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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

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FACE THE NATION (continued)

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 19th; 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

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

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- 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 Dzhanpoladova, 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)
- 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; 1st 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; 1st 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; 1st 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)

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48 HOURS

01/07/23 **48 HOURS: “The Idaho Student Murders”** – a report on the latest developments and inside details surrounding the November 13th, 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 30th at his family’s home in Albrightsville, PA; he was flown back to Idaho on January 4th, 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 Aria Macagba, Ethan’s former co-workers; Matt Loveless, journalism professor, Washington State University; Cathy Mabbutt, coroner. (C: Peter Van Sant. No producers listed.)

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 18th, 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 14th, 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 18th, 2022; after seven hours of deliberation, the jury found Turner guilty of murder in the second degree. On March 18th, 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)

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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 18th, 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 24th, 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 27th, 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 17th, 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)

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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 3rd, 1997 in Friendswood, TX (her body was found on April 20th, 1997); 20-year-old Kelli Cox, who disappeared on July 15th, 1997 in Denton, TX (her remains were found in April 2016); 26-year-old Tiffany Johnston, who disappeared on July 26th, 1997 in Bethany, OK (her body was found the next day); and 17-year-old Jessica Cain, who disappeared on August 17th, 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’ 35th anniversary; 48 HOURS launched as a regular series on January 19th, 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 Fetzer)

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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 27th, 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 3rd, 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 thehotline.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)
