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**FACE THE NATION**

07/02/23

**Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Biden administration (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Eric Holder, former U.S. attorney general, Obama administration, chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee (3); Dr. Michael Drake, president, University of California (4); Lindsay Gorman, senior fellow, German Marshall Fund (5)

1) Topics include: flight cancellations and delays; bipartisan infrastructure bill; Friday's Supreme Court decision siding with religious freedom over an anti-discrimination law involving gay rights

2) Topics include: recent Supreme Court decisions siding with religious freedom over an anti-discrimination law involving gay rights, against affirmative action and the Biden administration's plan to forgive student debt; 2020 presidential election; his recent trip to Ukraine; recent State Department faulting both the Trump and Biden administrations for missteps in Afghanistan; China

3) Topics include: Supreme Court 5-4 ruling that Alabama discriminated against black voters / Supreme Court 6-3 ruling, rejecting the theory that state legislatures can decide the rules for federal elections / Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action; pardoning Donald Trump, the 45<sup>th</sup> president

4) a discussion on how the University of California system ensures a diverse student body following the state's own ban on affirmative action decades ago

5) a discussion on how to differentiate AI-generated images online from real ones

07/09/23

**Guests:** Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Biden administration (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (4); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT) (5); Dr. Kate Calvin, chief scientist and senior climate advisor, NASA (6)

1) an interview on her goodwill mission to China

2) Topics include: China's commanding position on strategic critical minerals / CHIPS and Science bill; efforts to help Sweden join NATO; Ukraine's bid to eventually join NATO / Biden administration's decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine; review of U.S. envoy to Iran Rob Malley's security clearance / U.S. hostages held in Iran

3) a report from Kharkiv, Ukraine as President Zelenskyy marked day 500 of the invasion

4) Topics include: Biden administration's decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine / commitment to be 'responsible' with these munitions / Ukraine's bid to eventually join NATO / risk of Russia blowing up the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant

5) Topics include: efforts to help children's mental health / social media / gender transition care for kids / lack of compassion and empathy in politics; Republican governors running for president

6) a discussion on the global impact of climate change, including the water cycle, health, fires and other risks

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07/16/22

**Guests:** Danya Bacchus, CBS News correspondent (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Paul Goodloe, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (3); John Giles, mayor (Mesa, AZ) (4); Barry Diller, chairman and senior executive, IAC, chairman and senior executive, Expedia Group (5); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, “On With Kara Swisher”, co-host, “Pivot” (6); Representative Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (7); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (8)

- 1) a report from Los Angeles on the intensifying heat dome in the American Southwest
- 2) a report from Rome, Italy on the heat wave Cerberus, named after the three-headed dog that guards the underworld in Greek mythology, that is scorching Europe
- 3) a discussion on this summer's worldwide extreme weather
- 4) Topics include: Mesa's long-term and short-term plans to deal with the historic heat wave gripping the Southwest / impact of extreme heat on migration
- 5) Topics include: economic impact of the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes / call for a 25% pay cut, taken by executives and the most-paid actors / threats posed by artificial intelligence (A.I.) for actors and writers / A.I.'s impact on the publishing industry
- 6) Topics include: Hollywood's “struggle with the implications of technology” / WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes / A.I. / lack of legislation / Elon Musk and Twitter / Mark Zuckerberg and his new product, Threads
- 7) Topics include: National Defense Authorization Act, which includes a controversial amendment on abortion / failed Ukraine amendments; support for longer range missile systems for Ukraine; suspension of Rob Malley, U.S. special envoy to Iran
- 8) Topics include: latest Chinese cyber hack; expiration of the Black Sea initiative, granting ships safe passage from Ukraine when carrying food supplies / Ukraine's future NATO membership; Rob Malley's suspension

07/23/23

**Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Kate Gallego, mayor (Phoenix-AZ) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (5); Dr. Marci Bowers, president, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (6); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7)

- 1) a report from Atlanta on the scorching heat wave, as more than 3,500 record temperatures have been set in the U.S. in July alone
- 2) Topics include: Phoenix's short-term and long-term plans for dealing with the historic heat wave; Arizona's role in the future of semiconductors
- 3) Topics include: floating barrier used in the Rio Grande to deter migrants / use of unacceptable enforcement tactics outlined by a Texas trooper / HIRE Act; problems with the Safer Communities Act
- 4) Topics include: culture wars / new Florida guidelines for teaching Black history in schools / transgender rights; case against Hunter Biden; refusal by some Republicans to say former President Donald Trump's actions surrounding the 2020 election were criminal
- 5) Topics include: transgender care in New Jersey; suing the Biden administration for congestion pricing; RNC strategy of politically attacking Vice President Kamala Harris
- 6) a discussion on the facts surrounding gender-affirming health care
- 7) a report from Donetsk, Ukraine on the recaptured territories and the port cities which bear the unrelenting brunt of Russian missile strikes

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**Guests:** Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal expert and analyst (1); Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota (5); Ron Nirenberg, mayor (San Antonio, TX) (6)

1) Topics include: latest developments in the mounting legal troubles for former President Trump, in both the classified documents case and the investigation of his conduct in and around January 6<sup>th</sup>; collapse of the plea deal agreement between Hunter Biden and the Department of Justice

2) Topics include: accusations and indictments against former President Trump / Department of Justice / suggestion that Mr. Trump should be pardoned if convicted; call for Congress to revoke permanent normal trade relations with China until the flow of fentanyl ends; term limits and mental acuity tests for politicians over the age of 75; law signed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, changing curriculums in the state and how slavery would be taught

3) Topics include: mental acuity tests for politicians over the age of 75; criticism of discussing pardons as “inappropriate”; political attacks on the Department of Justice / his reform proposal; fentanyl crisis / China and Mexico’s role in the crisis

4) a report from Atlanta, GA on the optimistic signs about the economy

5) a discussion on the bright spots on the economic front, including the assessment of no recession ahead, the resiliency of the U.S. economy, as well as possible economic impacts from the extreme weather in the United States

6) Topics include: impact of the dangerous heat wave / his fight with the state of Texas over rules limiting local authorities’ ability to set regulations that would allow for water breaks; how San Antonio is handling the surge in migrants

**60 MINUTES**

07/02/23

**“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 (OAD: 03/19/23)

**“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) (OAD: 03/19/23)

07/09/23

**“The Revolution”** – a report on the upsurge of artificial intelligence. Google executives at the DeepMind research lab discuss advancements in and the future of the innovative technology. Includes interviews with Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google; Sissie Hsiao, Google Vice President; James Manyika, Google Senior Vice President; Raia Hadsell, Vice President of Research and Robotics at DeepMind; Demis Hassabis, CEO of DeepMind; and Vincent Vanhoucke, Senior Director of Robotics at DeepMind. (C: Scott Pelley – Producer for Part I: Denise Schrier Cetta; Producers for Part II: Denise Schrier Cetta, Katie Brennan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (OAD: 04/16/23)

**“Nicolas Cage”** – an interview with actor Nicolas Cage. He discusses his extensive career, his pet African crow and his latest starring role in the new movie *Renfield*. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis) (OAD: 04/23/23)

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- 07/16/23      **“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) (OAD: 03/26/23)
- 07/16/23      **“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 (OAD: 02/26/23)
- 07/23/23      **“Litigation Funding”** – a report on litigation funding. The new business in which investors fund lawsuits for a part of the profit is growing with few laws in place to help regulate the industry. Includes interviews with Craig Underwood, farmer; Christopher Bogart, CEO of Burford Capital; Maya Steinitz, a law professor at the University of Iowa; Donald Sefcik, former NYPD officer; and Michael Barasch, Sefcik’s lawyer. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On, Jinsol Jung) (OAD: 12/18/22)
- 07/23/23      **“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) (OAD: 02/19/23)
- 07/23/23      **“The Unlikely Adventures of David Grann”** – an interview with journalist and author David Grann. He discusses his new book *The Wager*, and his research process for the shipwreck saga. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer) (OAD: 04/16/23)
- 07/26/23      **60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION** (8:00 – 9:00p)
- 07/26/23      **“The Power Of Grimsby”** – a report on Grimsby, England. The old fishing town is home to the world’s largest offshore wind farm, a massive source of clean and renewable energy which powers millions of homes a day in the U.K. Includes interviews with Bridie Salmon and Captain Peter Broughton, who service the turbines; Benj Sykes, vice president of Offshore Wind at Orsted; and Dennis Avery and Bob Formby, former fishermen. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie) (OAD: 10/16/22)
- 07/26/23      **“Lourdes”** – a report from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. The shrine in the south of France is known as the site of many medical miracles by the Catholic Church. Includes interviews with Sister Bernadette Moriau, Kim Halpin, and Jamie Jensen, who all believe the miracles; Jean-Marc Micas, Bishop of Lourdes; Dr. Alessandro de Franciscis, president and residing physician at the Lourdes Office of Medical Observations; and Dr. Michael Moran, a surgical oncologist, Dr. Jacek Mostwin, a professor of urology at Johns Hopkins, and Dr. Kieran Moriarty, an addiction specialist, who all scrutinized Sr. Moriau’s case. (See also: “An Easter Story”, OAD: 04/22/73 and “Lourdes”, OAD: 12/28/86) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Nichole Marks) (OAD: 12/18/22)
- 07/26/23      **“The South Dakota Kid”** – a profile of pool player Shane Van Boening. He discusses pool as professional sport and his number 1 ranking for 2022. Includes interviews with Jayson Shaw, pool player; and Emily Frazer, managing director of the sports promoter Matchroom. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer) (OAD: 12/04/22)

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07/30/23 **“Grave Injustice”** – a report on lost African American cemeteries in Clearwater, Florida. Archaeologists and residents are working to excavate and reclaim these forgotten graveyards. Includes interviews with Diane Stephens and Eleanor Breland, who grew up in the Heights; O’Neal Larkin, who says he saw a construction crew dig through the site of a “relocated” Black cemetery in 1984; Rebecca O’Sullivan and Erin McKendry archeologists for Cardno who were hired by the city to map the desecration; Antoinette Jackson, an anthropologist who leads the African-American Burial Ground Project at the University of South Florida; and Zebbie Atkinson, head of the Clearwater NAACP. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young, Kristin Steve) (OAD: 11/27/22)

**“Running Dry”** – a report on the strained resources of the Colorado River. The river plays a crucial role for agriculture in the surrounding states, but a 22-year drought and the increased effects of climate change have lowered water levels and has led to increased restrictions on the use of river water. Includes interviews with Brad Udall, a climate scientist at Colorado State University; Waylon Wuertz, a farmer in Pinal County, Arizona; Amelia Flores, chairwoman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes; Zach Renstrom, who manages the water system for Washington County in Utah; and JB Hamby, vice president of the board that runs California’s Imperial Irrigation District. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman) The 07/30/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 10/24/21; Rebroadcast: 08/14/22)

**“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) (OAD: 03/26/23)

**48 HOURS**

07/01/23 **48 HOURS: “Death on Safari”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the death of Bianca Rudolph, which occurred while she was on a safari vacation with her husband, Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Rudolph, and the international investigation that followed. The Rudolphs were getting ready to head back home after a safari vacation in Zambia in October 2016 when Bianca suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. The couple were experienced hunters. Larry, a successful dentist with several offices near Pittsburgh, PA, told local authorities that he was in the bathroom of the couple’s two-room cabin when he heard a shot and found his wife dead in the next room. Larry said his wife was packing up a shotgun in a soft-shell gun case; he first told a local hunting scout that his wife had died by suicide, but later told investigators that the gun must have accidentally fired. After two days of investigating, Zambian police closed the case, calling it an accident. There were questions early on about how Bianca could have accidentally shot herself in the chest with such a long-barreled weapon. Larry had his wife’s body quickly cremated in Zambia, which led a friend of Bianca’s to doubt this was an accident. Soon after Bianca’s death, the friend called the FBI. According to an FBI complaint, she also said Larry was having an affair with Lori Milliron, who managed the dental offices, and that Larry had been verbally abusive to Bianca; the friend also told the FBI that the couple fought over money. It took investigators five years to investigate the case. In December 2021, Larry was arrested for the murder of his wife; he maintains his innocence. Lori was arrested in February 2022 and faces seven federal counts. Original on-screen text graphic: The joint trial of Lawrence Rudolph and Lori Milliron is scheduled to begin in July. On-screen text graphic for the 09/10/22 rebroadcast: On August 1, 2022, Larry Rudolph was found guilty of murdering his wife, Bianca Rudolph. Lori Milliron was found guilty of being an accessory after the fact to murder. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/01/23 rebroadcast:** On August 1, 2022, Larry Rudolph was found guilty of murdering his wife, Bianca Rudolph. He’s awaiting sentencing. Lori Milliron was found guilty of being an accessory after the fact to murder. She was sentenced to 17 years in prison. Interviewed: Sherry Houck, worked as a dental assistant in Dr. Lawrence Rudolph’s Three Rivers Dental Group; Meghan Schiller, reporter at CBS’ Pittsburgh affiliate, KDKA; Spencer Kakoma, local game scout who accompanied the Rudolphs; Roston Yeyenga, now retired police commander, interviewed Dr. Rudolph in 2016; David Katz, ballistics expert, former special agent at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), owner, Global Security Group; Masuwa Musese, investigator, Kafue National Park, Zambia; Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor, CBS News consultant; James Gagliano, retired FBI supervisory agent, CBS News consultant; and John Dill, Lori Milliron’s attorney. (Contributor: Debora Patta – Producers: Ruth Chenetz, Mary Ann Rotondi, Susan Mallie, James Stolz. Producers in Zambia: Sarah Carter, Dziko Mwanza) (OAD: 04/16/22; Rebroadcast: 09/10/22)

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**48 HOURS: “The Suzanne Morpew Case: Nothing Is What It Seems”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the disappearance of Suzanne Morpew and the case against her husband Barry Morpew. The Salida, CO mother of two vanished on Mother’s Day 2020, days after telling her husband she was “done” with their marriage. Police initially thought she was taken while riding her mountain bike, but also considered her husband. Over the course of the investigation, bizarre clues emerged: a spy pen that was able to record conversations, a chipmunk alibi and a tranquilizer gun. The spy pen was originally given to Suzanne to record Barry but backfired when it recorded a conversation between Suzanne and Jeff Libler, a Michigan man Suzanne was having an affair with; he was eventually cleared of any wrongdoing. Records revealed Barry’s cell phone pinging all around the Morpew home on Mother’s Day weekend 2020, which he maintained was because he was chasing and shooting at chipmunks. Also discovered in the couple’s dryer was a plastic cap to a syringe used to load a tranquilizer dart; no working tranquilizer rifle was found in the home, but Barry admitted to being an experienced tranquilizer dart gun shooter. Tests revealed the cap had Suzanne’s DNA on it, not Barry’s. Investigators also uncovered DNA on the glovebox of Suzanne’s Range Rover, which traced back to an unknown male connected to three sexual assaults. Even though Suzanne’s body was never found, police relied on the circumstantial evidence they gathered, Barry’s suspicious behavior and contradictory statements, scratches seen on his left arm when Suzanne disappeared, the vehicle forensics evidence and Suzanne’s disturbing texts, and arrested Barry in May 2021 for first-degree murder and other charges; Barry pled not guilty. In September 2021, a judge ruled there was probable cause to go to trial. Suzanne and Barry’s daughters – Mallory and Macy – stand firmly behind their father. 04/30/22 UPDATE: Judge Ramsey Lama replaced Judge Patrick Murphy. Barry Morpew's homicide trial was set to begin on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In April 2022, Judge Lama ruled that prosecutors repeatedly had missed deadlines and had failed to turn over important information in the discovery phase. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as a pre-trial hearing was about to begin, District Attorney Linda Stanley filed a motion to dismiss the murder charges against Barry Morpew without prejudice, meaning the case could be refiled at a later date. In her motion for dismissal, DA Stanley told the judge that officials believe investigators are close to discovering the location of Suzanne Morpew's body. Defense attorney Iris Eytan denies Barry has any involvement in his wife's disappearance. Original on-screen text graphic: Judge Patrick Murphy disqualified himself based on a potential conflict of interest involving a possible witness. A new judge has been appointed. Barry Morpew's murder trial is scheduled for May 2022. The Morpew defense team has requested a change of venue. On-screen text graphic for the 04/30/22 updated rebroadcast: Today is Suzanne Morpew's birthday. She would have turned 51 years old. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/01/23 rebroadcast:** Suzanne Morpew’s body has never been found. In May 2023 Barry Morpew filed a \$15 million federal civil rights lawsuit against prosecutors and law enforcement officials stating he was wrongfully arrested, jailed and prosecuted. Interviewed: Aya Gruber, professor of law, University of Colorado, former defense attorney; Ashley Franco, reporter, KKTU, CBS affiliate in Colorado Springs; Dan Ridenour, local radio host; Melinda Moorman (Zoom interview), Suzanne’s sister; Cody Cox, Barry’s former employee; Ben LeMere, vehicle forensics expert, CEO, Berla Corporation; and Andrew Katers, owner & CEO, Animal Care and Equipment Services. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Paul LaRosa) (OAD: 01/22/22; Rebroadcast: 04/30/22)

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**48 HOURS: “The Ring: The Murder of Patrick De La Cerda”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 murder of Patrick De La Cerda, who was expecting a delivery of an engagement ring for his fiancée, Jessica Devnani. De La Cerda was shot four times in the doorway of the home he shared with his father on the outskirts of Deltona, FL. The investigation exposed a meticulous murder plan crafted by a man jealous of the couple’s relationship: Devnani’s ex-boyfriend, Gregory Bender, who had been harassing the couple. Since Bender violated the restraining order the couple had against him by telephoning Devnani the morning of De La Cerda’s murder, he was arrested. A February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 search of Bender’s home led to the discovery in a trash can of several handwritten pages with a map of the murder scene and details of how to conceal the crime. Less than 48 hours after De La Cerda’s death, Gregory Bender was arrested for murder in his front yard, after being released from the Orange County Jail. The trial included testimony from Bender’s ex-wife, Daymara Sanchez, about the murder plan; Bender’s defense insisted that the murder plan did not equate to guilt. The jury found Bender guilty of the charge of first-degree murder. In Florida, a conviction of first-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence without parole. Original on-screen text graphic: Gregory Bender’s attorneys say they plan to appeal his conviction. They contend the search of his house that produced the murder plan was illegal. On-screen text graphic for the 07/09/22 rebroadcast: Gregory Bender’s attorneys are appealing his conviction. They contend the search of his house that produced the murder plan was illegal. *No on-screen text graphic for the 07/08/23 rebroadcast.* Interviewed: Jessica Devnani, Patrick De La Cerda’s fiancée; Ashley Terwilleger, prosecutor, Volusia County, FL; Patricia Ronze, Patrick De La Cerda’s mother; Detective Chad Weaver, Volusia County, FL Sheriff; Andrew Urbanak, trial prosecutor; Max De La Cerda, Patrick De La Cerda’s father. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris O’Connell) (OAD: 11/13/21; Rebroadcast: 07/09/22)

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**48 HOURS: “The Case Against Michael Politte”** (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on Michael Politte, who was 14-years-old when he was charged in 1998 with murdering his 40-year-old and recently divorced mother, Rita Politte. Rita died after being hit on the head and set on fire in her Hopewell, MO home. In January 2002, Michael went on trial; he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the murder, though he maintained his innocence. Michael asked his father, Edward Politte, for help and he refused. Five years after his conviction, the Midwest Innocence Project agreed to take his case and worked on it for years; eventually attorneys Tricia Bushnell, Megan Crane and Mark Emison became involved. Michael spent nearly 20 years in prison before a 2021 bill passed in Missouri made him eligible for parole. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Michael was released from prison on parole. Now 38-years-old, Michael claims to know who is responsible for killing his mother: his father, Edward, who hired his cousin, Johnny Politte, to murder his ex-wife over the financial terms of the divorce. The investigation into Rita Politte’s murder has been reopened. Original on-screen text graphic: Earlier this month, Washington County Prosecutor Josh Hedgecorth lost his bid for reelection. Separately, the Missouri Supreme Court has temporarily halted Hedgecorth’s effort to overturn Politte’s conviction. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/08/23 rebroadcast:** Washington County Prosecutor Josh Hedgecorth lost his bid for re-election. His motion to vacate Politte’s conviction was later denied by the Missouri Supreme Court. Interviewed: Michael Politte; Tammy Nash, former investigator, Washington County Sheriff’s Department; Chrystal Politte and Melonie Politte, Michael’s older sisters; Chuck and Patsy Skiles, Michael’s uncle and aunt; Josh Hedgecorth, prosecutor, Washington County; Linda Dickerson-Bell and Jonathan Peterson, jurors on Michael’s case; Tricia Bushnell, attorney; Megan Crane, attorney; Mark Emison, attorney; Josh SanSoucie, Michael’s former friend; and Larry and Carolyn Lee, witnesses who place Johnny Politte near the crime scene. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Stephanie Slifer, Emily Wichick) (OAD: 11/26/22)

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**48 HOURS: “The Disappearance of Kristin Smart”** (9:00 - 10:00p) – a rebroadcast of a report (OAD: 11/28/20; 1<sup>st</sup> Updated Rebroadcast: 05/08/21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Updated Rebroadcast: 10/22/22) on the 1996 Memorial Day weekend disappearance of Kristin Smart, a Cal Poly college freshman, who attended an off-campus party alone after parting ways with a friend. According to witnesses, she became very intoxicated and was helped home by two students. However, the next morning she was nowhere to be found. Her friends reported the college freshman’s disappearance to campus police who were slow to investigate and eventually turned the case over to San Luis Obispo, CA sheriffs. Suspicion turned to Paul Flores, one of the students who helped Kristin home. A witness saw him with a black eye and scratches on his hands the day after Kristin’s disappearance for which he had shifting explanations. Cadaver-sniffing dogs brought to Paul’s dorm room all had a reaction, despite it having been cleaned following the end of the semester. Additionally, Paul had a reputation as being aggressive with women. Kristin’s parents eventually filed a civil suit against Paul, believing him to be behind Kristin’s disappearance and to compel San Luis Obispo sheriffs to look harder at the case. In January 1997, renters of Paul’s mother’s home found a piece of jewelry in the driveway that allegedly resembled what Kristin was wearing in a photo used in billboards about her disappearance. When the Smart family asked to see it, they learned it had been lost by sheriffs. In March 1997 and then again in June 2000, sheriffs searched the home of Paul’s mother, including the yard, but were unable to find Kristin’s body or other evidence. The Smart family was allowed to search the property with ground-penetrating radar in 2007, and likewise did not find anything. In 2011, Sheriff Ian Parkinson took over Kristin’s case. In 2019, he recovered two trucks that had been owned by the Flores family in 1996. In 2020, simultaneous searches at the homes of all Flores family members were executed. Sheriff Parkinson recovered new evidence that he could not publicly disclose as it was still being investigated. 05/08/21 UPDATE: An important tip came in after a February 2020 search of Paul, Susan and Ruben’s properties: four nights later, strange activity was seen at Ruben’s house and an eyewitness actually documented the fact that throughout the night, there was activity in the area of the underside of the deck. And during that 2020 search of Paul Flores’ home, investigators discovered photographs and videos on Flores’ computer showing him engaged in sexual activity with at least ten different women, apparently in various states of consciousness. Also found was evidence that a body had been buried there and recently moved. It is alleged that Paul caused the death of Kristin Smart while in the commission, or attempted rape, of Kristin. Because of the statute of limitations, Paul cannot be charged with rape and was instead arrested on first-degree felony murder charges. Paul Flores and his father both pleaded not guilty to all charges at their arraignment. Ruben Flores was released on \$50,000 bail to his ex-wife and is required to wear an electronic ankle bracelet; Paul is being held on no bail. Original on-screen text graphic: The Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act became California law in 1998. It requires campus and local police to have a joint plan to handle investigations of violent crime on campus. On-screen text graphic for the 05/08/21 updated rebroadcast: The Kristin Smart Scholarship has been established by her family to help other college bound women pursue their dreams. On-screen text graphic for the 10/22/22 updated rebroadcast: On October 18, 2022, Paul Flores was found guilty of first-degree murder. A jury acquitted Ruben Flores of the charge of being an accessory after the fact. Kristin’s body has still not been found. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/15/23 rebroadcast:** Paul Flores was found guilty of first-degree murder. In March 2023, he was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. A jury acquitted Ruben Flores of the charge of being an accessory after the fact. Kristin’s body still has not been found. Interviewed: Chris Lambert, host of “Your Own Backyard”, CBS News consultant (former as of 10/22/22 updated rebroadcast); Lindsey Smart Stewart, Kristin’s sister; Anne-Marie Christian, Kristin’s childhood friend; Denise Pearce, Smart family friend; Margarita Campos, Kristin’s college friend; James Murphy, Smart family civil attorney; Garin Sinclair, James Murphy’s wife & office manager; Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo sheriff. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Lisa Freed) (OAD: 11/28/20; 1<sup>st</sup> Updated Rebroadcast: 05/08/21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Updated Rebroadcast: 10/22/22)



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**48 HOURS: “The Kidnapping of Schanda Handley”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 kidnapping of Schanda Handley, who was taken from her Lafayette, LA home at gunpoint by two individuals posing as deliverymen. About an hour after the kidnapping, Schanda was rescued near Baton Rouge when Deputy Chad Martin pulled over a suspicious white van after a brief pursuit. The two men inside jumped into the Intracoastal Waterway and disappeared; they were later found drowned and identified as Sylvester Bracey and Arsenio Haynes. Schanda implicated her estranged husband, Michael Handley, as the man behind her kidnapping and informed investigators of their once happy but now tumultuous relationship, which included Michael’s erratic behavior, threats, stalking and violating a restraining order. After a four-day manhunt, Michael was arrested on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Slidell; he pleaded not guilty to all charges and claimed to have hired Sylvester to move furniture. In March 2018, Schanda and Michael’s divorce was finalized. With overwhelming prosecutorial evidence, Michael indicated he was open to a deal hours before the trial was scheduled to start; Schanda accepted his plea of guilty to second degree kidnapping in July 2021. The judge sentenced Michael to 35 years in prison – the maximum penalty – on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **On-screen text graphic:** Handley is appealing, saying he was not properly informed of his rights when he pled guilty. He is also arguing his sentence of 35 years was too harsh. Interviewed: Schanda Handley, victim; Isabella Cumberland, Schanda Handley’s daughter; Kenny Hebert, prosecutor; Donald Knecht, prosecutor; Chad Martin, Iberville Parish sheriff’s deputy; Sid Hebert, former Louisiana sheriff, part of Schanda Handley’s security detail; Christine Mire, Schanda Handley’s divorce attorney; and Kevin Stockstill, Michael Handley’s defense attorney. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producer: Chris O’Connell, Betsy Shuller, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 10/22/22)

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**48 HOURS: “Searching for Maya Millete”** - a report on the January 2021 disappearance of Maya May Millete, a 39-year-old mother of three young children, from her home in Chula Vista, CA and the case against her husband, Larry Millete. Larry told Maya’s family various stories of why his wife was gone, including that they argued and she went hiking. From the outside, the Milletes looked like a happy family, but investigators learned the couple were going through marital problems. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, the last day she was heard from, Maya made an appointment with a divorce attorney. Investigators also discovered Larry’s contact with spellcasters, to have a hex put on Maya so she would remain attracted to him. Before her disappearance, Larry sent a message to a website that claims to cast spells and asked for Maya to be harmed. In October 2021, Larry was arrested; he remains behind bars, awaiting trial. Larry pled not guilty to charges of murder and possession of an assault weapon. He maintains that Maya left on her own and started a life somewhere else – a claim Maya’s family and friends strongly refute. The Millete children live at home, in the care of Larry’s parents; Maya’s family was granted visitation rights in November 2021 and her sister, Maricris has filed a petition for guardianship. In January 2022, a vigil was held to mark the one-year anniversary of Maya’s disappearance. The search for Maya’s remains is ongoing. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have information on the case, contact the Chula Vista Police Department at 619-691-5139. Interviewed: Maricris Drouaillet, Maya Millete’s sister; Richard Drouaillet, Maya’s brother-in-law; Claudia Julao, Maya’s co-worker and friend; Allison Alexander, Maya’s co-worker and friend; Billy Little, attorney, former criminal defense investigator for the U.S. Navy; Aleida Wahn, attorney, true-crime author; Evelyn Rodriguez, associate professor of sociology, University of San Francisco – reviewed the case for 48 HOURS; and volunteer searchers: James Shelby, Damien Hurt and Keri Park. (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Asena Basak, Hannah Vair) (OAD: 02/19/22)

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**48 HOURS: “The Eye Drop Homicide”** (9:00 - 10:00p) – a report on two murders linked to a common chemical found in eye drops – one in South Carolina, the other 12 miles away in North Carolina. (1) On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Lake Wylie, SC, Lana Clayton ran outside to get help for her husband Steve. Neighbor Terry Floyd entered the home and realized Steve was dead. According to Lana, Steve had been feeling ill for days and fell down the stairs due to vertigo. Steve’s nephews, Kris Phagan and Nick French, became suspicious of her story; Nick noted Lana, a nurse who worked in several different VA hospitals, did not perform CPR. Additionally, Lana quickly moved to have Steve cremated and insisted he left no will. Unbeknownst to Lana, Kris and Nick requested an autopsy from the local coroner; Steve’s toxicology report showed the presence of tetrahydrozoline, an ingredient in eye drops. At first, Lana told the coroner and law enforcement that Steve regularly put eye drops in his coffee to induce bowel movements. Lana soon changed her story and claimed Steve was verbally and physically abusive; she tried to use the eye drops to give him diarrhea, rather than kill him. After a failed suicide attempt, Lana was charged with murder on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Prosecutors believed she hoped to inherit all of Steve’s wealth by killing him. Lana plead guilty to tampering with food and drugs and voluntary manslaughter. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, she was sentenced to 25 years in prison. (2) About three weeks after Lana was arrested, Stacy Hunsucker died in nearby Mount Holly, NC from what appeared to be a heart attack. The state insurance fraud department began investigating her husband, Josh Hunsucker, after they received a complaint from Stacy’s mother, Suzie Robinson. Stacy was cremated, but because she was an organ donor a vial of her blood had been collected and stored. Toxicology tests revealed the presence of tetrahydrozoline. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Josh was charged with murder. He remains free on bail. **On-screen text graphic:** Lana Clayton has not been awarded any money from Steve's estate. Josh Hunsucker has not yet entered a plea and awaits trial. Stacy's parents say they have complete faith in the judicial process. Interviewed: James Blackledge, passerby; Terry Floyd, friend and neighbor of Lana and Steve; Kristi O’Connor, reporter and anchor, WBTV, Charlotte, NC; Rosie Clayton-Leslie, Steve’s sister; Kris Phagan, Steve’s nephew; Nick French, Steve’s nephew; Sabrina Gast, coroner, York County, SC; Dr. Nan Saye, Clayton family veterinarian; Demi Garvin, forensic toxicologist; Kevin Brackett, acting York and Union County prosecutor; Iliana Ivanova, Steve’s ex-girlfriend; Mike Causey, commissioner, North Carolina Department of Insurance; Kailyn MacDonald, Stacy’s babysitter. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Asena Basak) (OAD: 03/13/21; Rebroadcast: 03/12/22)

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**48 HOURS: “The Tree That Helped Solve a Murder”** (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the murder of Mengqi Ji, who was reported missing by her husband, Joseph (“Joe”) Elledge, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Elledge told Columbia, MO police that on October 8<sup>th</sup>, he had gone to sleep with Ji, but when he woke up the next morning she was gone; he believed his wife may have left him and their 1-year-old daughter for a man she had an online relationship with. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, police executed a search warrant at their apartment and found a muddy pair of Elledge’s boots; he was arrested on suspicion of child abuse the same day police executed the search warrant. Charges of murder in the first degree were filed while Elledge was still in jail on abuse charges. In March 2021, Ji’s remains were found buried under a juniper tree; Elledge’s boots had several juniper tree needles stuck to the soles; DNA from those needles was linked to the tree directly above Ji’s shallow grave, providing prosecutors with the evidence they needed to convict Elledge of her murder in November 2021; he was sentenced to a term of 28 years. Mengqi Ji's daughter now lives with Joe Elledge's mother, but Ji’s parents in China are seeking shared custody of the now 4-year-old. **07/29/23 UPDATE:** In December 2022, Mengqi's parents and Joe's mother reached an agreement: the child will spend her summers in China and the rest of the year with Jean. Original 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. A decision in the custody case is expected by the end of this month. Prosecutor Daniel Knight died unexpectedly on June 4, 2022. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/29/23 updated rebroadcast:** If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE or visit thehotline.org. Prosecutor Daniel Knight died on June 4, 2022. Interviewed: Dan Knight, then-Boone County prosecuting attorney; Scott Rosenblum, Joe’s defense attorney; Amy Salladay, Ji family's attorney; Yao Li, assistant prosecutor, Boone County; Christine Edwards, plant population geneticist; and Alex Linan, Christine's colleague. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Judy Rybak, Emily Wichick) (OAD: 12/10/22)

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