) Topics include: Chinese spy balloon / TikTok; police reform / working with Republican Senator Tim Scott / qualified immunity
- 4) a report from Atlanta on January’s hiring surge and the anxiety many Americans feel over the economy
- 5) Topics include: strong January job numbers / possibility of a recession in the first half of 2023 / impact of not raising the debt ceiling; Chips Act / staying competitive with China
- 6) a discussion with four new members of Congress on the potential for bipartisan cooperation on crime, police reform, immigration, the debt ceiling and cutting discretionary spending

## FACE THE NATION (continued)

02/12/23

**Guests:** Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) (1); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (5) (6); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (6); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND) (6); Governor Wes Moore (D-MD) (6)

1) Topics include: late Saturday's radar anomaly over Montana / high-altitude object shot down over Alaska / China's possible role in the latest sightings / new support for how the Biden administration handled shooting down the Chinese spy balloon; proposed bill to restrict foreign ownership of farmland

2) a discussion on the latest on the two unidentified objects that were shot down over Alaska and Canada on Friday and Saturday

3) Topics include: call for an end to U.S. exports of technology that ends up used in Chinese surveillance operations / Chinese spy balloon; "Ukraine Fatigue Resolution", a Republican introduced bill to try and cut off aid to Ukraine

4) a report from Hatay, Turkey on continuing rescue efforts in Turkey and Syria as the death toll from a series of earthquakes and aftershocks continues to rise

5) a discussion with the governor, previewing a potential presidential bid in 2024

6) a panel discussion with four governors on the opioid crisis, Narcan availability and abortion rights and access, as well as other issues facing their states

02/19/23

**Guests:** Antony Blinken, U.S. secretary of state, Biden administration (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), author, "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism" (2); Mateusz Morawiecki, prime minister, Poland (3); Dr. Fiona Hill, former National Security Council senior director for European and Russian affairs (4); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (4); Dr. Joshua Gordon, director, National Institute of Mental Health (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Bob Schieffer, former moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)

1) Topics include: meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi / Chinese spy balloon; Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; relationship between Russia and Iran; atrocities Russia is committing in Ukraine

2) Topics include: his book / working with President Biden and assessment of his presidency / U.S. health care system / prescription drugs / COVID vaccines; Senator Fetterman's health issues; support for President Biden if he seeks a second term in office / reaction to Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley's suggestion of a mandatory mental competency test for politicians older than 75; perilous state of democracy in Israel / pro-Israel lobby AIPAC; his proposal of a new Cabinet-level agency to focus on the future of work and workers / artificial intelligence and robotics; criticism of the price of tickets for his book tour

3) Topics include: upcoming visits to Poland by President Biden and Ukraine's President Zelenskyy / Russia's war against Ukraine / evidence that Russia will try to occupy Moldova / discussions with Biden administration to increase U.S. troop presence in Poland

4) Topics include: sanctions against Russia / potential worldwide-reaching impact of Russia's land grab in Ukraine / Moldova / upcoming speech from President Biden in Poland and Vladimir Putin's state of the nation address

5) Topics include: Senator Fetterman's post-stroke depression; recent CDC study about teenage girls

6) thoughts on former President Jimmy Carter's life and career, as news that he has entered home hospice care was revealed on Saturday

02/26/23

**Guests:** William Burns, director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (1); Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. secretary of state, George W. Bush administration, director, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (3); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (3); Drew Findling, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Jennifer Little, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)

1) Topics include: Russia's war in Ukraine, one year in / Russian President Putin's mindset / United States' current relationship with Russia / Putin's confidence in 'his ability to wear down Ukraine' / China as a potential new source of weaponry for Russia / lethal equipment and munitions from Iran and North Korea; China's ambitions towards Taiwan; China's spy balloon over the U.S.; Russia-Iran defense partnership; Iran's nuclear program

2) Topics include: U.S. aid to Ukraine / presidential candidates who criticize U.S. funding for Ukraine / strategy of the Chinese-Russian relationship / China's ambitions towards Taiwan

3) Topics include: purpose of the new House select committee on China / need for bipartisanship / how the Chinese Communist Party harasses and surveils Chinese dissidents in the U.S. / fear expressed by the Asian American Caucus that this committee will contribute to bigotry / planned conversations with companies that do business with China / Taiwan / TikTok

4) an interview with two Trump attorneys in the Fulton County, GA investigation, who claim that jury foreperson Emily Kohrs' interviews have tainted any possible charge of former president

5) a report from Ukraine, as Friday marked one year since Russia invaded



## 60 MINUTES

- 02/05/23 **“The IMF Report”** – an interview with managing director of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva. She discusses the future of the global economy. Includes an interview with Stefan, her brother. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)  
**“Investigating Donald Trump”** – an interview with former Manhattan special assistant district attorney Mark Pomerantz. In his first television interview since his abrupt resignation, he discusses his claims that he was declined the authorization to prosecute former President Donald Trump. He also discusses his new book, “People vs Donald Trump: An Inside Account.” (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Sarah Koch)  
**“Red Hot Chili Peppers”** – an interview with Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band discusses their formation, influences and current tour. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: John Hamlin, Kara Vaccaro)  
**The Last Minute** – an update on “What Happened At Grizzly Flats?”, OAD: 10/02/22. (C: Bill Whitaker)
- 02/12/23 PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”  
**60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”**  
**“Canada’s Unmarked Graves”** – a report on Canada’s history of residential schools, which forcibly held more than 150,000 Indigenous children in inhumane conditions. Includes interviews with Leona Wolf, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Cadmus Delorme, and Ed Bitternose, who were all sent to the residential schools; and Kisha Supernant and Terry Clark, archaeologists. (See also: “Killing The Indian”, OAD: 05/08/01, Rebroadcast: 04/10/02 – both on 60 MINUTES II) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 02/06/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22)  
**“Sharswood”** – an interview with Fred Miller. The Miller family, who recently bought a large southern home, have come to realize their ancestors were enslaved on the very same plantation. Includes interviews with Adam Miller, Tonya Miller Pope, Debra Coles, Karen Dixon-Rexroth; Betty Dixon, Brenda Miller, Dexter Miller, Sonya Womack-Miranda, Marian Keyes, all members of the Miller family; Bill Thompson, whose family formerly owned the farm; Dennis Pogue and Doug Sanford, historic preservationists; and Karice Luck-Brimmer, a local historian and genealogist. (Part 1. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein/Part 2. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein and Braden Cleveland Bergan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 05/15/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/28/22)  
**The Last Minute** – Revisiting Sharswood and Canada’s Residential Schools resurrected painful and shameful eras. But other parts of those stories pointed ways to progress and healing. (C: Lesley Stahl)
- 02/19/23 **“Candles Against the Darkness”** – a report from Ukraine on the country’s energy grid. With Russia’s continued attacks, Ukrainians fear blackouts and are left without heat, water, and electricity. Includes interviews with Vira Savchenko, Tatiana Sologub, Serhii Bondarenko, Borodianka residents; Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, CEO of Ukrenergoholdings; Anatoliy Kaharlitskiy, a former journalist; and Oksana Koronik, a nurse. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic, Alex Ortiz)  
**“Prime Minister Marin”** – a profile of Prime Minister of Finland Sanna Marin from her Helsinki residence. Historically neutral Finland, which borders Russia, has applied for a NATO membership following the invasion of Ukraine. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Rey)  
**“The HistoryMakers”** – a report on The HistoryMakers, who document the achievements of historically significant Black Americans via digital archive. The organization focuses on first-person narratives, many of which would otherwise be forgotten. Includes interviews with Julieanna Richardson, founder; Jerry Rice, NFL player; Rachel Davis, teacher; and Andre Samuel, Loren Rounds, and Tyler Rush, students. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman)  
**The Last Minute** – Recovery continues in southwest Turkey and northern Syria after the devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake 13 days ago. (C: Bill Whitaker)
- 02/26/23 **“Kherson Under Fire”** – a report from Kherson, the first major Ukrainian city captured in the war with Russia. Since the city’s liberation, residents still face Russian military attacks as they attempt to rebuild. Includes interviews with Halyna Luhova, Mayor of Kherson; and Valentina Syryk, Iryna Barandych, Elena, Katya Fateeva, Vladimir Sagayak, Andriy Andryushchenko, Kherson residents. (C: Holly Williams – P: Erin Lyall, Guy Campanile)  
**“The Girls of SOLA”** – a report on the SOLA school in Rwanda, which allows young Afghan women to continue their education. After the Taliban banned girls in Afghanistan from attending school beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, SOLA has become the country’s first boarding school for girls. Includes interviews with Shabana Basij-Rasikh, founder of SOLA; Zahra, Fatima, Aydin, Sajia, Najia, and Suraya, SOLA students; and Maryam, who works in maintenance at SOLA. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT  
**The Last Minute** – Next week, Anderson Cooper visits with David Byrne, the legendary front man of Talking Heads. (C: Jon Wertheim)

## 48 HOURS

- 02/04/23 PREEMPTION

## 48 HOURS (continued)

02/11/23

**48 HOURS: “The Station Nightclub Fire: Who’s Responsible?”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the February 20th, 2003 fire at The Station, a nightclub in West Warwick, RI, which left 100 dead and more than 200 injured. The fire began when the band, Jack Russell’s Great White, took the stage and their tour manager set off four large fireworks called gerbs. Flames appeared on the walls on either side of the stage and spread quickly due to the highly flammable foam that lined the walls and ceiling, installed to dampen the sound. In December 2003, brothers and owners Jeff and Michael Derderian were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter; Daniel Biechele, Great White’s tour manager, faced the same charges – he had failed to get a license for the pyrotechnics from the state of Rhode Island and permits from the local fire department. In February 2006, a plea deal was reached with the tour manager: sentenced to 4 years, Daniel Biechele was paroled after 22 months. Michael and Jeff Derderian pleaded no contest. Their plea deal stated only one of them would go to prison and because Jeff had young children, Michael served 33 months in prison; Jeff completed 500 hours of community service. Eighteen years after the fire, the brothers use this broadcast to tell their story and reveal new information about the foam used to line the walls and ceiling of the club, claiming the foam company sent them the wrong foam. The Derderians have since learned that the fire marshal should have tested the foam and have always maintained they never gave the band permission to use pyrotechnics. Former Rhode Island attorney general Patrick Lynch led the investigation into the fire; he stands by his initial findings and disagrees with the brothers’ decision to come forward. In 2017, a memorial was opened to honor the lives lost in the fire. **On-screen text graphic:** At the time of The Station fire, older clubs in Rhode Island weren’t required to install sprinklers. It is now mandatory for nightclubs with occupancy over 150 to have them. Since The Station fire, many states have adopted stricter fire prevention codes. Interviewed: Linda Saran, survivor; Phil Barr, survivor; Jody King, brother of Tracy King, who worked as a bouncer at The Station and died in the fire; Scott James, author, “Trial by Fire”; Patrick Lynch, attorney, former Rhode Island Attorney General; and Jeff and Michael Derderian, brothers and co-owners of The Station nightclub. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Betsy Shuller, Chris Young Ritzen) (OAD: 10/23/21)

02/11/23

**48 HOURS: “The Kidnapping of Michelle and Brea Renee”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update on the story of Michelle and Brea Renee, a single mother who was forced to rob the bank she managed after she and her seven year old daughter were held captive and threatened with dynamite – first featured on 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Show Me The Money”, OAD: 10/03/09. In November 2000, three masked shooters broke into Renee’s Vista, CA home and held them hostage. The abductors told Renee she would have to rob the bank she worked at and, in the morning, strapped them both with what they were told was dynamite, later discovered to be fake. Renee, told that the dynamite would be detonated if she didn’t follow their orders, stole \$360,000. Once the shooters had the money, Renee raced home to find her daughter still alive and called for help. A police and FBI investigation soon apprehended four suspects: ringleader Christopher Butler and his girlfriend Lisa Ramirez, Christopher Huggins and Robert Ortiz. At trial, Butler falsely claimed Renee masterminded the bank robbery and that they’d had an affair. Ramirez was found innocent; Butler, Huggins and Ortiz were found guilty and sentenced to jail. The 2023 update details the impact of being falsely accused of masterminding the plot, as well as Brea Renee’s multiple sclerosis (MS) diagnosis at 18 and her recovery. In June 2020, Christopher Butler was up for parole. Though denied, Tom Manning managed to get Butler to recant his whole story and admit that he and Michelle Renee never had a relationship. She wrote a follow-up book, “Nine Days”; Brea Renee spoke at Ortiz’ parole hearing. **On-screen text graphic:** Robert Ortiz was granted parole in January 2021. Interviewed: Michelle Renee; Brea Renee; Dave Estey, Michelle’s brother; Tom Manning, prosecutor, San Diego County; and Herb Weston, attorney who represented Lisa Ramirez. Also includes footage and interviews from the 2009 broadcast: neighbor Rick Brown; and San Diego County Sheriff’s detectives Rudy Zamora and Dale Martin. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Show Me The Money”, OAD: 10/03/09; Rebroadcast: 07/23/10) (Contributor: Tracy Smith – Producer: Gayane Keshishyan Mendez)

02/18/23

PREEMPTION

02/25/23

**48 HOURS: “The Brighton Ax Murder”** (10:02 – 11:02p) – a report on the murder of 29-year-old wife and mother Cathy Krauseneck of Brighton, NY, which remained unsolved for four decades. The case, dubbed the Brighton Ax Murder, was one of the oldest, coldest murder cases in America. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1982, her husband, Jim Krauseneck, said he found Cathy dead in their bed with an ax in her head, after he returned home from his job as a Kodak company economist. Aspects of the crime scene didn’t sit right with investigators; police believe it was staged to look like a burglary to cover up the real crime – the intentional murder of Cathy by her husband, who left town shortly after speaking with police. The case sat for decades until 2019, when authorities in Monroe County, NY hired forensic pathologist Michael Baden to investigate. Baden believed Cathy was killed around 3:30 am; for prosecutors that meant Jim would have been home at the time. Jim was indicted on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019; he voluntarily surrendered to authorities a week later. The case went to trial in 2022; Jim was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years-to-life behind bars. Jim intends to appeal his conviction. Cathy’s father would like to move her remains from Jim’s family plot but needs her daughter Sara’s permission to do so. **On-screen text graphic:** Cathy’s family and Sara haven’t spoken since the trial. Sara has moved out of the country. Interviewed: Sharon Krauseneck, Jim’s current wife; Mark Libertore, retired detective; Detective Bill Flood; Gary Craig, reporter, *Democrat & Chronicle*, Rochester, NY; Detective Steve Hunt; Susie Jackimowicz, Cathy’s cousin; Bob Schlosser, Cathy’s father; Cathy Behe, Cathy’s friend; Sandra Doorley, district attorney, Monroe County, NY; Bill Easton, Jim’s defense attorney; Michael Wolford, Jim’s defense attorney; Rachel Rear, author, “Catch the Sparrow”, stepsister of Stephanie Kupchynsky, who was murdered by Ed Laraby, whom the defense named as a suspect in Cathy’s murder; Dr. Katherine Maloney, forensic pathologist, testified for the defense; Patrick Gallagher, prosecutor; Constance Patterson, prosecutor; and jurors Jane, Helen and Ivan (no last names given). (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Josh Yager, James Stolz)

## CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

02/07/23

**CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: State of the Union and the Republican Response** (9:00 – 11:04p) – live coverage of President Joseph Biden’s second State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Includes: (1) President Biden’s State of the Union address; and (2) Republican response by Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, from Little Rock, AR. President Biden’s State of the Union address and Republican response were preceded and followed by correspondents’ commentary and analysis. Origination: House Chamber, Capitol Hill. Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, Washington, D.C. studio); Nancy Cordes (Washington, D.C. studio); Margaret Brennan (Washington, D.C. studio); John Dickerson (Washington, D.C. studio); Robert Costa (Washington, D.C. studio); Nikole Killian (Washington, D.C. Studio); Scott MacFarlane (from inside the Chamber); Ed O’Keefe (Capitol Hill); and Major Garrett (Capitol Hill). Political analyst: Leslie Sanchez. Political contributor: Ashley Etienne.

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## FACE THE NATION

03/05/23

**Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (2); Governor J.B. Pritzker (D-IL) (3); Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (2)

1) Topics include: proposed bipartisan rail safety legislation in the wake of the train derailment that was carrying toxic chemicals in Ohio; U.S. debt and spending / capping discretionary spending / need to be energy-independent, energy-secured; his refusal to make any political decisions regarding endorsing Joe Biden for re-election or whether he is going to run for re-election or the presidency until December

2) a brief discussion with Mr. Costa and extended recorded excerpts from his Friday interview with former Governor Hogan on his decision not to run for the Republican presidential nomination in the 2024 election, divisions within the Republican Party, the candidacy of former President Trump, his hope that Trump is not successful, the Dominion lawsuit against Fox News and the potential candidacy of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

3) Topics include: intention to serve out his term as governor / support for President Biden’s re-election; Republican message regarding education on a local and national scale / Governor DeSantis’ attempt to edit Black history in an AP college course; women’s health and reproductive rights / Walgreens pharmacy announcement that they won’t sell abortion pills in states that have threatened legal action / Chicago’s race for mayor

4) Topics include: lack of consensus on Covid-19’s origins / work of the newly created House subcommittee on the coronavirus pandemic / subcommittee members who traffic in misleading information about COVID; second train derailment in Ohio

5) Topics include: possible origins of Covid-19 / putting the focus on ‘taking the steps’ to ensure that a lab leak never happens; President Biden’s skin cancer diagnosis

6) Flashback: SELMA ANNIVERSARY / Bob Schieffer visited Selma with John Lewis in 2015 and crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge - President Biden will travel to Selma, AL later Sunday to commemorate the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, a landmark event for the civil rights movement – and for the late Rep. John Lewis.

03/12/23

**Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury secretary (2); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (6)

1) a report from Atlanta on America’s economic crossroads exacerbated by Friday’s collapse of California’s Silicon Valley Bank

2) Topics include: collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) / no bailout for SVB / impact on the tech sector / missed signals about the bank’s problems / plans to contain the fallout from the bank’s failure

3) Topics include: collapse of SVB / need to protect all depositors, even those in excess of \$250,000 / call for ‘decisive action’ from the Biden administration / investigating possible mismanagement at SVB / potential impact on the tech sector

4) Topics include: last night’s remarks from former Vice President Mike Pence, condemning Donald Trump and his role in the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack / House Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s deal with FOX News, giving them hours of surveillance video, which they used to whitewash the events of January 6<sup>th</sup>; details of this past week’s open hearing on Afghanistan / outstanding documents request with the State Department

5) Topics include: data breach at a D.C. health insurance provider, impacting some members of Congress / SVB collapse / impact on the tech sector

6) Topics include: support for President Biden’s re-election; collapse of SVB; Florida Governor DeSantis’ dismissal of the College Board’s AP African American studies course; preparing for the possible undoing of government approval of an abortion bill by a Texas judge

7) “Power of Women” - as we mark Women’s History Month, the resilience and strength of women around the world are cause for celebration. But despite the strides made in the last century, the reversal in women’s rights is now officially a global emergency.

## FACE THE NATION (continued)

03/19/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1); Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) (2); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (3); Gary Cohn, former director, National Economic Council, vice chairman, IBM (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, “On With Kara Swisher”, co-host, “Pivot” (5); Scott Galloway, professor, New York University, co-host, “Pivot” (5); General H.R. McMaster (retired), former national security adviser, Trump administration (6)

1) a report on what Mr. Trump’s legal team is planning if he is charged in the Stormy Daniels hush money investigation and what could happen with the former president’s 2024 campaign

2) Topics include: anxiety in the banking sector / calling for Congress to introduce more regulation for the banking industry after the two banks failed earlier this month / lifting the FDIC insurance cap / her lack of confidence in Mary Daly of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Jerome Powell of the Federal Reserve Bank

3) Topics include: House Speaker McCarthy’s directive to Congress, to investigate whether federal funds are being used by the Manhattan district attorney to investigate the 45<sup>th</sup> president; allowing all options to fix the banking crisis / FDIC deposit level / investigating the underlying causes of the collapse of the two banks / conservatives who are blaming “woke banking” for the failures / President Biden’s proposal regarding salaries for banking executives

4) Topics include: Mr. Trump’s call for protests, should he be indicted; banking crisis / contagion risk for other banks / possible absorption of regional banks by larger banks / his op-ed, calling for common sense regulation / expanding deposit insurance; possible interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve

5) Topics include: the “two Americas in Silicon Valley”, revealed by the banking failure; this week’s TikTok hearing / risk level associated with using TikTok; Mr. Trump’s use of social media and lack of oversight, as he calls for more protests

6) Topics include: Mr. Trump’s call for protests, should he be indicted; Vladimir Putin’s trip to Ukraine and visit to children centers / indictment by the International Criminal Court for kidnapping children / Xi Jinping’s trip to Russia / China’s supply of weapons, munitions and other support to Russia / change in foreign policy from some Republicans, who diminish the importance of supporting Ukraine

03/26/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1) (5); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence (3); John Kirby, NSC Coordinator for Strategic Communications (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (5); Bill Bratton, former New York City police commissioner (5); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (6)

1) the latest as the special counsel is “tightening” investigation into former President Trump, as he held his first official 2024 campaign rally in Waco, TX Saturday night

2) Topics include: Mr. Trump’s rally in Waco and his use of a recording made by people who are being prosecuted for the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the Capitol; solutions focusing on securing the border and legal immigration

3) Topics include: past week’s questioning of TikTok’s CEO / White House support of a bipartisan bill that could potentially ban technology seen as a credible threat / political costs of banning TikTok; possible additional regulation for midsize banks / his political donations from SVB; classified materials improperly held by President Biden and former President Trump

4) Topics include: full cooperation with the Justice Department in the ongoing classified materials investigation; national security concerns about TikTok / the RESTRICT Act - Senator Warner’s bill targeting TikTok endorsed by the NSC; attacks on U.S. positions by Iran-backed groups / President Biden’s commitment to keeping U.S. troops in Syria; monitoring the Russian rhetoric regarding nuclear weaponry; Taiwan’s President Tsai’s visit to the United States

5) a discussion on the New York grand jury investigation into Mr. Trump and what could happen if the former President is indicted and arrested in New York

6) Topics include: ‘resilient’ and ‘sound’ U.S. banking system, despite the failed banks / potential impact on the economy / Americans’ low confidence in the Federal Reserve / failure of Silicon Valley Bank / Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco President Mary Daly / revamping the regulatory system for midsize banks

## 60 MINUTES

03/05/23

60 MINUTES (7:06 – 8:06p)

**“Please Let Me Die”** – a report on the thousands of Ukrainian prisoners of war being held captive by Russia. Three women soldiers who served in Mariupol and were recently released discuss their time as POWs in camps that the U.N. condemned for torture. Includes interviews with Sergeant Iryna Stogniy, Captain Mariana Mamonova, and Sergeant Anastasia Chornenka, recently released prisoners of war; and Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

**“Who is minding the chatbots?”** – a report on AI chatbots and Microsoft’s new AI search feature, Bing. While the new technology boasts many benefits, some fear its inaccuracies may promote propaganda and racist ideas. Includes interviews with Brad Smith, President of Microsoft; Yusuf Mehdi, Corporate Vice President of Search at Microsoft; Ellie Pavlick, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Brown University; Gary Marcus, cognitive scientist and AI researcher; and Timnit Gebru, computer scientist and AI researcher. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

**“David Byrne”** – a profile of David Byrne. The artist and musician discusses creativity, his band Talking Heads, and translating his art into theater. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “Dominion”, OAD: 10/23/22. (C: Anderson Cooper)

03/12/23

PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Tales of Four-Legged Friends”

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**“Survival Of The Friendliest”** – a report on the links between the evolution of dogs and humans. Includes interviews with Brian Hare, an evolutionary biologist and author at Duke University; Peggy and Meg Callahan, who run the Wildlife Science Center in Minnesota; Bridgett vonHoldt, a geneticist at Princeton; Ben Monkaba, who has Williams Syndrome and met Morley Safer in 1997, while he was doing a story for 60 MINUTES; and Terry Monkaba, Ben’s mom. (See also: “A Very Special Brain”, OAD: 10/19/97) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 11/27/22)

**“Comparative Oncology”** – a report on Comparative Oncology. The growing field boasts promising genetic cancer research with dogs and humans. Includes interviews with Elaine Ostrander, a senior geneticist at the NIH; Nicola Mason, University of Pennsylvania professor and veterinarian who oversees a national network of comparative oncology trials funded by the White House’s Cancer Moonshot Initiative; Krystie Gomes, who was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in 2020; Kathy Feder, Krystie’s mom; Dr. Elyssa Rubin, Krystie’s oncologist; Matt Olson, owner of Sandy the golden retriever; Dan Heffron, owner of Otto the boxer; Julie Hinseth, who was diagnosed with glioblastoma in 2020; and Doug Hinseth, Julie’s husband. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 11/27/22)

**“Wild Horses”** – a report on the Wyoming Honor Farm. The state operated minimum security prison aims to tame the wild horse population through a program where inmates train the animals. Includes interviews with Jess Oldham, who runs the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary outside Lander, WY with her family; Holle Waddell, division chief of the program that oversees wild horses for the Bureau of Land Management; Curtis Moffat, warden of the Wyoming Honor Farm; Travis Shoopman, manager of the farm; and Peytonn Suchor and Michael Davis, inmates. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis, Katie Kerbstat) (OAD: 11/20/22)

**The Last Minute** - A four-legged friend helps ease some aches and pains in the aging and helps us lead better lives. (C: Anderson Cooper)

## 60 MINUTES (continued)

03/19/23

60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)

**“The State of the Navy”** – a report from aboard the USS Nimitz, a United States Navy aircraft carrier operating southeast of Taiwan and China in the Western Pacific, along with a report from the Pentagon. Members of the U.S. Navy discuss the possible Chinese invasion of Taiwan, new long-range missile systems and the general state and power of the Navy. Includes interviews with Admiral Samuel Paparo, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet; Lt. Cmdr. David Ash, who flies an F/A-18; Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Representative Elaine Luria (D-VA), who served together on the House Armed Services Committee in the last Congress; Admiral Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations; and Toshi Yoshihara, Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. (C: Norah O’Donnell – Producer for Part I: Keith Sharman; Producers for Part II: Keith Sharman, Roxanne Feitel) **DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT**

**“Only in America”** – a profile of billionaire businessman Rocco Commisso. He discusses moving to the Bronx from southern Italy in his youth, his cable TV empire and Fiorentina, the Florence-based Italian professional soccer team he purchased. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “Your Bank Has Failed”, OAD: 03/08/09. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

03/26/23

60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)

**“Feeling of Feeling”** – a report on the newest artificial prosthetics technology. Experimental research has led to the development of a revolutionary technology which is able to restore a sense of touch. Includes interviews with Brandon Prestwood, who volunteered for the experimental surgery; Amy Prestwood, Brandon’s wife; Dustin Tyler, a biomedical engineer who leads this research at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland V.A.; Sliman Bensmaia, a leading expert on the neuroscience of touch at the University of Chicago; Scott Imbrie, Austin Beggin, and Danny Werner, who volunteered for the research; and Bolu Ajiboye, lead researcher and biomedical engineer at Case Western Reserve University. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz, Ian Flickinger)

**“Silicon Valley Scandal”** – an interview with Ina and David Steiner. As creators of a newsletter reporting on e-commerce businesses, they discuss the many attempts made to thwart their reports, including violent threats made against them by eBay senior managers. Includes interviews with Natick, MA Detective John Haswell and Sergeant Jason Sutherland, who worked on the case; Andrew Lelling, former federal prosecutor; and Jillise McDonough and Rosemary Scapicchio, representatives of the Steiners in a civil case against eBay. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Rey)

**“Charles Barkley”** – a profile of Charles Barkley. The NBA Hall of famer and basketball commentator discusses growing up in Alabama, his time in the NBA and his current broadcast career. Includes interviews with Ernie Johnson, host of “Inside the NBA”; and Kenneth Venue, childhood friend of Barkley. (C: Jon Wertheim - P: Draggan Mihailovich)

**The Last Minute** – Despite the uncertainty of athletic upsets, politics and economics, there’s one solid glimmer of certainty: Spring began this week. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

## 48 HOURS

03/04/23

**48 HOURS: “The Poisonous Wife”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 murder of Ben Renick, found dead at his snake breeding facility about 80 miles west of St. Louis, MO. Discovered by his wife Lynlee Renick, investigators originally believed Ben had been the victim of an attack by one of his reptiles. The coroner discovered he had been shot eight times, once at close range. Lynlee eventually admitted to investigators she had been having an affair with Brandon Blackwell and been in contact with Michael Humphrey, an ex-boyfriend just released from prison. Investigators also discovered that Lynlee’s spa business was losing money and that she had lied to Ben about it. With just circumstantial evidence, the case went cold for nearly three years. In January 2020, a jailhouse tip from Brandon Blackwell provided enough information for investigators to arrest Lynlee Renick and Michael Humphrey, as well as Lynlee’s former employee Ashley Shaw, who turned on her one-time boss in exchange for leniency. In late 2021, Michael went on trial and was convicted of first-degree murder; he then agreed to cooperate with the state. During Lynlee’s trial, she claimed that Ben was abusive, Michael shot Ben, and also apologized for her attempts to implicate her former brother-in-law. Lynlee was found guilty of murder in the second degree and armed criminal action; she was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Ben was honored with a new breed of snake, the Renick Ghost. **On-screen text graphic:** The stalking and related charges against Brandon Blackwell were dropped. Lynlee Renick will be eligible for parole by 2035. Interviewed: Sam Renick, Ben’s brother; Dav Kaufman, snake breeder, documentary filmmaker; Dave Colbert, coroner; Katherine Berger, defense attorney; Tim Hesemann, defense attorney; Beth Mayberry, Columbia, MO resident; Dave McKenna, journalist, Defector Media. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris O’Connell, James Stolz, Alicia Tejada) (OAD: 03/12/22)

## 48 HOURS (continued)

03/04/23

**48 HOURS: “The Trial of Alex Murdaugh”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update to “The Murdaugh Mysteries”, which was a report on the investigation into Alex Murdaugh, a wealthy and once prominent attorney in the South Carolina Lowcountry, for the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 murder of his wife Maggie and son Paul at the family’s hunting lodge in Colleton County, as well as the many other crimes connected to his family. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, a jury in South Carolina deliberated for just under three hours before they returned with a guilty verdict for the murders of Alex’s wife and son; he was sentenced the next day to two consecutive life terms in prison. This broadcast contains details of the trial, including the evidence used to prosecute Alex, which included an incriminating video found on Paul’s phone; the work of the defense, including their claim that Maggie and Paul were murdered as retribution for the February 2019 boat crash that killed 19-year-old Mallory Beach; and the potential impact of ‘retribution murders’ on the other investigations and cases against the family. **On-screen text graphic:** Alex Murdaugh has been transported to Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He’ll be assessed there before being assigned permanently to a maximum-security prison. Interviewed: Pilar Melendez, senior national reporter, *The Daily Beast*; Caroline Price, Maggie’s friend; Shellie West, Maggie’s friend; Creighton Waters, lead prosecutor (his first one-on-one interview after the sentencing of Alex Murdaugh). This broadcast also includes extended excerpts and prior interviews from 48 HOURS: “The Murdaugh Mysteries”: Michael DeWitt, Jr., managing editor, *The Hampton County Guardian*; Stephen Domino, former deputy sheriff, Beaufort County; Seth Stoughton, law professor, University of South Carolina; Lynn Reavis, Mallory Beach’s aunt; Curtis Smith, distant cousin of Alex Murdaugh, whom Alex allegedly hired to kill him for insurance money, but Curtis refused; Ronnie Richter, Gloria Satterfield family attorney, the long-time housekeeper who died suspiciously at the Murdaugh home and the resulting insurance fraud committed by Alex, related to her death; and Dick Harpootlian, Murdaugh family attorney (questioned at hearing). (See also: 48 HOURS: “The Murdaugh Mysteries”, OAD: 10/30/21; Rebroadcast: 07/16/22) (C: Nikki Battiste. No producers listed for this broadcast.)

03/11/23

**48 HOURS: “What Angelina Saw”** (10:36 – 11:36p) – a report on the death of Andrew “Andy” Wagner and the arrest and trial of his fiancée, Stephanie Fernandes, for his murder. Police were called to the Worcester, MA home of Andy and Stephanie on the night of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, after Andy sustained a knife wound to his neck; he later died in hospital. Stephanie had a complicated and volatile relationship with Andy and claimed he, with a gun in hand, attacked her. Forced to defend herself, Stephanie picked up the knife and as Andy went to headbutt her, he was accidentally stabbed with the knife. Delayed by procedural arguments and then the COVID pandemic, the trial began in June 2022. Charged with first-degree murder, Stephanie was found guilty of a lesser charge, voluntary manslaughter; the judge sentenced her to a term of not more than 10 years and not less than eight years in prison. Angelina is studying to become a forensic psychologist. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is a victim of intimate partner violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Stephanie Fernandes’ trial lawyers say she may be eligible for parole as early as 2026. Interviewed: Stephanie Fernandes; Angelina Fernandes; Danielle Lord, Stephanie’s friend; Maura Tansley, defense attorney; Peter Ettenberg, lead defense attorney; Shane Bernard, juror; and Gayla Bieksha, juror. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chuck Stevenson)

## 48 HOURS (continued)

03/18/23

**48 HOURS: “Remembering the Chowchilla Kidnapping”** (10:23 – 11:23p) - a retitled, reedited and updated rebroadcast of 48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: “The Chowchilla Kidnapping”, originally aired on 10/12/19, rebroadcast on 07/11/20. After 46 years, Fred Woods, the last of three men convicted of kidnapping 26 children and their bus driver, was paroled from a prison in California. For the first time, 48 HOURS reveals a powerful and emotional interview with Jodi Heffington, one of the survivors from that event, believed to be the largest kidnapping in American history. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1976, 26 children and their bus driver, Ed Ray, were kidnapped as they headed home from Dairyland Elementary School in Chowchilla, CA. The three masked kidnappers, one armed, were later identified as: Fred Woods, and brothers James and Richard Schoenfeld. The kidnappers drove the bus to a wooded area where they preceded to unload the bus driver and children into a van that was set up as a makeshift prison. After driving for 12 hours, the van stopped 100 miles away from Chowchilla, at a rock quarry owned by Fred Wood’s father in Livermore, CA. The victims were removed one by one from the van and instructed to climb down a ladder to a truck trailer, buried 12 feet underground. The children and Ed escaped from the ground after 16 hours. The motive for the kidnapping was money, despite all three men hailing from wealthy families. All three pleaded guilty to 27 counts of kidnapping for robbery and ransom but each refused to plead guilty to eight counts of bodily harm. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1978, the kidnappers were sentenced to life in prison without parole. Four years after the crime, lawyers appealed the finding of bodily harm and the appellate court overturned it, throwing out the sentence. In 2012, 36 years after the kidnapping, Richard Schoenfeld was the first to be granted parole. Three years later James Schoenfeld was paroled. Fred Woods, who has repeatedly been caught with pornography and cell phones, remains in prison, but was up for parole the week of this broadcast. Original on-screen text graphic for the 10/12/19 broadcast: On Tuesday, kidnapper Fred Woods was denied parole. He is eligible for parole again in five years. On-screen text graphic for the 07/11/20 rebroadcast: In 2019, kidnapper Fred Woods was denied parole. He is eligible for parole again in 2024. **On-screen text graphic for the 03/18/23 broadcast:** In January 2021, Jodi Heffington passed away. She was 55 years old. Fourteen months after Jodi’s death, Fred Woods went before the parole board for the 18th time. He was granted parole. Interviewed: Jennifer Brown Hyde, Larry Park, Michael Marshall and Jodi Heffington (Jodi’s interview is new to the 03/18/23 edition), survivors; Joan Brown, Jennifer’s mother; Sheriff Ed Bates, Madera County, CA; and Prosecutor Jill Klinge, assistant district attorney, Alameda County. (See also: 48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: “The Chowchilla Kidnapping”, OAD: 10/12/19; Rebroadcast: 07/11/20) (Contributor / Narrator: David Begnaud - Producers: Chris Young Ritzen, George Osterkamp)

03/25/23

**48 HOURS: “The Mysterious Death of Tiffney Crawford”** – a report on the death of Tiffney Crawford, mother to a son and daughter, and the case against her husband, Jason Crawford. On the night of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, then-37-year-old Jason dialed 911 to report that his wife had been shot. When sheriff’s deputies arrived at their home in Cullman, AL, they found 32-year-old Tiffney dead in the driver’s seat of her van. Two bullet wounds were in her head; one to her left jaw area, the other to her left temple. The gun was in her left hand, but Tiffney was right-handed. It initially appeared to at least one deputy to be a suicide. Because Jason’s mother works as an office manager at the sheriff’s office, the case was turned over to the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation. Jason admitted that they fought the night of her death, after he discovered Tiffney was having an affair. Further investigation and the death ultimately being ruled a homicide by the medical examiner, resulted in an indictment for murder; Jason surrendered on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. In November 2022, Jason went on trial for Tiffney’s murder; he was found guilty on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Cheryl McGucken, Tiffney’s mother, supported her son-in-law until she finally viewed the evidence in the public record; she spoke at Jason’s sentencing hearing on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Under Alabama law, Jason will be eligible for parole in 15 years. **On-screen text graphic:** Tiffney’s children currently live with Jason’s parents. Interviewed: Jason Crawford, his only interview about the case; Cheryl McGucken, Tiffney’s mother; Lindsay Luke, Tiffney’s friend; Debra Ball, legal assistant, State of Alabama; Jeff Roberts, former assistant district attorney, Cullman County, AL; Robert Tuten, defense attorney; Nickolas Heatherly, defense attorney; Matt Gentry, sheriff, Cullman County, AL; Joe Parrish, lead investigator, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation; Dr. Valerie Green, medical examiner, conducted Tiffney’s autopsy; Megan Brock, juror; and Angela Fletcher, DNA analyst, testified for the prosecution. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Judy Rybak)

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