

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

WUSA-TV
Washington, DC

For the quarter beginning:

_____ January 1, 2022

_____ April 1, 2022

_____ July 1, 2022

X October 1, 2022

Attached 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 local issues of concern to viewers in the area where the station is located.

LOCAL ISSUES ADDRESSED DURING THE QUARTER

The following are local issues of concern to the community. Programs that addressed these issues during this reporting period are listed on the following pages.

Local Issue/Concern and Brief Description

Commanders

The Washington Commanders dominate the headlines in Q4. From Congressional reports to courting potential buyers, WUSA 9 continues its series on the team. Additional stories featured include lawsuits, the demolition of RFK, potential future stadium sites, the ESPN report on Daniel Snyder, Jim Irsay On Snyder's removal, the Commanders' raffle check bouncing and Governor Glenn Youngkin's stadium study. On 12/26/22, WUSA 9 aired a 30 minute special on the team's biggest stories of the year.

Environment Matters

The environment matters at WUSA 9 and we remain committed to cover issues and stories concerning our local environment, climate change, sustainability and many other challenges we face. WUSA 9 is committed to doing what we can to make an impact within our community. We aired a series of stories throughout the quarter focused on the environment. Some of the topics featured include sustainable golf courses, recycling unused hazardous paint, electric garbage trucks, the Farm Bill's impact on local farmers, DC Ward 5 solar panel project, an underground tunnel in Alexandria to combat sewage overflow and restoring oysters In The Chesapeake Bay. On 12/28/22, WUSA 9 aired a 30 minute special on Environment Matters.

Consumer

WUSA 9's team looked into consumer matters affecting our local community. Stories included Frankensteined guardrails, stolen SNAP benefits, online puppies for sale, stolen vehicles and tickets, crypto schemes, issues with the travel company Yacht'nik and concerns about a local pool company.

Health

From a growing movement to save people from opioid abuse to a look at youth football and concussions, WUSA 9 reported on health stories important to DC, Maryland and Virginia. Featured topics also included The Lourie Center and first responder burnout and mental health. On 12/27/22, WUSA 9 aired a 30 minute special titled Verify: VERIFY Medical Misinformation And Myths.

Still Standing

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and WUSA 9 honored and highlighted breast cancer survivors across DC, Maryland and Virginia on Get Up DC. We told their stories and underscored the importance of early detection. At the end of the month, WUSA 9 held our 5th "Still Standing" event. It was the first time we were able to do it in-person since the start of the pandemic. WUSA 9 invited breast cancer survivors and fighters to the National Arboretum for a morning of fun and fellowship. Those in attendance were able to enjoy fitness and yoga classes, line-dancing, and chair massages.

Kids In Crisis

WUSA 9's Kids in Crisis series continued in November with a focus on solutions to the violence children in DC face every day. So often in news, we report on the initial incident and then move onto the next story, so we wanted to take a moment to share the positive and the people working to make a difference in their communities. From school programs to GoGo music, WUSA 9 learned how communities are coming together to help kids in crisis. We started in the schools, where neighborhood disagreements often begin, and highlighted a program to stop the cycle of violence. We heard from a father fresh out of prison who is working hard to lead his son down a different path. We also learned how DC's famous GoGo music is helping to heal kids and keep them off the streets.

Crime/Public Safety

At WUSA 9, we are relentless about focusing on the issues that matter most to our community. As crime is on the rise, our team of journalists continues its coverage on this topic as well as public safety. A WUSA 9 investigation into the death of a DC woman resulted in a change into how police officers protect domestic violence survivors. WUSA 9 Investigative reporter Nathan Baca shows how this rule change could save lives. WUSA 9 also reported on DC gun violence, smart guns and are social media music videos influencing violence in DC?

Education/Schools

A WUSA 9 investigation uncovers major safety gaps in DC Public Schools. Hundreds of broken security cameras and major delays in fixing them. The team also reports on the Federal Joint Consolidation Loan Program. Congress created it to allow spouses to combine their student loans. But there was a major flaw. In cases of divorce, a spouse could walk away leaving their ex saddled with all the debt. WUSA 9 reports on a law just passed by both houses of Congress to fix this issue.

Housing/Homelessness

Viewers have told WUSA 9 about complaints they've filed against apartment homes in the District over living conditions. Now there's a new effort to catch those problems before they get bad enough for a resident complaint. WUSA 9's investigative team looks into the Rental Unit Inspection Bill. WUSA 9 also reports on DC's newest men's shelter. Men staying at 801 East Men's Shelter in SE, tell WUSA 9's Nathan Baca they are facing hunger, cold food, and a lack of promised services.

Turkeys For Troops

WUSA 9's 13th annual Turkeys for Troops. WUSA 9 along with The USO raised money for holiday food baskets for enlisted servicemembers in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area.

Politics

Virginia's U.S. Congressional District 7 race was one of the most competitive in the country. Over a 2 day period, WUSA 9 looked at each of the candidates and their position on the issues. Over a period of 2 days, WUSA 9 also spoke with the 2 candidates vying to be Maryland's next Governor. Other political stories included Americans Leaving America and does a job in public office require a belief in God?

Transportation/METRO

A WUSA 9 investigation uncovers metrorail doesn't always follow its own rules to keep riders and employees safe. They may have an entirely new set of safety problems to correct.

VERIFY

WUSA 9's VERIFY team answered questions from the community with vetted experts, original documents and fact-checking to get to the truth.

Local Issue

Commanders

October 13, 2022 (5pm/3:08 length) ESPN Report on Snyder

An ESPN article paints an ugly picture of Commanders owner Dan Snyder.

The 7,735 word article cites more than 30 anonymous sources.

In the first paragraph of the online report, it states that Dan Snyder recently told an associate that he has gathered enough secrets to "blow up" several NFL owners, the league office and even Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The article goes on to say that Snyder has instructed his law firms to hire private investigators to dig up dirt on other owners and has been tracking owners through his private investigators.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dan Snyder: Owner, Washington Commanders

Roger Goodell: NFL Commissioner

John Brownlee: Snyder's Attorney

October 13, 2022 (5pm/2:50 length) Commanders' Future Stadium

If the Washington Commanders were to be sold, the fallout would send ripple effects across our entire region.

And WUSA 9 has learned it could also revive talks of a new Commanders stadium in Northern Virginia.

The Northern Virginia stadium deal seemed like a foregone conclusion at one point. Then the deal died - largely because of all the controversy swirling around Dan Snyder.

State Senator Adam Ebbin represents Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax. And he staunchly opposed the stadium deal because he didn't want to give tax breaks to a billionaire. But he told WUSA 9's Eric Flack, "I would never consider it (a stadium deal) with Snyder but the removal of Snyder cracks the door open to support a stadium plan in Northern Virginia. But I'm still skeptical. I think other State Senators might feel differently."

One of those State Senators is Jeremy McPike, who represents parts of Prince William County, which was one of the proposed stadium sites. McPike told WUSA 9 the removal of Snyder quote: "Certainly would change the tone of the discussion with some legislators" adding later that he would be among that group.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Adam Ebbin: Virginia State Senator

Jeremy McPike: Virginia State Senator

October 18, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/3:30 length)

Jim Irsay On Daniel Snyder's Removal

A vote on removing Dan Snyder from the National Football League is looking like more of a reality than ever before, after a fellow owner broke his silence on the Commanders owner at the league's annual owners meeting. Colts owner Jim Irsay told WUSA 9's Darren Haynes that he believes enough NFL owners are leaning towards removing Snyder as owner of the team.

Irsay became the first NFL owner to speak publicly about Snyder's future with the league when he said he believes there is "merit to remove" Snyder amid several ongoing investigations into workplace harassment allegations. Forcing Snyder to sell the team would be unprecedented and require 24 votes from the league's 32 owners.

A spokesperson for the Commanders responded to Irsay's statements.

"It is unfortunate that Mr. Irsay decided to go public with his statement today, while an investigation is in process, and the team has had no opportunity to formally respond to allegations," the spokesperson said. "The Commanders have made remarkable progress over the past two years. We are confident that, when he has an opportunity to see the actual evidence in this case, Mr. Irsay will conclude that there is no reason for the Snyders to consider selling the franchise. And they won't."

Snyder's ownership of the team has been widely debated for years amid several scandals and investigations into workplace conduct in Washington. The league has been investigating allegations of sexual misconduct and financial impropriety, a probe conducted by attorney Mary Jo White that is ongoing. It became a hotter topic last week following an ESPN report detailing Snyder's efforts to influence other owners and the league office to maintain control of the team.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Jim Irsay: Colts' Owner

Daniel Snyder: Commanders' Owner

October 19, 2022 (5pm/2:47 length)

Commanders' Raffle Check Bounces

A Commanders season ticket holder tells WUSA 9 he won the team's 50-50 raffle.

He says he went to cash the 14-thousand dollar check, and the check bounced.

Drew Shipley won more than 14 thousand eight hundred dollars in the Commanders "50/50" raffle during the team's week 1 win back on September 11th.

Shipley said after more than a month had passed without being paid his prize money, he twice tweeted the team asking for his winnings, then called his ticket rep demanding the team make good.

A \$14,822 check arrived at Shipley's home from the Commanders last Thursday. Shipley deposited the check, and this morning found out the Commanders check bounced, putting his bank account in the negative and leaving him with a 15-dollar bad check fee.

Wednesday, a Washington Commanders spokesperson confirmed the check the team wrote - did not clear. Adding quote "We reached out directly to the fan as soon as we learned about it and have wired the money directly to his account, and apologized for the inconvenience"

The Commanders blamed the bounced check on a bank error and told WUSA 9 they are following up with the bank to learn why this happened and ensure it doesn't happen again.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Drew Shipley: Commanders' Season Ticket Holder

**November 2, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/3:10 length)
Snyder Courting Potential Buyers Part 1 (Haynes Report)**

WUSA 9 confirmed Washington Commanders owner Daniel Snyder is taking the first steps towards selling the team.

Through a team statement --- Snyder and his wife, Tanya, announced that they hired Bank of America to consider what they call potential transactions.

"The Snyders remain committed to the team, all of its employees and its countless fans to putting the best product on the field and continuing the work to set the gold standard for workplaces in the NFL," the statement reads.

It is unclear what this means - whether the Snyder's plans to sell the whole team, part of the team, or the stadium.

The Snyders have owned the Washington Commanders since 1999.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dan Snyder: Owner Washington Commanders

Tanya Snyder: Co-Owner Washington Commanders

**November 2, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/2:55 length)
Snyder Courting Potential Buyers Part 2 (Flack Report)**

Eric Flack reports just because Snyder is considering selling the Commanders, doesn't necessarily mean he will be cutting ties with the team.

Mike Ozanian, an Assistant Managing Editor at Forbes, and sports finance expert, says the Washington Commanders were very careful in the wording of its statement. Saying Snyder is quote "considering potential transactions."

Ozanian tells WUSA 9 this could mean, they could sell all of the team, they could sell a small piece of the team to a minority investor, say 10-15%. Or the third scenario is they sell a small piece with the understanding to the investor buying the small piece that that investor has the right to buy the entire team, say in four to six years. So, it's a transaction for control that happens over several years.

So why just sell a piece of the team to a minority owner? One has to remember Dan Snyder went deeper into debt to buy out his last group of minority owners, and now that Virginia has joined DC and Maryland in refusing to give him public financing to build a new stadium, Snyder would have to pay for a new stadium out of his own pocket. So, this could be a way for Snyder to raise the capital he needs to do just that.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Mike Ozanian: Assistant Managing Editor, Forbes

November 3, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/3:02 length)

RFK Demo

As Washington Commanders fans look to the future and a potential sale, DC is preparing to say goodbye to the team's old home. Events DC is selling memorabilia salvaged from RFK Stadium.

WUSA 9 was at RFK as demolition was happening inside the stadium--with removal of hazardous asbestos. Crews were also pulling out memorabilia for fans who might want a piece of this historic stadium.

DC kicked off its "Farewell RFK" celebration by putting roughly 8,000 stadium seats up for sale. The cost \$350 to \$500. You can get the orange ones from the lower bowl by mid-December. Next year the burgundy ones from the upper bowl will be available.

Ralph Morton, Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Sports & Entertainment for Events DC, said at a time of upheaval for the football franchise, this is an opportunity to celebrate better days.

The teardown of RFK will happen section by section using cranes and heavy equipment.

It should be complete by the end of next year. Events DC is planning various ceremonies to commemorate RFK, which was not just home to the Washington Football Team, but also the Washington Nationals, DC United and legendary concerts.

Fans can share their own photos and memories on a special Farewell RFK website.

And for those still holding out hope a new Commanders Stadium will one day replace the team's old one?

Moore says the future is in the hands of the federal governments and the DC government.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ralph Morton: Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Sports & Entertainment for Events DC

November 10, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/2:05 length)

DC Attorney General Sues Commanders

In a 45-page lawsuit, DC Attorney General Karl Racine made the claim that the Commanders, Dan Snyder and the NFL lied about what they knew regarding the team's workplace culture.

The lawsuit accuses Dan Snyder, the National Football League and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell of allegedly working together to lie to DC residents about Beth Wilkinson's investigation into the team's toxic workplace culture and allegations of sexual assault.

Racine claims Snyder and the team attempted to prevent witnesses from talking to Wilkinson through payoffs and intimidation and engaged in aggressive, abusive litigation to dig up information on victims. And that the NFL was fully aware of the quote "intimidation campaign."

Racine's lawsuit is civil, not criminal. It is seeking potential fines and a more detailed report on what Beth Wilkinson found in her investigation.

The NFL responded calling Beth Wilkinson's investigation into the Commanders thorough and comprehensive and said it imposed a record-setting fine against Snyder and the team.

The Commanders issued their own statement saying Dan and Tanya Snyder acknowledged an unacceptable workplace culture and apologized many times. And then this quote—"We agree with AG Racine on one thing: the public needs to know the truth. Although the lawsuit repeats a lot of innuendo, half-truths and lies, we welcome this opportunity to defend the organization -- for the first time -- in a court of law and to establish, once and for all, what is fact and what is fiction."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Karl Racine: DC Attorney General

Dan Snyder: Owner, Washington Commanders

**November 11, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/2:17 length)
DC Attorney General on Ticket Sales**

One day after filing a consumer protection lawsuit against owner Dan Snyder and the NFL, DC Attorney General Karl Racine is threatening a second legal action against the team over alleged financial irregularities in the Washington Commanders ticket office.

Racine already announced he is suing Commanders' team owner, Dan Snyder and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell alleging they entered into a secret agreement to hide the truth about the team's toxic workplace culture. Allegations the team and the league deny.

In April, Racine's office launched a separate investigation into allegations of a long-running practice of withholding refundable deposits from season ticket holders and hiding money that was supposed to be shared among other NFL owners.

Racine said there will be a second announcement on that investigation next week, which could range from a financial settlement with the team or a second lawsuit.

106.7 sports talk radio host Grant Paulsen tweeted out a letter recently sent to a former season ticket holder informing him he may be quote "entitled to a refund" from an old security deposit. That fan, who asked not to be identified, told WUSA 9 his family cancelled their season tickets 14 years ago, and the team is now in the process of refunding him \$950.

Paulsen tells WUSA 9 he's heard from other listeners who received similar letters.

A Commanders spokesperson emailed WUSA 9 and denied improperly keeping season ticket deposits - saying the team hasn't collected deposits in nearly a decade. And started returning deposits beginning in 2004. That spokesperson said letters like the one WUSA 9 reported on is part of the most recent outreach to return deposits to season ticket holders.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Karl Racine: DC Attorney General

Dan Snyder: Owner, Washington Commanders

November 17, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/1:57 length)

DC Attorney General Sues Over Ticket Sales

Attorney General Karl Racine announced a new lawsuit against the Washington Commanders. This one alleges there was an illegal scheme to cheat ticket holders out of their deposits for season tickets.

This latest lawsuit accuses the Commanders of an illegal scheme to cheat District ticket holders out of their deposits dating back to 1996.

The lawsuit says the Commanders promised ticket holders would automatically get the deposits within 30 days of cancelling seats, but instead the team held on to the money— and used it for its own purposes.

The lawsuit goes further and claims when ticket holders requested the deposits be returned, the Commanders intentionally complicated the return process.

All this first came to light when a former Commanders employee reported the practice in testimony before the House Oversight Committee investigating the team's toxic workplace culture.

Racine says the Commanders have returned some of the money to ticket holders but, as of March 2022, they still held nearly \$200,000 in unreturned security deposits paid by District consumers.

And the AG claims the team also forfeited thousands of dollars from District consumers' security deposits and converted that money into revenue for the team.

This new lawsuit follows that lawsuit the AG filed last week accusing the Commanders, team owner Dan Snyder, the NFL, and Commissioner Roger Goodell for colluding to deceive District residents about an investigation into toxic workplace culture and allegations of sexual assault.

WUSA 9 reached out to the team and its attorneys for comment and are waiting to hear back.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Karl Racine: DC Attorney General

Dan Snyder: Owner, Washington Commanders

**December 8, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/4:07 length) (6pm/3:35 length)
Congressional Reports On Commanders - Part 1 (Haynes report)**

WUSA 9 has obtained two reports from Congress on its investigations into the Commanders. One is from the House Oversight Committee's 79-page report, which reporter Darren Haynes reported on. The other is a 271-page response from House Republican members on that committee-which reporter Eric Flack reported on.

In the House Oversight Committee's report, Dan Snyder said under oath he could not recall, or was unaware of basic information over 100 times.

The Committee found for more than two decades Washington Commander employees were subjected to a deeply entrenched toxic work culture under the leadership of Dan Snyder. The Committee report also says the team ignored and downplayed sexual misconduct.

The report also says Mr. Snyder interfered with the NFL's investigation into the team-attempting to block access to information and trying to silence employees. The Committee report also says Mr. Snyder interfered with the Committee's investigation by intimidating witnesses.

The report also states that the NFL was aware of Mr. Snyder's interference but didn't do anything to stop it. The report says the League also misled the public about its handling of the investigation.

The NFL responded to the report saying the league issued a public release and imposed a "record-setting" fine on the club and its ownership. The club also implemented a series of recommendations by the Wilkinson firm. The statement goes on to say the Commanders have since made significant improvements to its workplace culture.

The Commanders also responded saying, "These Congressional investigators demonstrated, almost immediately, that they were not interested in the truth, and were only interested in chasing headlines by pursuing one side of the story. Today's report is the predictable culmination of that one-sided approach."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dan Snyder: Owner, Washington Commanders

National Football League

House Oversight Committee

**December 8, 2022 (5pm, 6pm re-air and 11pm re-air/1:51 length)
Congressional Reports On Commanders - Part 2 (Flack report)**

Before the House Oversight Committee even released its report, Republican Committee members put out their response. Calling it a quote "sham investigation" that ignored key facts.

Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack dug through all 271 pages of that Republican response. And for much of the report, Republican Committee members pointed the finger squarely at the team's former General Manager Bruce Allen.

Republican Oversight Committee members included emails they say are between former Washington Football General Manager Bruce Allen, sent from his work account to former Buccaneers and Raiders head coach Jon Gruden and others, sharing sexist photos of women including topless cheerleaders; mocking female referees; and using homophobic slurs.

The Republicans make the case it was Allen, not Commander's owner Daniel Snyder, who created and spread the organization's toxic workplace culture.

Allen was fired in 2019 after 10 seasons with the team.

And Republicans maintained it was Allen who controlled the team's day to day operations.

The Republicans also released transcripts of portions of Snyder's 11 hours of testimony, in which the owner denied allegations of sexual harassment and sexual assault and denied viewing explicit videos secretly recorded of cheerleaders.

Republicans say Snyder was supportive of policy changes to protect employees including Allen's removal. Plus, the Republicans highlighted testimony from former team executive Brian Lafemina who said he had no knowledge of Snyder participating in or perpetuating a bad culture, and did not see any evidence of financial fraud.

The Republicans called the house oversight investigation quote: "an ends-oriented effort to take down an NFL team owner."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dan Snyder: Owner, Washington Commanders

George Allen: Former Commanders General Manager/Team President

National Football League

House Oversight Committee

**December 8, 2022 (5pm and 11pm re-air/3:03 length) (6pm/2:41 length)
Response to Congressional Reports on Commanders - Part 3 (McBride report)**

WUSA 9's Sharla McBride spoke with the lawyer for Daniel Snyder and the Commanders, John Brownlee. Brownlee saying the report is "not worth the paper it's printed on." He also said Dan and Tanya Snyder knew absolutely nothing about Bruce Allen's emails or behaviors and when they did learn about it, Allen was then fired.

McBride also spoke with former team employee Megan Imbert, who has been involved with every investigation surrounding the team and the toxic work culture under Dan Snyder's ownership. While she says the report by the House Oversight Committee only confirms what she's believed to be true for some time, she was shocked by the Republican's response which included sexually explicit photos sent in emails by former team President Bruce Allen. She says while they had heard about these emails, she and other women involved hadn't seen the graphic images until now and having these women learn they were part of these disgusting email threads just as the world is seeing them too, is only retraumatizing them.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

John Brownlee: Attorney, Dan Snyder & Commanders

Megan Imbert: Former Commanders' Employee

December 20, 2022 (6pm/3:20 length)

Governor Glenn Youngkin Stadium Study

Governor Glenn Youngkin is reviving talk of a new Washington Commanders stadium in Virginia. Governor Youngkin wants state lawmakers to approve hundreds of thousands of dollars for an economic impact study of a Commanders stadium and whether Virginia should offer tax breaks to build it. But - for this economic impact study to move forward, lawmakers will have to sign off on the plan. Which is far from a sure thing, especially with Dan Snyder still in control of the team.

Tucked away in Governor Glenn Youngkin's billion dollars of proposed budget amendments is Proposal #336--"Develop Plan for Relocation of the Washington Commanders."

The proposal contains \$500,000 to conduct planning and evaluate potential economic incentives related to the potential relocation of the Commanders to Virginia. An idea Youngkin has pushed since he took office. Doubled down even after state lawmakers killed a 300-million-dollar stadium tax incentive plan over the summer.

The stadium plan steadily lost support in 2022 amid sexual harassment and financial mismanagement investigations against team owner Daniel Snyder.

But with Snyder considering selling the team, one potential roadblock to a partnership could be removed. Others remain. Like traffic.

State Senator Jeremy McPike telling WUSA 9 he plans to put it in a budget amendment to strike and remove it from the budget.

McPike, who represents parts of Prince William County which is on the Commanders list of potential stadium sites, says spending \$500,000 in taxpayer money to study whether tax breaks for the team makes sense, ignores the more pressing concern of how that new stadium would impact transportation around Northern Virginia.

On the other hand, State Senator Scott Surovell tells WUSA 9 he doesn't think there's anything wrong with gathering information.

Surovell, who also represents parts of Prince William County, sees no downside in the Governor's plan, adding the state paid for similar studies when considering legalizing casinos and marijuana.

In a statement the Commanders told WUSA 9 "We applaud any and all efforts taken by local officials to determine how the vision of our new venue can dramatically support the community, jobs and inclusive economic development growth objectives in any given jurisdiction."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Governor Glenn Youngkin: (R) Governor of Virginia

Jeremy McPike: Virginia State Senator

Scott Surovell; Virginia State Senator

Washington Commanders

Monday, December 26, 2022 (7-7:30pm/30 minute special)

Tackling The Headlines: A WUSA 9 Special Report (Commanders Controversies: Year In Review)

From a complete rebranding and name change to the launch of several investigations, the Washington Commanders have been through a lot this year. In this 30 minute special, WUSA 9 anchors Adam Longo, Sharla McBride, Eric Flack, and Darren Haynes looked back at the team's biggest stories of 2022. The show included a live report from Darren Haynes at the NFL owners meeting near Dallas, Texas. Darren offered new reporting on whether the owners were preparing to vote Commanders Owner Dan Snyder out of the league and force him to sell the team.

Other segments included:

Commanders Head Coach Ron Rivera's Starting Quarterback Comments

Terry McLaurin's Contract Signing

Commanders Stadium Search

Running Back Brian Robinson Shooting

Commanders New Name Unveiling

DC Attorney General Karl Racine's Lawsuit Against the Commanders

House Committee's Report on The Commanders

Owner Dan Snyder Considering Selling the Commanders

People highlighted:

Commanders General Manager Jason Wright

Commanders Head Coach Ron Rivera

Commanders Wide Receiver Terry McLaurin

Commanders Wide Receiver Curtis Samuel

Commanders Running Back Antonio Gibson

DC Attorney General Karl Racine

Dallas Cowboys Owner Jerry Jones

Colts Owner Jim Irsay

Brooklyn Law School Professor Jodi Balsam

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan

Virginia State Senator Janet Howell

Local Issue

Environment Matters

October 3, 2022 (5:45pm/3:08 length)

October 4, 2022 (6:30am re-air/3:08 length)

Endangered Monarch Butterflies Find Safe Harbor In Local Gardens

Fall is a season of hope for people trying to restore endangered migratory Monarch butterflies in our region. The Monarchs make one of the longest migrations for an insect known on the planet. In the summer of 2022, migratory Monarchs from eastern North America were declared an endangered species by the International Union for The Conservation of Nature. The plant they depend on here in North America, milkweed, has been all but eradicated by modern agriculture. A growing number of garden enthusiasts in the DC region are taking action by planting patches of milkweed in an attempt to restore the butterflies' habitat.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Mike Bailey and Janice Bailey – Germantown, MD residents growing milkweed
Kathy Stevens – Brookside Gardens Montgomery County MD

October 6, 2022(5:30pm/2:17 length)

October 7, 2022 (6:30am re-air/2:17 length)

How To Recycle Unused Hazardous Paint

If you're doing some fall cleaning and come across unused paint, you don't want to just toss it in the trash and risk it ending up in a landfill. Leftover paint can be hazardous to the environment, so making sure it gets in the right hands is important. It's estimated that as much as 85 million gallons of paint go to waste each year. PaintCare offers solutions to this issue.

People Interviewed:

Brett Rodgers - Director of Communications, PaintCare
Mike Siegel - General Manager, W.S. Jenks & Sons

October 10, 2022 (5:45pm/3:27 length)

October 11, 2022 (6:30am re-air/3:27 length)

Sustainable Golf Courses

Golf courses provide over 2 million acres of green space across the United States for everyone to enjoy. Now, the EPA and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America have signed an agreement to care for and maintain these areas. Meteorologist Topper Shutt explained what they plan to do in an environmentally friendly and responsible way.

People Interviewed:

Craig Kirby - Founder, "Golf. My Future. My Game"
Jon Lobenstein - Director of Agronomy, MC Golf
Adam Ortiz - EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator
Ryan Kraushofer - GM, Westminster National Golf Course
Rhett Evans - CEO, GCSAA
Tommy Wells - Director, DC DOEE

October 13, 2022 (5:30pm/2:46 length)

October 14, 2022 (6:30am re-air/2:46 length)

How Climate Change Is Impacting Fall Foliage

The short-term and long-term weather can impact fall colors. Rain, sun exposure and temperatures are among the biggest factors affecting foliage. Our changing climate is impacting when colors peak, how bright they become, how long they stay brilliant for and the overall health of trees.

Person Interviewed:

Rebecca Forkner - Associate Professor of Biology, George Mason University

October 17, 2022 (5:30pm/1:34 length)

October 18, 2022 (6:30am re-air/1:34 length)

Preventing Pumpkin Waste

Despite being healthy and nutritious, only about one-fifth of the pumpkins we grow each fall end up being eaten. But pumpkins can have a life after Halloween. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero showed us nine ways to keep from being wasteful by turning pumpkins into something useful.

Are Homes Being Removed From The Flood Zone In DC

October 20, 2022 (5:30pm/1:43 length)

October 20, 2022 (11pm/2:05 length)

October 21, 2022 (6am re-air/runs 1:43)

A WUSA 9 viewer reached out to ask if her home in Northeast Washington, DC was being removed from the flood zone in an updated flood map. Using information from the DC Department of Energy and The Office of the City Administrator's DC Flood Task Force, we confirmed that, yes, the District of Columbia is proposing an updated flood map.

People Interviewed:

Deborah Wiggins - NE D.C homeowner

Nicholas Bonard - DC Department of Energy and Environment

DC's National Arboretum

October 24, 2022 (5:30pm/1:33 length)

October 25, 2022 (6am re-air/1:33 length)

As leaves start to change colors, one place to take in the sight is the National Arboretum in Northeast, DC. The public garden is one of the largest green spaces in the Northeast part of the District. In addition to the beauty, there are also environmental initiatives there. The location is more than just your average garden.

"We are a hidden gem," said Dr. Richard Olsen, Director of the United States National Arboretum. "And we've been here since 1927. Created by an act of Congress. We are administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, and specifically the Agricultural Research Service. And so, we are a collections based research facility and public garden. And we are open to the public and one of the largest green spaces in this part of the city."

"We're front and center in terms of collecting and conserving plants so that they can be used, and this is in light of climate change, and other stress factors like disease and new pests," Olsen said.

The National Arboretum is famous for many of their collections including the azalea collection on Mount Hamilton, flowering cherries, crape myrtles, and boxwood. They even have geographical collections including some from Asia, specifically China, Japan, and Korea.

The public garden is a big part of their environmental initiatives, but one of the biggest attractions at the location is the columns that stand tall in the green space.

"These are a unique piece of our nation's history. These are the original columns from the east portico of the Capitol building the US Capitol building, every president from Andrew Jackson to Eisenhower were inaugurated under these columns," Dr. Olsen said.

Person Interviewed:

Dr. Richard Olsen - Director of the United States National Arboretum

Neighbors Demand Help From DC Agencies With Possible Underground Spring

October 31, 2022 (5:30pm/2:12 length)

November 1, 2022 (6am re-air/2:12 length)

Some neighbors who live along the 4000 Block of Ely Place in Southeast, Washington, DC are hoping to get some help with what they believe is an underground spring. For at least four years, neighbors have said the water from the spring has been rising, and with nowhere to go, it is coming through the concrete along the sidewalks and even seeping into their yards.

People Interviewed:

Kathy McDaniel - DC resident

Brittany Hughes - Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner

Experience The Birding Boom In DC, Maryland and Virginia

November 3, 2022 (5:30pm/3:32 length)

November 4, 2022 (6am re-air/3:32 length)

An old-school hobby is making a comeback and it's popular in the DC region. Birding is a great way to spend time outdoors with friends and family with little investment. You don't have to drive far from home to plan birding trips.

People Interviewed:

Tykee James - President, DC Audubon Society

Maria Elena Montero - Birder

New Partnership Set To Help Restore Oysters In The Chesapeake Bay

November 14, 2022 (5:30pm/1:53 length)

November 15, 2022 (6am re-air/1:53 length)

A new partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) was announced this year to restore oysters in the bay. The occasion was marked by adding 200,000 oysters to a reef off the dock at the SERC.

People Interviewed:

Hilary Falk - President and CEO, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Allison Colden - MD Sr. Fisheries Scientist

Matt Ogburn - Marine Ecologist

City Wildlife Makes Sure Native DC Animals Get The Care They Need

November 28, 2022 (5:30pm/1:41 length)

November 29, 2022 (6am re-air/1:41 length)

DC is home to more than 90 different species of wildlife. But sharing a city with so many people means animals get injured all the time. City Wildlife is working to help those animals, from squirrels to turtles.

City Wildlife was created to address the need for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation in Washington, DC. Over the past several decades, urban development has reduced local wildlife habitat and wild animals have had to adapt to living in close proximity with people. Each year, hundreds of wild animals in DC are unintentionally harmed by people and the urban environment.

Person Interviewed:

Anne Lewis – President of City Wildlife

Alexandria, Virginia Testing Quieter Electric Garbage Trucks

December 5, 2022 (5:30pm/1:27 length)

December 6, 2022 (6am re-air/1:27 length)

Electric vehicles are the way of the future when it comes to lowering emissions and helping our environment. Now grabbing garbage is going green in one Virginia city. Alexandria, Virginia, is the first city in the DC region to test drive a new fully electric garbage truck. Alexandria's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services had the Mack Electric Refuse Truck on loan for a week.

People Interviewed:

Darryl Syler - Fleet Management, City of Alexandria

Tyrone Kyle - Drives refuse trucks for the city of Alexandria

December 8, 2022 (5:30pm/1:46 length)

A Massive Tunnel Is Being Dug Under Old Town Alexandria

Nearly 150 feet underground, the city of Alexandria is tunneling toward a more environmentally friendly future. The key to that future is a 360-ton tunnel-boring machine, affectionately named Hazel. Hazel's job is to bore a 2-mile-long tunnel under Old Town that should solve one of Alexandria's biggest environmental issues since the city was built - to divert sewage water away from the Potomac.

"When it rains, the main pipes fill with both rainwater and sewage causing overflows of harmful bacteria and pollution to the Potomac River and its tributaries," said Justin Carl, a project manager for Alexandria's wastewater utility Alexandria Renew.

The problem isn't unique to Alexandria. More than 800 towns and cities across the US have a combined rainwater and sewage system. The impact is different for each. In Alexandria, it represents a significant source of pollution.

"In a year, about 140 million gallons of combined sewage overflow to our waterways here in Alexandria, when we're done with this project that will be reduced to less than 17 million," Carl said.

The project is the tunnel dug by Hazel. Carl said it will create a place that traps sewage and brings it to Alexandria Renew's treatment plant.

People Interviewed:

Justin Carl - Project Manager for Alexandria's Wastewater Utility

Ryan Payne - Project Manager

Organization Brings Climate Change Information To The Homebuying Process

December 12, 2022 (5:30pm/3:08 length)

December 13, 2022 (6am re-air/3:08 length)

Heavy snow and rain, flooding, stronger hurricanes, climate change and extreme weather is impacting every one of us. In the DMV, we are all vulnerable to flooding and other catastrophic changing weather patterns. Even prospective homebuyers are not immune. Now, there's an organization that brings climate change information to the home buying process so you can protect yourself and your biggest investment asset.

People Interviewed:

Dr. Ed Kearns – Chief Data Officer, First Street Foundation

Jeff Jackson – Deputy Director, FEMA

Zero-Waste Shop Offers Tips For Sustainable Holiday Celebrations

December 15, 2022 (5:30pm/1:41 length)

December 16, 2022 (6am re-air/1:41 length)

With the holidays upon us, WUSA 9 visited one zero-waste shop in DC for tips on how to be more friendly to the environment while you celebrate the season. We spoke with Mason & Greens owner Jason Marino for some tips.

Person Interviewed:

Justin Marino - Owner, Mason & Greens

The Farm Bill's Impact On Local Farmers

December 19, 2022 (5:30pm/3:43 length)

December 20, 2022 (6:30am re-air/3:43 length)

Congress is working on next year's Farm Bill. This report makes a strong case for the USDA and Congress to devote significant funding to help Bay states meet pollution reduction requirements. The report calculates that for every \$1 spent helping farmers implement these practices that ultimately help clean the Bay watershed could result in \$1.75 in higher sales and earnings. The economic advantages are quite obvious, but the environmental benefits might surprise you.

Person Interviewed:

Greg Glenn - CEO Rocklands Farm Winery

Washington DC Ward 5 Solar Panel Project
December 22, 2022 (5:30pm/1:30 length)
December 23, 2022 (6:30am re-air/1:30 length)

In December, the District of Columbia celebrated the installation of a new Community Renewable Energy Facility at the DC Water Reservoir. The 1.8 megawatt solar facility in Ward 5 will provide \$500 in energy credits each year for hundreds of moderate income families through the District's Solar for All Program.

People Interviewed:

Tommy Wells - DC Department of Energy & Environment
Benjamin Burdick - DC Sustainable Energy

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 (7-7:30pm/30 minute program)
Environment Matters: A WUSA 9 Special Report

Our December WUSA 9 Environment Matters Special focuses on birds, bees, and butterflies.

Our flying friends, who like humans, depend on a healthy environment in order to thrive. All are vital to our ecosystem and we rely on them to control pests, maintain habitats, and pollinate plants.

From birders to beekeepers to homeowners across the DMV, Chief Meteorologist Topper Shutt and Meteorologists Kaitlyn McGrath and Makayla Lucero show how all of us help them - and how they help our environment.

People Interviewed:

Tykee James - President, DC Audubon Society
Maria Elena Montero - Birder
Matt and Dante Julius - Birders
Tim Connolly - Director of Golf Course Management, TPC Potomac
Frank LaVardera - Audubon International
Mike Bailey - Germantown, MD
Ann Lewis - President, City Wildlife

Local Issue

Consumer

October 27, 2022 (11pm/3:56 length)
October 28, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:56 length)
Travel Company Yacht'Nik

Imagine....the perfect vacation.

Sailing on a luxurious yacht through piercing blue waters. More than a hundred travelers expected to do just that off the east coast of Africa. They booked trips through a company called Yacht'Nik-which organizes sailing experiences geared toward black travelers. But attendees on several trips tell WUSA 9 the experience they paid for, wasn't what they received.

Consumers that WUSA 9's Larry Miller spoke with say Yacht'nik advertised the trip to include seven days on large boats with WIFI, professional photography, transfer to and from the airport, a professional skipper, and a food package with a hostess that included 14 meals. The consumers say there was no professional photographer, food package or hostess. Several said they wound up finding these things on their own and paying for them again.

Many of the attendees WUSA 9 spoke with have moved toward filing disputes with their credit card companies detailing their experience and the trip's alleged shortcomings.

During a social media live chat, the owner of the company told attendees "I think the all-inclusive element in saying that is bad marketing in a sense....all-inclusive means all the stuff on the boat. I think I need to go back to the drawing board on that and that is where the issue came." He went on to say he would work on refunds to the passengers, but the process for how and when those refunds would be executed wasn't clear.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Jerome Moore: Owner, Yacht'Nik

Makisha Wiley: Consumer

Shameka Jennings: Consumer

Chris Jones: Consumer

October 28, 2022 (11pm/2:43 length)

October 31, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/2:43 length)

Stolen Vehicles And Tickets

Imagine having your car stolen and the thieves rack up thousands of dollars in tickets.

It happened to one DC woman months ago. And get this, the city won't cancel the tickets. So, the viewer reached out to WUSA 9 for help.

Catherine Brenner's Honda Civic was stolen from her condo complex parking lot. The theft was caught on camera. She filed a police report and waited for her car to be found. The thief, or thieves, behind the wheel racked up close to \$2,000 in parking, speeding and red-light fines.

While the car was stolen, Brenner started getting notices from the city that her car was getting the tickets. In fact, when she got a parking ticket notice, she went to the spot where the ticket was given out, and she found her own car. You heard that right, the police didn't find it. Brenner found it.

Then more ticket notices started arriving during the period the car was stolen.

When Brenner appealed to the city, they did not cancel the tickets. Warning notices, with double payment notices, kept on coming.

When WUSA 9 started investigating, the city started cancelling the tickets. Five out of ten so far. With promises from the city that all will be cancelled.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
Catherine Brenner: Car Stolen
DC DMV

November 1, 2022 (11pm/3:45 length)

November 2, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:45 length)

Online Puppies

A Virginia woman, looking for a companion, turned to social media to find a new puppy to bring home. But her search left her with more pain than joy.

Donna James of Virginia was all ready for her new arrival. Before it even arrived, she bought a leash, harness, bedding, even some doggie sweaters and jackets.

But excitement for James quickly turned to anger, after she realized the \$900 she paid for a new pup she saw online had not arrived as promised.

James saw the puppy on a site called "Cavapoos Near Me for Adoption." She talked with who she thought was the breeder on Facebook messenger. She was told the dog would come with all its shots up to date, and it would be potty trained. Then using a payment app, she paid the \$900 for the dog, with shipping included.

In a follow up email, James was given a tracking number and directed to the website Flight Nanny Pet Transportation-dot-com. She entered the number given to her. The site gave her a day and time when the dog would arrive at the airport. The date and time came and went. No dog.

Then James got another email telling her about COVID restrictions complicating the transport. The email went on to say a specialized crate would require additional money, anywhere between \$700 to \$1,200. James said she wanted to cancel her order and demanded a refund.

But still no dog, and no money has been received.

James has since filed a complaint with police and with the FBI that investigates alleged puppy scams.

A 2022 Better Business Bureau report says online purchases rank as the riskiest when it comes to scams- with pet purchases topping the list.

WUSA 9 went on the "Cavapoo near me for adoption" Facebook page looking for answers. We found none. Then, we called the number listed on that page, sent several emails, and still no response.

We also reached out to the transport company that was supposed to deliver James' puppy. We noticed that webpage has several red flags: grammatical errors, social media links that don't work, a phone number that connects you to a private cellphone. We called that number. Left several messages with no return call.

Another red flag in all of this was the price of the puppy quoted to James. Cavapoos can cost upwards of \$4,000. The \$900 price, with shipping and shots, is very low.

Experts say before buying a pet online, or in person, it's best to check out any breeder first with the American Kennel Club or Best Friends Animal Society.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Donna James: Consumer

November 3, 2022 (6pm/3:15 length)

November 5, 2022 (7am re-air/3:15 length)

Frankensteined Guardrails

Guardrails. The metal barriers are meant to keep drivers safe. But a WUSA 9 investigation has discovered some guardrails on our roads could be deadly.

The guardrails have been nicknamed “Frankensteined.” They are basically a system putting two different brands together. The guardrail made by one maker. The end terminal made by another maker. This is against federal guidelines. This is because the parts may not collapse as intended if hit by a vehicle.

That’s what happened to Mark Alonzo’s 18-year-old daughter when she hit one of these “Frankensteined” guardrails. Instead of cushioning the crash, Isabella’s doctors said the guardrail fatally separated her spine from her pelvis.

WUSA 9 took to the roads with a safety advocate who identifies dangerous guardrails across the country. In just one day, we found 3 of them on our highways. Two in Virginia and one in Maryland.

As a result of our reporting, Maryland’s Transportation Department says it is launching a statewide inspection of guardrails. And Virginia’s Transportation Department already has workers replacing the guardrails we pointed out to them.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Steve Eimers: Safety Advocate

Mark Alonzo: Daughter Died from Guardrail Accident

November 15, 2022 (11pm/3:24 length)

November 16, 2022 (12noon re-air and 5:30pm re-air/3:24 length)

Catalina Pool Company

A Maryland pool contractor says they were forced to close their doors because of “world events.” But consumers who paid tens of thousands of dollars for pools, are without their pools and their money. The consumers were notified by Catalina Pool Builders, out of Severna Park, Maryland, via email on October 27th that the company was going out of business.

The consumers WUSA 9 spoke with all signed contracts and put down large down payments on their pools starting in July. All had work starting in their backyards; but, just before the email came out, work stopped, and all the homeowners have to show for their money are large gaping holes. They also have questions. Why did the company take their money knowing they were going to close shop?

None of the consumers could reach the pool company once the email came out. WUSA 9 called the company, sent emails, and even paid them a personal visit. They did not respond to us either.

Court records show recent civil filings in Maryland District courts show other alleged customers than the ones we spoke with on camera. All of them alleging they too handed out thousands of dollars to Catalina Pool Builders, that also failed to do the work promised.

WUSA 9 also uncovered a host of complaints against the company filed with the Better Business Bureau. Nine complaints alone were filed at the end of October.

A spokesperson for Maryland's Department of Labor tells WUSA 9 the company had its contractor license suspended by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission on October 17th.

While Catalina would not go on camera with WUSA 9, they did release a statement to customers saying they are reviewing all account records in an attempt to liquidate assets for potential distribution to 200 creditors.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Leslie Green: Consumer

Chashae Rivers: Consumer

Lionel Green: Consumer

Kathryn Warren: Consumer

Catalina Pools

November 17, 2022 (11pm/3:43 length)

November 18, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:43 length)

Stolen SNAP Benefits

Low-income families who rely on federal assistance are facing new challenges after being scammed. Thieves have stolen their SNAP benefits by using card skimming devices. In this story, WUSA 9 explored how Maryland families are being affected and why they feel not enough is being done to help.

The federal government provides Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to families in need. The monthly benefits, electronically loaded onto EBT cards, are used by families in need for food.

WUSA 9 spoke with 2 mothers who both had their EBT cards wiped out. When we spoke with them in early November, both worried how they would feed their children.

SNAP recipients across our area, and the country, have been targets of thieves using phishing scams or skimming devices at ATM machines and convenience stores. In Prince George's County alone, close to \$500,000 has been stolen thus far in 2022.

WUSA 9 also discovered getting the money back is impossible. The Maryland Department of Human Services, which oversees the program in the state, says federal regulations prohibit states from replacing SNAP benefits using federal funds.

State lawmakers say the MDH needs to do more to help victims. They point to a \$2-billion budget surplus and ask why this money can't be used to help.

There's also a call to make the EBT cards more secure so they aren't hacked in the first place.

After WUSA 9 started working on the story, state lawmakers are now working with advocates to see if legislation can be proposed in the next General Assembly to address reimbursements. Plus, Maryland U.S. Congressman Dutch Rupersberger is introducing legislation in Congress to address the problem.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Tierra Tyson: Mother & SNAP Recipient

Bridget Jackson: Mother & SNAP Recipient

Ben Kramer: Maryland State Senator

Lourdes Padillia: Maryland Secretary of Human Services

Katie Fry Hester: Maryland State Senator

Michael Wilson: Maryland Hunger Solutions

Rep. Dutch Rupersberger: (D) Maryland

November 22, 2022 (11pm/2:58 length)

November 23, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/2:58 length)

Crypto

For several years there's been a gold rush on crypto currency. Investors have made small fortunes on these web-based coins like Bitcoin and Ethereum.

But it's also created a place where predatory schemes have blown up, causing people to lose lots of money.

And the US government doesn't quite know how to handle the world of crypto currency.

WUSA 9's Matt Gregory finds out who is pushing the schemes and what Congress is and is not doing about it.

University of Maryland senior business major, Ronit Tuladhar, first noticed a pattern on some crypto currencies being promoted. Dozens of social media influences were using YouTube, Twitch and Instagram to spread the word. The crypto coins they were pushing weren't big named ones like Bitcoin and Ethereum. They were little known ones with questionable value in the first place. But some of them were going up in value-big time. For example, one token peaked at \$20-million a day being invested into it. Then the bottom fell out when the influencer stopped promoting the coin. Now it only has \$30 a day being invested. And the influencer has taken down his post. Meanwhile, many customers who bought the crypto currency are out of luck.

Kim Kardashian is probably the most well-known social media influencer to get caught in a crypto influencer deal. The securities and Exchange Commission fined her millions of dollars for not disclosing she was paid to promote a coin offered by a company.

U.S. Congressman Don Beyer wants to rein in crypto. The problem is 2 agencies oversee different aspects of crypto. The Commodities Futures Trading Commission oversees Bitcoin. The Security and Exchange Commission handles Ethereum Max. But no one has claimed oversight authority over other crypto. Beyer has introduced a bill that would define oversight responsibility.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ronit Tuladhar: Senior, University of Maryland

Rep. Don Beyer: (D) Virginia

Local Issue

Health

October 7, 2022 (11pm/3:48 length)

October 10, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:48 length)

Opioids

A deadly combination of alcohol and opioids almost took the lives of four teenagers in Hyattsville, Maryland, recently saved by police officers. And back in June, DC police say 48 people nearly died of opioid overdoses in just 48 hours. According to a 2022 report from the Office of the DC Chief Medical Examiner, the number of opioid overdoses has been on a steady climb since 2018.

Now there's a growing movement to save people from opioid abuse by addressing the underlying issues that lead to addiction. WUSA 9 speaks with parents, former users of opioids and health experts in the field of recovery and prevention.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Cindy Morgan-Jaffe: Mom

Tanya Renee: Mom

Dr. Lisa Boynes-Sindass: Pediatrician

Nadine Parker: DC Prevention Center

Joseph Green: Spoken Word Artist

October 11, 2022 (6pm/3:12 length)

Lourie Center

Tucked away in a Rockville, Maryland neighborhood is a place that finds the heart of every child.

Especially, the ones who've had theirs broken by adversity or hardship. But there's hope at The Lourie Center. It's a special place where little people grappling with big emotions find a home.

For 40 years, The Lourie Center has helped children navigate feelings of distress, anger, and anxiety by studying, teaching, and wrapping them in support when their lives have been shaken to the core by trauma.

In addition to one-on-one interaction with therapists, small classrooms, and educators that specialize in trauma, the center uses art and music therapy.

Eighty percent of the children who come to the Lourie Center find new ways to succeed in learning and in life. Finding power in being seen and heard on the path to social and emotional wellness.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dr. Jimmy Venza: Director, Lourie Center

Anna: Grandmother of Child at Lourie Center

Jayden: Child at Lourie Center

November 11, 2022 (11pm/3:14 length)

November 13, 2022 (6:30pm re-air/3:14 length)

November 14, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:14 length)

First Responder Burnout And Mental Health

They are the first to answer the call for help. But more and more first responders are walking away from the job. Sadly, far too many are taking their own lives. According to the Department of Health, nearly 300 police officers commit suicide every year. More are suffering from addictions and mental health challenges. There are only a handful of rehab centers around the country where these officers can get the help they need.

WUSA9's Delia Goncalves visits one in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

The National Law Enforcement Wellness Center is a 28-day inpatient rehab facility in Harford County, Maryland. It's one of 6 wellness centers in the country approved by the National Fraternal Order of Police. It was founded in 2015.

The highly confidential, highly secured and monitored facility is run by current and former first responders, along with a team of psychiatrists, nurses, therapists--even a rapid response team of hostage negotiators and interventionists.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ken Beyer: Former EMT & Founder, National Law Enforcement Wellness Center

Joseph Cooper: Former Police Detective, Maryland

Robert Quick: Former Baltimore Police Officer

November 23, 2022 (11pm/3:56 length)

November 24, 2022 (4:30am re-air and 5:30pm re-air/3:56 length)

Youth Football And Concussions

It was the play seen around the sports world. Back in September, Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was flat on his back for 15-minutes after taking a major hit during play. It was his second serious hit in a week. And he was showing obvious signs of a concussion.

On social media, the responses were visceral. A lot of parents said they would never let their kids play contact football. So WUSA 9's Evan Koslof started looking at the numbers of young people playing the sport. Is it or is it not on the decline?

Just a few years ago, the Loudoun County Flag Football League had 300 kids playing. Today that number has ballooned to over 800. The appeal, many parents and kids told WUSA 9 was the non-contact nature of the sport, while still enjoying most aspect of football.

According to a survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the number of teens playing high school football fell by almost 11-percent between 2011 and 2021. These declining numbers are reflected locally as well. DC enrollment dropped 15-percent. Fairfax enrollment dropped 20-percent and over in Montgomery County the numbers dropped 13-percent.

Meanwhile over at the Junior Tennis Championship Center in College Park, they are seeing their numbers grow like those at the Loudoun County Flag Football League. One mother telling us she won't even let her son play flag football, worrying it will only entice him to want to play contact ball.

Youth football leagues say they are making improvements to contact football safety. Todd Casey, with the Vienna Youth Football League, says his league saw their numbers go from 500 to half of that at the height of concussion concerns. It was then they realized the sport had to take an inward look and learn how to teach the game better. Casey says there's more training on proper tackling techniques, including no use of the head. They've also started limiting hitting drills during practices. And it seems to be working. Numbers are growing in the ranks.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Patrick McPike: Flag Football Player

Ed McPike: Loudoun Co. NFL Flag Football League

Susan Chunn: Parent of Tennis Player

Michael Talley: Parent of Tennis Player

Rory Gray: Parent of Tennis Player

Steen Krieger: Parent of Tennis Player

Milena Galova: Parent of Tennis Player

Nikola Galov: Teen Tennis Player

Todd Casey: Vienna Youth Football Commissioner

Joey Bass: Flag Football Player

Gavin Baird: Flag Football Player

Brendon Baird: Parent of Flag Football Player

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 (7-7:30pm/30 minute program)

Verify: VERIFY Medical Misinformation And Myths

The VERIFY team tackles health misinformation. Hosts and reporters shed a light on how we fact-check health misinformation and how viewers at home can also. The segment features the story of a local woman battling long COVID, a one-on-one interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci, local fitness, and nutrition experts, and more.

People Interviewed:

Ashley Williams - Long COVID patient

Dr. Priya Dougal - Epidemiologist, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dr. Anthony Fauci - Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Laurent Amzallag - Fitness expert at Flexpods

Ali Popal - Insulin user

Gerard Anderson - Johns Hopkins University Professor

Dr. Robert Lash - Chief Medical Officer, Endocrine Society

Dr. Henry Kranzler - Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Center for Studies of Addiction at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine

Local Issue

Still Standing

October 5, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/1:44 length)

Inova Breast Density

Reporter: Marcella Robertson

We know catching cancer early can sometimes be the difference between life and death. Now, there is a new prevention center in the DMV that can help women know their risk of developing breast cancer. The Inova Saville Cancer Screening and Prevention Center opened its doors in May. Doctors focus on breast density, genetics and lifestyle impacts to determine your risk as a whole. WUSA 9 spoke with Dr. Rebecca Kaltman, Executive Director.

October 12, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/1:35 length)

Mom Funds Breast Cancer Research

Reporter: Jess Arnold

A Maryland mother of two is funding breast cancer research that could save her life. Jen Feinberg is living with metastatic breast cancer. So far, she's raised more than \$600,000 for metastatic research. We spoke with Jen about her journey and why she's committed to funding this research.

October 19, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/1:32 length)

New Radiation Therapy

Reporter: Marcella Robertson

Radiation has long been a tool used to prevent breast cancer from recurring. We know that process can be grueling and time consuming. But imagine turning six weeks of treatment into one day with the same results. Medstar Health was one of the first in our area to use this faster therapy to fight early stage breast cancer with Intraoperative Radiation Therapy or "IORT". WUSA 9 spoke with Dr. Marc Boisvert, Chief Washington Regional Breast Surgeon for Medstar Health.

October 31, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/1:48 length)

Artificial Intelligence

Reporter: Jess Arnold

It is in your phones and websites, and now it's in mammograms. Artificial intelligence is being used to detect breast cancer even earlier. WUSA 9 spoke with Radiologist, Dr. Rachel Brem. She serves as the Director of Breast Imaging and Intervention at the George Washington Cancer Center. Her mom beat breast cancer when she was a child and Dr. Brem is also a survivor.

Local Issue

Kids In Crisis

November 2, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/3 minutes length)

Creating A Safe Passage To School For Kids

Reporter: Jess Arnold

Kids often start fights in and on the way to and from school that turns into violence in the community. Multiple programs are working to mentor students out of that cycle.

At Ingenuity Prep in southeast DC, it starts with a "good morning!" from David Flythe -- Mr. Flythe to the kids.

"We make sure we get kids to and from school safe," Flythe said, as students interrupted him for a fist bump.

He's one of about 200 Safe Passage workers, according to a spokesperson for the city.

They post up at intersections near DC schools to keep kids out of trouble.

The city funded the program for the first time in Fiscal Year 2022, making it possible to pay these workers.

Interviewed David Flythe (Safe Passage Supervisor), Maria Johnson (Safe Passage worker), Mecca Bradley (Ballou High School senior), Tanisha Murdon (Safe Passage Supervisor), Shamika Griffin (DCPS School Resource Officer), Victor Battle (Safe Passage Program Manager), and Dutchess Edwards (DCPS Parent).

November 10, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/2:30 length)

Paving a New Path

Reporter: Jess Arnold

A DC father who was formerly incarcerated is working to lead his son down a new path. At the same time, jail staff are working to help heal trauma from behind bars. Interviewed Marcelles Queen (formerly incarcerated father), Jamari Queen (Marcelles' son), Bruce Reid (D.C. Jail's Mental Health Services Coordinator), and Dr. Beth Jordan (D.C. Jail Medical Director).

November 16, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/2:43 length)

The Scars You Can't See

Reporter: Jess Arnold

9-year-old Reagan Grimes was shot in the chest last May. WUSA 9 followed up with her to learn how she's coping with the scars you can't see. Interviewed Reagan Grimes (9-year-old who was shot) and Tina Grimes (her grandmother).

November 22, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/2:45 length)

Curbing Gun Violence With GoGo

Reporter: Jess Arnold

DC's Parks and Recreation department teamed up with GoGo professionals to host a summer program for teens and young adults. The goal is to give them something to do that gets them away from gun violence. Interviewed Shorty Corleone (founder of the Crank Music Program), BigGuy (in the band), Scappi, (in the band), and Belaire (in the band).

December 9, 2022 (6am and 5pm re-air/1:30 length)

DC Teen Shot Four Times in Four Years

Reporter: Jess Arnold

A DC teen was shot four times in four years, with the last time killing him. WUSA 9 spoke with his mother and the trauma surgeon who operated on him first about his tragic path. Interviewed Dr. Babak Sarani (trauma surgeon).

Local Issue

Crime/Public Safety

October 31, 2022 (6pm/2:34 length)

Domestic Violence

A WUSA 9 investigation into the death of a DC woman resulted in a change into how police officers protect domestic violence survivors. WUSA 9 Investigative Reporter Nathan Baca shows how this rule change could save lives.

DC Police say Sheila Matthews was stalked and murdered last December by a man she knew for decades who had just been released from prison.

Police report Matthews had called them four times to alert them of her stalker in the weeks before – and the day of – her death. But the District's mandated domestic violence counseling service – DC SAFE – says its counselors never got a call from DC Police about Matthews in danger.

After our investigation into Matthews' death aired this past February, MPD and DC SAFE entered into an agreement. A General Order mandates police officers connect domestic violence survivors with counselors by phone when they encounter them in the field.

One domestic violence survivor WUSA 9 spoke with says DC Safe saved her life. They helped get her out of the house she was sharing with her abuser, got her a DC housing voucher, and counseling to find work and mental health therapy.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Sharon Matthews: Niece of Domestic Violence Victim

Patsy Walker: DC Safe Counselor

DC Safe Client

November 9, 2022 (11pm/3:20 length)

November 10, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:20 length)

DC Gun Violence

Teenagers shot before they're old enough to drive.

What can we do to reverse this trend?

During a press conference at noon, the day after she was elected to a 3rd term, Mayor Muriel Bowser said this crisis is at the top of her agenda --- with members of her administration even meeting on election day --- to get this figured out.

One of the people under pressure to come up with a plan is the relatively new Gun Violence Prevention Director, Linda Harllee Harper. WUSA 9's Lorenzo Hall spoke with Harllee Harper.

She told us "the why" is the big question, that she and others are still trying to figure out. Saying government certainly doesn't have all the answers. But she says the young people are "crying out for help."

So far this year DC police data shows at least 14 children have been shot and killed and 76 injured from gunshot wounds. A sharp increase over last year.

Harlee Harper says one aspect they're examining --- how the height of this pandemic -- including school closures and quarantining may've impacted children.

Harlee Harper says one solution though is getting even more violence interrupters --- like Charles King -- in some of the city's roughest neighborhoods. He's one of 100 people trying to get children to resolve problems without a gun.

King says, a lot of the violence playing out is because of petty disputes on social media, in music videos -- and young people not understanding how to resolve conflict partly because they don't have a guide. Part of his job includes teaching parents.

Harlee Harper says her department's big task is finalizing DC's big plan to solve this problem -- which includes making sure there's better coordination between city agencies from police to child and family services.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Muriel Bowser: (D) Mayor of DC

Linda Harlee Harper: DC Gun Violence Prevention Director

Charles King: Violence Interrupter

November 10, 2022 (11pm/3:12 length)

November 11, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:12 length)

Social Media Music Videos And Violence

Are social media music videos influencing violence in DC? That's what a study released this year says.

So, for the last 6 months, WUSA 9's Matt Gregory has been analyzing DC homicide numbers. And in this story, he has the latest on the connection between these music videos and ramped up neighborhood gun violence.

A 2021 report by the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform says "Exacerbating the social media incited shootings are music videos . . . sparking a series of comments and competing videos that escalate into shootings."

WUSA 9 reached out to DC Police to get their take.

While they did not want to go on camera, they did acknowledge this phenomenon does exist.

When digging through DC court evidence files, WUSA 9 found music videos mentioned in several of DC's most high profile killings: 10-year-old Makayah Wilson; 11-year-old Davon McNeal; and 6-year-old Nyiah Courtney. All 3 cases mentioned rival crews using homemade social media music videos to egg each other on, until gunfire broke out killing these innocent children.

But DC Hip Hop artist, Young-E-Class calls the connection between videos and violence nonsense.

His point, the core issues involving violence in DC need to be addressed before the music videos. Issues like poverty, a lack of opportunity, housing, and a stable home life.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Lucille Leach: Son Murdered

Wayne Jacobs: FBI

Young-E-Class: Rap Artist

Metropolitan Police Department

November 18, 2022 (11pm/3:05 length)

November 19, 2022 (6pm re-air/3:05 length)

November 21, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:05 length)

Smart Guns

We have smart phones, smart TVs and smart cars, but what about smart guns? LodeStar, a new company, has designed just that. A gun that is only able to be used by the owner by use of a fingerprint. They believe smart guns could usher in a revolution of gun safety.

But critics say it's a pipe dream.

Here's how the technology works: You download an app on your cellphone. That connects to their gun. Open up the biometrics setting, load your fingerprint onto the side of the pistol. Fingerprint coded, and the gun is locked. If someone picks up the gun, that doesn't match the prints, they can't pull the trigger. If it is our gun, tap your finger to the side, and it's unlocked and can fire.

You can also lock and unlock the gun from your cellphone or type in a key code on the gun's grip.

According to the gun safety group, Everytown USA, more than 500,000 guns are stolen in the US. More than 3,100 young people die by suicide using a gun. And the CDC says there are more than 500 reported accidental firearms deaths a year.

Aidan Johnston represent the Gun Owners of America. That group is not opposed to smart gun technology, if it is voluntary. But he adds, it's been tried before and failed. The technology has either been easily hacked or jammed the guns.

LodeStar agrees they have more testing but hopes to have the first gun being manufactured by next fall.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ginger Chandler: Co-Founder, LodeStar

Gareth Glaser: Co-Founder, LodeStar

Aidan Johnston: Gun Owners of America

Local Issue

Education/Schools

October 2, 2022 (11pm/3:45 length)

October 3, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:45 length)

Broken School Cameras

A WUSA 9 investigation uncovers major safety gaps in DC Public Schools. Hundreds of broken security cameras and major delays in fixing them.

Records obtained by WUSA 9 reveal at the start of the fall semester there were at least 313 broken security cameras in DC schools. One high school had a staggering 82 cameras that were not working. An elementary school was listed with 34 non-working cameras.

WUSA 9 also found in the last 3 months, DCPS has only repaired 24 of its broken school security cameras. Raising serious questions about how long it will take the city to get the other 313 fixed.

DCPS would not go on camera for an interview, but in a statement told WUSA 9, "Our CCTV equipment is just one part of the layered security strategy we utilize in our schools...we are actively working to replace any worn down or faulty security equipment."

DC Councilmember Robert White tells WUSA 9 part of the problem is that DCPS, Department of General Services, and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer are all responsible for various repairs within school buildings.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Robert White: DC Councilmember

Anonymous Parents

DC Public Schools through a statement

October 6, 2022 (6pm and 11pm re-air/2:53 length)

Consolidated Student Loans

The Federal Joint Consolidation Loan Program. Congress created it to allow spouses to combine their student loans. But there was a major flaw. In cases of divorce, a spouse could walk away leaving their ex saddled with all the debt.

Sarah is an example. She has been trying for years to uncouple from her ex's \$100,000 student loan. She first talked with us in 2015.

WUSA 9 first reported on this issue in 2015. Today our reporting has led to a major change that will benefit thousands caught up in a financial nightmare. A law was passed by both houses of Congress. The original bill was introduced by Senator Mark Warner of Virginia. As he explains it, the relief will allow someone to immediately file, show that they have been divorced and no longer have to pay for the ex-spouse's payments.

Senator Warner estimates at least 13,000 people will be helped by this new law.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Senator Mark Warner (D) Virginia

Sarah: Responsible for a Consolidated Loan

Local Issue

Housing/Homelessness

October 13, 2022 (6pm/2:01 length)

Rental Unit Inspection Bill

Viewers have told WUSA 9 about complaints they've filed against apartment homes in the District over living conditions. Now there's a new effort to catch those problem living conditions before they get bad enough for a resident complaint.

WUSA 9 Investigative Reporter Nathan Baca talked to one DC leader about what this could mean for people concerned about where they live—like the renters in King Towers.

DC Council Chair Phil Mendelson says King Towers is an example of what he wants to prevent.

DC Records show resident complaints have racked up over the years, including failure to fix loose plaster, holes or decayed wood, failure to install smoke alarms, or failure to exterminate rodent infestation.

District numbers reviewed by the Council Chair's office show King Towers has racked up \$110,127 in fines since January 2021. And as of October, only 14 of 78 violations are considered fixed by DC's Department of Buildings.

Mendelson wrote the "Proactive Inspection Bill," which if passed, mandates all rental buildings get inspected up to once a year. Currently inspections can be spaced out up to once every four years or when complaints happen. The bill means inspection frequency would be based on the building's age and past code violations.

DC's Department of Buildings, responsible for inspections, declined an interview.

But in a statement, the department says it will not comment until the bill gets a hearing.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Phil Mendelson: Chairman, DC Council

November 29, 2022 (6pm/3:12 length)

801 East Men's Shelter

Men staying at DC's newest men's shelter, 801 East Men's Shelter in SE, tell WUSA 9's Nathan Baca they are facing hunger, cold food, and a lack of promised services.

801 East Men's Shelter has 396 beds. It opened on January 24th with great fanfare. The new \$56-million project is at the old St. Elizabeth's East Campus in Ward 8.

At the ribbon cutting, Mayor Muriel Bowser said the city was making good on the promise that every person deserves a chance to get back on his feet and to have the services that they need.

Residents at the new shelter tell WUSA 9's Nathan Baca they can't use the elevators because they are shut down, which makes it hard for some clients who have mobility issues. One resident even shared video he shot showing the elevators shut down.

Residents also told Nathan Baca the food they often get is cold, or not cooked thoroughly. And lunch is no longer served.

The shelter is owned by DC's Department of Human Services, with contractors from Catholic Charities and Community Connections. All the groups declined our requests for an interview and tour of the facility.

Since WUSA 9 began asking the District questions about client complaints, DHS announced that the restaurant "Henry's Soul Food Café" will start preparing food in December. As for lunch, the city says it was only a COVID emergency offering. But one shelter resident says the lack of lunch comes with consequences—such as shoplifting from grocery stores due to hunger.

One resident showed us video he shot of residents using a dayroom, traditionally used for storage, as a sleeping location. The video shows men sleeping on cots with no mattresses. This area was evidently used by the men who could not use the steps, while the elevators were out, to get to rooms with beds.

Some residents expressed concern about how close men were kept in sleeping areas due to Monkeypox, COVID and RSV.

DC Human Services says it just finished fixing the elevators, which allowed them to open the fifth floor, allowing the need to keep men overnight in the dayroom.

Some clients told WUSA 9 despite some of the shortfalls, this shelter was better than the old one on New York Avenue. Plus, it offers a computer lab and job search help and training.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dmetrius Davis: Person Experiencing Homelessness

Muriel Bowser: Mayor of DC

"Swan:" Person Experiencing Homelessness

William Johnson: Person Experiencing Homelessness

DC Human Services Department

Local Issue

Turkeys For Troops

November 11, 2022 (5am, 12noon re-air and 5:30pm re-air/3:01 length)

Alyssa Densham

When Alyssa Densham, a US Army wife, moved from Oklahoma to Virginia, she says the USO stepped in and helped support her young family. The family was living on one salary, because Alyssa hadn't found a new job. Her husband was a low ranking E5, so the USO not only provided moral support, job search help, but also helped the family make ends meet with food. Especially around the holidays through the USO's Turkeys for Troops program.

Because it helped her family out so much, Densham urges other military families to apply for the Turkeys for Troops. Especially this year with high inflation.

But Densham says the program is about so much more than the holiday meal, it is also about giving families a sense of community. A sense of being cared about and cared for. A sense of belonging and being part of something that is so much bigger than just you.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Alyssa Densham: Army Wife

November 11, 2022 (4:30am, 6am re-air and 6pm re-air/3:04 length)

Brittany Freshwater

Army spouse Brittany Freshwater knows the challenges and sacrifices military families make for our country. Uprooting your whole life every few years for a new assignment, separation from your spouse for long periods of time. But Freshwater says the one thing the military has taught her is that you can make family anywhere.

Brittany found that family connection as a USO volunteer. For the last few years, she's helped distribute the USO's Turkeys for Troops food boxes. Plus, she uses her box and cooks a Thanksgiving meal for some of the younger service members at Fort Meade who can't make it home for the holiday.

For Brittany, making the dinner, is a way for her to give back. It gives her meaning and a great way to connect and make new family.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Brittany Fresh: Army Wife

November 11, 2022 (9-9:30am/30 minutes length)

The 13th annual Turkeys for Troops WUSA 9 and USO telethon aired on Great Day Washington. Turkeys for Troops raises money for holiday food baskets for enlisted servicemembers in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area.

A phone bank of volunteers was active during the show taking donations for the cause, which was showcased throughout Great Day Washington.

Great Day also featured an interview with Paul McQuillan, the Chairman of the USO Advisory Board. McQuillan shared how the funds from Turkeys for Troops went straight to local enlisted servicemembers and all the ways the USO helps active duty US military.

The show also featured an interview with Marine veteran Doug Duvall, the Director of Operations at Giant Food Delivers. Duvall shared how to brine a turkey and discusses how Giant works with the USO all year long.

Local Issue

Politics

November 1, 2022 (6am and 6pm re-air/3:13 length)
Abigail Spanberger Profile

Virginia's US Congressional District 7 race was one of the most competitive in the country. Over a 2 day period, WUSA 9 looked at each of the candidates and their position on the issues. On this day, we spoke with democratic incumbent Abigail Spanberger.

When it comes to the economy and inflation, Spanberger said Congress needs to do more about gas prices and supply chain disruptions. She also said she would push to get more truck drivers on the road which, she says, is contributing to inflation.

Spanberger also said she supports a woman's right to choose and, if re-elected, would work with other members of congress to make sure abortion is not denied on a state basis, following the recent reversal of Roe vs. Wade. She also said she would work to insure LGBTQ+ rights.

Spanberger also told us that some of her proudest achievements while serving in congress have been helping to lower prescription drug prices and urging the White House to expand short-term oil refineries to reduce gas costs.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Abigail Spanberger: (D) Candidate for U.S. Congress, Virginia District 7

November 2, 2022 (6am and 6pm re-air/3:10 length)
Yesli Vega Profile

Virginia's US Congressional District 7 race was one of the most competitive in the country. Over a 2-day period, we looked at each of the candidates and their position on the issues. On this day, WUSA 9 spoke with republican candidate, Yesli Vega. She currently serves as a Prince William County Supervisor.

Tops on Vega's agenda was curbing inflation and costs for families. She vowed not to raise prices and rein in spending if elected.

Vega also addressed a bankruptcy filing she filed for, which included student debt. She said she was 24 at the time and a small business owner during the last recession where businesses were forced out of the market.

She also talked about being pro-life and supporting the recent Supreme Court decision reversing Roe vs. Wade. But she also said she does believe a woman has the right to choose when it comes to the life of the mother, rape, and incest.

She also voiced her support of Governor Glenn Youngkin's directive on trans students in schools. Things like requiring schools to categorize transgender children by their "biological sex," and barring students from using a new name or pronouns without parental consent.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Yesli Vega: R-Candidate for U.S. Congress, Virginia District 7

November 3, 2022 (6am and 6pm re-air/3:25 length)

Wes Moore Profile

Over a period of 2 days, WUSA 9 spoke with the 2 candidates vying to be Maryland's next Governor. On this day we spoke with democratic nominee, Wes Moore.

A Washington Post-University of Maryland poll found Wes Moore has a 32-point lead over his Republican challenger, Dan Cox. Participants in that poll say the economy, crime, and taxes represent some of the leading issues driving them to the polls.

When it comes to the economy, Moore says the biggest thing that needs to happen is having more participants. Meaning getting more people back to work. And that could mean job re-training.

Moore also says the childcare system has to be fixed and more accessible to residents.

Moore also acknowledged that Maryland ranks 50th for places for retirees to live. He said his administration would not allow this to continue, which means his administration would have to look at retiree tax rates.

When it comes to crime, WUSA 9 asked Moore if he supports continuing youth curfews like the one in Prince George's County. Moore said in addition to counties doing what they think is best for their communities, the state is also going to have to look at illegal guns and partner with local and federal authorities.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Wes Moore: (D) Maryland Gubernatorial Candidate

November 4, 2022 (6am and 6pm re-air/3:27 length)

Dan Cox Profile

Over a period of 2 days, WUSA 9 spoke with the 2 candidates vying to be Maryland's next Governor. On this day, we spoke with republican nominee, Dan Cox.

Dan Cox won the Republican nomination for Maryland governor despite not having the endorsement of outgoing Republican governor Larry Hogan.

Cox is a Maryland state delegate, representing parts of Frederick and Carroll counties. He's also an attorney specializing in constitutional law.

He says the number one priority, if he is elected, is focusing on lowering taxes, including the property taxes.

He also said he would order the Department of Taxation and Assessments to use a constant dollar approach, which he says would get inflation out of the tax system.

He also says he will lower the state business taxes so businesses don't go to Virginia or Delaware.

When it comes to transportation, he says he does not support the Purple Line.

As for crime, Cox says he opposes addressing it simply with curfews for juveniles. He believes catching, arresting, prosecuting, and punishing criminals should be top priority.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dan Cox: R-Maryland Gubernatorial Candidates

Americans Leaving America

November 4, 2022 (11pm/3:52 length)

November 5, 2022 (7am re-air/3:52 length)

November 7, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:52 length)

International experts say there's an increase in Americans who want to leave the United States for good.

According to Jennifer Stevens with International Living, people are beginning to wonder if the United States is as great as it used to be. They are questioning the political divide, health care, costs, crime, and work-life balance.

International Living reported a 1000-percent increase in web traffic after Roe vs. Wade was overturned back in April. Meanwhile, the 2020 election of Donald Trump, George Floyd protests, and the COVID-19 Pandemic all significantly drove up clicks for "Where Can I Live," a consulting business for people who need help with the logistics of moving to another country.

WUSA 9 traveled to Atlanta to talk with Americans considering the big move. Hundreds of people were in the Peach State for a bootcamp for people thinking of moving overseas. The attendees got access to information on everything from buying a home in another county to finding an ex-pat community.

Stevens says countries are even relaxing their requirements for Americans. Loosening restrictions on travel and work Visas; allowing Americans to live abroad for years without renewing the Visa, or in some cases, indefinitely.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Jen Dewberry: Moving Away from America

Jennifer Stevens: Exec Director, International Living

Becky Gommell: Moving Away From America

Alison Johnson: Employee, Where Can I Live

Jessica Ramesch: Moved to Panama

Americans Leaving America & Voting

November 6, 2022 (11pm/3:08 length)

November 7, 2022 (6pm re-air/3:08 length)

With so much hanging in the balance during this year's midterm elections, every vote will be crucial. And now WUSA 9 has learned about a growing movement to recruit voters who aren't even living in the US anymore.

Democrats Abroad is one group urging their party members to vote. As is the group Republicans Overseas.

All of this is possible because of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 - giving active military and American's living abroad voting rights in federal elections.

The majority of states also give Americans living abroad the right to vote in local elections...although that process varies from state to state.

For instance, in Virginia, your overseas ballot must be signed by a witness. In Maryland and DC, it does not.

In Maryland, people living abroad can only vote in state and local elections in addition to federal elections if they plan to return to Maryland at some point in the future. Virginia and DC don't have that requirement.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Candice Kerestan: International Chair, Democrats Abroad

Becky Gommell: Moving Abroad

Republicans Overseas

Andy Craig: CATO Institute

Only Godly Need Apply?

November 7, 2022 (11pm/3:46 length)

November 8, 2022 (6am re-air and 12noon re-air/3:46 length)

A job in public office may require a variety of skills: organizing, handshaking, and campaigning. But could a belief in God be one of them as well?

WUSA 9 got a question asking if Maryland is really among a handful of states requiring those in public office to declare they believe in God. So, our Verify team got to work checking into it.

First: to the Maryland State Constitution. Where in the Declaration of Rights, you'll find Article 36. It reads in part, for a person's free exercise of religion, "provided, he believes in the existence of God."

Then Article 37 asserts, "No religious test ought ever to be required as a qualification for any office of profit or trust in this State, other than a declaration in the existence of God."

That was a job requirement Roy Torcaso said he could not fulfill when the Marylander wanted to take a job as a Notary Public in the 1960's. Instead, he went to the U.S. Supreme Court. And the Court unanimously agreed with Torcaso. That 1961 case held that a state cannot require somebody as a precondition to holding public office to espouse a religion, specific religion or more generally to state a belief in God.

At the time of this case, there were eight states that still had requirements of some sort of religious belief, and the Supreme Court decision essentially invalidated all of those. But they do remain formally on the books. They're just not enforceable because of the Supreme Court having declared them unconstitutional. But just because the Supreme Court strikes down a law, doesn't repeal the law.

Even if you look at the Constitution itself, when we amend the Constitution, the earlier provisions are still there. We still, for example, have three clauses that recognize the institution of slavery, even though the 13th Amendment prohibits slavery. That's because the way our system works, we invalidate the law, but we don't have it removed.

In 2022, the ACLU of Maryland says they consider this whole thing a settled issue and a religious test would not be allowed.

But theoretically, the Supreme Court could change its mind on the Constitutionality of the Maryland law--making it enforceable again. Classic example of this is what just happened in April of 2022, after the high court reversed Roe vs. Wade. Several states, including West Virginia, kept a law on the books banning abortion, even after Roe vs. Wade made that unenforceable. Now, after the Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health decision, allowing states to outlaw abortion, that old law is back in effect.

So we can Verify, no, Maryland nor any other state, can't require public officials to believe in God, with religious tests deemed unconstitutional, and illegal.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Maxwell Stearns: Professor, Constitutional Law, University of Maryland

Local Issue

Transportation/METRO

WMSC Report on METRO Safety

December 6, 2022 (11pm/3:21 length)

December 7, 2022 (5:30pm re-air/3:21 length)

Step onto a Metro train and WMATA asks you to follow the rules. Now a WUSA 9 investigation uncovers Metrorail doesn't always follow its own rules to keep riders and employees safe.

With ridership down two-thirds from pre-pandemic levels, WMATA is struggling to get its system on track.

Now WUSA 9 has uncovered Metrorail may have an entirely new set of safety problems to correct. Including allegations by the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission. The safety oversight agency for DC's train system says Metrorail issued track safety clearance to people who didn't meet WMATA's own training standards. They put rail cars into service that didn't meet WMATA's safety protocols, and they didn't even follow WMATA's own investigative procedures after a series of train overruns in November.

In the case of those overruns, WMSC says Metrorail deliberately ignored its own newly implemented safety standards requiring it to immediately remove the train and conductor from service to figure out what happened and prevent additional train overruns.

WMSC's latest findings come on the heels of its 13th safety audit of WMATA in the past 3 years. In that report, released in April, WMSC found Metrorail has a "culture that accepts noncompliance with written operational rules, instructions, and manuals...And does not effectively identify, track, communicate and address operational hazards."

The audit also identified “safety risks due to inadequate training, knowledge, certification or oversight requirements.”

In the wake of that April report, Metrorail was forced to pull 72 train operators out of service because they weren’t properly certified. And WMSC says Metrorail is in the process of implementing other corrective actions required to address issues.

In a statement WMATA told WUSA 9 “Safety is not static, and involves continuous improvement to review, design, train and oversee the effective implementation of our Metrorail rules. Metro is committed to ensure compliance with all procedures and recently began implementing a comprehensive Safety Management System to capture and mitigate hazards, including compliance.”

Should Metrorail fail to follow through with those fixes, WMSC can take action, including fines, or in extreme cases, halting operations.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

David Meyer: CEO, Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

WMATA

Local Issue

Verify

VERIFY ON-AIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

With so many rumors and misinformation out there, it can be hard to know what is real and what is not. WUSA 9’s VERIFY team answered questions from the community with vetted experts, original documents and fact-checking to get to the truth. Segments were from :45-2:15 in length.

Questions Verified

October 2022

How does beach restoration work and how much does it cost to replenish Ocean City’s beaches?

What cases are the Supreme Court looking at this term?

What would DC’s proposed non-citizen voting bill do and what would it not do?

Did the Biden Administration make a change to the student loan forgiveness plan, now excluding some borrowers?

Are landlords required to provide heating? If so, during which months?

What’s the guidance for how to detect breast cancer and monitor your breast health?

What does President Biden’s marijuana pardon proclamation do?

Maryland’s highest court allowed early ballot counting.

Has there been more violent crime in DC this year, compared to this same time last year?

How many curfew violations were issued over the last 30 days in Prince George's County?

What can you be doing now to prepare for student loan forgiveness?

How many kids missed the DC public school deadline for routine vaccines and are currently at risk of being sent home?

Has Spanberger voted with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi 100% of the time?

Who can get the Public Service Loan Forgiveness money?

How often does Maryland get earthquakes?

How much money have Maryland Gubernatorial candidates raised so far? How does this compare to the last governor's race?

Is this the last January 6th Committee public hearing? Does the committee have a deadline? What happens after hearings conclude?

How is breast cancer passed down?

If you're traveling between two states where it's legal to possess— can you legally bring weed on a plane?

DMV voter registration deadlines.

Is this beta website for the loan forgiveness application legit? Are applications really open?

How much have Abigail Spanberger and Yesli Vega fundraised for their campaigns?

Do campaign ads play by different rules than other commercials?

Are RSV cases on the rise?

Has DC government stepped up its rodent control?

How do the numbers of homicides in DC compare to last year?

What does the Fairfax County Public School "truthful education" resolution say and would it change FCPS policy?

Does bleach preserve a pumpkin, and is it dangerous for critters?

Is the DC Flood Task Force proposing a new flood map, and in doing so, removing some homes in Ward 7 and 8 from the flood-zone?

How many pedestrians and cyclists have been injured or killed in DC?

What do we know about exercise and breast cancer outcomes?

Does cold weather kill mosquitoes?

Is it RSV, Flu or COVID?

Is Virginia required to adopt the CDC's immunization schedule for kids?

Incorrect ballots were mailed out in DC - what happened?

What is RSV? Why is RSV especially dangerous for small children? How is RSV treated? When does RSV become an emergency?

What RSV symptoms should parents look out for?

Is it really a class 4 misdemeanor for teens older than 14 to trick or trick in Chesapeake, Virginia? What about in other Virginia counties?

How many mail-in ballots have been cast so far in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

Is Halloween the deadliest day of the year for pedestrians under the age of 18?

November 2022

Why are Metro Transit Police issuing fines for fare evasion?

In the DMV, are there laws about getting time off to vote?

What are the early and mail-in ballot numbers so far in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

What are the voter challenger laws in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

What's the process for selling and buying an NFL Team?

Do you need an ID to vote in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

How many threats have members of Congress received this year? How does that compare with other years?

What are the most commonly drawn Powerball numbers? What are your odds of winning? Is it better to take the cash option or the annuity option?

Has higher mortgage rates contributed to less people buying houses in the DMV?

Where do you vote in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

What time can you vote in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

Do you need to show an ID to vote in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

Can you still register and vote in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

How can you tell if your mail-in ballot was counted in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

Was this election the most expensive in history?

What can be done with a House or Senate majority?

What can leftover money from federal campaigns be used on?

Have we seen more flooding in our area?

What temperature setting requirements exist for renters?

What is UVA's threat assessment team and what did they do with the information they received about the alleged shooter?

What would the rules be around "another" Trump presidency? Explaining term limits.

By how much are heating bills going up? Why are prices going up?

Does a losing candidate really have to concede?

What should you do if you smell gas in your home?

How are fire investigations typically handled?

How full are DMV hospital beds?

How long can campaign signs legally stay up in our region?

What's in Virginia's new education standards and what changed?

Why is VDOT changing the new I-66 HOV lanes from HOV2 to HOV3? Who can ride with the new rules?

What will enforcement look like?

Is it true that Sheetz legally can't run their \$1.99 per gallon gas promotion in Maryland?

Is the average cost of Thanksgiving up compared to last year?

Five tips to help you avoid online shopping scams.

Do small planes get in more crashes than big planes?

How to make the most of giving Tuesday.

What does "competent to stand trial" mean?

Maryland tolls grace period expiring.

December 2022

How do you determine whether to fly or drive?

How many times has there been a white Christmas in the DC area?

If your package gets stolen, will the shipping company do anything for you?

Takeaways from a CDC media call.

What's in DC council's proposal for free metro buses?

Are some masks better than others?

What is Harper vs. Moore about and could it upend the democratic process nationwide?

Are side effects from bivalent boosters different than other COVID shots?

Is it true that if you say "Alexa, thank my driver," Amazon will give your delivery driver a \$5 dollar tip for free to the customer?

How long can you safely leave food out at room temperature?

How frequently are shootings on WMATA property?

What qualifies as a fever?

How can you tell if emails or texts are legit around the holidays?

Is ice melt dangerous for pets?

How much caffeine is too much?

US Postal Inspection Service warns of purchasing counterfeit stamps.

Is there a deadline for the January 6th Select House committee to finish? What happens after the hearings conclude?

Is it illegal for federal workers to accept cash gifts?

Do delivery drivers sometimes use their personal vehicles?

What holiday items are recyclable?

Who is eligible to get money from the Wells Fargo Bank fine? How can you collect the money?

Do these videos which show DIY ways to defrost your windshield work?

Can it get too cold for salt to work?

How to unfreeze your door in cold weather.

Is there a rise in canine flu in the DC region?

Are COVID hospitalizations up in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

Can I get a refund if my airline cancels my flight?

Can you use an at-home COVID-19 test after the expiration date on the box?

What can you do if you still don't have your bag after taking a Southwest flight?

Do some snow globes contain a toxic chemical used in antifreeze?

How can you recycle a Christmas tree locally in DC, Maryland and Virginia?

**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS BROADCAST
OCTOBER 2022**

FACE THE NATION

10/02/22 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) (2); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (3); Kevin Anderson, mayor, Fort Myers, FL (4); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (5); Chris Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (6); Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster (retired), former national security adviser, Trump administration, CBS News contributor (7); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (8)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (9)

1) a report from Myrtle Beach, SC on the devastation Hurricane Ian caused in Florida

2) Topics include: Hurricane Ian / need for emergency supplemental aid / flood insurance / rebuilding in places at risk for extreme weather / updating building codes; political divisions in the United States

3) Topics include: FEMA's focus on Florida / water and electricity issues / how a community or an individual recovers / rebuilding in locations at risk for extreme weather; reaction to comments made by Vice President Harris, and Senator Scott's mischaracterization of them, regarding FEMA / commitment to provide assistance and support to all communities

4) Topics include: personal responsibility regarding evacuating for a hurricane / water and electricity disruptions / rebuilding subjected to newer, tougher building codes

5) a discussion on how climate change is making hurricanes stronger and more destructive and managed retreat evacuation

6) Topics include: challenges facing Puerto Rico and Florida after hurricanes; ability to carry out the midterm elections after a hurricane / threats to election security ahead of the 2022 midterms / insider risk to U.S. elections / need to protect election workers

7) Topics include: Ukraine's progress against Russia / response should Russia use a nuclear weapon in Ukraine; handling of classified information in the Trump White House; call to lift restrictions on the U.S. support provided to Ukraine

8) a preview of the new Supreme Court term, which starts Monday

9) "Remembering Bill Plante" – a look at the life and career of Bill Plante, a member of the CBS News family for more than 50 years, who died Wednesday at the age of 84

10/09/22

Guests: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (1); Kari Lake, gubernatorial candidate (R-AZ) (2); Katie Hobbs, Arizona secretary of state, gubernatorial candidate (D-AZ) (3); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (4) (5); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Peter Baker, chief White House correspondent, *The New York Times*, co-author, [The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021](#) (5); Susan Glasser, staff writer, *The New Yorker*, co-author, [The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021](#) (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6); Mohamed El-Erian, chief economic adviser, Allianz, president, Queens College, Cambridge University (7)

Guest Moderator: Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent

- 1) Topics include: CBS Battleground Tracker poll results for Senate races in Wisconsin and Arizona / effect of denying or questioning the 2020 election
- 2) Topics include: immigration / border security; abortion rights; threats against election workers / 2020 election / election integrity
- 3) Topics include: why she won't agree to debate her opponent Kari Lake; immigration / border security; abortion rights; comprehensive plan to address inflation and the economy; commitment to speaking directly with Arizona voters
- 4) a report on the trial against Stewart Rhodes, founder of the far-right Oath Keepers group, who along with four co-defendants, is standing trial for seditious conspiracy
- 5) Topics include: Kari Lake's use of the Trump playbook / impact of former President Trump's brand of politics on the 2022 mid-term elections / Trump-preferred candidate Herschel Walker / potential threats against members of Congress / role of election denialism in the Republican Party and its impact on the structure of American politics / questions raised in [The Divider](#)
- 6) a report from Kryvih Rih, Ukraine, as Russia launches deadly strikes in Ukraine after battlefield setbacks
- 7) Topics include: volatility in the U.S. stock market / mistakes made by the Federal Reserve regarding inflation; OPEC Plus's decision to cut oil production / inflation predictions / this week's jobs report / "stagflation"

10/16/22

Guests: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (1); Pete Buttigieg, secretary of transportation, Biden administration (2); Betsey Stevenson, professor, University of Michigan, former chief economist, United States Department of Labor, Obama administration (3); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (4); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (5); Rachael Bade, "Politico", author, [Unchecked: The Untold Story Behind Congress' Botched Impeachments of Donald Trump](#) (6); Karoun Demirjian, "The Washington Post", author, [Unchecked: The Untold Story Behind Congress' Botched Impeachments of Donald Trump](#) (6); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (7)

- 1) analysis of CBS News Battleground Tracker poll results, which indicate the Republicans are still favored to capture the House of Representatives and the factors impacting momentum for Democrats
- 2) Topics include: inflation as a concern for voters / Biden administration's efforts to combat inflation; paid leave; infrastructure / frustration expressed by local governments over securing funds
- 3) Topics include: inflation's impact on the current state of the economy / consumer worry; childcare and caregiver shortage / female employment and the return to workforce / upward wage pressure
- 4) a report from Dnipro, Ukraine on the battering of civilians in front line cities by Russian missiles over the past week
- 5) Topics include: holdup in the delivery of American air defense systems; Friday's speech from President Putin; Elon Musk and the Starlink internet service; nuclear threat from Russia / global response
- 6) Topics include: challenging preconceived notions about the Trump impeachments / reluctance of Democratic leadership to impeach Trump the night of January 6th / corrective actions taken by the January 6th committee / recently released videos taken behind-the-scenes with congressional leaders on January 6th
- 7) a report from Athens, GA on Friday's debate between GOP challenger Herschel Walker and Democratic incumbent Senator Raphael Warnock, one of this year's crucial Senate races

10/23/22

Guests: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (1); Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (2); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (3); Christopher Krebs, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", "Pivot" (4); Amos Hochstein, special presidential coordinator, Biden administration (6); Holly Williams, CBS News foreign correspondent (7); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (8)

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

- 1) a report from the White House on the closing arguments from candidates in high-profile midterm races in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Ohio and Texas
- 2) Topics include: close midterm races to determine which Party controls the House / Democrats' focus on lowering the high cost of living amid high inflation / matters which are important to voters / Roe vs. Wade versus the economy / issues on the line should Republicans win the majority
- 3) Topics include: surge among children in Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infections / new COVID booster and the flu vaccine / advice for protecting yourself against a more aggressive flu season; spread of false claims about a CDC vaccine mandate on the campaign trail

4) Topics include: social media companies' acceptance of ads with political misinformation in them / efforts to combat false information online / possible voter intimidation in Arizona / continuing efforts to delegitimize the 2020 election; Elon Musk's possible purchase of Twitter / lack of scrutiny regarding the ownership of social media companies / adversaries use of business icons to further their foreign policy

5) CBS NEWS: EYE ON AMERICA: ELECTION INFLUENCERS: "Pressured Parents" focus group – a discussion with three voters who feel post-pandemic stress over finances and kids and are deeply impacted by inflation and the issues influencing their votes in the midterms

6) Topics include: release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) / upcoming European ban on Russian crude imports / OPEC's decision to cut oil production; potential deal between Israel and Lebanon that would allow offshore drilling

7) a report from Petrykivka, Ukraine on the latest on the war as it enters its eighth month

8) a report from Constanta, Romania on the thousands of U.S. troops who are stationed in countries bordering Ukraine

10/30/22

Guests: Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (1); Jen Easterly, director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (2); Representative Tom Emmer (R-MN), chairman, National Republican Congressional Committee (3); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (4); Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), chair, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (5); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (6); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News CBS News elections and surveys director (7); Amy Walter, publisher, editor-in-chief, "The Cook Political Report" (8); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (8); Nick Timiraos, chief economic correspondent, "The Wall Street Journal" (8)

1) a report on Friday's attack on Paul Pelosi, the 82-year-old husband of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, at their home in San Francisco

2) Topics include: no specific or credible threats to election infrastructure / Election Day plan for security / social media and the spread of conspiracy theories / foreign threat to U.S. elections

3) Topics include: attack on Paul Pelosi / CBS News poll results indicating that the majority of Republicans support private citizens patrolling ballot drop boxes and polling places / 2020 election / defense of the midterm focus on House Speaker Pelosi, including his use of a gun in his own political advertisement

4) Topics include: threats against election workers / properly trained poll watching / high number of lawsuits filed before the midterm elections

5) Topics include: accepting midterm election results / election integrity / Democratic strategy of elevating less electable Republicans / 'soft on crime' perception of Democrats / changing perceptions and appealing to younger voters

6) a report from Los Angeles on what voters are saying are their top issues with just over a week to go before the midterm elections

7) a discussion on the findings from the latest CBS News Battleground Tracker, which shows a range of possibilities heading into election night

8) Topics include: issues impacting voters / political environment ahead of the midterm elections / Democrats are adjusting their messages to voters on economic issues / abortion rights

60 MINUTES

10/02/22 60 MINUTES (7:53 – 8:53p)

An update on the war in Ukraine, following Russian President Vladimir Putin's announcement on Friday that he is annexing about 20% of Ukraine. (C: Scott Pelley)

"Olena Zelenska" – an interview with First Lady Olena Zelenska in Kyiv. The Ukrainian first lady details her diplomatic efforts, the Russian invasion and the future of Ukraine. Includes interviews with Inna Levchenko, Valentyna Vasylchenko and Nataliia Horbach, who all took shelter in a Ukrainian school during bombings. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Kristin Steve, Nicole Young)

"What Happened At Grizzly Flats?" – a report on the Caldor fire, one of the worst wildfires in California's history. Residents of Grizzly Flats community, which was wiped out in the fire, feel the U.S. Forest Service is to blame for mishandling and escalating the fire. Includes interviews with Candace Tyler, who lost her home in the fire; Grant Ingram, a retired fire captain; and Lloyd Ogan, retired deputy fire chief. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

"Captain Kolisi" – a profile of Siya Kolisi. As the first Black rugby captain of South Africa, he discusses apartheid, inequality in sports and his goals as a role model. Includes interviews with Tendai Mtawarira, a retired professional rugby union player and friend of Kolisi; Francois Pienaar, former Springbok captain; and Rachel Kolisi, his wife. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon)

The Last Minute – the destruction left behind in Florida and the Carolinas by Hurricane Ian. (C: Lesley Stahl)

10/09/22 **"Taiwan"** – a report on Taiwan. As the nation prepares for a possible Chinese invasion, tensions continue to rise. Includes interviews with Admiral Lee Hsi-min, former head of Taiwan's armed forces; Wang Ting-yu, a parliamentarian from southern Taiwan; Morris Chang, TSMC's founder; Jack Yao, a Taipei coffee vendor; and Enoch Wu, a former special forces soldier. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On, Jacqueline Williams)

"After Ian" – a report on Hurricane Ian. While the coast of southwestern Florida was devastated by the category four storm, particularly coastal islands, some communities fared better than others. Includes interviews with Milissa and John Sprecher, whose family fled Sanibel Island; Brian Chapman, owner of Chapman Insurance Group; Bobby

Quinn, a former Air Force weather forecaster, pilot and tech company founder; and Syd Kitson, Babcock Ranch creator. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Marc Lieberman)

“Church and State” – an interview with Bart Barber. As the Southern Baptist Convention’s newly elected president, he discusses the sex abuse scandal, his faith and the upcoming midterm elections. Includes an interview with Ryan Burg, an assistant professor at Eastern Illinois University and an American Baptist pastor. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Sarah Koch, Chrissy Jones)

The Last Minute – an update to “Albert Pujols”, OAD: 04/10/11. (C: Anderson Cooper)

10/16/22

60 MINUTES (7:41 – 8:41p)

“The Lost Souls of Bucha” – a report on the Ukrainian town of Bucha. With many having lost their homes and families, the community is attempting to cope with the effects of war. Includes interviews with Dmytro Kozyarevich, Serhii Kaplychnyi, Serhii Matiuk, Vladyslav Minchenko, Elena Rubailo and Oleksandr Chikmariov, all residents of Bucha; and Father Andriy Halavin, the priest of St. Andrew’s. (See also: “President Zelenskyy”, OAD: 04/10/22) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic, Alex Ortiz)

“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)

“Coach Prime” – an interview with Deion Sanders. The NFL Hall of Famer and head coach of the football program at Jackson State discusses the economics of his program, his own health issues and his decision to join the HBCU. Includes interviews with Ashley Robinson, Jackson State’s athletic director; Dr. Charles McClelland, conference commissioner; Travis Hunter, football player; and Shedeur Sanders, Deion’s son. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Dragan Mihailovich)

The Last Minute – This past Monday, former Federal Reserve Chairman, Ben Bernanke, was named winner of the Nobel prize in economics, a prize shared with two other American economists for their work in how societies deal with financial crises. (“The Chairman”, OAD: 03/15/09 and “The Chairman”, OAD: 12/05/10) (C: Scott Pelley)

10/23/22

“Dominion” – an interview with John Poulos, CEO of Dominion Voting Systems. The company has filed lawsuits against the conservative news networks that claimed Dominion interfered with the 2020 presidential election. Includes interviews with Chris Krebs, former director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; and Lee Levine, a First Amendment attorney. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Sarah Koch)

“American Prairie” – a report on American Prairie. The nonprofit, run by CEO Alison Fox, aims to restore and conserve a large region of central Montana as a nature reserve. Includes interviews with Alison Fox, CEO of American Prairie; Conni and Craig French, who operate a cattle farm; Daniel Kinka, a wildlife biologist who runs Wild Sky; Lance Johnson,

a fourth generation Montanan who runs a cattle ranch with his family; and Mark Azure, former president of the Fort Belknap Reservation's tribal council. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)

“Ina Garten” – an interview with Ina Garten. The “Barefoot Contessa” discusses her *New York Times* bestselling cookbook, her Food Network TV show and advice to home cooks. Includes an interview with Jeffrey Garten, her husband. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis)

The Last Minute – selected viewer comments on “The Lost Souls of Bucha”, OAD: 10/16/22. (C: Anderson Cooper)

10/30/22

“Belief in the Ballot” – a report on the upcoming midterm elections and candidates using claims of election fraud in 2020 as a key platform of their campaign. The republican party is divided by the issue, with many conservatives hoping to move on from the claims. Includes interviews with Rusty Bowers, a life-long Republican and artist who became Arizona's speaker of the House; Mark Finchem, Arizona State Representative; Mark Brnovich, Arizona's Republican attorney general; and Adrian Fontes, Finchem's Democratic opponent. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz)

“Pathogen X” – a report on the search for the next deadly virus. Scientists are exploring rare wildlife to test animals for Pathogen X, or viruses they fear capable of transferring to humans. Includes interviews with Christine Johnson, wildlife epidemiologist; Benard Ssebide, one of Uganda's top wildlife veterinarians; Tierra Smiley Evans, a UC Davis epidemiologist and wildlife veterinarian; Bukamba Nelson, wildlife veterinarian; and Amy Bond, of international conservation group Gorilla Doctors. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

“David Sedaris” – an interview with David Sedaris. The essayist discusses his inspiration, his family relationships and his start as a writer. Includes interviews with actress and comedian Amy Sedaris, his sister; and Hugh Hamrick, his partner. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine)

The Last Minute – an update on “Ballet in Exile”, OAD: 05/08/22. (C: Jon Wertheim)

48 HOURS

10/01/22

48 HOURS: “Death Hits Home: The Hargan Killings” – a report on the July 2017 murders of millionaire mother Pamela Hargan and her adult daughter Helen who were discovered by police in their Fairfax County, VA home, after Helen's boyfriend in Dallas, TX, Carlos Gutierrez, alerted authorities. Hours after the bodies were found in separate locations with a rifle near Helen, police informed the family and then went public with their murder-suicide theory. Pamela's other daughters, Ashley and Megan - who along with her 8-year-old daughter Molly was living with Pamela and Helen while her husband was in the military - both described Helen as struggling emotionally. Soon, Helen's autopsy report revealed that someone else pulled the trigger, casting doubt on the murder-suicide theory; further investigation revealed that Megan attempted to steal money from Pamela's account to purchase a home by impersonating her over the phone. In November 2018, Megan was arrested in West Virginia. At her trial, the

defense argued that the prosecution's forensics were inconclusive and that Helen shot their mother and then took her own life by pulling the trigger with her toe. In March 2022, Megan Harman was found guilty of two counts of first degree murder; the jury recommended a sentence of life in prison on each murder count. **On-screen text graphic:** Megan Hargan and her husband divorced. Their daughter Molly is living with her father in another state. Megan Hargan is scheduled to be sentenced on October 28th. Interviewed: Brian Byerson, lead detective; Julia Elliott, crime scene detective; Michelle Sigona, CBS News; Tami Mallios, former neighbor; Erin Roughneen, Helen's friend; Rebecca Wolfe, Megan's friend; Whitney Gregory, prosecutor; Tyler Bezilla, prosecutor; Iris Graff, crime scene reconstructionist, hired by the prosecution; and Matt Troiano, attorney, hired by 48 HOURS to review the file. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Josh Yager, Lauren A. White)

10/08/22

PREEMPTION

10/15/22

48 HOURS: "The Strange Death of Professor Shockley" – a report on the death of Marianne Shockley, a popular University of Georgia professor. After a day of barhopping, Marianne and her boyfriend Marcus Lillard ended up at the Milledgeville, GA home of former psychologist Clark Heindel, to use his hot tub; all three of them took ecstasy (MDMA). Marcus exited the hot tub and when he returned, Marianne wasn't breathing. Marcus and Clark delayed in calling the police and attempted to perform CPR on Marianne. Sheriff's deputies arrived at Clark's home in the early morning hours of May 12th, 2019; Marianne was pronounced dead at the scene. While deputies investigated, Clark slipped into the house and took his own life. Autopsy results indicated Marianne "died as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation". Within a day, Marcus was charged with his girlfriend's murder. Marcus was formally indicted in March 2021 and charged with four counts; he was ordered held without bond. Largely due to the COVID pandemic, the trial was delayed until April 4th, 2022. Prosecutors maintained that Marcus strangled Marianne during sex and they included the testimony of six former girlfriends; the case went to the jury on April 8th, 2022. Marcus was found not guilty on all counts, but the judge found that he violated his probation for his 2015 drug conviction and he was remanded to prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Marcus could remain in prison until October 2030. But it's likely he'll be released sooner. Marianne's children settled a wrongful death lawsuit against Clark Heindel's estate for \$500,000. There was no admission of liability or fault. This story discusses suicide. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please contact the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. Interviewed: Marcus Lillard; Ayla Crippen, Marianne's younger sister; Penny Dearmin, creator of "Blood Town", a podcast about the Marianne Shockley case; Carson Lillard, Marcus' son; Shakara Maggitt, Marianne's student; Bill Masee, sheriff, Baldwin County, GA; Matt Tucker, defense attorney; Tammy Coffey, assistant district attorney; and Tyisha Davis, juror #11. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Paul LaRosa)

10/22/22

48 HOURS: "The Disappearance of Kristin Smart" (9:00 - 10:00p) – the second updated rebroadcast of a report on the 1996 disappearance of a Cal Poly college freshman that had remained unsolved. On Memorial Day weekend of May 1996, Kristin Smart 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. 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; Updated Rebroadcast: 05/08/21)

10/22/22

48 HOURS: “The Kidnapping of Schanda Handley” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the August 6th, 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 11th, 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 24th, 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)

10/29/22

PREEMPTION

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

In addition to the coverage on the regularly scheduled news programs related to the January 6th Capitol Assault Hearing, CBS News provided the following live coverage:

10/13/22

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: CBS NEWS: JAN. 6TH CAPITOL ASSAULT HEARINGS (1:00 - 3:48p) – *initial chyron ID: Jan. 6th Committee Holds Final Hearing Before Midterm Elections* - live coverage of the ninth public hearing of the Select Committee to Investigate the Attack on the United States Capitol, the House committee responsible for investigating the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob. The focus of today’s evidentiary hearing is former President Donald Trump’s state of mind, his central role in the effort to overturn the 2020 election and the possibility of another January 6th if the necessary steps are not taken to prevent it. Coverage includes: (1) Opening statement from Representative and Select Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS), who clarifies that today’s hearing is actually “a formal committee business meeting”, which allows members to “potentially hold a committee vote on further investigative action”; (2) Opening statement from Representative and Select Committee Vice Chairwoman Liz Cheney (R-WY); (3) Opening statement from

Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA); (4) Opening statement from Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL); (5) Opening statement from Representative Elaine Luria (D-VA); (6) Opening statement from Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-FL); (7) Opening statement from Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA); (8) Correspondents' commentary and analysis while the committee is in recess; (9) Opening statement from Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA); (10) Opening statement from Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD); (11) Statement from Representative Thompson, explaining why the committee will subpoena Mr. Trump; (12) Representative Cheney asks for the immediate consideration of a Committee resolution, with the clerk reporting the resolution; (13) Remarks and offering of a "resolution that the Committee direct the Chairman to issue a subpoena for relevant documents and testimony under oath from Donald John Trump in connection with the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol" from Representative Cheney; (14) Committee votes unanimously to subpoena former President Trump, Vice Chairwoman Cheney requesting a recorded vote, and Chairman Thompson adjourns the Committee; and (15) Correspondents' commentary and analysis. Origination: Capitol Hill. Correspondents / Consultant: Norah O'Donnell, anchor (CBS News Washington); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (CBS News Washington); John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent (CBS News Washington); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (CBS News Washington); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (Capitol Hill); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (Fairless Hills, PA); and A.T. Smith, former deputy director, U.S. Secret Service, CBS News consultant (no location given).

**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK
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FACE THE NATION

11/06/22 **Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Kris Van Cleave, CBS News correspondent (1); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (1); Keisha Lance Bottoms, former mayor (D-Atlanta, GA), senior adviser, Biden administration (2); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (3); Chris Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (4); Laura Meckler, national education writer, "The Washington Post" (5); Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, board member, Pfizer (5); Emily Oster, economist, Brown University (5); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (6); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (6)

1) reports from Pennsylvania, Arizona and Georgia, where hotly contested match-ups could determine control of Congress

2) Topics include: voter turnout in Georgia / issues impacting African-American voters / Democrats' messaging problem / danger posed by election deniers

3) Topics include: inauguration, should he win re-election; federal response to prevent a natural gas shortage this winter; reaction to President Biden's comments on the MAGA extreme element of the Republican Party / former President Trump's anticipated election announcement; quality of Republican mid-term candidates

4) Topics include: undermining of the legitimacy of American elections / need for GOP leaders to speak truth to power regarding debunked election claims; concerns raised by Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter

5) a discussion of some of the concerns facing "Pressured Parents", who are anxious about the post-Covid era and are one of four groups of election influencers who could prove decisive in this year's midterm campaign

6) a discussion on the fight over abortion rights on the state level in Tuesday's midterm elections

11/13/22 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (2); Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), author, *Only the Strong: Reversing the Left's Plot to Sabotage American Power* (3); Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD), member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (4); Anita Dunn, senior adviser, President Biden (5); Ashley Etienne, CBS News political contributor, former aide, Vice President Kamala Harris, former aide, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (6); Joel Payne, Democratic strategist, CBS News political contributor (6); Leslie Sanchez, Republican strategist, CBS News political analyst (6); Brendan Buck, former top aide, former House Speaker Paul Ryan, former top aide, former House Speaker John Boehner (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (7)

- 1) a report from Atlanta on the latest election developments
- 2) a discussion on the impact of "election influencers" and the trends that influenced the midterm election results
- 3) Topics include: GOP's showing in the midterm elections / former President Trump's position in the Republican Party / Trump's anticipated announcement that he's going to run for president in 2024 / Senate runoff election in Georgia / support for Senator Mitch McConnell retaining leadership; tomorrow's meeting between President Biden and President Xi Jinping of China / avoiding military conflict with China
- 4) Topics include: midterm election results; Trump's anticipated announcement / report for the January 6th Committee; Electoral Count Act; 155 House Republicans in the new Congress who have raised unfounded doubts about the 2020 election / need for Republicans to decide what they're going to do about Mr. Trump; promised House Republican investigations of President Biden and the White House
- 5) Topics include: midterm election results / President Biden's pledge to work with Republicans; student debt relief; need to codify Roe vs. Wade; promised House Republican investigations of President Biden and the White House; 2024 presidential election
- 6) Political panel's assessment of the fallout from the 2022 midterm elections and a breakdown of the dynamic in Congress following the results of the 2022 midterm elections
- 7) thanking those in the military for their service and sacrifice

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Guests: Rod Rosenstein, former U.S. deputy attorney general, Trump administration (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, author, *So Help Me God* (2) (4); Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), member, Committee on the Judiciary, member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (3); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (5); Scott Galloway, professor, New York University, co-host, "Pivot" (5); Karen Bass, mayor-elect, Los Angeles, CA (6)

- 1) Topics include: Attorney General Merrick Garland's decision to appoint a special counsel to oversee investigations of former President Trump; investigation into Hunter Biden; possible political violence / Mr. Trump's decision to not comply with the investigation / concern about the timing, related to the 2024 presidential election
- 2) Topics include: his experience on January 6th / view of former President Trump / refusal to testify before Congress / disappointment in the "partisan nature" of the January 6th committee; wrong message sent by executing a search warrant against a former president
- 3) Topics include: refusal of the vice president and the former president to comply with the January 6th investigation / special counsel to take up the events surrounding January 6th; investigation into Hunter Biden

4) Topics include: 2024 presidential election / 2020 presidential election / recent midterm elections; abortion rights; same-sex marriage

5) Topics include: Elon Musk's decision to lift the ban and put former President Trump back on Twitter; investigation into Sam Bankman-Fried, founder of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX; "Patagonia vest" recession

6) Topics include: issues of crime and homelessness / her public safety plan for Los Angeles / hiring more police officers / police reform; gun ownership

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Guests: Dr. Antony Fauci, chief medical adviser, Biden administration (1) (4); Representative James Clyburn (D-SC), House Majority Whip (2); Jeh Johnson, former U.S. secretary of homeland security, Obama administration (3); Michael Chertoff, former U.S. secretary of homeland security, George W. Bush administration (3); Governor Jared Polis (D-CO) (5); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (6)

1) Topics include: risks for people congregating this holiday season / RSV infections / local decision to close schools / COVID immunity after infection / importance of booster shots

2) Topics include: efficacy of the federal gun laws in place, in light of the 3 recent mass shootings / getting President Biden's proposed assault weapons ban done during a lame-duck session of Congress / gun reform after Republicans take control of the House of Representatives; priorities before Republicans take control; Democrats' leadership elections / need for other leadership representation from the South

3) Topics include: prevalence of guns in America / mental health crisis / efforts to combat gun violence / "red flag" laws; migrants at the southern border / asylum laws; vow from Republicans to impeach the current Homeland Security secretary

4) Topics include: continuing threat posed by COVID / House Republican calls for investigations into the origins of COVID / politicization of COVID / need for transparency with China / China's COVID policy; retirement plans

5) Topics include: recent mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs / potentially expanding "red flag" laws / possible hate crime and anti-LGBTQ rhetoric / President Biden's renewed call for an assault weapons ban / need to pursue mental health aspect in this and other shooting incidences

6) a report from Kyiv, as Russia tries to weaponize winter and freeze Ukraine's momentum

60 MINUTES

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60 MINUTES (7:34 – 8:34p)

"Angry in America" – a report on social media's effect on the midterm elections. Includes interviews Tristan Harris, co-founder of the Center for Humane Technology; Jonathan Haidt, social psychologist and professor at NYU's Stern School of Business; and Monika Bickert, head of Facebook's content policy. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)

“Buses From The Border” – a report on New York City’s handling of the large influx of migrants from Central and South America. Includes interviews with Ledys Gomez, Edward and Maria, Cesar Romborges, migrants who all crossed the border; Theresa Cardinal Brown, managing director at the Bipartisan Policy Center; Natalia Russo, the principal of P.S. 145; and Eric Adams, Mayor of New York City. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Andy Court)

“Ready or Not” – a report on the rise of “preppers.” These survivalists actively stockpile supplies as preparation for catastrophes. Includes interviews with Bradley Garrett, John Ramey, and Heidi Keller who are all preppers; and Larry Hall, a former defense contractor who now builds prepper homes. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Jacqueline Williams)

The Last Minute – recalling the words of Abe Lincoln as election day approaches. (C: Jon Wertheim)

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“The Surfside Mystery” – a report on last year’s 12-story beachfront condominium collapse in Surfside, Florida, which killed 98 people. Investigators are still unsure of the cause. Includes interviews with Raysa Rodriguez, who lived in the building; Glenn Bell, federal investigator of the collapse; Allyn Kilsheimer, who was hired by the city of Surfside to investigate the collapse; Shannon Gallagher, who lives in a condo next door to the new construction in Surfside; Eric Glazer, who specializes in Florida condo laws; and Robert Lisman, who lives two doors down from Surfside condos. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

“The Paper Brigade” – a report on the resistance group known as “The Paper Brigade.” As a fight against the Holocaust, this team of Lithuanians risked death by smuggling artwork, books, and other cultural artifacts to hide from Nazi forces. Includes interviews with Jonathan Brent, executive director of the YIVO Institute; Hadas Kalderon, granddaughter of Avrom Sutzkever, one of the leaders of The Paper Brigade; Mindaugas Kvietkauskas Vilnius University Professor and Lithuania’s minister of culture; and Stefanie Halpern, YIVO’s director of archives in New York. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Julie Holstein)

“Sona and the Kora” – a profile of musician Sona Jobarteh. As the first female virtuoso of the ancient West African instrument the kora, she discusses tradition and her hit song. Includes interviews with Sanjally Jobarteh, Sona’s father; and Rohy and Borry, students of music at the Gambia Academy. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein)

The Last Minute – Midterms show “nobody knows nothing” as voters defy pollsters. (C: Lesley Stahl)

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60 MINUTES (7:48 – 8:48p)

“The Most Dangerous Place In The World” – an interview with Rafael Mariano Grossi. As director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), he is attempting to reach an agreement between Russia and Ukraine to protect Europe’s largest nuclear power plant. Includes an interview with Andriy Tuz, a plant spokesman who fled Ukraine after working four months under Russian occupation. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)

“The Panini Sticker Phenomenon” – a report on Panini stickers. Created before the 1970 World Cup by the Italian Panini brothers, the collectible trading stickers have made a resurgence for the World Cup in Qatar. Includes interviews with Francesco Furnari, the biggest official Panini distributor in the United States; Antonio Panini, Giuseppe Panini’s son; Laura and Lucia Panini, Giuseppe Panini’s nieces; Antonio Allegra, Panini’s Marketing Director; Marcella Mannori, Panini’s project manager overseeing image control; Gigi Buffon, soccer player; and Giani Bellini, who is considered the most prolific Panini collector in the world. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Draggan Mihailovich)

“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)

The Last Minute – an update on “Back to the Moon”, OAD: 03/07/21. (C: Bill Whitaker)

11/27/22

“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)

“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)

“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)

The Last Minute – an update on “298 Counts of Murder”, OAD: 02/23/20. (C: Scott Pelley)

48 HOURS

11/05/22

48 HOURS: “The Psychiatrist and the Selfie” (9:00 – 10:00p) – a second updated rebroadcast on the case against Jacob Nolan, who claims his cousin and psychiatrist, Dr. Pamela Buchbinder, brainwashed him into attempting to kill her former lover, fellow psychiatrist Dr. Michael Weiss, during the time the unmarried couple was going through a custody battle for their son. On November 12th, 2012, Nolan attacked Dr. Weiss in his office with a sledgehammer and a knife. Weiss fought back. After the struggle, while covered in blood, Nolan snapped a selfie. He was arrested and charged with attempted murder. At the time of the attack, Nolan was living with Buchbinder, who was also treating him for depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder. Dr. Buchbinder was also going through a nasty custody battle with Dr. Weiss. Today, Jacob Nolan says that Dr. Buchbinder manipulated and brainwashed him to hate Dr. Weiss and that hatred turned into their plan to kill Dr. Weiss. After the attack, Nolan was in a manic state and taken to the ER. Dr. Buchbinder went to the hospital, but was not allowed to see him. Although there is evidence of Dr. Buchbinder purchasing the sledgehammer, she has not been charged with any crime. Nolan was freed on bail and went to live with his parents in Miami. Dr. Weiss was granted custody of his son. Today Nolan seems rational and insists he was not in control of himself at the time of the incident, and even tried to commit suicide in 2015. In March 2016, the trial began. The prosecution insisted Nolan could have rationalized his thoughts and backed out at any time. The defense argued diminished capacity: Dr. Buchbinder had replaced Nolan’s free will with a cult-like mentality. The verdict: guilty. Nolan was sentenced to nine and a half years in prison. He says he is genuinely remorseful for what happened and still says Dr. Buchbinder needs to take responsibility too. Dr. Weiss is raising his son alone, and his attorney says he still lives in fear. 12/02/17 UPDATE: Five years after the attack on Michael Weiss, the law caught up with Dr. Pamela Buchbinder. She was arrested and charged with second-degree attempted murder and first-degree attempted assault. The Manhattan D.A. says she was the mastermind behind the plot. She has hired two top New York defense attorneys. After the judge heard arguments, he refused to grant bail. A trial date is expected in early 2018. The star witness: Jake Nolan. Original On-screen text graphic: The New York City Police Department says the investigation into the attack on Doctor Michael Weiss is “ongoing”. But a spokesperson would not say whether Doctor Pamela Buchbinder is a suspect. **11/05/22 UPDATE:** Pamela Buchbinder remained on Rikers Island for five years through legal wrangling and the COVID-19 pandemic. During a pre-trial hearing on September 7th, 2022, she accepted a deal. One month later, Buchbinder attempted to withdraw her plea; Judge Thomas Farber would not accept it. Dr. Weiss appeared in court to make a victim’s impact statement. Judge Farber sentenced Pamela Buchbinder to 11 years in prison; he also issued an order of protection for Dr. Weiss. On-screen text graphic for the 12/02/17 updated rebroadcast: Pamela Buchbinder’s attorneys are still trying to get her out on bail from Riker’s Island. **On-screen text graphic for the 11/05/22 updated rebroadcast:** This story discusses suicide. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please contact the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. Interviewed: Jacob Nolan; Debbie and Jim Nolan (parents); Charlie

Haines (former police officer); Dr. Sasha Barded (psychiatrist); Rebecca Rosenberg (reporter, NY Post); Roland Acevedo (Weiss' attorney); Steven Brounstein, Robert Stavis, Allison Stavis (defense attorneys); Yale Shih (alternate juror). Additional interviews for the 12/02/17 updated rebroadcast: Roland Fischetti and Eric Franz (defense attorneys); Joel Seidemann (prosecutor). (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Clare Friedland, Susan Mallie, Chris Young Ritzen, Tamara Weitzman; Producers for the 12/02/17 updated rebroadcast: Chris Young Ritzen, Susan Mallie, Clare Friedland, Tamara Weitzman; Producers for the 11/05/22 updated rebroadcast: Chris Young Ritzen, Murray Weiss, Susan Mallie, Clare Friedland, Tamara Weitzman) (OAD: 12/03/16; Updated Rebroadcast: 12/02/17)

11/05/22

48 HOURS: "The Snapchat Clue" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the July 2021 sudden disappearance of Bart and Krista Halderson of Windsor, Wisconsin and how information found on social media would lead investigators to their killer. Investigators immediately turned to family members for information, including sons Mitchell, who was 24 at the time and worked in tech, and Chandler, then a 23-year-old college student living at home. Chandler was excited about a new job offer he said he had with Elon Musk's SpaceX. Chandler told police his parents had gone to the lakeside family cabin for the July 4th holiday weekend and never returned. Investigators received a tip from the owner of farm outside of town; remains later identified as Bart Halderson were found on the farm, 20 miles from the Halderson home. On July 15th, 2021, Chandler was arrested and charged with lying to the police. Investigators discovered that his parents found out Chandler had lied about his college degree and the job with SpaceX. Chandler refused to cooperate with police, but his girlfriend, Cathryn ("Cat") Mellender, allowed them to download her phone. A Snapchat screenshot of Chandler by the Wisconsin River on July 1st led investigators to search the area. Remains later identified as Krista's were found; Chandler was charged with both of their murders. In January 2022, Chandler went on trial for the murder of his parents at the Dane County Courthouse; he was also facing charges for lying to the police and for mutilating and hiding their bodies. He was found guilty on all eight charges. In March 2022, at his sentencing hearing, Chandler made a statement, asking for a lawyer to take an appeal; he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. **On-screen text graphic:** Chandler Halderson has a new lawyer but has yet to file an appeal. Interviewed: Barbi Townsend, Krista's cousin; Adam Duxter, local news reporter, now with CBS station WCCO in Minneapolis, worked in Madison, WI at the time of the murders; Dan Kroninger, Krista's co-worker and friend; Brian Shunk, detective, Dane County Sheriff's Office; Sabrina Sims, detective, Dane County Sheriff's office; and Alex Gravatt, Chandler's friend and former roommate. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Marcelena Spencer)

11/12/22

48 HOURS: "The "Unsolvable" Murder of Roxanne Wood" – a report on the rape and murder of 30 year old Roxanne Wood in her Niles, MI home and the work done 34 years later to solve it. In February 1987, Terry Wood came home from a night of bowling to discover his wife Roxanne dead on the kitchen floor. Terry called police; his aggressive demeanor on the phone, behavior during the investigation and the discovery of extramarital affairs by both parties made him a suspect. After a few months, the case went cold. In 1999, the small DNA sample from the crime scene was uploaded to CODIS; no match was returned, but Terry still remained a person of interest. In April 2021,

Gabriella Vargas, a consultant for Identifinders looked at the case and was able to create a family tree, which allowed investigators to zero in on a suspect: Patrick Gilham. Michigan State Police surreptitiously collected Patrick's DNA from a cigarette butt, which matched the DNA from the crime scene. Patrick was interviewed by police in July 2021; he was arrested in February 2022. In April 2022, Patrick Gilham pleaded no contest to second-degree murder and was sentenced to a minimum of 23 years in prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Patrick Gilham will be eligible for release in 2040 with good behavior. He will be 86 years old. Interviewed: Det. Lt. Chuck Christensen; Gabriella Vargas, genetic genealogist; Janet Wood, Roxanne's sister; Brad Woods, Roxanne's sister; Det. Sgt. John Moore, Michigan State Police; Det. Sgt. Jason Bailey; Dr. Ashlyn Kuersten, Western Michigan University; Samantha Rogers, student, Western Michigan University; McKenzie Stommen, student, Western Michigan University; Colleen Fitzpatrick, president and founder, Identifinders International; Robert Farag, his wife Maureen survived a 1979 attack by Patrick Gilham in Gary, Indiana; Ryan Codde, trooper, Michigan State Police; Rose Caparell, escaped an attack by Patrick Gilham in South Bend, during the summer of 1987; and Tina Caparell, Rose and Stan Caparell's daughter. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Susan Mallie, Jennifer Terker)

11/19/22

48 HOURS: "What Happened to the Perfect Child?" (9:00 – 10:00p) – an update to "The Perfect Child" (OAD: 02/10/00), a 48 HOURS INVESTIGATION on Americans who adopted children from Russia. This report focuses on what ultimately happened to a 9-year-old girl adopted in 1997 by Crystal and Jesse, a couple from Atlanta, GA. While in Russia, adopting the girl they named Caralee, Crystal and Jesse also adopted a 3-year-old boy they named Joshua. Two years later, the couple came to believe Caralee was dangerous, even capable of murder and claimed she tried to throw her younger brother off a 30-foot-high deck. Troy Roberts, who reported on their story, was present as the American couple returned Caralee to Russia and left her behind in a children's psychiatric hospital. Over the years, Roberts tried to keep track of Caralee, but was unable to find out what happened to her. Last summer she reached out to Roberts and they reunited in North Carolina, where Caralee, now known as Sabrina Caldwell, lives with her husband and four children. During their meeting, Caldwell explained what happened on the family deck with Joshua, her feelings about Crystal and Jesse, how she left the hospital in Russia and was adopted by new parents in North Carolina, and her family with her husband. This broadcast also includes Roberts' own experience with adoption: In 2003, he became certified to adopt and learned about a woman in Djibouti (in East Africa) who was hoping to find an American to adopt her 4-year-old son, because she feared for his safety due to his being mixed-race. Roberts and his son, Jonah Gray Roberts, now 23-years-old, discuss their life together. **On-screen text graphic:** Jonah's mother passed away a few years after his adoption. Interviewed for the 12/04/21 broadcast: Sabrina Caldwell (f.k.a. Caralee); Phil Caldwell, Sabrina's husband; and Jonah Gray Roberts, Troy Roberts' son. Also includes archival excerpts from previous interviews with: Caralee (n.k.a. Sabrina Caldwell); Crystal and Jesse, Caralee's former adoptive parents; Dr. Brian Kennedy, psychiatrist who treated Caralee; and Nina Kostina, Russian émigré who ran the Frank Foundation, an adoption agency. (See also: "The Perfect Child" (48 HOURS INVESTIGATION), OAD: 02/10/00) (C: Troy Roberts – P: Murray Weiss) (OAD: 12/04/21)

11/19/22

48 HOURS: “Last Seen in Breckenridge” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the investigation into the January 1982 murders of two young women, Annette Schnee, 21, and Bobbie Jo Oberholtzer, 29, near the resort ski town of Breckenridge, CO. Killed on the same night, detectives were initially able to link the two crimes through an orange sock or bootie found near Oberholtzer’s crime scene on January 7th, 1982 and a matching bootie sock found on Schnee months later, on July 3rd, 1982. The case went cold until investigators ran DNA recovered from evidence through a public genealogy database and got a match in January 2021: Alan Phillips, who had been arrested for a similar crime in 1973. After police surreptitiously acquired a DNA sample from Phillips, he was arrested on February 24th, 2021. In a bizarre turn of events, investigators learned that Phillips had been rescued by a local fire chief from a snow-covered mountain pass the very same night he dumped the bodies of the two women. On August 31st, 2022, Alan Phillip's double murder trial began in Fairplay, CO. The jury found Phillips guilty on all eight charges on September 15th, 2022; seven weeks later he was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole. Alan Phillips maintains his innocence. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have any information about other possible victims who could be associated with Alan Phillips please reach out to the Park County Sheriff’s tip line at 720-248-8378. Interviewed: Jeff Oberholtzer, Bobbi Jo Oberholtzer’s husband; Laurie Merlo, Bobbie Jo Oberholtzer’s younger sister; Jim Hardtke, former agent, Colorado Bureau of Investigation; Dave Montoya, former local fire chief; Charlie McCormick, private investigator hired by the Schnee family; Det. Sgt. Wendy Kipple, Park County; and Cindy French and Karen Riessen, Annette Schnee’s sisters. (C: Natalie Morales – P: Chris Young Ritzen, James Stolz, Paul LaRosa, Betsy Shuller, Judy Rybak)

11/26/22

48 HOURS: “The Case Against Michael Politte” – 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 22nd, 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. **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. 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)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL

- 11/08/22 **CBS NEWS: AMERICA DECIDES: CAMPAIGN '22** (8:00 – 11:00p) - ongoing live coverage and analysis of the midterm Congressional and gubernatorial election results. Includes live interviews with: (1) Governor Glenn Youngkin (R-VA) (via remote from Richmond, VA, by Norah O'Donnell, Gayle King and John Dickerson); and (2) Larry Summers, former treasury secretary, Clinton administration, former economic advisor, Obama administration (via remote from Boston, MA, by Norah O'Donnell and Gayle King). Coverage also includes live reports and analysis from political reporters at CBS Stations across the country: (1) Jim DeFede, WFOR in Miami, FL; (2) Jon Delano, KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA; and (3) Jon Keller, WBZ in Boston, MA. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Gayle King (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); John Dickerson (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Ed O'Keefe (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Robert Costa, (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Anthony Salvanto (election projections, at the Data Desk, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Major Garrett (election projections, at the Data Desk, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Vladimir Duthiers (exit poll results and analysis, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Tony Dokoupil (Senator Marco Rubio election night party in Miami, FL); Nikole Killion (Herschel Walker election headquarters in Atlanta, GA); Jericka Duncan (John Fetterman election headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA); Lilia Luciano (CBS Broadcast Center, NY - with more coverage of CBS NEWS: AMERICA DECIDES - includes reporting and analysis of the tightest races across the country: New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida, Wisconsin); Nancy Chen (Senator Maggie Hassan election night headquarters in Manchester, NH); Scott MacFarlane (at the Democracy Desk, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Nancy Cordes (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Kris Van Cleave (Phoenix, AZ); Jeff Pegues (at the Democracy Desk, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Adriana Diaz (first at a Senator Ron Johnson watch party in Madison, WI, then at Johnson headquarters in Neenah, WI); Caitlin Huey-Burns (Washington, DC); and Manuel Bojorquez (Adam Laxalt headquarters in Las Vegas, NV). Contributors/Analyst: David Becker (CBS News election law contributor, co-author, 'The Big Truth: Upholding Democracy in the Age of "The Big Lie"', at the Democracy Desk, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Leslie Sanchez (CBS News political analyst, Washington, DC); Joel Payne (CBS News political contributor, Washington, DC); and Ashley Etienne (CBS News political contributor, Washington, DC).
- 11/09/22 **CBS NEWS: AMERICA DECIDES: CAMPAIGN '22** (12:37 – 1:59a) - ongoing live coverage and analysis of the midterm Congressional and gubernatorial election results. Also includes brief, live coverage of Senator-elect John Fetterman addressing supporters and declaring victory. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Gayle King (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); John Dickerson (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Election Headquarters, Times Square); Ed O'Keefe (CBS News

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**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS BROADCAST
DECEMBER 2022**

FACE THE NATION

12/04/22 **Guests:** Antony Blinken, U.S. secretary of state, Biden administration (1); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), ranking member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (2); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (3); Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA); Eric Holder, former attorney general, Obama administration, author, "Our Unfinished March", chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee (5); Brian Moynihan, CEO, chairman of the board, Bank of America (6)

1) Topics include: Iran's decision to abolish the morality police; COVID lockdown protests in China; diplomacy with Russia / continuing engagement with Russia over the release of Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan; commitment to continue to work with Israeli governments of every kind

2) Topics include: bipartisan support for Ukraine; B-21 Raider, the first U.S. nuclear stealth bomber aircraft in more than 30 years / alarming pace of China's nuclear development; damage assessment related to the documents taken to Mar-a-Lago by Mr. Trump / former President Trump's recent statements and the people he has been spending time with

3) a report from Atlanta on what's at stake in Tuesday's runoff election for the Senate in Georgia

4) Topics include: funding the government during a lame duck session of Congress; anticipated report from the January 6th committee / incoming Speaker Kevin McCarthy's disappointment with the January 6th committee and his desire to appeal to MAGA extremists

5) Topics include: concern about an upcoming Supreme Court case over a theory that state legislatures are solely responsible for governing election procedures / his work on redistricting; holding everyone accountable for January 6th in the same way; case before the U.S. district attorney in Delaware regarding Hunter Biden

6) a discussion on the economy and predictions for 2023, including his expectation of a "shallow recession" over the next year

12/11/22 **Guests:** Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, majority committee member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (1); Jamie Dimon, CEO, J.P. Morgan Chase (2) (5); Bahareh Shargi, wife of Emad Shargi (3); Ariana Shargi, daughter of Emad Shargi (3); Hannah Shargi, daughter of Emad Shargi (3); Fiona Hill, former National Security Council senior director for European and Russian affairs (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (4);

1) Topics include: Brittney Griner-Viktor Bout prisoner exchange / considerations to take before traveling to certain regions; meetings between U.S. and Russian heads of intelligence; upcoming report from the January 6th committee / possible criminal referrals to the Justice Department

2) Topics include: America's position in a tumultuous global economy / economic impact of Russia's war in Ukraine / energy costs; government funding deadline; China loosening its "zero COVID" policy

3) an interview with the family of Emad Shargi, an American held in Iran since 2018

4) Topics include: prisoner exchange of Brittney Griner and Viktor Bout / American citizens being taken by other countries for political purposes; attempted coup in Germany by people linked to QAnon; domestic terrorism against the United States' critical infrastructure / political stability in the U.S.

5) Topics include: community banking program / home ownership / mortgage rates

12/18/22

Guests: Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) (3); Keisha Lance Bottoms, White House senior adviser for public engagement, Biden administration (4); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (6); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (7)

1) Topics include: his letter to President Biden about Title 42, a pandemic-era policy concerning migrants, set to end Wednesday; Republican vow to impeach Ali Mayorkas, the homeland security secretary; worker shortage in West Virginia / immigration reform; Inflation Reduction Act / energy independence; his no intention of changing party affiliation

2) Topics include: "dire situation" in El Paso, ahead of the end of Title 42 / steps needed from the Biden administration; Republican vow to impeach the homeland security secretary

3) Topics include: low morale amongst Border Patrol agents / concern over the Biden administration's plan for addressing the end of Title 42 / pledge to work on bipartisan legislation / call for President Biden to visit the southern border

4) Topics include: Biden administration's plans for the end of Title 42 / need for comprehensive immigration reform / President Biden's non-visit to the border

5) a report from Atlanta on how U.S. consumers are watching holiday spending despite hopeful economic indicators

6) Topics include: "difficult few weeks" amid a tripledemic of COVID, RSV and the flu this holiday season; Title 42

7) a report from Bucha, Ukraine on how life is desperate in liberated Kherson as war in Ukraine passes its 300th day

12/25/22

Guests: Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD), member, House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (1); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (2); Nancy Cordes, CBS News chief White House correspondent (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (2); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (2); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (3)

1) Topics include: final report from the House select committee investigating the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol / fundamental problems with the Electoral College / referrals to the Justice Department for the potential prosecution of former President Trump / ongoing dangerous rhetoric

2) annual CBS News correspondents year-end roundtable topics include: war in Ukraine; controversial cases coming before the Supreme Court / student loan forgiveness; dual investigations being carried out by the Special Counsel; Hunter Biden investigation; rising tensions between China and Taiwan; fentanyl; domestic violent extremism; under-reported stories of 2022; predictions for 2023

3) Reporter's notebook: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's surprise trip to Washington, DC last week and the resilience of the people of Ukraine amid the hardships of war

60 MINUTES

12/04/22 60 MINUTES (7:37 – 8:37p)

“The French President” – an interview with French President Emmanuel Macron, first at the Élysée Palace in Paris and then at Blair House during his state visit to Washington. He discusses the war in Ukraine, France’s relations with the United States, and his state visit to Washington, D.C. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman, Cassidy McDonald)

“Return to Gorongosa” – a report on Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. After three decades of war, the country aims to restore the historic park’s wildlife and environment. Includes interviews with Greg Carr, an American entrepreneur and philanthropist; Antonio Paolo, park veterinarian; Larissa Sousa, who runs the Girls Club; and Mercia Angela, veterinarian. (See also: “Gorongosa”, OAD: 10/26/08) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte)

“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)

The Last Minute – French President Emmanuel Macron calls for more respect on social media. (C: Bill Whitaker)

12/11/22

“The Treasury Secretary” – an interview with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen. She discusses the war in Ukraine, inflation, and the possibility of an upcoming recession. Includes an interview with Wally Adeyemo, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. (C: Norah O’Donnell – P: Keith Sharman)

“Suing Social Media” – a report on the affect of lawsuits against social media companies. Many parents say the platforms have had a negative impact their children. Includes interviews with Kathleen, Jeff, and Alexis Spence, who are suing Meta; Matt Bergman, the attorney representing the Spence family; and Toney and Brandy Roberts, who lost their daughter. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)

“College of Magic” – a report on the College of Magic in Cape Town, South Africa. The nonprofit organization aims to teach students about magic while fostering community. Includes interviews with Sinethemba Bawuti, a teacher and graduate; David Gore, the dean and founder; Michael Barta, teacher; Duma Mgqoki, Nakhane Ntame, Mylo

Dreyersmith, and Lulo Stofile, students; and Belinda and Shawn Stofile, Lulo's parents. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts)

The Last Minute – an update on “Gucci”, OAD: 12/05/21. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

12/18/22

60 MINUTES (7:36 – 8:36p)

“Convoy Of Life” – a report on Russian attacks on Ukrainian hospitals and its effect on children with cancer. Includes interview with Roksolana Semeraz, Zhasmin Alkadi, refugees; Dr. Lesia Lysytsia, who specializes in eye cancer; and Dr. Marta Salek, of St. Jude who helped organize the triage center in Poland. (Includes footage from Scott Pelley's September 2022 interview with Ukraine's First Lady, Olena Zelenska.) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Kristin Steve, Nicole Young)

“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)

“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)

The Last Minute – after decades of disappointing experiments, The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has achieved a nuclear fusion reaction that produces more power than it consumes. (C: Bill Whitaker)

12/25/22

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12/25/22

60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Eat, Drink & Be Merry!” (8:00 – 9:00p)

“Ina Garten” – an interview with Ina Garten. The “Barefoot Contessa” discusses her *New York Times* bestselling cookbook, her Food Network TV show and advice to home cooks. Includes an interview with Jeffrey Garten, her husband. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis) (OAD: 10/23/22)

“Whither ye Olde English Pub” – a report on the effect of COVID on British pubs. Includes interviews with Christo Tofalli, owner of Ye Olde Fighting Cocks pub; Al Murray, writer and comedian; Paul and Bernice Drew, owners of the Old Star pub; Pete Brown, Britain's leading writer on beer and pubs; Roxy Beaujolais, owner and chef of the Seven Stars pub; Heather and Hugh Macaulay, owners of The Bell Inn; and Clement Ogbonnaya, owner of The Prince of Peckham pub. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon) (OAD: 10/17/21)

on 60 MINUTES; 1st and 2nd rebroadcasts: 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Cheers”, OAD: 02/13/22, rebroadcast: 05/22/22)

“Sona and the Kora” – a profile of musician Sona Jobarteh. As the first female virtuoso of the ancient West African instrument the kora, she discusses tradition and her hit song. Includes interviews with Sanjally Jobarteh, Sona’s father; and Rohy and Borry, students of music at the Gambia Academy. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) (OAD: 11/13/22)
The Last Minute – finding peace on earth this Christmas. (C: Jon Wertheim)

48 HOURS

12/03/22

48 HOURS: “The Betrayal of Linda Slaten” (10:19 - 11:18p) – a report on the murder of Linda Slaten, who was sexually assaulted and strangled, and how decades later, detectives and a DNA genealogist were able to catch her killer. On September 4th, 1981, 15-year-old Jeff and 12-year-old Tim Slaten were awakened by Lakeland, FL police and told that their mother had been murdered. Investigators collected a rape kit and lifted a palm print from the windowsill where the killer had entered. They questioned a slew of suspects, including her abusive ex-husband Frank Slaten and a boyfriend, but no one was charged. The case went cold. In 2019, nearly 40 years later, advances in DNA technology and a carefully stored rape kit revealed Linda’s killer: Joseph Clinton Mills, known as Coach Joe. Prior to and after Linda’s murder, Coach Joe would regularly drive Tim to and from football practice. He was a role model for Tim, who proudly hung up his football team photo in his room where Coach Joe stood right behind him. On December 12th, 2019, Joe Mills was arrested and claimed that his encounter with Linda was consensual. To avoid a trial and a possible death sentence, he pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole in February 2022. **On-screen text graphic:** The Slaten brothers often visit their mother’s grave. Jeff burns a candle next to a portrait of his mother every year on the anniversary of her death. Interviewed: Judy Butler, Linda Slaten’s younger sister; Jeff and Tim Slaten, Linda’s sons; Edgar Pickett, former sergeant and fingerprint expert, Lakeland Police Department, subjected to racism during his career; Brad Grice, former detective who worked on the case for 17 years, Lakeland Police Department; CeCe Moore, genetic genealogist; Tammy Hathcock, detective, Lakeland Police Department; and Russell Hurley, detective, Lakeland Police Department. (Contributor: Jim Axelrod – Producer: Mead Stone)

12/10/22

48 HOURS: “The Tree That Helped Solve a Murder” – a report on the murder of Mengqi Ji, who was reported missing by her husband, Joseph (“Joe”) Elledge, on October 10th, 2019. Elledge told Columbia, MO police that on October 8th, 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 25th, 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. **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. 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)

12/17/22

48 HOURS: "Chasing Catherine Shelton: Part 1" (9:24 - 10:24p) - For nearly three decades, controversial Harris County, TX attorney Catherine Mehaffey Shelton, now disbarred, has been dogged by mysterious circumstances surrounding the deaths of various men in her life. Never charged with murder, she has been called a murderer, a stalker, a crazy lawyer and more. In 2003, Jenna Jackson produced an edition of 48 HOURS MYSTERY which mainly focused on one of the murder cases linked to Shelton; Jackson has been tracking Shelton ever since. Shelton's life, as well as her proximity to dead or injured men, has perplexed investigators for decades. Starting in the 1970s, one of Shelton's former boyfriends, Dr. George Tedesco, was bludgeoned to death and ex-boyfriend Ferris Bond's apartment was allegedly set on fire. In January 1980, Shelton shot ex-boyfriend Gary Taylor in the back; she admitted to that but claimed self-defense. Tommy Bell, named with Shelton in a lawsuit was found with a bullet in his head; authorities said he was playing Russian roulette by himself. In the years to come, Shelton's conviction for shooting Taylor was set aside, but she was linked to three more deaths: a young man discovered dead and naked in one of her homes; another man shot dead in his driveway; and another man who died while he was staying with her. Shelton maintains she had nothing to do with any of these incidents. For this broadcast, Jackson and her team reinvestigate many of the allegations against Shelton. (Part two of Shelton's story will be broadcast 05/07/22.) Original on-screen text graphic: To be continued next week. **On-screen text graphic for the 12/17/22 rebroadcast:** Coming up next: Chasing Catherine Shelton: Part 2. Interviewed: Brian Benken, private investigator, defense attorney, member of Jackson's investigative team and a 48 HOURS consultant; Lisa Andrews, former prosecutor, member of Jackson's investigative team and a 48 HOURS consultant; Lloyd Oliver, attorney; and Robert Pelton, defense attorney. This broadcast also includes prior interviews with: Catherine Shelton (2003 & 2016); Gary Taylor (2003); Lloyd Oliver (2003); Ferris Bond (2003); Kent Ferguson, former FBI agent turned private investigator (2003); Marisa Hierro, wife of the man shot dead in his driveway (2003). (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Law And Mrs. Shelton", OAD: 10/29/03; Rebroadcast: 06/23/04; and 48 HOURS: "Chasing Catherine Shelton: Part 2", OAD: 05/07/22) (Contributor: Jenna Jackson – Producers: Chuck Stevenson, Gabriella Demirdjian) (OAD: 04/30/22)

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12/24/22

48 HOURS: "The Circleville Letters" - a report on the unsolved case of the Circleville letter writer who, beginning in March 1977, terrorized residents in the small town of Circleville, OH. The threatening and anonymous letters, mostly postmarked from Columbus, OH, were received by residents for nearly two decades and exposed alleged secrets about neighbors and friends. The letters first focused on married school district superintendent Gordon Massie and his rumored relationship with school bus driver Mary Gillispie. On February 7th, 1983, Gillispie saw an obscene sign about her 13-year-old daughter on a fence. When she went to remove it, Gillespie noticed it was tied to a string, which led to a box with a gun rigged to go off. The gun was traced to her brother-in-law, Paul Freshour. Freshour's estranged wife Karen Sue, who did not respond to requests for an interview for this broadcast, told investigators he was also the Circleville letter writer. Never charged with sending any of the letters, Freshour went on trial on October 24th, 1983 for the booby-trap. Found guilty, Freshour was sent to prison, but the letters continued, even though he was kept in isolation and not allowed pen or

paper. The Circleville letters stopped in 1994, when Freshour was released. Freshour maintained his innocence and fought to clear his name. He claimed his gun had been stolen and suspected his son Mark, who died by suicide in September 2002. Freshour died June 28th, 2012. **On-screen text graphic:** No one has ever been charged with writing the Circleville letters, but the Pickaway County Sheriff's office says the case is closed. Interviewed: Martin Yant, journalist; Marie Mayhew, podcaster, "*Whatever Remains*"; sisters June Whitehead and Janet Cassady, grew up in Pickaway County, OH; Pam Stanton, family friend of Paul Freshour; Robin Yocum, author, former crime reporter, *The Columbus Dispatch*; Mary Ellen O'Toole, former FBI profiler; and Beverley East, forensic document expert. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Lisa Freed, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 08/25/21; 1st Rebroadcast: 08/06/22)

12/31/22 PREEMPTION

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

12/19/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: CAPITOL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION** (1:00 - 2:32p) – *initial chyron ID: Soon: January 6th Committee Holds Final Meeting* – live coverage of the last public meeting of the Select Committee to Investigate the Attack on the United States Capitol, the House committee responsible for investigating the January 6th, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The focus of today's business meeting is to approve the committee's final report, recommendations and referrals to the Justice Department. Coverage includes: (1) Opening statement from Representative and Select Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS); (2) Opening statement from Representative and Select Committee Vice Chairwoman Liz Cheney (R-WY); (3) Representative Thompson's introduction of and airing of a videotaped presentation of some of the key evidence the investigation has uncovered; (4) Opening statement - "The Big Lie" - from Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-CA); (5) Opening statement - "State Pressure Campaign" - from Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA); (6) Opening statement - "Department of Justice Pressure Campaign" - from Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL); (7) Opening statement - "Vice President Pence Pressure Campaign" - from Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA); (8) Opening statement - "Summoning the Mob" - from Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-FL); (9) Opening statement - "187 Minutes: Dereliction of Duty" - from Representative Elaine Luria (D-VA); (10) Opening statement - "Criminal Referrals" - from Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD). The criminal referrals of President Donald J. Trump to the Department of Justice are: Obstruction of an Official Proceeding, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, Conspiracy to Make a False Statement, and "Incite," "Assist" or "Aid or Comfort" an Insurrection; the committee believes Mr. Trump should be referred to the DOJ for at least four criminal charges. Additionally, the committee is referring four members of Congress for sanction by the House Ethics Committee; (11) Representative Thompson's declaration that without objection, the report will be considered read and open to amendment; (12) Representative Luria's presentation of a motion to release the final report to the House of Representatives, which "includes the committee's legislative recommendations and criminal referrals of Donald J. Trump and others"; the committee unanimously votes to approve release of the report; (13) the clerk reports the vote and Chairman Thompson adjourns the select committee; and (14) Correspondents' commentary and analysis, including live footage

of Representative Raskin speaking with reporters on the Hill. Origination: Capitol Hill. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, Washington studio); John Dickerson (CBS News chief political analyst, Washington studio); Robert Costa (CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent, Washington studio); Jeff Pegues (CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent, Washington studio); Nikole Killion (CBS News congressional correspondent, Washington studio); Scott MacFarlane (CBS News congressional correspondent, Washington studio); and Major Garrett (CBS News chief Washington correspondent, Capitol Hill).

12/21/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT** (4:43 - 5:27p) – *initial chyron ID: President Biden & Ukrainian President Zelenskyy Hold Joint Press Conference* - live coverage of a joint press conference between President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who arrived in the United States earlier today. This is Mr. Zelenskyy's first trip outside of the Ukraine since the Russian invasion began in late February. The two leaders met earlier today in the Oval Office, to discuss the ongoing conflict. Presidents Biden's and Zelenskyy's initial statements followed by questions from the media. Origination: White House East Room. Preceded and followed by Correspondents' commentary. Correspondents: Major Garrett, anchor (Washington, DC); Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION, CBS News chief foreign affairs correspondent (Washington, DC); and Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (White House East Room).

12/21/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT** (7:30 - 8:06p) – *initial chyron ID: Ukrainian President Zelenskyy Addresses Congress* - live coverage of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's address to a rare, joint meeting of Congress. This is Mr. Zelenskyy's first trip outside of the Ukraine since the Russian invasion began exactly 300 days ago. Vice President Kamala Harris is in attendance, along with members of the diplomatic corps. Origination: House Chamber, Capitol Hill. Preceded and followed by Correspondents' commentary. Correspondents: Major Garrett, anchor (Washington, DC); and Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION, CBS News chief foreign affairs correspondent (Washington, DC).

CBS NEWS SPECIAL

12/28/22 **THE GIFT: #KindnessGoesViral** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a CBS News special examining how a person's act of kindness can create a ripple effect that causes real and positive change, often far beyond their own communities. Includes: (1) Katie Steller of Minneapolis, MN, hairstylist and founder of the Red Chair Project, which provides free haircuts and friendship to the homeless; (2) Brittany Berry of DeWitt, IA, on how the financial challenges she faced to adopt a child led to the creation of The Adopted Closet, which helps families that need assistance pay adoption fees; (3) the impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, which began in 1904, including Steve Hartman's experience as a big brother and a reunion with his former mentee; (4) 15-year-old Ruby Chitsey of Harrison, AR, whose work with nursing home residents led to the creation of a national foundation where young children fulfill the wishes of nursing home residents; (5) a visit to the Dixie Diner in Houston, MS, where a chance encounter in 1971 served as an inspiration for the original "Secret Santa"; (6) Curtis Jenkins, a former Dallas, TX-area

school bus driver, on what inspires him to give his students attention they might not get at school or at home and his new career as a leader who motivates others to use kindness to help; and (7) the story of a crime reporter at the *Mansfield News Journal* in Ohio, who reported on a family that was taking their daughter, Lizzy Myers, to an observatory to see the stars before she lost her vision to a genetic disorder and how the public's reaction led the family to create a foundation to help other children losing their sight. This broadcast also features the work of Peko Hosoi, an MIT professor who agreed to help search for a formula that can quantify what it takes for one act of kindness to spread and change the world. Also includes interviews with: Mary McFee, nursing home resident (4); Joe Miniscalco, executive director, Student Services (6); and Jose Gonzales, Laylah Gonzales' father (7). (Correspondent: Steve Hartman. Producers: Meryl Gitter Michon, Resa Matthews, Roxanne Feitel. See It Now Studios / Executive Producers: Susan Zirinsky, Terence Wrong)