

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

WUSA-TV
Washington, DC

For the quarter beginning:

_____ January 1, 2023

_____ April 1, 2023

_____ July 1, 2023

 X October 1, 2023

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

Consumer	WUSA 9's Special Assignment Unit reports on consumer issues affecting our local community. Stories include complaints against Catalina Pools, Crumb rubber playground safety, a Virginia house contractor under investigation, Tesla sudden braking, apartment price fixing allegations, hidden ambulance costs, restaurant surcharges on credit cards, DC Council Tipped Workers Hearing and Maryland Tipped Wages Law.
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Crime and Safety

Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack looks into DC charging stats. US Attorney Matthew Graves is under fire for not prosecuting some arrests in the District. Flack also investigates DC juvenile justice and the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services. DC is in the midst of a crime crisis and kids are at the center of it. Is there enough space to lock up repeat teen offenders? There is also the issue of rehabilitation versus incarceration—which it seems our judges and the mayor are at odds about. Funding adds another complication. Additional stories include DC vs. NY crime cameras and the sentencing of a Mt. Pleasant repeat offender.

Health

A shortage of black sperm donors is forcing some women to make a difficult decision about what their future family looks like. WUSA 9 investigates this lack of donors and reports on the current and future state of cryobanks. In Q4, we also looked into social media addiction and subway surfing. A grieving Maryland family tells the story of their son's addiction to social media and how they believe - it fueled his compulsion to take more and more extreme risks. Additionally, WUSA 9 reported on concierge medicine.

Education

The Howard University school community gathered to celebrate the institution's 18th president, Dr. Ben Vinson, III. Before the formal activities began, WUSA 9 anchor, and Howard alum, Lesli Foster talked with President Vinson about his plans to move Howard forward.

Environment Matters

In 2022, WUSA 9 launched its Environment Matters initiative, covering climate change and issues concerning the environment. We premiered ECO9, a first-of-its kind hybrid vehicle that uses lithium ion batteries and solar panel drip charge technology to power live-reporting broadcast equipment. In 2023, our commitment to covering the environment continues. Some of the topics featured this quarter include climate resistant apples, Metro solar carport, Mill Food Recycling Service, sustainable Thanksgiving, recycling old tennis balls, rockfish emergency, Chesapeake Bay tree canopy, sustainable schools, carbon vacuums and the Fairfax County Two Degree Challenge.

Stadium Funding

Are professional sports stadiums worth investing taxpayer money in? Critics argue local governments never make back the hundreds of millions they put in. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack discovered surprising new data that may disprove that long held belief.

Housing	Office space to residential living. The pandemic reshaped how we work and in many cases where we work. That led to enormous office buildings sitting empty across our area. Now - as urban communities struggle with housing shortages - some developers are getting creative. They are turning empty office space into state-of-the-art living space. WUSA 9 looks into one of those transformations in Falls Church, Virginia.
Elections	Interviews with David Trone: Maryland US Senate Race and Juan Dominguez: Maryland US Senate Race.
VERIFY	WUSA 9's VERIFY team answered questions from the community with vetted experts, original documents and fact-checking to get to the truth.
Hispanic Heritage Month	Hispanic Heritage Month goes from September 15th – October 15th every year. It's a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements in the United States.
Breast Cancer Awareness	National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure.
Giving Tuesday	Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the United States. It is touted as a "global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world." In honor of that, Great Day Washington featured local charities to discuss how the non-profits give back to our community.
Love Where You Live	This fall, the "Love Where You Live: Home Grown" edition paid special attention to our neighbors who keep us fed. Wednesday mornings on Get Up DC, from October 18-November 22, we highlighted the region's makers, growers, and purveyors who share their harvest with the DMV at weekly farmers markets. Each story profiled one vendor. We asked about their process, what keeps them going (and growing), and why the DMV is where they're "rooted." It was a celebration of what it means to be homegrown in this diverse community, and a closer look at the economic and environmental importance of supporting local. These were impactful and informative stories for our audience of conscious consumers.

Love Where You Live: Shop Local

There are so many reasons here in the DMV why we Love Where We Live. We love to shop where we live, too! And support local businesses. During the month of November and December, we highlighted businesses unique to the DMV – from a mother-daughter team making bath and body products without harsh additives, to a candy maker who sources chocolate from all around the world, and a toy shop that gives so much back to the community. We introduce you to local entrepreneurs and bring you some of the DMV's best shopping, just in time for the holidays.

Local Issue

Consumer

Catalina Pools

October 4, 2023 (11pm/3:45 length)

October 5, 2023 (12noon re-air/3:45 length)

October 5, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/3:45 length)

This story is an update to a November WUSA 9 investigation. Dozens of customers say Catalina Pool Builders took their money without installing pools they paid for. They claim the company took their money, started the project, and then ghosted them—not returning their calls or answering their emails. And when they reached out demanding answers, they were eventually sent an email late last year informing them the company was ceasing operations.

In response to the allegations, a statement from attorneys representing the Catalina to WUSA 9 said, "their business model did not foresee the devastating impact of the global pandemic on supply chain issues, material and labor shortages, and skyrocketing costs of operation. Despite Catalina's efforts, it failed. For that, its owners and employees are truly sorry. Catalina hopes that any aggrieved customers are able to file claims with the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, who is handling this matter."

WUSA 9 has learned at least 69 complaints have been filed with Maryland's Home Improvement Commission.

We're told by the commission after every complaint process has been exhausted, portions of the maximum 250-thousand dollars award from the state's Guaranty Fund will be distributed.

But that money would be split among all of those who filed successful complaints. That means the likely award may just be a few thousand dollars, which will not even begin to reimburse each homeowner the tens of thousands of dollars they have already spent, with no pool to show for it.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Leslie Green: Consumer

Wanda Smith: Consumer

Ericka King: Attorney

Cashae Rivers: Consumer

Catalina Pool Builders, Severna Park, MD

Maryland Home Improvement Commission

Crumb Rubber Playground Safety Study

October 6, 2023 (6pm/3:11 length)

For four years, WUSA 9 been telling viewers about scientists' concerns about the recycled tires used in mats under playground equipment on DC playgrounds at schools and parks. A Georgetown University team is now ringing the alarm, with new tests showing hazardous chemicals used in that playground material.

The Georgetown University team simulated years of sun exposure on crumb rubber by effectively baking it and then vaporizing it in these testing boxes to see what chemicals were inside. They found Chromium—which is a carcinogen.

The EPA doesn't yet have playing area safety limits for Chromium - or another heavy metal researchers found: Antimony.

Researchers at Georgetown University argue is we don't want these chemicals in our drinking water, we probably don't want them on surfaces that people touch—especially children, who frequently put their hands in their mouth.

In past years, WUSA 9 reported on elevated levels of lead at DCPS playgrounds. After our reporting, DC's Department of General Services began washing the surfaces that tested high for lead; however, Georgetown researchers say all that does is pollute other places as the water washes the lead contaminates to other surfaces and possibly polluting the water we drink.

We asked DC DGS if it tests fields and playgrounds for the same heavy metals found by Georgetown's scientists. It responded: "Since 2022, DGS has expanded its frequency and scopes of testing for 17 environmental risk factors in DGS-owned and managed public buildings and at recreational spaces with synthetic surfaces. Currently, chromium is not one of the 17 factors."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dr. Yuye Tong: Scientist, Georgetown University

Robyn Winz: Researcher, Georgetown University

DC Public Schools

DC Department of General Services

Tipped Workers Hearing

October 11, 2023 (6pm/2:10 length)

October 11, 2023/11pm re-air/2:10 length)

DC leaders say the agency that's supposed to make sure tipped workers get the pay they're owed hasn't done its job. They want a new reporting system to hold businesses accountable if they don't pay these employees enough.

Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack attended a DC Council hearing about this issue.

He explains the problem is even more important now, because DC voters passed Initiative 82 --- raising the tipped minimum wage.

Because of Initiative 82, the tipped minimum wage in the District went up this year from five dollars an hour to eight dollars an hour; and its headed to seventeen bucks an hour by 2027.

It's the responsibility of the Department of Employment Services, or DOES, to make restaurants follow the law and pay tipped employees the right amount.

There was a separate law passed in 2018 requiring DOES to create an internet-based portal to streamline wage reporting by businesses that employee tipped workers. But 5 years later, DOES still hasn't created that portal. Which is leaving huge gaps in enforcing tipped wage law. Although some restaurants and bars are voluntarily submitting wage reports, without the portal there is no way to collect all that data city wide.

Councilmember Anita Bonds, who chairs the City's Labor Committee told WUSA 9, "It sounds like we have a law, the law is making certain requirements, the requirements are perhaps not being met because the system the law requires is not being met, yet we as the government are coming up with a fine system."

And speaking of fines, the restaurant industry says DOES has had some major problems with that as well. Incorrectly levying hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines against restaurants for underpaying workers when in fact, they hadn't.

WUSA 9 asked DOES about all the criticism. A spokesperson told us they look forward to answering questions at a later date.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Anita Bonds: DC Councilmember

Maryland Tipped Wages Law

October 16, 2023 (6pm/3:35 length)

Are tipped minimum wage increases good for servers and customers? Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are debating whether to follow DC's lead by raising the tipped minimum wage. Could Virginia be next?

The tipped wage debate shifts to Montgomery County, where Councilmember Will Jawando has introduced a plan to increase the tipped minimum wage \$2 a year until it hits the statewide minimum wage of around \$15 to \$16 dollars.

A week earlier Prince George's County was the tipped wage battleground, where Councilmember Edward Burroughs III introduced another plan to raise the tipped minimum wage.

But Kelly O'Brien, owner of Jaspers restaurant in Upper Marlboro says her 180 employees worry they could lose tips as customers are forced to pay surcharges to offset the wage increases.

After massive protests organized by the Maryland Restaurant Association and hours of testimony from servers who believe tipped minimum wage increases will cost them money in the long run, the Prince George's County Council voted to table the idea. With Councilmembers planning to work on a compromise over the next couple of months.

Mike Saltsman is Executive Director of the Employment Policies Institute, a Virginia non-profit working with the restaurant industry to try and stop tipped wage increases. Saltsman pointed to a Cornell study, which found states with higher tipped minimum wages resulted in servers getting less in tips.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Will Jawando: Montgomery County Councilmember

Kelly O'Brien: Restaurant Owner

Margarita Diaz: Restaurant Server

Mike Saltsman: Employment Policies Institute

Ed Burroughs: Prince George's County Councilmember

Virginia House Contractor – Part 1

October 18, 2023 (11pm/5:40 length)

A Virginia contractor is the focus of multiple customer complaints---even a criminal investigation by Fairfax County Police.

Three families told WUSA 9's Larry Miller about the adversity they are going through in what they all thought would be an exciting experience: a newly built home.

These families hired Fairfax County based T&S Homebuilders to construct new houses. They paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in upfront costs, planned every detail and said the process was nothing short of a nightmare. Permits not applied for, houses not started, or partially started but never completed.

Their primary contact, and the man overseeing the build, was Craig Tadlock. His son owns the business, and he works for the company.

The Fairfax County Police Department confirms to WUSA 9 it is looking into multiple complaints it has received against Craig Tadlock.

We spoke with Craig Tadlock by phone. In that interview he said, “These people are lying and conniving people.... These same homeowners that are complaining to you were absentee.”

Tadlock went on to say if the families had issues, the contract mandates they resolve them in mediation.

To date, WUSA 9 is aware of one family navigating the mediation process.

We followed up with Craig's attorneys--laying out all the homeowners' allegations used in this report. They said they would get back to us after gathering information. We followed up several times - - but Tadlock's attorneys have not responded.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

James Ferrell: Consumer

Craig Tadlock: T&S Homebuilders

Jenna Ferrell: Consumer

Joy Ditto: Consumer

Alan Hill: Consumer

Virginia House Contractor – Part 2

October 19, 2023 (4pm/2:46 length)

October 19, 2023 (6pm/3:35 length)

October 19, 2023 (11pm re-air/3:35 length)

A day earlier, we told you about three homeowners who said building their dream home became a nightmare. They all claim, the contractor Craig Tadlock with T&S Homebuilders, took their money, to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and failed to complete the work.

Today, Tadlock was arrested by Fairfax County Police. He's being charged with several criminal counts including obtaining money by false pretense of more than 2-hundred dollars, advance pay and larceny. These are charges related to alleged construction fraud committed by Tadlock, according to Police.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

James Ferrell: Consumer

Craig Tadlock: T&S Homebuilders

Virginia House Contractor – Part 3

December 13, 2023 (6pm/7:15 length)

Since WUSA 9's reporting in October, more alleged victims of Craig Tadlock with T&S Homebuilders have come forward and another person of interest has been named in a lawsuit.

Documents show Arvelle West hired T&S Homebuilders in October of 2021 to construct a 3-bedroom house in Locust Grove, Virginia. The contract said it would take an estimated 20 weeks---that meant she would be able to move-in sometime in 2022.

But as we approach the end of 2023, West still does not have a completed house. And to add insult to injury, the building permit expired in October and the delay has resulted in other costly problems-fines by her neighborhood association for the incomplete house.

Then there's also Alex Vuong. Vuong signed a contract with T&S Homebuilders in March of last year to have a house constructed on this lot.

His point of contact and the person he says was overseeing the project, was Craig Tadlock.

The project first required the demolition of the existing house. But as weeks turned into months, Vuong says no substantial work took place on the property. The house that should have been demolished remains standing. The deposit of \$300,000 gone.

We reached out Craig Tadlock for his response to the allegations, but our calls were not returned. We also stopped by an address, court documents show, is connected to Tadlock, who is now out on bond after his arrest by Fairfax Police following our first report. No one answered the door.

James and Jenna Ferrell, along with six other families, tells us that J.B. Benson, a real estate agent with Long and Foster, worked in partnership with Tadlock in the real estate transactions and sales of their properties.

This lawsuit, filed in October by the Ferrell's in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, accuses J.B. Benson and Long and Foster of false advertisement and fraud in the sale of and construction of their Springfield house.

The couple say that J. B. Benson bears some of the responsibility and claim in the suit that he was "aware of Craig Tadlock's prior adverse history..." that he held no Class A License," and that "he had recently defrauded other potential customers of hundreds of thousands of dollars as part of the prior fraudulent building schemes."

The Ferrell's are seeking compensatory damages of nearly 400-thousand dollars.

In a brief response, attorneys representing J.B. Benson and Long & Foster said the Ferrell's have not provided facts to support their claims of fraud and false advertisement and have asked the court to dismiss the case with prejudice.

In a statement, Long & Foster said it was "unable to comment on specific issues in which there is pending or active litigation."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Craig Tadlock: T&S Homebuilders

Arvelle West: Consumer

Alex Vuong: Consumer

Jenna Ferrell: Consumer

Tesla Sudden Braking

November 1, 2023 (11pm/6:30 length)

November 2, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/6:30 length)

Tesla electric cars are among this country's top selling vehicles. But as investigative reporter Kyle Iboshi found, certain models are unexpectedly slamming on their brakes in response to imagined hazards — potentially putting Tesla drivers, and those following behind them at risk.

The phenomenon, known as 'phantom braking,' has been documented in countless videos shared by Tesla owners. Their vehicles suddenly slam the brakes, often on open roadways, dropping in speed in response to imagined hazards.

Many Tesla drivers explained this 'phantom braking' occurred while using Tesla's Autopilot driver assistance system, which includes 'Traffic-Aware Cruise Control'. Like traditional cruise control — it maintains a set speed but can also speed up or slow down as needed to keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.

In February 2022, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration launched an investigation into 'Unexpected Brake Activation' in certain '2021 and 2022 Model 3 & Y vehicles.' At the time, NHTSA had received 354 complaints, according to the agency. By October that number grew to 1,845—which also includes 272 complaints about more recent 2023 models.

Tesla, which shut down its public relations department in 2020, didn't respond to WUSA 9's three different emails.

The only warning reporter, Kyle Iboshi, could find was on page 120 of Tesla's 297-page owner's manual which says "Traffic-Aware Cruise Control may react to vehicles or objects that either do not exist, or are not in your lane of travel, causing Model 3 to slow down unnecessarily or inappropriately."

Many of Tesla owners think environmental factors like shadows, low sun angles or weather could impact the car's cameras, triggering a false positive.

NHTSA didn't want to comment on its investigation into Tesla and complaints about unexpected braking.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Kathy Kopacek: Consumer

Deanie Whittemore: Consumer

Austin Ferguson: Consumer

Tesla

Real Page: Apartment Price Fixing Allegations

November 1, 2023 (6pm/2:45 length)

DC's Attorney General is suing 14 of the District's largest landlords and the tech company Real Page, Inc. The lawsuit claims those groups colluded to artificially raise rents on more than 50-thousand apartments in the city.

Some of the landlords named in the suit include: Avalon Bay Communities, Inc., Bozzuto Management Company, UDR, Inc to name a few.

The lawsuit alleges the tech company Real Page, Inc. collected vast amounts of rental data here in Washington and nationwide with the intent to use that information to manipulate the market by coordinating and setting artificially inflated prices.

The case filed by DC's Attorney General joins others made against Real Page, Inc from coast to coast. Attorney General Schwalb hopes his lawsuit will do several things: stop Real Page and the named landlords from artificially increasing rent prices, appoint a corporate monitor, and secure final compensation.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
Brian Schwalb: DC Attorney General
Dean Harvey: Attorney

Hidden Ambulance Costs

November 3, 2023 (11pm/4:20 length)

November 6, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/4:20 length)

If you are sick enough to need an ambulance, an unexpected bill is the last thing you should have to worry about. But a WUSA 9 investigation uncovers surprise ambulance bills are becoming a growing problem, both across the country. And right here at home.

The No Surprises Act, which went into effect last year, is designed to protect patients from surprise bills for emergency services. But the law doesn't cover ground ambulance costs. A loophole unknown by many.

A 2022 report from the US Public Interest Research Group found privately insured patients in the United States shell out a whopping \$129 million on surprise ambulance bills every year. Individually, some people are seeing bills for thousands of dollars.

Patricia Kelmar is leading US Public Interest Research Group fight to change the system. She said privately insured patients are the ones at risk for surprise ambulance bills because Medicare and Medicaid have price controls in place. She says for a private insurance company to create a negotiated price with hundreds of entities, it takes a lot of money and a lot of time.

In fact, the Government Accountability Office found Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services are well below the costs of providing care, especially in rural areas.

Critics say it almost sounds like the ambulance companies are using the private insured to make money back that they are losing on Medicare and Medicaid rides.

In a statement, the American Ambulance Association echoed that, blaming underpayments from private insurance companies for the problems. "We are fighting to try to take the patient out of the middle and make sure that we have fair and equitable reimbursement so that we maintain a healthy 911 emergency response system for all of our communities" the AMA told WUSA 9.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Roger Emory: Consumer

Stephanie Trendowski: Consumer

Patricia Kelmar: U.S. Public Interest Research Group

Restaurant Surcharges On Credit Cards

November 10, 2023 (6pm/2:55 length)

We've been telling you about restaurant surcharges spreading across DC for months.

Now, we've discovered a new surcharge being added to your bill, just for paying with a credit card.

When a WUSA 9 team stopped by for a bite at Penn Quarter Sports Tavern in downtown DC, they got hit with not one, but two surcharges on the bill. A 6% service fee to offset rising wages due to the "DC Minimum Wage Act" or Initiative 82. Which is incrementally raising the tipped minimum wage to more than \$17 an hour. And also, a new surcharge becoming more common. A 3% fee just for using a credit card!

Shawn Townsend is President & CEO of the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington, which represents the interests of the restaurant industry. He says every time a business swipes a credit card, they're charged a 3% processing fee. And with rising inflation and labor costs, Townsend says some restaurants are now simply passing that entire fee onto customers.

But many customers are fed up with all the fees. And now a consumer protection non-profit named Travelers United is trying to take a stand. Suing one of DC's oldest and most successful restaurant groups, Clydes, for the fee it's been tacking on the bill labeled a "2023 surcharge."

Lauren Wolfe, with Travelers United says, "You can't charge a fee and say that you are charging a fee because it's 2023. That's not allowed."

Wolfe says that's a violation of the DC Consumer Protection Act, which states restaurants must clearly disclose surcharges on the menu.

In a phone interview, Clyde's Chief Operating Officer Kevin Keller told WUSA 9 he believes the surcharge explanation - which cites "high inflation, rising wages and supply chain challenges" – is clear and does not violate consumer protection laws.

He added, "Our goal was always to be transparent with our guests with the hope of removing the surcharge in the future as conditions improve. Or, making the difficult decision to add it into our permanent pricing."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
Shaw Townsend: Restaurant Assoc of Metropolitan Washington
Lauren Wolfe: Travelers United
Kevin Keller: Clyde's Restaurant Group

Local Issue

Crime and Safety

DC Charging Stats

October 19, 2023 (5pm/2:54 length)

The US Attorney for the District of Columbia fiercely defended his office in a meeting with reporters. The move comes as US Attorney Matthew Graves comes under fire for not prosecuting some arrests in the District. He tells WUSA 9's Eric Flack, the prosecution rates he's being criticized for don't tell the entire story, and he says the numbers aren't as bad as they look.

Under fire for prosecution rates that dropped to 33% last year, Graves said those prosecution numbers are on the rise. Hitting a 53 % prosecution rate in the fourth quarter of this year. However, that's still well below prosecution rates in 2017.

Graves says some of the decrease in fiscal years '21 and '22 was very much not intentional. He blamed the impact on DC's Department of Forensics Science losing its accreditation. Making it incredibly hard to test evidence his prosecutors needed for trial. Graves said his office has now found stop gap measures to increase evidence testing.

As for the reasons his office doesn't prosecute crimes, Graves says it's most often because witnesses don't want to cooperate.

Followed by a lack of evidence, or the defendant having a reasonable justification like self-defense.

7% of cases the US Attorney's office decides not to prosecute are at the discretion of prosecutors. Likely because they decided the crime wasn't that serious or the defendant lacked a criminal history.

Flack also asked about the epidemic of underage crime we are seeing in DC. Graves said charging a juvenile as an adult comes down to whether there is a larger pattern - as opposed to an impetuous bad decision. Graves did not provide data and numbers breaking down those decisions.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
Matthew Graves: US Attorney, District of Columbia

DC Juvenile Justice And DYRS – Part 1 (the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services) October 31, 2023 (6pm/3:05 length)

DC is in the midst of a crime crisis. And our kids are at the center of it. Mayor Bowser is pointing the finger at judges for not locking up repeat teen offenders.

So, we had WUSA 9's Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack dig into whether there is enough space to do just that. Plus look at the issue of rehabilitation versus incarceration—which it seems our judges and the mayor are at odds about.

The carjacking epidemic in DC is being driven by teens according to DC Police data. Juveniles make up 63% of carjacking arrests so far this year.

An angry Mayor Bowser called out one DC superior court judge as an example of a catch and release system. Saying, "This is my understanding that the judge wanted to place a juvenile who also been arrested for carjackings, sixth or seventh time in a shelter environment that is not secure. And that was not available. What was available was a secure environment. And in my opinion, if you've been arrested for the seventh time for carjacking, that is where you belong."

But an analysis by WUSA 9 reveals in pre-trial there may not be anywhere to send violent juvenile offenders except back home. Data from the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services reveals the city's pre-trial detention facility, Youth Services Center, is at capacity. In fact, city data shows its current population as six teens over the capacity listed on the DYRS website.

A source within DYRS said the facility is using temporary bedding to house the additional teens but added the facility is quote "not busting at the seams."

In a statement to WUSA 9, a DYRS spokesperson said the agency is working to: increase the number of beds in their existing shelter homes; actively seeking additional local group and shelter home providers; and, finding more space out-of-state to place committed youth.

Right now, there are only 187 beds in DYRS detention centers and shelter homes - which are basically group homes with ankle monitors. According to DC Police data, officers have MADE 991 juvenile arrests this year alone.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Mayor Muriel Bowser: (D) District of Columbia

**DC Juvenile Justice & DYRS – Part 2
(the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services)
November 1, 2023 (6pm/2:45 length)**

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has called on judges to do more to keep violent teen offenders off the streets. But this afternoon, she faced questions about her decision to cut funding to the city agency, the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services/DYRS, that is supposed to help put juvenile offenders on the right path.

This year the Mayor cut the DYRS budget to \$87.8 million. That's 2.5% less than last year and a 7% decrease from 4 years ago. The decision comes at a time when DC Police statistics are showing juvenile crime is on the rise. And DYRS's public facing website data seemingly indicating facilities like Youth Services Center, which houses violent teen offenders pre-trial, over the capacity listed on its own website.

DC's Deputy Mayor for Public Safety said budget and staffing cuts at DYRS are a result of judges not detaining as many juveniles pretrial as they used to. And if judges want to detain more juveniles moving forward, the current facilities can handle it.

Yet when we asked DYRS directly if space is a challenge, they seemed to tell us, yes. Adding the agency is currently trying to increase the number of beds in existing shelter homes, find additional local group and shelter home providers and identify more space out-of-state to place committed youth.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Mayor Muriel Bowser: (D) District of Columbia

Lindsey Appiah: Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice

DC vs. NY Crime Cameras

November 10, 2023 (11pm/4:15 length)

November 13, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/4:15 length)

The head of DC Police's Homeland Security Bureau sits down with WUSA 9 to defend the Mayor's plan to double the number of crime cameras across the District.

Do those cameras violate people's civil rights?

And why are so many of them placed in communities of color?

In October, two men in Northeast allegedly sent victims running for their lives during multiple armed robberies. Private security cameras caught the suspect's faces, but it was city owned closed circuit crime cameras that captured video of their getaway car and tracked their movements during the alleged crime spree. DC Police just put out the video, hoping for an arrest.

Assistant Chief Leslie Parsons is head of MPD's Homeland Security Bureau, which oversees the department's crime camera network. He told us the only time police use the cameras to watch people's movements in real time is during a march or protest, where police are guarding against the threat of unrest.

In all other cases, he says detectives use the video after the fact, to investigate a crime.

In September, Parsons joined MPD leadership on a trip to a place Amnesty International calls "surveillance city." New York City. Where crime cameras have eyes just about everywhere you look.

Parsons told us they went there to learn more about how one of the largest and oldest police forces in the US uses this new age technology to fight crime. As the District looks to expand its own system.

To be fair, comparing New York City's crime camera network to DC's is a stretch. New York has cameras with facial recognition. DC Police does not. NYPD has access to more than 60,000 cameras citywide. Even on the subway. MPD has about three hundred. And right now, doesn't have access to Metro cameras.

But over the summer, Mayor Bowser announced plans to double the number of crime cameras on DC streets over the next two years. The price tag? A million dollars.

ALCU-DC opposes the expansion of MPD's crime camera program. They say there's a lack of oversight and accountability to ensure police aren't misusing cameras to spy on people, potentially violating their constitutional rights. And they say crime cameras are largely used to target people of color.

In fact, when WUSA 9 looked at the locations of DC Police's crime cameras, which is posted right on its website, we discovered 42% of them are east of the river, in Wards 7 and 8. When we asked if that doesn't add to the narrative that these cameras are targeting communities of color, Chief Parsons said, "Well, you mentioned the 42%, east of the river. You know, math hasn't always been my strongest suit. Right. But I think that leaves about 58% that are on the other side of the river. Right? I think that when cameras are deployed, they're deployed for the need. It's not based off the community; it's based off the need for the camera. It's based off the crime."

Assistant Chief Parsons told us crime camera video isn't enough to get a conviction on its own. They're only a tool to help detectives do their job. As for other departments in our area -- we didn't find any using crime cameras. But many have mobile cameras they can set up to monitor large crowds, much like MPD does.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Assistant Chief Leslie Parsons: Metropolitan Police

Scott Michelman: ACLU-DC

**DYRS Court Hearing
(the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services)
November 13, 2023 (6pm/3:01 length)
November 13, 2023 (11pm re-air/3:01 length)**

The head of the DC agency in charge of rehabilitating juvenile offenders was hauled into court today. A judge demanded to know why his office hadn't done more to expand the amount of space it has to house teen offenders before trial. Especially girls. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack was granted special permission to attend today's hearing, which was closed to the public.

Judge Andrea Hertzfeld threatened to hold the Department of Youth Services in contempt of court unless the agency does what it's repeatedly been told to do by judges, add more shelter house space.

A shelter house is a monitored group home for teens awaiting trial.

It's not a lockdown like a youth services center. The teens can still go to school and can earn home visits for good behavior.

But Monday afternoon Abed said shelter house space hasn't been an issue until recently, saying in court, "We have not had an issue of girls shelter capacity until October. And once that issue was raised, now we have raised capacity."

But The judge said DYRS has been told to add shelter house space, especially for girls, since December of 2022 and DYRS has failed to act. Leading to 9 different incidents where judges ordered a juvenile offender to a shelter home, but DYRS couldn't place them and ended up putting them in that lockdown facility instead. The judge said DYRS doesn't have the legal right to do that, saying "There has been a historical problem with DYRS violating court orders" the judge told Abed. Noting caseloads for judges hearing juvenile criminal matters has increased by nearly 40% over the last year. "This is a problem that is not going away" the judge added.

Abed told the judge DYRS is now close to signing contracts to add 18-24 shelter home beds to the system. It was not clear how many of these are for girls. Although contracting shelter home beds for girls can be more difficult because most of those facilities are for boys.

The judge is hauling DYRS back into court in about a month to make sure it happens.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Sam Abed: Director, DC Dept of Youth Rehabilitation Services

Judge Andrea Hertzfeld: DC Superior Court

Mt. Pleasant Man Sentenced

November 17, 2023 (6pm/3:10 length)

November 17, 2023 (11pm re-air/3:10 length)

The ten-year-old victim emerged from the DC Superior Courthouse, clutching the same stuffed animal he held tight as he told his story to the judge months earlier. That 54 year old Derrick Jones threatened to kill him, his mom his dad and his dog after his mom repeatedly called DC Police to report Jones for exposing himself and masturbating in plain sight of families and young children--just blocks from Bancroft Elementary School.

The jail time Derrick Jones received is two years behind bars for multiple counts of sex abuse of a child, lewd acts, and threats. All misdemeanors in DC.

Victims, neighbors and prosecutors all wanted the judge to give him the max of three years because of a history of similar arrests dating back 5 years. The acts so brazen neighbors recorded cell phone video of him doing it. They also reached out to WUSA 9 for help.

In all but one of his prior arrests DC's 122-year-old criminal code mandated a catch and release cycle in which Jones would continually be returned to his neighborhood and his past behavior.

Finally in April, with WUSA 9 cameras there, Jones was arrested again for another series of lewd acts, and threatening that 10 year old and his parents for trying to stop him.

In court, Jones' Public Defender argued for a lighter sentence telling the judge a history of abuse as a child, and an addiction to PCP, drove the defendant to commit his crimes.

What the judge ultimately decided to do was factor in Jones' childhood trauma and drugs when sentencing him to 2 years, with an additional three years of supervised probation, including mental health, drug and sex offender treatment.

Jones will have to register as a Class A Sex Offender. And he can never return to that neighborhood. He will get credit for time served and could get credit for good behavior making the exact amount of time he will be off the street unclear.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Derrick Jones: Convicted Sex Offender

Raymond Jones: Derrick Jones' Attorney

Mother of Victim

Local Issue

Health

Black Sperm Donor Shortage

October 26, 2023 (11pm/4:10 length)

October 27, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/4:10 length)

October 29, 2023 (7am re-air/4:10 length)

A shortage of black sperm donors is forcing some women to make a difficult decision about what their future family looks like.

Ever since Jamila Galloway was a little girl, she knew she wanted to be a mom. Galloway said she treated her dolls like children. She made clothes for them and even asked her mom to babysit them.

As much as Galloway had that dream to be a mother, she wasn't ready for that chapter in her life during her 20s. Finally, during the pandemic, she made the decision to start a family, as a single mom by choice.

But when she searched through cryobanks for a sperm donor, she ran into a problem: a lack of black donors.

"Scarcity. I mean there just wasn't a lot of what I was looking for," she said.

Angela Stepancic and her wife faced the same issue.

"We only had 12 options across all sperm banks in America," Stepancic said. "That can almost shut the door in your face before you start running."

The couple welcomed a baby girl after choosing a donor who wasn't black, an experience that moved Stepancic to create change. This winter, she plans to bring the first black-owned cryobank in the country to Washington, DC.

"I think as a black woman in America, you get used to losing options a lot of the time," Stepancic said.

"What I decided to do with that feeling of loss, was really ensure that no other woman or family would have to go through that again," she said.

When Reproductive Village Cryobank opens its doors, it will focus on recruiting black sperm donors, and will look to answer the question of why black men aren't donating.

The percentage of black sperm donors at cryobanks in the US ranges from two to four percent, according to a recent analysis from The Washington Post. WUSA 9 found the same results in our own search through donors of the four major sperm banks in the country. Hundreds of options turn into just a handful when you narrow your search to black donors.

The shortage is troubling for some black women looking to expand their families. It forces them to make a difficult decision between having a baby of a different race, or not having a baby at all.

Dr. Mark Payson is a fertility doctor at CCRM Fertility in Northern Virginia. He says he has been hearing about the shortage of black sperm donors from his patients of color for years. Those patients have shared how difficult it is to find a black donor. And if they do find one, Payson said they have to reserve a vial quickly, because it could be gone the next day.

The shortage of black donors is an issue existing cryobanks are aware of. California Cryobank says it has made a number of changes to recruit more minority donors. Those changes include improved marketing campaigns, community outreach and research.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Stephanie Stepancic: Founder, Reproductive Village Cryobank

Dr. Mark Payson: Fertility Doctor, CCRM Northern Virginia

Jamilla Galloway: Wants to Become a Mother

Subway Surfing

November 15, 2023 (11pm/5:30 length)

November 16, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/5:30 length)

The Attorneys General in 42 states sued the social media company that owns Instagram and Facebook. They claim the apps are designed to addict kids.

Virginia, Maryland and the District are all joining in.

And in separate lawsuits --- hundreds of school districts are making similar claims.

In this story, one grieving Maryland family has agreed to tell the story of their son's addiction to social media. And -- how they believe it fueled his compulsion to take more and more extreme risks.

Desikan Thirunarayanapuram and his wife Vaishali Honawar say their son, 15-year-old Jay Thirunarayanapuram, had become addicted to social media. They believe the addiction fueled his compulsion to take more extreme risks. They say social media platforms share responsibility for intentionally creating algorithms to addict children.

Jay's parents point out that "Subway Surfing" is fueled by its own hashtag on social platforms like Instagram and TikTok, racking up millions of views and glamorizing a dangerous subculture.

According to a report from Metro Transit police, Jay had been riding on top of a Red Line metro train at Brookland on the afternoon of June 20. By the time police responded to the next stop at Rhode Island Avenue, Jay had fallen under the wheels of the train just outside the station. He died on the tracks.

"I don't think he would have done those dangerous activities had it not been for social media," said Honawar. "It was really what was driving him. He wanted his peers to see that he could do these things."

She and her husband called their son's pursuit of "likes" and other engagement metrics on Instagram an "obsession."

"They need to be responsible for the harm they're causing kids," Honawar said.

According to his parents who showed WUSA 9 Jay's Instagram account, Jay was engaging with a community of Subway Surfers who posted videos and photos of their high-risk practice of climbing on moving trains and making videos of their stunts.

Jay's Instagram account includes self-made videos of riding on Metro trains and freight cars, and illegally climbing high towers. His parents said they had him in therapy while school authorities engaged him in daily counseling.

Vaishali Honawar said she turned off Wi-Fi in the home at night to restrict Jay's time on social media. Both parents say Jay may have been more vulnerable to social media and extreme behavior because of trauma suffered in an orphanage in India. The couple adopted Jay when he was six.

They said their efforts proved futile against the power of social media in Jay's mind.

Jay's case caught the attention of their Congressman, Representative Jamie Raskin (D) Maryland, who wrote to social media companies demanding they ban subway surfing videos.

In October, Raskin said he met with officials from Meta, the company that operates Instagram. Meta told Raskin the company's terms of service can be used to restrict some types of high-risk content.

"They concede that it's very difficult to enforce the policy," Raskin said.

"They were not able to tell us how many times they've taken down content for advocating subway surfing. They've not been able to tell us how many people are specifically on the lookout for it."

Meta did not respond to WUSA 9's questions regarding Jay's case and his parents' claims.

TikTok, which has also been harshly criticized for Subway Surfing content, issued statements to WUSA 9 saying the company "will remove dangerous content like subway surfing as soon as we become aware of it."

Raskin said he believes social media platforms are intentionally designed to be addictive.

"Clearly, they are and when you're using the word addiction, you're not using it metaphorically. You're using it literally. I believe there are cognitive responses, neurological effects of social media activity now.

Raskin was the author of a bill giving the National Institutes of Health \$15 million to study the issue more thoroughly. The bill passed in 2022.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Rep. Jamie Raskin: (D) Maryland

Desikan Thirunarayanapuram: Son Died from Subway Surfing

Vaishali Honawar: Son Died from Subway Surfing

Meta

Concierge Medicine

December 6, 2023 (11pm/4:25 length)

December 7, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/4:25 length)

December 10, 2023 (11pm re-air/4:25 length)

Dr. Angela Marshall, of Silver Spring, likes to take her time with patients. She wants to ensure they are seen and heard.

But these days, she feels like she's just trying to avoid the carousel of care that, she says, the health care industry has created.

"When I started in medicine, we would schedule 20, 30-minute appointments," said Marshall, president and CEO of Comprehensive Women's Health. "Doctors have been pressured to see more patients in the same amount of time. And, as those visit times shrink, so does the quality."

The primary care physician said it's not only the patients that are suffering in this model.

"Think about how stressed you are when you're behind for a meeting," she said. "Feeling that all day, every day is, you know, really tough."

Dr. Marshall said appointments that she used to schedule for 30 minutes have shrunk to half that time, leading to health care inequities.

"Quite honestly, I'm convinced it's really impossible to give great quality care in a 10 or 15-minute visit," Marshall said.

So, Dr. Marshall turned to concierge medicine, a growing trend among health care providers. According to experts, the number of concierge practices in the U.S. are hard to track. But, in 2021, the trade magazine Concierge Medicine Today put the number of concierge medical offices at around 12,000 and growing.

So, what is concierge medicine? It's a boutique model that promises to give patients 24-7 access to their doctors, day-of-appointments and longer visits. Patients pay for a yearly membership out of their own pocket. The fees can range from \$1,500 to \$10,000.

With concierge services, patients still need insurance to cover medical screenings, prescriptions, hospital stays and other medical procedures.

Claudia Tellez is with the Medical Society of Northern Virginia.

She's compiled a report that highlights the disparities in reimbursements between hospitals and private practices. One example showed how doctors' offices receive between \$600 to \$900 less for the same service.

"I see concierge medicine really as a symptom of what's happening in the health care delivery system with all the regulation, shrinkage of reimbursement for physicians," Tellez said.

Dr. Soheila Rostami is a physician and a patient who followed her doctor when she moved to concierge medicine to spend more time with patients and supplement the costs insurance won't cover. Rostami pays a \$2,000 annual membership, a fee she admits is out of reach for many.

Marshall said she knows not all of her patients will be able to afford the yearly membership fee, so she's come to a compromise. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants will continue to see patients in her traditional practice, while she focuses on concierge medicine.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dr. Angela Marshall: Primary Care Physician

Claudia Tellez: Medical Society of Northern Virginia

Dr. Soheila Rostami: Physician

Local Issue

Education

New Howard University President

November 6, 2023 (5:30pm/4:31 length)

The Howard University school community gathered to celebrate the institution's 18th president, Dr. Ben Vinson, III. Before the formal activities began, WUSA 9 anchor, and Howard alum, Lesli Foster talked with President Vinson about his plans to move Howard forward.

"If you look across the yard, you can kind of imagine Thurgood Marshall, you can imagine Alain Locke, Toni Morrison - all of the people who have graced the yard of Howard University," said President Vinson.

But there was something else roaming this yard, steeped with history: robots.

"This is a high tech 21st century campus," Vinson said. "This is part of what it means now to be a student."

Part of what it means to be the president here now is to embrace these changes all while continuing to spearhead solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing students and the broader community.

"There are so many things that are happening in our society, so many changes as they pertain to artificial intelligence, as they pertain to computer science, data science, the intersection of ethics with emerging technology, as well as movement in the law," Vinson said. "These are areas where we really need a voice, a special voice, that voice that Howard University can give - really talking about issues of social justice and equity in these emerging fields."

President Vinson has been on the job for just a few months. So, he's just beginning to articulate his vision for the Mecca. He shared that framework in an office within Founders Library, which holds significance for him as a leader of this storied institution.

"Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, who was the first African American president at Howard University, actually worked here," Vinson said. "I gotta say, I'm really giddy about this because it's my first time stepping into this office."

Unlike most presidents of HBCU's, Vinson did not graduate from one. He was most recently the provost and executive vice president of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

When asked how he planned to navigate the contours of an educational institution with a huge cultural legacy, but without all the resources he was used to at previous institutions where he served, he talked about timing.

"Howard University at this particular time is my calling," Vinson said. "It is the place where I feel I need to be. It is the place where I feel I can pull together everything that I've learned, everything I've done and contribute back in a way that resonates with the vision."

Vinson expanded further about the connections he's sought to cement with other historically black colleges and institutions during his academic career.

"I have actually participated in other institutions and building connections with HBCU's," he said. "And it has been very important to me in my journey, institutions like GW, at Hopkins, at Case Western Reserve. So, I've always been in the HBCU conversation, although I have not necessarily been at an HBCU."

Vinson led a strategic initiative called "Think Big" at Case Western. He hopes to bring the mindset of what he calls "Howard at Maximum Strength" to his tenure.

"Howard at Maximum Strength means making sure that we're taking care of all of us, that we're making sure that our staff, that our faculty, that our students are able to excel and be their best selves," Vinson explained. "That means, we must have the operating of this institution as sound as it can be."

Vinson also highlighted the need to focus on safety at an HBCU. This year, several institutions, including Howard, have dealt with violence on campus.

"Safety is a top priority at an urban institution, and it is one for Howard University," Vinson said. "We're making sure that our partnership with the Metropolitan Police Department, for instance, is as strong as it can be. We're also increasing the way we use technology as an intervention to improve safety on campus. That includes cameras, robots, and our students have something called a 'Peace of Mind' device. And it is a small round device where if there's an incident or if a student needs help, they can press that button and get almost an instant response."

This fall, President Vinson is going on a listening tour. He'll hear from students, staff, faculty and the University community about opportunities and challenges going forward. He also wants to build stronger ties with other Historically Black Colleges and Universities to continue to tackle hard problems.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dr. Ben Vinson: New President of Howard University

Local Issue

Environment Matters

Linden Oak Bench

October 2, 2023 (5:30pm/2:07 length)

October 3, 2023 (5am re-air/2:07 length)

Three months after a centuries old tree had to be cut down due to decay and rot, the hardwood from the historic Linden Oak is being preserved in a creative way. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero drove ECO9 to Kensington, Maryland in Montgomery County to check it out.

Interviews: Colin Vale, Artist; Colter Burkes, Senior Urban Forester of Montgomery Parks

Fall Planting Brookside Gardens

October 5, 2023 (5:30pm/1:51 length)

October 6, 2023 (5am re-air/1:51 length)

It's time to start thinking about preparing your garden for winter and planting ahead for spring. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath learned some helpful tips and tricks from the experts at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland.

Interview: Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens Horticulturist

Chesapeake Bay Tree Canopy

October 9, 2023 (5:30pm/1:34 length)

October 10, 2023 (5am re-air/1:34 length)

We don't normally think of them this way, but trees are one of the most important resources to help control pollution for inland waters -- like the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. But trees -- notably in the Chesapeake Basin area -- are becoming an increasingly RARE resource. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath explains in tonight's report.

Interviews: Tom Horton, Salisbury University; Anne Hairston-Strang, Acting State Forrester

Tracking Fall Foliage

October 12, 2023 (5:30pm/2:03 length)

October 13, 2023 (5am re-air/2:03 length)

It's getting to be that time of the year when we see more brilliant shades of red, orange and yellow. And one local scientist says we should be in for a good year for bright colors. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath joins us now with more on how the weather contributes to fall colors.

Interview: Joe Sullivan, UMD College of Agriculture

Climate Resistant Apples

October 16, 2023 (5:30pm/2:17 length)

October 17, 2023 (5am re-air/2:17 length)

As the fall months set in... aside from picking pumpkins, picking apples is a family favorite in the area. Apple growers face numerous challenges... climate change, labor shortages, and crop yield just to name a few. WUSA 9's Simone De Alba went out to see what's being done to help apple trees become more resistant to climate change.

Interviews: Chris Walsh, Professor Emeritus UMD; Brian Spielman, Assistant Director Facility Operations

Leave the Leaves

October 19, 2023 (5:30pm/1:28 length)

October 20, 2023 (5am re-air/1:28 length)

Temperatures are dropping and so are the leaves. But before you get your rake out, environmental experts say you can save yourself time and benefit your local ecosystem if you just leave them there.

Interview: Dr. Christopher Hardy, Millersville Univ.

Dirt Diggers

October 23, 2023 (5:30pm/2:27 length)

October 24, 2023 (5am re-air/2:27 length)

When The Landing senior living residences opened up in Alexandria a year and a half ago, it offered every luxury amenity and feature community members could hope for...except for a garden. And so, the Dirt Diggers group was born and now their rooftop terrace is bursting with color. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath introduces us to the residents with a passion for gardening.

Interviews: Ginger Wilkening, Resident; Michelle Chapman, Resident; Mary Faher, Resident

Sustainable Schools

October 26, 2023 (5:30pm/1:45 length)

October 27, 2023 (5am re-air/1:45 length)

With the impacts of climate change intensifying, a growing number of schools are teaching the topic in the classroom. The hope is future generations will learn how to take steps to reduce the threat. In this ECO9 report, Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath takes us to a DC Charter School that's made "going green" part of its foundation.

Interviews: Marina Gutierrez / Teacher, Mundo Verde Charter School; Chloe Cunningham / Student, Mundo Verde Charter School; Katherine Cheung / Student, Mundo Verde Charter School; Kristin Scotchmer / Founding Executive Director, Mundo Verde Charter School

Metro Solar Carport

October 31, 2023 (5am/:30 length)

We're shining a light on a new green project in the District. Yesterday, Metro flipped the switch on a new solar carport at the Anacostia parking garage in Southeast DC. District officials say it represents a big step towards transitioning DC to 100-percent renewable energy by the year 2032. The Anacostia station and a project on Southern Avenue are the first of four carport projects to be installed at metro facilities in both DC and Maryland.

Carbon Vacuums

November 2, 2023 (5:30pm/1:36 length)

November 3, 2023 (5am re-air/1:36 length)

The Biden Administration is making a \$1.2 billion bet on carbon “vacuums” to deal with climate change. The first two projects will kick off in Texas and Louisiana and as WUSA 9 learned - - the investment will be a global testing ground for a new technology.

Interview: Kelly Cummins, Department of Energy; Erin Burns, Carbon 180

Anacostia HS Book

November 6, 2023 (5:30pm/1:39 length)

November 7, 2023 (5am re-air/1:39 length)

It's a big week for students at DC's Anacostia High School. They're now the authors of a new book that's being launched this Wednesday. It's called 'Through My Anacostia Eyes: Environmental Problems and Possibilities'. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero went to Southeast Washington to learn more about it.

Interview: Caroline Brewer, Editor and Consultant

Mill Food Recycling Service

November 9, 2023 (5:30pm/1:33 length)

November 10, 2023 (4:30am re-air/1:33 length)

There's a new food recycling service for people who want to live a more sustainable life, but don't have the time or the space for composting. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero traveled to Northeast DC to learn about 'Mill'. It is a food recycling system that is an effortless way to recycle your food scraps. From leftovers to lunch box scraps, your food waste no longer has to end up in the landfill.

Mill turns old food scraps into a useful new product. The device heats up the food scraps, dehydrates them, and grinds them up. The finished product resembles dirt. You can keep the scraps for your garden or send them back to Mill for free to be made into chicken feed. The bin takes about four weeks' worth of food scraps to fill up.

Interviews: Theresa Westover, Homeowner; Lou Pieh, Mill

Great Barrier Reef Coral

November 13, 2023 (5:30pm/1:58 length)

November 14, 2023 (5am re-air/1:58 length)

In tonight's EC09 report, warming oceans are considered the greatest threat to the world's coral reefs. But parts of Australia's Great Barrier Reef are now showing some resiliency. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath reports that some of the reef's coral are now starting to regenerate.

Sustainable Thanksgiving

November 16, 2023 (5:30pm/3:12 length)

November 17, 2023 (4:30am re-air/3:12 length)

Tonight, we're just one week away from Thanksgiving. That means this time next Thursday, many of you will be sitting down for your holiday meal. But before you do, Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath takes us into the kitchen for some ways to make your Thanksgiving more sustainable.

Interviews: Gabrielle Choate, Sustainability Manager Catholic University of America

Autumn Lawn Care

November 20, 2023 (5:30pm/1:29 length)

November 21, 2023 (5am re-air/1:29 length)

Ever heard the saying summer bodies are made in the winter? Lawn care experts say now is the time to tend to your yards -- if you want them to be green in the spring and summer. Cold temperatures, fallen leaves, and lack of maintenance can cost you hundreds of dollars to fix down the road. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath picked up a few tips in Manassas, Virginia.

Interview(s): Trevor Simpson, Virginia Green; William McEwen, Virginia Green

Recycling Old Tennis Balls

November 27, 2023 (5:30pm/2:23 length)

November 28, 2023 (5am re-air/2:23 length)

Tennis balls are designed to be indestructible. And while that may be good for your game -- they are a problem for our planet. As Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath explains, there is a movement to make the sport more sustainable. The goal? Re-using and recycling old tennis balls.

WUSA 9 spoke with Mark DiChiara. He's an avid tennis player, instructor, and General Manager at Georgetown Prep Tennis Club, in Rockville, Maryland.

"We go through thousands of balls every year and we've just been throwing away balls and throwing away balls," DiChiara said.

People chuck tennis balls in the trash because they are hard to recycle. It's difficult to separate the fuzzy felt from the rubber and recycle the materials. That's a problem for our planet.

Each year, 125 million tennis balls bounce into landfills with each ball taking 400 years or longer to decompose.

Vermont based nonprofit RecycleBalls has an ace of a solution and is scoring a big win for our planet.

RecycleBalls has a tennis ball collection program that works with more than 6,000 partners nationwide.

Each partner pays a yearly fee. They get postage-paid collection bins to set out that are filled up with used tennis balls, and then the bins are sent back. Its Play It Green specialized machine separates the rubber and felt. Some becomes fluffy footing in horse arenas and the rest of the rubber is repurposed and used in new tennis court construction.

Interviews: Mark DiChiara, Georgetown Prep Tennis Club; Steven Krieger, recycleballs.org

Rockfish Emergency

November 30, 2023 (5:30pm/2:16 length)

December 1, 2023 (4:30am re-air/2:16 length)

In tonight's ECO9 report, a new sign that the Chesapeake Bay's signature fish species is in deep trouble. We are talking about the iconic striped bass, which most people here call rockfish. Maryland's Department of Natural Resources has just proposed emergency regulations in an attempt to stop a steep decline in population. Scott Broom is at the Chesapeake Bay this evening to explain.

Interview: Lynn Fegly, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Pollution Pods

December 4, 2023 (5:30pm/1:10 length)

December 5, 2023 (5am re-air/1:10 length)

Visitors to the United Nations Climate Change conference in Dubai got to experience the air quality of some of the most polluted cities in the world. The exhibit features three "pollution pods." They simulate what it's like to breathe in several cities. The pods use a "carefully mixed" chemical recipe to emulate ozone, particles, and other greenhouse gases that pollute each of the cities.

Interview: Jane Burston, CEO, Clean Air Fund

Curbing Cow Methane

December 4, 2023 (5:30pm/:48 length)

Could cows be the answer to curbing climate change? With temperatures rising worldwide, a team of researchers may have found a way to reduce the amount of methane produced from the popular farm animal. Meteorologist Kailyn McGrath explains how cows could be the key to helping cool the earth.

2023 Hottest Year Ever

December 7, 2023 (5:30pm/:52 length)

It's official. After months of expectation, 2023 will be the hottest year ever recorded on planet Earth. The European union's 'climate change service' announced the milestone after analyzing data that showed the world saw its warmest-ever November. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath puts this all into perspective.

Linden Oak Tree Bench Unveiled
December 8, 2023 (5am/1 minute length)

This ECO9 report is about the new life for a piece of history in Montgomery County. A 300-year-old linden oak tree that once towered above a path in north Bethesda -- was cut down in July because of decay. But all that wood didn't go to waste. A bench was created that took chainsaw artist Colin Vale six weeks to carve.

EV Charge Consumer Reports
December 11, 2023 (5:30pm/1:34 length)
December 12, 2023 (5am re-air/1:34 length)

WUSA 9 looks how far electric vehicles can go on a single charge. The batteries in electric cars have improved over the years, allowing drivers to travel further without having to re-charge. But a new study shows the distance can vary dramatically depending on whether you're driving in the city or on the highway. Consumer Reports looked at how far these EV's can go on just the highway. Shanelle Kaul has the results.

Interview: Alex Knizek, Consumer Reports

Fairfax County Two Degree Challenge
December 14, 2023 (5:30pm/1:17 length)
December 15, 2023 (5am re-air/1:17 length)

If you saw our Winter Weather Outlook, WUSA 9 told you we could see more snow this season. In today's ECO9 report, Meteorologist Miri Marshall tells us about a new challenge in Fairfax County. One that could lower the cost of heating your home during the chilly winter months by turning down your thermostat by 2 degrees.

Sustainable Library Book Tree
December 18, 2023 (5:30pm/1:40 length)
December 19, 2023 (5am re-air/1:40 length)

This could be one of the most sustainable Christmas tree that you will ever come across. The branches are always on the shelf and when you take it down -- you can read it. Meteorologist Miri Marshall and Photojournalist Nic Rhule took ECO9 to Alexandria to check out this Christmas tree entirely made out of books.

Interviews: Jill Burgard, Alexandria Library; Jennifer Blume, Alexandria Library

Gas Powered Lawn Tools
December 21, 2023 (5:30pm/1:24 length)
December 22, 2023 (5am re-air/1:24 length)

Lawn mowers and leaf blowers help keep our yards looking neatly manicured. But a new study found that they may be doing more harm than good to the environment. Miri Marshall tells us how some gas-powered lawn tools put out as much pollution as cars.

Holiday Recycling

December 25, 2023 (5:30pm/1:35 length)

December 26, 2023 (5am re-air/1:35 length)

The presents are being opened and much of the leftover boxes and wrapping paper will be tossed in the recycle bin. Recycle centers see a big increase this time of year but not everything is recyclable. Experts say some wrapping paper cannot be recycled, same with bows and ribbons. It's also important to make sure old wires and electronics are not put in the recycle bin, they should be taken to a center or retailer that accepts E-waste. Danya Bacchus has more holiday recycling tips.

Interview: Amy Hammes/Recycling Specialist, City of Burbank

50th Anniversary of Endangered Species Act

December 29, 2023 (5:30pm/1:51 length)

December 30, 2023 (4:30am re-air/1:51 length)

Fifty years ago this week, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law. The landmark legislation has helped protect wildlife in the US and around the globe -- and pushed the conservation movement forward. WUSA 9 has more on the anniversary and whether the law is ready for the future.

Interviews: Michael Bochnik / President, Hudson River Audubon Society; Monica Medina / President and CEO, Wildlife Conservation Society

Local Issue

Stadium Funding

Stadium Funding

October 13, 2023 (6pm/3:35 length)

If you want to start a debate in this town that doesn't involve politics -- try asking whether professional sports stadiums are worth investing taxpayer money in.

Critics argue local governments never make back the hundreds of millions they put in.

Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack discovered surprising new data that may disprove that long held belief.

DC announced it was shelling out a reported 20 million dollars for a new scoreboard at Nationals Park. This as the District negotiates with Monumental Sports and Entertainment Owner Ted Leonsis over potential taxpayer funded upgrades at Capital One Arena.

Oh, and then there's that tweet by Mayor Muriel Bowser talking about building the new Commanders stadium at the RFK site.

Debate is raging on social media about whether pro sports stadiums are a smart use of taxpayer money.

According to data WUSA 9 got from the DC Office of the Chief Financial Officer - the District is ahead of schedule repaying the bonds it took out to help build Nats Park. The city has paid back 67% of the debt a little more than halfway through the deal – thanks to excess revenues generated from all the growth in Navy Yard. In fact, \$102 million of that excess revenue is being funneled to DC's general fund over the next five years.

Meanwhile DC Bid, an association of 11 businesses improvement districts across DC, says Capital One Arena has generated \$800 million in cumulative tax revenue to DC since it opened. \$54 million in 2023 alone.

Whether the city could have financial success with a new Commanders stadium remains uncertain. Adjusted for inflation, the \$535 million DC shelled out for the baseball park in 2006, equates to a whopping \$811 million dollars today. And keep in mind, football stadiums are a lot more expensive than baseball stadiums and host less events.

Mayor Bowser has asked the Department of Planning and Economic Development to commission a study "DC Sports Study" to identify potential financing models for public investment in new and existing sports facilities. And to measure the economic impact of sports and entertainment venues here in the District.

As for Audi Field -- District taxpayers spent 150-million dollars to buy and prepare the site, while DC United paid for design, construction, and operation of the stadium. DC government gets a very small percentage of ticket sales -- but does collect tax revenue on investments around the stadium.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dennis Coates: Professor of Economics, University of Maryland

Local Issue

Housing

Office Space To Residential Living

December 20, 2023 (11pm/3:55 length)

December 21, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/3:55 length)

The pandemic reshaped how we work -- and in many cases where we work. That led to enormous office buildings sitting empty across our area.

Now -- as urban communities struggle with housing shortages -- some developers are getting creative. They're turning all that old empty office space into state-of-the-art living space.

In this story, reporter Eric Flack takes us into one of those transformations in Falls Church, Virginia.

Catilin Bowers lives in a complex called Three Collective. Her new apartment building has a little bit of everything. Game room. Party space. Work nooks. Even its own private entrance into a Target store. It used to be filled with file cabinets, desks and copy machines.

Three Collective in Falls Church, Virginia may just be the future of housing, while solving one of the biggest problems created by our pandemic past. Empty office space.

Office vacancy rates in Fairfax County are at 17%. A 20 year high. Arlington and DC are over 20%. All-time highs. Montgomery County is over 16%. A 33% increase since 2018. Costing local governments millions every year in tax revenue.

Designed to be used as home, office or both, a two-bedroom, two bath unit, Three Collective's owner took us through, is 1149 square feet, and rents for just under \$2,900 a month.

The first phase of Three Collective's office to residential conversion in Falls Church opened this fall. With more under construction and in the planning process.

There will likely be more office to residential conversions coming to our area. A number of similar projects are planned in the District. This -- as developers look for ways to use all the empty office space downtown that's left over from the pandemic.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Caitlin Bowers: Renter

Robert Seldin: Highland Square Holdings

Local Issue

Elections

David Trone: Maryland U.S. Senate Race October 9, 2023 (6pm/3:40 length)

Larry Miller sits down with Congressman David Trone -- who is hoping to be Maryland's next US Senator. Trone is running to replace Senator Ben Cardin -- who is retiring at the end of his term in 2025.

Healthcare costs are top of mind for voters, says Trone. The shortage of mental health professionals is top of mind, education challenges are always there, as are jobs. "They want better jobs," says Trone.

Addiction has had an impact on his own family. His nephew, Ian Trone, died of a fentanyl-laced heroin overdose in 2016. Trone says his father also abused alcohol.

Trone leans on the lessons he's learned as a young person to help him build a successful business and lead what he calls a progressive agenda in the house of representatives as a three-term congressman.

But Trone acknowledges the competitive field of candidates also seeking the democratic nomination including Montgomery County Councilman Will Jawando, Tech Executive Juan Dominguez, community activist Jerome Segal, Marcellus Crews, Brian Frydenborg, Steven Henry Seufferer, Andrew Jaye Wildman, and Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks who has secured key endorsements from Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen, Congressman Glenn Ivey, Congressman Steny Hoyer and others.

Trone has lent his campaign nearly 10-million dollars of his own money. As the founder of Total Wine, Trone has the cash to see his way through the primary.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

David Trone: (D) Running for MD U.S. Senate

Juan Dominguez: Maryland U.S. Senate Race
October 31, 2023 (6pm/4:05 length)

Democrat Juan Dominguez says his win could mean Maryland has its first Latino representative in the U.S. Senate.

The former Army officer and tech executive has been getting the word out about his senate campaign in a decked out van; his face along with a shining grin plastered on the side.

"I think if you look at three things -- military service, private sector and a little bit of public sector -- there's no other candidate in this race that captures all three," Dominguez said about what helps him stand out in a crowded race where the leading contenders have all but consumed much of the oxygen in the race.

Dominguez is leaning into his limited name recognition as a selling point, believing as an 'outsider' he can appeal to voters looking for alternative candidates.

"Seventy-seven percent of Americans, including Marylanders, don't trust their elected officials," he said. "I dare say that's the disadvantage that my opponents have and the folks that are endorsing them come from the same ilk."

One of the top issues Marylanders have focused on is the economy. With inflation soaring above seven percent, many are looking for candidates with solutions to help get inflation under control.

"We need to institute a wealth tax in this country that enables us to put money back into people's pockets," Dominguez said. "We have to fight for 30 bucks an hour for every working class American. And we have to provide healthcare for all from cradle to grave."

The minimum wage fight is nothing new and faces significant opposition from conservatives who say a federal minimum wage increase would slow job growth and crush small businesses.

"To small businesses, I would say, we got you covered because we can create a tax rebate or tax credit for every person that they hire at the minimum wage," explained Dominguez when asked how we would address a minimum wage increase. "We can cover the additional 15 dollars an hour by taxing the ultra-rich in this country."

While a lot of attention has been focused on Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and the history she could make as the third black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, Dominguez added his run, too, is historic.

"There has never been a Latino elected to any seat in the Maryland congressional delegation," he pointed out. "I think it's important that we look at that as well. We are over 24 percent of the voting bloc in some places. Yet, [Latinos] do not have one congressional seat."

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Juan Dominguez: (D) Running for MD U.S. Senate

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.

Verify: Previewing the New Supreme Court Term

October 3, 2023 (6am/1:45 length) (12pm re-air/1:35 length) (5pm re-air/1:40 length)

The new Supreme Court term is underway. WUSA 9 verifies which high-profile issues the justices may consider, and whether a government shutdown would affect the court's operations.

Verify: National Emergency Alert Test

October 3, 2023 (6pm/1:50 length)

October 4, 2023 (5am re-air/1:55 length)

A test of the national emergency alert system was scheduled for October 4, and it would be just the second ever to include warning messages sent to all phones and personal devices as well as radio and TV stations. WUSA 9 looked into what the test would entail and how people could opt out of it.

Verify: Ouster Of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy

October 4, 2023 (5am/2:10 length) (6am re-air/2:15 length) (12pm re-air/1:55 length)

(5:30pm re-air/2:15 length)

House Republicans voted to remove Speaker Kevin McCarthy from office in an historic decision. WUSA 9 looked to the Constitution and House rules to find out what the procedure is for picking a new Speaker and what can and cannot happen before a new Speaker is chosen.

Verify: New Student Loan Debt Relief Plan

October 5, 2023 (6am/1:50 length) (12pm re-air/1:35 length) (5:30pm re-air/1:55 length)

While student loan payments resumed this week for the first time in more than three years, the White House announced a new loan forgiveness program. WUSA 9 looked at government documents to verify who is eligible for this forgiveness program.

Verify: Fall Allergies And Sleepiness

October 6, 2023 (6am/2:10 length) (12pm re-air/1:45 length) (5:30pm re-air/1:45 length)

October 8, 2023 (7am re-air/1:40 length)

Many people complain that they feel more tired when fall rolls around. WUSA 9 checked with an immunologist, medical experts, and the US Naval Observatory to find out that allergies and shorter days combine to make people more tired than usual.

People interviewed:

Dr. Alekh Gupta, immunologist, Atrium health Carolinas Medical Center

Verify: US Aid To Israel For War Against Hamas

October 9, 2023 (6am/1:40 length) (12pm re-air/1:30 length) (4pm re-air/1:50 length) (5:30pm re-air/2:00 length)

Hamas launched an attack against Israel over the weekend. US officials were quick to respond and share their support for Israel. A press release showed that the US pledged billions of dollars in support, but WUSA 9 confirmed with the State Department and White House that the document was a doctored version of a previous press release and that no new money had been authorized yet.

Verify: Video Of Children In Cages

October 10, 2023 (11pm/1:10 length)

October 11, 2023 (6am re-air/1:25 length)

Sen. Ted Cruz was among the thousands of people sharing a viral video showing children locked inside a chicken coop. Many of those who shared the video claimed it showed how Hamas was treating young Israeli hostages. WUSA 9 used X and TikTok to discover inconsistencies that cast doubt on the authenticity of the video.

Verify: Social Security Cost Of Living Adjustment

October 12, 2023 (11pm/1:10 length)

October 13, 2023 (12pm re-air/1:10 length) (5:30pm re-air/1:10 length)

The Social Security Administration announced the cost-of-living adjustment for benefits in 2024. It is much lower than the adjustment in 2023, so WUSA 9 checked historical records to find out if it is the biggest year-to-year change in the COLA.

Verify: Longest House Speaker Vacancy

October 17, 2023 (11pm/1:00 length)

Two weeks have passed since Kevin McCarthy was removed as House Speaker, and a vote for Jim Jordan failed on the House floor today. Is this the longest the House of Representatives has been without a House Speaker? WUSA 9 looked at Congressional records to find out.

Verify: US Government Support for Israel

October 19, 2023 (6am/2:10 length) (12pm re-air/2:00 length) (5:30pm re-air/2:05 length)

President Biden promised to deliver an unprecedented support package for Israel in response to its war against Hamas. WUSA 9 looked at historical records to find out how much the military and humanitarian aid the US sends to Israel each year.

Verify: Scholastic Book Fair Diverse Titles

October 20, 2023 (6am/2:45 length) (12pm re-air/2:05 length) (5:30pm re-air/2:20 length)

Is Scholastic Book Fair getting rid of its books with diverse characters and themes? WUSA 9 checked with the company's policies and looked into the current state of book bans to find out whether and how those books will be available.

Verify: Threats Against Federal Judges
October 20, 2023 (11pm/1:00 length)

A judge in Maryland was shot and killed and the suspect is a man who the judge ruled against in a custody case earlier that day. WUSA 9 looked at historical data from the US Marshals Service to see if judges face an increasing risk of violence.

Verify: Maine Homicide Rate
October 26, 2023 (5:30am/:55 length)

A man is suspected of killing at least 16 people at multiple locations in Maine. WUSA 9 checked with law enforcement data to verify that Maine is a state with very few homicides in a typical year.

Verify: Maine Red Flag Law
October 26, 2023 (6am/1:50 length) (12pm re-air/1:35 length) (4pm re-air/1:35 length)
(6pm re-air/1:20 length)

A man is suspected of killing at least 16 people at multiple locations in Maine. The person of interest is said to have been hospitalized for mental health. WUSA 9 verified whether Maine has a red flag law that could remove a weapon from someone based on mental health concerns.

Verify: Maine Gun Ownership
October 26, 2023 (4pm/:35 length)

Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) told WUSA 9 one of the reasons the mass shooting in Lewiston is so hard to understand is that Maine has one of the highest rates of gun ownership and one of the lowest rates of gun crime in the US. WUSA 9 looked at data about gun ownership and firearm mortality to confirm that only one state has similarly high gun ownership and a low rate of gun deaths.

Verify: Ladybugs In The House
October 26, 2023 (11pm/:45 length)

A viewer sent us a photo of ladybugs inside their house and asked if they start swarming into homes now because winter is coming. We checked with university entomology departments, agricultural extensions, and the USDA to verify what we know about the bugs and how to get rid of them.

Verify: Fake Spiderweb Hazard
October 27, 2023 (4:30am/1:35 length)

Many people decorate their homes with fake spiderwebbing for Halloween, but some people online asked that others do not use it because of danger to wildlife. WUSA 9 checked with environmental experts to verify if synthetic spiderwebs can pose hazards to animals.

Verify: Scholastic Book Fair Update
October 27, 2023 (6am/:55 length) (5:30pm re-air/1:10 length)

WUSA 9 previously verified that Scholastic Book Fair planned to separate its books with diverse authors and themes into a separate, optional category to reduce its liability in states with strict laws about the content of school library books. People online shared photos of letters appearing to reverse this decision, so WUSA 9 checked with Scholastic to verify that it changed its plan in response to criticism.

Verify: Disqualified Virginia Candidate

October 27, 2023 (4pm/3:00 length) (6pm re-air/2:35 length)

A Fairfax County School Board candidate was disqualified this week for having invalid address information on her filing paperwork. WUSA 9 researched state law and spoke with elections officials about the qualifications to run for school board and what happens to the votes already cast and ballots waiting to be cast.

Person interviewed:

Marcia St. John-Cunning, Candidate for School Board

Verify: Virginia Senate District 31 Race

October 30, 2023 (4pm/2:35 length) (6pm re-air/2:15 length) (11pm re-air/2:15 length)

October 31, 2023 (6am re-air/2:15 length)

Republican Juan Pablo Segura and Democrat Russet Perry are competing in one of the tightest, most expensive Virginia State Senate races, and both have made lots of claims about their respective stances on crime and public safety. WUSA 9 analyzed crime data; the candidates' positions and public statements; and lists of endorsements to determine if two of their claims are true.

Verify: Imperfectly Filled In Ballot Ovals

October 31, 2023 (11pm/1:20 length)

November 1, 2023 (6am re-air/1:40 length) (4pm re-air/1:45 length)

November 6, 2023 (6:30am re-air/1:25 length)

A viewer with a disability asked if her vote would count in Virginia's upcoming election if she could not perfectly fill in the ovals on her paper ballot. WUSA 9 researched states laws and checked with several local election officials and two voting machine companies to find out how tabulation machines react to ballots with imperfect ovals.

Verify: Presidential Executive Order On Artificial Intelligence

November 3, 2023 (6am/2:35 length) (12pm re-air/2:30 length) (5:30pm re-air/2:25 length)

November 4, 2024 (7am re-air/2:25 length)

President Joe Biden announced an executive order related to the regulation of artificial intelligence this week. WUSA 9 examined the order and spoke with a technology expert to verify what the order does and what it omits.

Person Interviewed:

Patrick Hall, Assistant Professor, George Washington University

Verify: Swann Street Protest Video

November 3, 2023 (11pm/2:10 length)

A viral video on multiple social media platforms claims to show protesters overwhelming a Washington DC neighborhood and swarming into someone's home. WUSA 9 ran a reverse image search and consulted old videos and photos to verify that it showed a Black Lives Matter protest in 2020 and that the protesters were welcomed into the home.

Verify: What To Bring To Vote

November 6, 2023 (5am/1:00 length)

With 24 hours before polls open in Virginia, WUSA 9 consulted with the Virginia Department of Elections to verify what voters need to bring with them in order to cast a ballot.

Verify: Making Absentee Ballots Count

November 6, 2023 (5am/1:15 length) (5:30pm re-air/1:10 length)

With 24 hours before polls open in Virginia, WUSA 9 consulted with the Virginia Department of Elections and a voting non-profit to verify how absentee voters can ensure their mail-in ballot reaches elections officials and gets counted.

Verify: What Are Provisional Ballots

November 6, 2023 (6am/1:05 length)

With 24 hours before polls open in Virginia, WUSA 9 consulted with the Virginia Department of Elections and the National Conference of State legislatures to explain why some voters must use provisional ballots, what they are, and how they are counted.

Verify: What You Need To Know At The Polls

November 6, 2023 (12pm/1:35 length) (6pm re-air/1:30 length)

With less than 24 hours before polls open in Virginia, WUSA9 consulted with the Virginia Department of Elections and the National Conference of State legislatures to explain what voters need to bring with them to the polls and what to know if they have to cast a provisional ballot.

Verify: How Long It Might Take To Count The Votes

November 7, 2023 (11pm/:50 length)

November 8, 2023 (6:30am re-air/:50 length) (12pm re-air/:50 length) (5:30pm re-air/:55 length)

Most races in the Virginia election will be decided by the end of the night, but WUSA 9 verified that close races could take another week based on the deadlines to receive absentee ballots and to count provisional ballots.

Verify: Third Republican Presidential Debate – Ukraine

November 8, 2023 (11pm/1:30 length)

Five Republican presidential candidates shared a debate stage in Miami. WUSA 9 verified a pair of claims they made related to US support of Ukraine against Russia.

Verify: Third Republican Presidential Debate – Social Security

November 9, 2023 (5am/2:15 length) (6am re-air/2:15 length) (12pm re-air/2:05 length)

Five Republican presidential candidates shared a debate stage in Miami. WUSA 9 verified a pair of claims they made related to Social Security.

Verify: Rainbow Bridge Explosion
November 22, 2023 (11pm/2 minutes length)

A car exploded near the Rainbow Bridge over Niagara Falls that connects the US and Canada. In the immediate aftermath, many false claims were made online. WUSA 9 disproved three claims that had been seen by hundreds of thousands of X users.

Verify: Elon Musk Pizzagate Meme
November 29, 2023 (5:30pm/1:55 length)

Elon Musk posted a deleted a meme suggesting that the expert who debunked the Pizzagate conspiracy theory was sent to jail for child pornography charges. WUSA 9 revisited the Pizzagate conspiracy and looked into news archives to prove that the meme was misinformation.

Verify: DC Clean Energy Mandate
December 1, 2023 (11pm/1:20 length)

A WUSA9 viewer said a solicitor pressured him to change energy plans by claiming the Mayor of DC mandated that all residents use clean energy. WUSA9 checked with DC laws and the DOEE to disprove the solicitor's claim.

Verify: Fake James Yoo YouTube Claim
December 5, 2023 (11pm/1:15 length)
December 6, 2023 (6am re-air/1:15 length)

A man is presumed dead after his Arlington house exploded. A social media post viewed by millions of people claimed to show the suspect commenting on YouTube videos several hours later. WUSA 9 used the timeline of events and timestamps on the videos to show that it was not his account, but an imposter.

Verify: Fourth Republican Debate
December 7, 2023 (5am/1:50 length) (6am/2:15 length) (12pm/2:40 length) (5pm re-air/2:40 length)

The fourth GOP presidential debate brought four contenders to the stage. WUSA 9 verified two claims made by the presumed top threats to Donald Trump: Ron DeSantis and Nicki Haley.

Verify: Amazon Locker Hack Claim
December 14, 2023 (6am/2:30 length) (12pm re-air/2:30 length) (4pm re-air/2:30 length)

Lots of people posted to social media—including on local pages--claiming their Amazon accounts got hacked after Amazon Locker locations showed up in their list of saved addresses. WUSA 9 used Amazon's statements and searched through online breach databases to prove that Amazon was not hacked.

Verify: Fake Health Care Benefits
December 14, 2023 (6pm/1:55 length)

A WUSA 9 viewer asked if a couple of online ads he'd seen recently, promising large cash subsidies, were legitimate. We checked with major insurance companies, health policy non-profits, and government agencies to show that they are not legitimate.

Local Issue

Hispanic Heritage Month

October 6, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Alexandria Public Libraries held Latin dancing classes. Great Day Washington learned about the styles of Latin dance being taught from Alexandria Librarian, Brea Gilliam, and got a demonstration from one of the instructors, Lady Garcia, and her dance partner Jim Shoppet.

October 9, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Great Day Washington interview with renowned Mexican Chef and TV Host Pati Jinich. Pati discussed her new season of Pati's Mexican Table on PBS.

October 13, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Chef Jovana spoke about Panamanian food, flavors, and culture. She brought this unknown cuisine to Washingtonians and taught them about the amazing technique and ingredients that come from the country.

Local Issue

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 9, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Local male breast cancer survivor and advocate Steve Cone discusses the fact that yes, men do get breast cancer. He goes over the signs and symptoms and shares his story of recovery.

October 25, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Tobi Oke, Physical Therapist and Wellness Coach of Rehab Mobile, shares how to get rid of stubborn belly fat. Because belly fat contributes to obesity which is a risk factor for breast cancer. Dr. Tobi brought in a patient of his, who is a current breast cancer fighter, to demonstrate some exercises to bust belly fat.

Local Issue

Giving Tuesday

November 28, 2023 (9-10am/One hour length)

The Humane Rescue Alliance's Giving Tuesday mission was to support its Field Veterinary Program. Veterinarian, Dr. Kelsey Gerbig, and Veterinary Technician, Stormy Farr, told Great Day Washington about the program that provides quality, free medical care to those who can't financially afford it or cannot physically get to a veterinarian. The program removes an incredibly high barrier for many members of our community to get the basic medical care they need to keep their pets happy and healthy. Since January 2023, the program has seen nearly 800 pets in their homes.

Families4Families has the goal of decreasing food insecurity in our region. Hunter Rich, the executive director of Families4Families, and James Marshall the co-founder, discuss how the non-profit started in Marshall's driveway during COVID-19. Now, the 87 student-led clubs are trying to solve the food insecurity problem in America by delivering one meal at a time.

Paul Bernreuther and Tyler Bernreuther appeared on Great Day Washington to discuss their involvement in Special Olympics. Paul is Tyler's father and coach, and Tyler is a Special Olympics athlete. They discussed how it is a fantastic opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy in a sports environment for people with disabilities.

Leslie Strittmatter, a co-founder of Women Giving Back, discussed how the nonprofit organization based out of Sterling, Virginia, offers free clothing to women and children in crisis. The boutique serves an average of over 700 women and children every month throughout the greater DMV area.

Local Issue

Love Where You Live: Home Grown Edition

Atwater's Traditional Food

October 18, 2023 (6am/1:53 length)

Reporter: Abby Llorico

Alongside a railroad line, in the heart of an industrial park, you'll find a place that's surprisingly organic. Twenty-five years ago, Ted Atwater left a career in white tablecloth restaurants to sell his bread at farmer's markets. Today, Atwater's breads – and pastries, and jams, and cheeses and other traditional foods – is a whole operation, based in a Baltimore kitchen and garden. Ted says the early lessons from selling directly to customers are still backed into everything they do.

3 Springs Fruit Farm

October 25, 2023 (6am/1:31 length)

Reporter: Abby Llorico

Ben Wenk's family has cultivated the same plot of land in Adams County, PA for seven generations. They come to DC farmer's markets with a dozen types of apples for sale, and more than 150 they're testing back at the orchard for possible future appearance at the stand. Even after 200 years, Three Springs Fruit Farm is still finding ways to branch out, offering something new each week.

Tae Gu Kimchi

November 1, 2023 (6am/2 minutes length)

Reporter: Abby Llorico

The Tae Gu Kimchi story comes from the heart of Patrice Cunningham's childhood home. Her mom would make kimchi and have her taste every ingredient along the way. Today, she's making kimchi for markets, shops, and nationwide shipping with hopes for continued growth. Patrice's mom is Korean, her dad is Black. She combines the tastes of both cultures, along with DC flair, into every batch of Kimchi.

Title: Shenandoah Seasonal

November 8, 2023 (6am/2:26 length)

Reporter: Abby Llorico

Dan and Ali Haney own Shenandoah Seasonal Farm in the northern Shenandoah Valley, a five-acre operation that sells more than 100 varieties of produce to Community Supported Agriculture members, Freshfarm Market customers, and some of the area's top restaurants. They use tunnel farming which allow them to grow fresh vegetables even in the coldest parts of winter.

DMV Empanadas

November 15, 2023 (6am/1:50 length)

Reporter: Abby Llorico

DMV Empanadas is a family business that handcrafts thousands of empanadas a week. Nacho Almaraz co-owns DMV Empanadas with his wife and brother. After launching the business at farmers markets, they've expanded to the point where they'll soon need to have a dedicated kitchen facility in Rockville, Maryland. When he thinks of the next flavor -- 28 still isn't enough -- or of the people who've helped him along the way, Almaraz says one thing is always top of mind: family.

Deep Roots

November 22, 2023 (6am/2:46 length)

Reporter: Abby Llorico

Farmer Gale Livingstone is reaching into the soil and out into the community. She quit her white-collar job to become a first-generation farmer. On a 50-acre plot of land in Prince George's County, Gale founded Deep Roots Farm – a diversified organic vegetable operation. She's on a mission to feed others and nourish stronger relationships between people and the land where their food grows.

Local Issue

Love Where You Live: Shop Local

River-Sea Chocolates

November 13, 2023 (6am/2:47 length)

Reporter: Annie Yu

Krissee and Mariano D'Aguiar own River-Sea Chocolates in Fairfax County, Virginia. They're connecting a bridge between their life in DC and their community in Brazil. They're doing it in an eco-friendly way that doesn't require cutting down the rain forest and leaves the plant canopy and wildlife to thrive. They work with farmers in Brazil, Dominican Republic, Thailand, Tanzania and elsewhere to get the cacao beans. Once they have the beans, the roasting, grinding and chocolate bar making is all done on-site.

Title: Kinder Haus Toys

November 14, 2023 (6am/2:38 length)

Reporter: Allison Seymour

Stepping into Kinder Haus is like taking a step back in time. Located in the Lyon Park section of Clarendon, there are old-fashioned touches everywhere. From the ornate tile floor, similar to what's in the U.S. Capitol, to the custom-made wooden posts and Victorian-inspired awning, Kinder Haus is designed to be just what the name translates to: The Children's House. Sue Pyatt opened the business back in 1982. Sue even wrote a popular series of children's books that greet visitors as they walk in, including "Call Me Madame President," a uniquely DC tale of a punky 8-year-old girl's quest for the White House. WUSA 9 spoke with Sue, her husband Everett, and manager Laura Grossi.

The Drop

November 15, 2023 (6am/2:06 length)

Reporter: Wisdom Martin

Andy Gno got his start in business through landscaping. He took the money he earned and started buying sneakers. He built a collection, buying sneakers first on Facebook. His collection grew from four, to six, then 10. Now, he has an entire storefront. The Drop has thousands of shoes, ranging in price from \$20 to \$200. Some are used, some are brand new. You'll find rare sneakers and classics, and you could even find some that are out of stock.

November 15, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

The founders of Victor Wear are a dynamic mother and son duo that are inspiring resilience and empowering the autism community. Mama-preneur Tiffany Hamilton and her teenage son, Isaiah, launched the apparel brand and social enterprise, Victor Wear, in 2022 and appeared on Great Day Washington to tell us about it.

Urban Dwell

November 16, 2023 (6am/2:25 length)

Reporter: Allison Seymour

Urban Dwell is a veteran-owned small business in DC that offers all kinds of unique gift ideas. This shopper's delight is nestled in the heart of Adams Morgan. Hip and hard-to-find items fill the colorful, cozy shop from wall to wall. The shop is jam-packed with everything from games and kitchen items to candles, soaps and jewelry. Tom McMahon owns Urban Dwell. He's a retired Air Force Veteran. He says he wanted to do something more creative after leaving government. He decided on Urban Dwell and says the neighborhood supported him from day one.

BrookieGirl Bath & Body Shop

November 17, 2023 (6am/2:26 length)

Reporter: Wisdom Martin

BrookieGirl Bath & Body Shop is a family-owned business in Prince George's County that specializes in being so fresh, so clean, while staying all natural. Retired Navy veteran Shaun Hand started making goods with the family at the kitchen table for her daughter Brooklyn's Girl Scout troop. The items got so popular, they started selling out of a tent at the harbor. Now, the family has a storefront named after her daughter. BrookieGirl Bath & Body Shop is a thriving business that caters not only to the body, but to the spirit of its customers, with its all-natural fragrances, lotions and scrubs.

November 22, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Blair Marra, owner of Appalachian Spring, shared some of the merchandise that is locally made by area artisans. Marra showed some gift ideas including jewelry, candles, socks, greeting cards, stationery, wine glasses, mugs, home accessories, bride-to-be gifts, local goods, bags and purses, kitchen accessories, baby gifts, a spectacular glass ornament collection and much more.

November 29, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Sherri and Betty Hatam, co-owners of Belina, a contemporary women's clothing boutique, share how they can help you for any holiday occasion. Whether it's what to wear to a holiday cocktail party or what gifts to bring to a holiday brunch - the Hatam's can help at Belina.

December 6, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Libby Diament from Diament Boutiques shared how her shop features goods designed by small businesses - many of which are women owned. Jewelry, candles, self-care items, socks, greeting cards, stationary, wine glasses, mugs, home accessories, bride-to-be gifts, local goods, bags and purses, kitchen accessories, baby gifts, and much more.

December 8, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Damean Adams, owner of Rumalutions, shared how his bakery in Manassas, Virginia is the perfect place to get holiday rum cakes. Adams told Great Day Washington, how his Jamaican grandmother instilled his love for cooking. After his time of service in The United States Marine Corps, he decided to open up Rumulations.

December 13, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)

Heather Shaw Menis told Great Day Washington about her shop, Curio by Fifth & Main. It's your local destination for little luxury goods for home, body, planet and everyone on your holiday list. Shaw Menis shows off some of her favorite self-care and decor gift ideas.

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FACE THE NATION

10/01/23 **Guests:** Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (1); Kathy Hochul, governor (D-NY) (2); Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (3) (5); Mark Esper, former United States secretary of defense, author, "A Sacred Oath" (6); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), co-chair, House Problem Solvers Caucus (7); Representative Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), co-chair, House Problem Solvers Caucus (7); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (8)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (4)

1) Topics include: Representative Matt Gaetz' plan to oust him as Speaker; confidence that the government would not be shutdown / claim that the Democrats did everything to keep the short-term funding bill from passing; border bill; aid for Ukraine; former President Trump

2) Topics include: record rainfall in the state of New York / federal aid / flood risks in New York City / climate change / infrastructure repairs due to human and other natural factors; strain in NY due to influx of migrants / border control / GOP refusal to work with President Biden

3) Topics include: short-term deal to keep the government open / soon-to-be Senate bill that will include funding for both Ukraine and the border; upcoming vote to oust Kevin McCarthy as Speaker; Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell; former President Trump; dire need to continue funding Ukraine

4) a look at the trailblazing life and legacy of Senator Dianne Feinstein of California, who died Friday at the age of 90

5) Topics include: Senator Feinstein; plan to reintroduce his abortion bill

6) Topics include: Senator Feinstein; world message sent by U.S. government's disfunction; Mr. Trump's lack of support for Ukraine funding / what to expect regarding Ukraine should Mr. Trump become President again; field of Republican candidates / belief that Donald Trump is a threat to democracy; newly retired General Mark Milley; stalled military promotions

7) Topics include: Senator Graham's proposals regarding funding for Ukraine and the border; motion to oust Speaker McCarthy; bipartisan governing / keeping the U.S. government open; factions of the Republican Party that do not support aid for Ukraine

8) a report from Plains, GA, as Jimmy Carter, who entered hospice care in February, celebrates his 99th birthday at home with his wife, Rosalynn, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

10/08/23

Guests: Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); Michael Herzog, Israeli ambassador to the United States (2); Antony Blinken, United States secretary of state (3); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (4); Eric Adams, mayor (D-New York, NY) (5); J.B. Pritzker, governor (D-IL) (6); Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (7)

1) a report from Tel Aviv, Israel on the complex and coordinated attack against Israel by Hamas militants

2) Topics include: surprise attack by Hamas militants in Israel / Iran's suspected involvement / possible factors contributing to Hamas' surprise attack / Israeli and American hostages / yesterday's telephone call between President Biden and the Israeli prime minister / Palestinian civilians trapped in Gaza

3) Topics include: surprise attack by Hamas militants in Israel / working to verify reports that Americans are dead or have been taken hostage / possible strategic reasons for Hamas' surprise attack / two-state solution

4) Topics include: her vote to remove Kevin McCarthy as House speaker / her support for Jim Jordan in the race to become the next speaker, over Stave Scalise / warnings and allegations concerning Representative Jordan / possible reasons behind Representative Matt Gaetz' decision to oust Mr. McCarthy as House speaker

5) Topics include: protest in Times Square, described as supporting the perpetrators of the attack in Israel; his recent trip to Mexico and Central America / migrant influx in New York City / need for clarification of the 'right to shelter' rule / immigration policies

6) Topics include: migrant influx in Chicago / need for more federal assistance / possible impact of the migrant crisis on next year's Democratic convention

7) Topics include: criticism of President Biden's economic plan / his plan to offer the child tax credit to pregnant women; lack of a House speaker; aide for Ukraine and money for border security in the government funding package / Biden administration's diplomatic work with Venezuela concerning migrants

10/15/22

Guests: Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (4); Governor Ron DeSantis (R-FL), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (6); General Frank McKenzie (Retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (7)

Guest Interviewer: Scott Pelley, correspondent, 60 MINUTES (3)

1) a report from Tel Aviv, as Israel is on the brink of an expanded war and the humanitarian situation in Gaza worsens

2) a report from East Jerusalem, including excerpts of an interview with Dr. Ghazi Hammad, a spokesman for Hamas and senior member of its political bureau

3) an excerpt of an interview with President Biden about the Israel-Gaza crisis, conducted late last week for tonight's 60 MINUTES

4) Topics include: getting Americans out of Gaza / U.S. policy allowing civilians to return to their homes / aircraft carriers in the eastern Mediterranean / Hamas / potential Iranian involvement in the Israel-Hamas conflict / proxy forces / long term consequences for Gaza / protecting civilians and basic infrastructure; U.S. aid to Ukraine

5) Topics include: Israel-Hamas war / his belief that the U.S. should not accept any Palestinian refugees from Gaza because they "are all antisemitic"; opposition to President Biden's "blank check" policy for Ukraine; who should govern Gaza / two-state solution; his stated plan to authorize the U.S. military to be able to shoot cartel members at the border

6) Topics include: funds and items needed in the national security package; lack of a House speaker / Representative Jim Jordan's nomination for House speaker / allegations against Mr. Jordan for turning a blind eye to sexual assault at Ohio State and for January 6th; treating the cases of classified documents mishandled by Mr. Trump and President Biden exactly the same

7) Topics include: risk of Iran getting involved in the Israel-Hamas conflict / U.S. actions designed to send a message / Israeli intelligence failures / Israeli ground invasion in Gaza / civilian casualties; former President Trump's claim that Benjamin Netanyahu pulled out the operation against Iran's Qasem Soleimani; Iran government's claim that it did not play a role in the Hamas attack in Israel

10/22/23

Guests: Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Antony Blinken, United States secretary of state (3); Liz Cheney, former representative (R-WY) (4); Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate minority leader (5); Philippe Lazzarini, commissioner general, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (6)

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

1) a report from Tel Aviv, as Israel resumed airstrikes in Gaza and hit a rare target in Jenin, in the West Bank overnight and Sunday morning, after the brief lull with the release of the first two hostages

2) a report from West Jerusalem, as the violence worsens in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, amid worldwide protests in support of Palestinians and Mustafa Barghouti, president of the Palestinian National Initiative and a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, calls President Biden's Israel visit "catastrophic"

3) Topics include: possibility of Iranian proxies escalating attacks against U.S. personnel / holding Iran accountable; Americans blocked from leaving Gaza / Israel's right to defend itself / why the U.S. is not calling for a temporary cease-fire / focus on humanitarian aid / criticism of Israel / defeating Hamas as an entity and an ideology

4) Topics include: President Biden's warning to Israel about rage and taking actions that could backfire / crucial role of the United States / her opinion that the world has moved

on from what Hamas did in Israel; getting people elected who believe in the Constitution / Republican's lack of a leader and current chaos in the House of Representatives / domestic threats against Republicans and Democrats

5) Topics include: President Biden's request to Congress for over \$100 billion in aid for Israel, Ukraine and U.S. border security / resistance from some Republicans / humanitarian needs for the people in Gaza; lack of a House speaker; The relationship of Jack Lu, President Biden's nominee for U.S. ambassador to Israel, to the Iran nuclear deal / holding Iran accountable; threats against members of Congress; concerns about his health; not "dabbling in the presidential election"

6) Topics include: humanitarian crisis in Gaza / need for more humanitarian aid / continuing to operate after Israel launches its expected ground invasion

7) a preview of her interview with Emad Shargi, one of the hostages freed last month from Iran after a controversial deal that involved \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenue, for tonight's 60 MINUTES

10/29/23

Guests: Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (2); General Joseph Votel (retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (3); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (4); Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH) (5); Marwan Al Ghoul, CBS News producer (on the phone) (6); Robert Mardini, director general, International Committee of the Red Cross (7); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (8)

1) a report from Tel Aviv, as Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu declares "second stage of the war" has begun

2) Topics include: contact with most of the Americans in Gaza / communication between Israel and the U.S. / death toll in Gaza / U.S. pressure on Israel to distinguish between Hamas and Palestinian civilians as Israel expands its raids / U.S. aid to Israel; his upcoming meeting with Saudi Arabia's defense minister / elevated threats against U.S. forces

3) Topics include: elevated threats against U.S. forces; Israel's objectives in Gaza / extremist settlers attacking Palestinians in the West Bank

4) a report on the rise of Louisiana's Mike Johnson, a little-known Republican lawmaker, to Speaker of the House of Representatives and second in line for the presidency

5) Topics include: why he does not think the U.S. should provide aid to Palestinian citizens / his lack of trust in international aid organizations / aid to Israel; his opposition to providing aid to Ukraine

6) a telephone interview/report from Gaza on what has changed since Israel expanded its operations there

7) Topics include: recent delivery of aid to Gaza / “robust and rigorous checks in place” to guarantee aid goes to the right persons; orders of evacuation in the Gaza Strip; working towards humanitarian hostage releases

8) REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK: INSIDE ISRAEL – reflections on the war between Israel and Hamas as it enters its fourth week

60 MINUTES

10/01/23 **“The Attorney General”** – an interview with United States Attorney General Merrick Garland from Washington D.C. He discusses indictments from the January 6th insurrection, Hunter Biden, and former President Donald Trump. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Pat Milton, Aaron Weisz)

“The Rise and Fall of Sam Bankman-Fried” – an interview with financial journalist Michael Lewis. He discusses FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried’s upcoming trial, the collapse of cryptocurrency, and his new book *Going Infinite*. (See also: “The Mad Scientist of Football”, OAD: 01/04/09; “Inside The Collapse”, OAD: 03/14/10; “Rigged”, OAD: 03/30/14; and “The Premonition”, OAD: 05/02/21) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Draggan Mihailovich) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

The Last Minute – a preview of next Sunday on 60 MINUTES, this season’s first 90-minute edition: NASA plans to 3D-print human habitats on the moon. (C: Lesley Stahl)

10/08/23 60 MINUTES (7:35 – 9:05p) (“SPECIAL 90 MINUTE EDITION OF 60 MINUTES”)

“The Godfather of AI” – an interview with influential artificial intelligence researcher Geoffrey Hinton. He discusses the pros and cons of advanced AI and his sometimes-controversial work throughout the years. (See also: “The Revolution”, OAD: 04/16/23) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz)

“General Milley” – a profile and interview with General Mark Milley, conducted from inside the Pentagon, aboard the USS Constitution, and in his hometown of Winchester, Massachusetts. He discusses stepping down from his four-year term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, his view on foreign affairs in China and Ukraine, and issues working with former President Trump and current President Biden. (C: Norah O’Donnell – P: Keith Sharman)

“Rich Paul” – a profile of sports agent Rich Paul. He discusses his company Klutch Sports Group, negotiating deals for NBA stars, growing up in Cleveland, OH, and his upcoming memoir. Includes interviews with Draymond Green, NBA player for the Golden State Warriors; Edward Givens, Paul’s best friend; and LeBron James, NBA player for the Los Angeles Lakers. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman)

The Last Minute – For six episodes this fall, 60 MINUTES will become 90 minutes. Stick around for Lesley Stahl’s report on how 3D printing is revolutionizing building both here on Earth and – eventually – beyond. (C: Bill Whitaker)

“3D Printing” – a report on 3D-printed homes. Texas company ICON aims to revolutionize home building through advancements in 3D printing technology they aspire to eventually

implement on the Moon. Includes interviews with Jason Ballard, co-founder and CEO of ICON; Conner Jenkins, ICON's manager of construction; Evan Loomis, ICON co-founder; Alex Le Roux, ICON co-founder; Alan Graham, creator of "Community First!"; Tim Shea, the first person in the country to live in a 3D-printed home; Jennifer Edmunson and Corky Clinton, NASA scientists who run the MMPACT program; and Evan Jensen, who leads the project with Ballard. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein, Collette Richards) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

10/15/23

"President Biden" – an interview with President Joe Biden from the White House. He discusses the Israel-Hamas war, the Russia-Ukraine war and the United States' involvement in both conflicts. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

"Rescue at the Kibbutz" – an interview with the family in Israel who led the rescue of Kibbutz Nahal Oz. They discuss their efforts where, after a Hamas attack, they bravely journeyed to and defended their community. Includes interviews with Amir Tibon, a senior correspondent at Haaretz newspaper; Miri Bernovsky-Tibon, a social worker and wife of Amir; Noam Tibon, a retired Israeli major general and father of Amir; Gali Tibon, wife of Noam and mother of Amir; and Bar and Lior Matsner, who escaped the music festival massacre by fleeing with Noam and Gali. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On, Jinsol Jung)

"The 50" – a report on the 2022 migrant flights to Martha's Vineyard led by Governor Ron DeSantis (R-FL). Investigations into the flights, in which 50 migrants from the U.S.-Mexico border were unexpectedly sent from Texas to an island town off the coast of Massachusetts, have uncovered crimes of unlawful restraint surrounding the transport. Includes interviews with Jackie and Larkin Stallings, owners of The Ritz dive bar on the Vineyard; Sheriff Javier Salazar, sheriff of the San Antonio Police Department who investigated the transportation of the migrants; Daniel Cauro and his cousin Deici, who were in the group of 50 along with two cousins; and Rachel Self, a criminal defense and immigration lawyer who lives on an island near the Vineyard. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis)

The Last Minute – an update to "Into the Streets", OAD: 09/17/23. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

10/22/23

60 MINUTES (7:30 - 9:00p)

("SPECIAL 90 MINUTE EDITION OF 60 MINUTES")

"The Five Eyes" – an interview with FBI Director Christopher Wray and heads of intelligence from English-speaking allies: the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. They discuss the effects of the Israel-Hamas war on their respective countries and new global threats of terrorism. Includes interviews with Mike Burgess, Director General of Security of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization; Ken McCallum, Director General of the U.K.'s MI5; David Vigneault, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service; and Andrew Hampton, Director General of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service. (See also: "Director Of The FBI", OAD: 04/24/22) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz)

“A Prisoner of Iran” – an interview with Emad Shargi, one of five American prisoners freed from Iran in September. He discusses rescue efforts, the currently thirteen unaccounted for U.S. citizens, and the reported 200 hostages held in Gaza. Includes an interview with Neda Sharghi, Emad’s sister. (C: Margaret Brennan – P: Andy Court)

“Pink” – a profile of music artist Pink, while on tour in her hometown of Philadelphia, PA, and from her California home. Alecia Moore (Pink) discusses her international stardom in the pop rock genre, her unlikely path to success, and her 25 years in the industry. Includes an interview with Dreyka Weber, her aerialist coach. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: John Hamlin, Kara Vaccaro)

The Last Minute – In tonight's expanded edition of 60 MINUTES, Bill Whitaker reports from the Isle of Man. The usually quiet island is home to the TT, a deadly motorcycle race. (C: Bill Whitaker)

“The Isle of Man” “The Isle of Man TT” – a report on the Isle of Man and the Isle of Man TT. With a mix of Celtic, Norse and other influences, the island has made great efforts to preserve their unique culture. The Tourist Trophy, considered to be the world’s most dangerous motorcycle race due to the deaths of many competitors, takes place over 13 days in a time-trial format on public roads closed for the event. Includes interviews with Peter Hickman, British motorcycle racer and 13-time winner of the race; Catriona Mackie, a university history teacher who moved from Scotland to the island 15 years ago; Ruth Keggen Gell, who works at a cultural organization dedicated to the preservation of popularization of the Manx language; Matthew Richardson, curator at the Manx National Heritage Museum; Richard “Milky” Quayle, a winner of the race who was born and raised on the island; Paul Phillips, who has been in charge of the race for the last 15 years; and Rennie Scaysbrook, a motorcycle journalist and racer who was first invited to last year’s race. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

10/29/23

60 MINUTES (7:40 - 9:10p)

(“SPECIAL 90 MINUTE EDITION OF 60 MINUTES”)

“Vice President Harris” – an interview with United States Vice President Kamala Harris from the Eisenhower Executive Office Building and Air Force Two. She discusses the Israel-Hamas war, domestic issues like gun violence and immigration, and policy of the Biden administration. (See also: “Hacking Democracy”, OAD: 04/08/18; Rebroadcast: 08/12/18 - includes an update; and “2020: The Democratic Ticket”, OAD: 10/25/20 on “The Candidates”.) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman)

“A Quiet Invasion” – an interview with Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili from Tbilisi, the country’s capital. He discusses the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on his country, such as Georgia’s bid for EU membership, Russian occupation in a fifth of the nation, and the influence of Russian politics. Includes interviews with Valya Vanishvili, a Khurvaleti resident whose home has been separated from the rest of the village by a Russian fence since 2008; Irakli Garibashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia; Ana Tavadze and Dachi Imedadze, members of the Shame Movement; and Emmanuil Lisnif, George Smorgulenko and Pavel Bakhadov, who fled Russia and now work at a Russian-owned comedy club in Tbilisi. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)

“The Air We Breathe” – a report on a new COVID-19 strain and the mistakes and lessons learned from the coronavirus pandemic. With the start of flu season, many building owners are attempting to combat the variant by maintaining air quality via new types of air and ventilation systems. Includes interviews with Joe Allen, a professor of Harvard’s T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Debbie Amos, Mark and Ruth Backlund, and Cozie Bettinger, who were at the Skagit Valley Chorale superspreading event in Mount Vernon, Washington in March 2020; Linsey Marr, a Virginia Tech University professor specializing in aerosol science; and Katie Hughes, Amazon’s director of health and safety. (C: Dr. Jon LaPook – P: Andrew Wolff)

The Last Minute – In tonight’s expanded edition of 60 MINUTES, Jon Wertheim reports from the Mississippi Delta, where blues music has seen something of a renaissance in recent years. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

“The State of The Blues” – a report on Delta blues music from its birthplace in Clarksdale, Mississippi. With a storied history of blues tradition, the town has seen a resurgence of new fans and artists. Includes interviews with James “Super Chikan” Johnson, Sean “Bad” Apple, Ghalia Volt, Christone “Kingfish” Ingram, and Big A, Delta blues musicians; Morgan Freeman, actor, former Delta resident, and owner of the Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale; and Howard Stovall, who co-founded the blues club with Freeman. (See also: “Morgan Freeman”, OAD: 12/18/05) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine) **DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT**

48 HOURS

10/07/23

48 HOURS: “Who Wanted Nicki Lenway Dead?” – a report on the attempted murder of Nicole “Nicki” Lenway and the ensuing police investigation, which resulted in the arrest and conviction of Tim Amacher and Colleen Larson. On April 20th, 2022, Nicki, a crime scene investigator for the Minneapolis Police Department, was shot in broad daylight and left for dead in a parking lot by a single assailant, as she went to pick up her son from FamilyWise, a parenting center. The shooting was caught on surveillance video, but the suspect could not be easily identified; Nicki was certain the shooter was a woman and that Tim, her ex-boyfriend and son’s father, was somehow involved. Tim, who was inside the parenting center on his scheduled weekly visit at the time of the crime, appeared to have an air-tight alibi. Nicki had sole and legal custody of their son, awarded in the fall of 2020, after Tim spent years abusing the legal system by filing multiple false accusations against her and boyfriend Donovan Ford. Investigators soon discovered Tim lied about owning a black Dodge Ram truck, the vehicle used by the shooter to flee the scene of the crime. Police questioned Colleen Larson, Tim’s longtime taekwondo student and girlfriend, who had access to the truck. Cell phone records, the truck’s digital trail and the evidence found during a raid of the couple’s house, resulted in Colleen’s arrest on April 28th, 2022. She confessed and implicated Tim, who continued to deny involvement. Tim’s trial began on November 3rd, 2022; he was found guilty of premeditated attempted murder and aiding his accomplice and sentenced to 18 years in prison. Colleen pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 16 ½ years in prison, doing what prosecutors say was Tim’s bidding. Nicki and Donovan are now married and expecting a baby. *No on-screen text graphic for this broadcast.* (Broadcast contains an on-screen in

memoriam card: In Memory of John Yacobian). Interviewed: Nicole Lenway (aka Nicki), victim, forensic scientist, Minneapolis Police Department (her first television interview); Jacob Fischmann, assistant Hennepin County attorney; Patrick Lofton, assistant Hennepin County attorney; Emilie Clancy, witness, assisted Nikki until paramedics arrived; Pat Zellmer, Tim's former friend; Claire Zellmer, Tim's former friend; Donovan Ford, Nicole's then-boyfriend, Minneapolis, MN police officer; Charlie Dettloff, Tim's neighbor; Richard Fennern, FBI special agent, technology specialist; Matthew Troiano, defense attorney, 48 HOURS consultant, reviewed the case; and Woman #1, Tim's former girlfriend, asked not to be identified. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Betsy Shuller, James Stolz)

10/14/23

48 HOURS: “Jade Janks and the Secret Photos” – a report on the murder of 64-year-old Tom Merriman of Solana Beach, CA, and the case against his stepdaughter, Jade Janks, for his death. On December 31st, 2020, Jade, a 37-year-old interior decorator, picked Tom up after he had spent more than two weeks in the hospital and a rehab center after a bad fall; he also had heart and liver problems. On January 1st, 2021, the San Diego Sheriff's Department received a call from a man who claimed his friend, Jade Janks, confessed to drugging, suffocating and strangling her stepfather, Tom Merriman. The call triggered a police search for Tom and police questioned Jade, who denied knowledge of his whereabouts. Police searched Tom's apartment and when in his driveway, removed a trash bag from a pile of trash and saw the silhouette of a man; it was Tom Merriman, still in his hospital pajamas. On January 2nd, 2021, Jade was arrested and charged with his murder, but claimed innocence and that Tom, just released from the hospital, was in poor health and fell asleep in her car. She maintained she found Tom dead in her car the next morning, panicked and tried to hide his body. The autopsy supported Jade's account because prosecutors were looking for evidence of strangulation and not a prescription drug overdose of Ambien, what Tom actually died of. Investigators learned that on December 23rd, 2020, Jade discovered hundreds of explicit photos of herself on Tom's computer while cleaning his apartment. Jade's cellphone contained text messages, which prosecutors described as “suspicious” and “incriminating”, to a man she wanted to help her in getting rid of Tom. In December 2022, Jade went on trial for Tom's murder. Evidence included Jade's DNA on the outside of a plastic bag prosecutors believed she used to suffocate him, with Tom's DNA found on the inside, as well as her DNA on the pill packs. Jade testified at her trial and the defense emphasized the perceived weaknesses of the case. The jury found Jade guilty of first-degree murder and she was sentenced in March 2023 to 25 years to life in prison. Tom's hard drive was never recovered, but prosecutors believe that the nude photos on Tom's computer existed. **On-screen text graphic:** Jade Janks will be eligible for parole in 2038. She is appealing her conviction. Interviewed: Ramona and George Hamilton, Tom's neighbors, saw Tom on December 31st, 2020, in Jade's SUV in the driveway; Pat Flanagan, Tom's friend and business partner at the butterfly farm; Heather Pearce, grew up next door to Jade in San Diego County; Marc Carlos, Jade Janks' attorney; Jorge Del Portillo, deputy district attorney, San Diego County, CA; and Teresa Pham, assistant district attorney, San Diego County, CA. (Contributor: Tracy Smith – Producers: Chuck Stevenson, Sarah Prior)

10/21/23

48 HOURS: “The Daughters Who Disappeared” (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the latest developments in the murders of four young women: 12-year-old Laura Smither, who disappeared on April 3rd, 1997 in Friendswood, TX (her body was found on April 20th, 1997); 20-year-old Kelli Cox, who disappeared on July 15th, 1997 in Denton, TX (her remains were found in April 2016); 26-year-old Tiffany Johnston, who disappeared on July 26th, 1997 in Bethany, OK (her body was found the next day); and 17-year-old Jessica Cain, who disappeared on August 17th, 1997 in Le Marque, TX (her remains were found in March 2016). William Reece, a sex offender who had been released from prison six months before the murders began and was working in Friendswood, was named a suspect. Investigators found evidence that tied him to Laura Smither’s murder but were unable to make an arrest. While police continued to investigate, he remained free. In April 1998, William Reece went on trial for the kidnapping of Sandra Sapaugh in Texas; he was convicted and sentenced to 60 years in prison. Eventually identified by DNA, William Reece agreed to talk to investigators about the cases in 2016. In May 2021, he went on trial for the murder of Tiffany Johnston in Oklahoma and was found guilty and sentenced to death. In Texas, William Reece agreed to plead guilty to murdering Laura Smither, Kelli Cox, and Jessica Cain; in exchange, he received three life sentences. Original on-screen text graphic: William Reece is still in a Texas prison. Oklahoma authorities are in the process of trying to bring him back to face his sentence there. **On-screen text graphic for the 10/21/23 rebroadcast:** William Reece is still in a Texas prison. Interviewed: Mary Ellen O’Toole, retired FBI profiler; Gay Smither, Laura Smither’s mother; Jan and Alexis Bynum, Kelli Cox’s mother and daughter; Kathy Dobry, Tiffany Johnston’s mother; Josh Rogers, deputy chief of police, Friendswood, TX; Lynn Williams, retired police chief who in 2012, was working on cold cases at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) and was assigned to Tiffany Johnston's case; Wendy Duke, supervising criminologist, OSBI cold case unit; Jimmy Harmon, Oklahoma County prosecutor; and Ryan Stephenson, Oklahoma County prosecutor. (Note: The 01/21/23 broadcast marked 48 HOURS’ 35th anniversary; 48 HOURS launched as a regular series on January 19th, 1988.) (See also: "Killer In Friendswood", OAD: 05/01/97; "Prime Suspect", OAD: 10/23/97; and 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “The Killing Fields”, OAD: 10/22/11, Rebroadcast: 07/07/12, which includes a follow-up to “Killer in Friendswood”) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Sarah Prior, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 01/21/23)

10/21/23

48 HOURS: “Unmasking the Zombie Hunter” (10:00 - 11:00p) – a report on the case of the Phoenix Canal Murders in Arizona and how the crime was eventually solved. In November 1992, Angela Brosso, a tech worker who had recently moved to Phoenix, went out for her evening bike ride along the Phoenix canal. The next morning, her torso was found in a field next to the trail she had been riding on; 10 days later, her head was found stuck on a grate in the canal. With no leads, the case went quiet until September 1993, when 17-year-old Melanie Bernas went missing after she went for a bicycle ride along the canal. Her body was found in the canal the next day. Detectives suspected the same assailant; knife wounds were in the exact same position on the back of each victim and both were sexually assaulted. DNA testing linked both murders and confirmed their suspicions. The case went cold until 2014, when thanks to DNA and genetic genealogy, police were able to zero in on 42-year-old Bryan Patrick Miller, a divorced father raising his teenage daughter. Miller had a police record and spent time in juvenile detention

until he was 18 for stabbing a woman in the back. He also had an alter ego; Miller was a local celebrity known for participating in parades and festivals as the “Zombie Hunter”, a zombie-slaying comic book hero. In January 2015, Detective Clark Schwartzkopf met Miller at a local Chili’s restaurant under the guise of filling out a job application for a security position. DNA from his water glass linked him to the crimes and he was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in both Angela Brosso and Melanie Bernas’ deaths. Miller’s trial began in October 2022. His defense admitted he was the killer but was not guilty by reason of insanity and that Miller was tortured and beaten, both physically and mentally, by his mother Ellen when he was a child. His ex-wife testified for the prosecution about his violent behavior. The judge found him guilty. Miller’s defense requested life in prison and though the judge believed his abuse as a child was proven, sentenced him to death. **On-screen text graphic:** Under Arizona law, Bryan Miller’s death sentence will be automatically appealed. Interviewed: Briana Whitney, true-crime reporter, KPHO-TV, CBS affiliate, Phoenix, AZ; Morgan Loew, investigative reporter, KPHO-TV, CBS affiliate, Phoenix, AZ, 48 HOURS consultant; Rachel Schepemaker, Melanie Bernas’ childhood friend; Clark Schwartzkopf, detective, Cold Case Squad, Phoenix Police Department; Charlotte Pottle, local resident who telephoned police in 1993, after she rode through a puddle of blood while biking along the Phoenix canal; Colleen Fitzpatrick, forensic genealogist, founder, Identifiers International, matched the crime scene DNA in 2014; Celeste Bentley, victim, stabbed by Bryan Miller in May 1989; Eric Braverman, Bryan Miller’s friend; and Kristin Dennis, sister of Brandy Myers, who disappeared on May 26th, 1992 in Phoenix, and who investigators believe was killed by Bryan Miller, though he denies involvement. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Paul La Rosa, Susan Mallie, Kat Teurfs)

10/28/23

48 HOURS: “Melissa Turner’s Closing Act” (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the investigation into the death of Matthew Trussler, who lived with his fiancée, Melissa Turner, in Riverview, FL, a suburb of Tampa. On October 18th, 2019, Turner called 911, saying she had discovered Trussler lying unresponsive near their swimming pool. He was pronounced dead at the scene and an autopsy later revealed he had died from stab wounds. Turner initially told detectives that the couple had been drinking the night before and could remember few details. Investigators located a security camera above a neighbor’s garage door that recorded audio of screaming and yelling and when confronted, Turner’s story changed. She then claimed to have acted in self-defense and stabbed Trussler when he tried to choke her. Turner was eventually arrested and charged with second degree murder with a weapon. Turner, who had been out on bail since her 2019 arrest, went on trial on February 14th, 2022; prosecutors used the audio from the neighbor’s camera, as well as video from inside the couple’s home. The trial wrapped on February 18th, 2022; after seven hours of deliberation, the jury found Turner guilty of murder in the second degree. On March 18th, 2022, Melissa Turner was sentenced to 20.5 years in the Florida State Prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Prosecutors say Matthew Trussler was a victim of domestic violence. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or visit TheHotline.org. Interviewed: Melissa Turner, former cosplay model; Sean Trussler, Matthew’s brother; Jennifer Giles, Sean’s fiancée; Ryan LaGasse, a detective for the sheriff’s office at the time; Cameron Walega, Melissa’s former boyfriend; John Trevena,

Melissa's attorney; Katherine Fand, prosecutor, Hillsborough County; Chinwe Fossett, prosecutor, Hillsborough County; and Donald Goodwin, juror. (C: Erin Moriarty - P: Asena Basak) (OAD: 01/14/23)

10/28/23

48 HOURS: "Murder by Clown" (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update to 48 HOURS: "The Clown Did It" (OAD: 04/21/18; Rebroadcast: 01/12/19), a report on the May 26th, 1990, shooting of Marlene Warren, and the decades long hunt for her killer: a clown bearing balloons, flowers and a gun. Her son, Joe Ahrens, witnessed his mother being shot; Marlene died two days later, after being removed from life support. At the time, the case rocked the Florida neighborhood where Warren lived and has haunted family members ever since. Hours after the shooting, police received an anonymous tip from a caller telling them to look at Marlene's husband Mike Warren, but he had a solid alibi. The caller also told police about Sheila Keen, an employee of Mike's. Police learned Keen fit the description of a woman who bought a costume, flowers and balloons. There were also rumors that Mike Warren and Sheila Keen were lovers. No arrest was ever made. Keen quit her job and moved away. Mike Warren battled with Marlene's son Joe Ahrens over her estate. Warren was investigated, convicted and sentenced on 43 fraud charges and served four years in prison. In 2012, Warren and Keen were married. They settled in Tennessee and operated a burger joint called Purple Cow; rumors about Keen's past persisted among their employees. They sold their business and retired to their vacation home in Virginia. In 2017, investigators say they finally developed DNA evidence to make their case and Sheila Keen-Warren was subsequently arrested and charged with Marlene Warren's murder, but there was not enough evidence to prosecute Mike Warren. **10/28/23 Update:** In February 2020, after a reevaluation of Sheila Keen-Warren's case, prosecutors announced they would no longer seek the death penalty. Her trial was postponed six times and by 2022, Keen-Warren had spent five years in jail. Over the years, mistakes in how the evidence was handled and the delays caused problems for both the prosecution and defense. On April 25th, 2023, two weeks before Sheila Keen-Warren's trial for the murder of Marlene Warren was to begin, a plea deal was reached: she agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder and be sentenced to 12 years in prison, thereby avoiding a possible life sentence. Under sentencing guidelines for time served, she is expected to be released in 2025, perhaps sooner. Sheila and Mike both continue to maintain her innocence. Joe Ahrens approved the plea deal. **On-screen text graphic:** Marlene Warren's mother Shirley Twing died in March 2023, before Sheila Keen-Warren pleaded guilty to Marlene's murder. (This broadcast contains footage and interviews from 48 HOURS: "The Clown Did It": Shirley Twing, Marlene Warren's mother; Della Ward, worked with Mike Warren and Sheila Keen at Bargain Motors; Deborah Offord, costume shop employee who identified Sheila Keen; Brook Blevins, neighbor in Virginia who knew Sheila Keen as Debbie Keen-Warren; Ashley Sexton and Cynthia Swafford, former Purple Cow employees; and Mike Warren, interviewed at their Virginia home through a closed door, after Sheila Keen's arrest.) New interviews for the 10/28/23 broadcast: Joe Ahrens, Marlene Warren's son; Aleathea McRoberts, assistant state attorney, Palm Beach County, FL; Dave Aronberg, current state attorney, Palm Beach County, FL; and Greg Rosenfeld, Sheila Keen-Warren's defense attorney. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Clown Did It", OAD: 04/21/18;

Rebroadcast: 01/12/19) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Ruth Chenetz, Richard Fetzer, Sarah Prior)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS

- 10/03/23 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT** (4:38 – 5:00p) – *initial chyron ID: House Voting Whether To Oust Speaker Kevin McCarthy* – live coverage as the House of Representatives votes on whether to oust Speaker Kevin McCarthy, a Republican from California, from his leadership position. The challenge comes from the Freedom Caucus, a far-right faction of his own Party and was led by Florida Representative Matt Gaetz. If Speaker McCarthy is voted out, this is a historic first. Coverage includes: (1) at 4:46p, “...the office of Speaker of the House of the United States House of Representatives is hereby declared vacant,” as announced by Representative Steve Womack (R-AR). Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), a McCarthy loyalist and ally, was named the speaker pro tempore. Representative McCarthy’s short term lasted for 8 months and 26 days; he was ousted after a 216 – 210 vote. This is the first removal of its kind in Congressional history. Eight House Republicans joined 208 House Democrats to oust Mr. McCarthy. No Democrats voted to save him; McCarthy’s recent FACE THE NATION interview, as well as his support for Mr. Trump after January 6th have been cited; (2) live coverage of a media scrum with Representative Matt Gaetz on the steps of the Capitol; and (3) an update on day 2 of the business fraud trial against Donald Trump - *chyron ID: NY Judge Imposes Gag Order On Former President Trump After Social Media Attack On Law Clerk*. Coverage includes Correspondents’ commentary and analysis. Correspondents: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, Washington); Scott MacFarlane (Capitol Hill); John Dickerson (via remote); Nancy Cordes (White House); and Robert Costa (outside the courthouse, lower Manhattan).
- 10/19/23 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT** (8:00 - 8:22p) – *initial chyron ID: President Biden Delivers Oval Office Address* – live coverage of President Biden’s primetime address to the nation, to discuss the U.S. response to the Israel-Hamas war and the war in Ukraine, the importance of American leadership, and of providing military and economic aid. This address is the second of his presidency and comes after traveling to Israel just yesterday. Preceded and followed by Correspondents’ commentary, analysis and reporting. Correspondents: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, Washington); Margaret Brennan (Washington); Charlie D’Agata (Tel Aviv, Israel); and Weijia Jiang (White House).
- 10/25/23 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT** (1:49 – 2:01p) – *initial chyron ID: Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA) Appears To Have Votes To Be Elected As New Speaker Of The House* – The House of Representatives, “after three weeks of legislative paralysis”, elected a new Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mike Johnson of Louisiana. Moments ago, he secured the votes needed for victory. Mr. Johnson will replace Kevin McCarthy, who was removed three weeks ago after being targeted by Florida Republican Matt Gaetz and others in the Republican conference; Mr. Johnson was the fourth nominee. Representative Johnson is in his fourth term, a former talk radio host and voted to decertify the 2020 election. Correspondents: Major Garrett (anchor, Washington); Scott MacFarlane (Capitol Hill); Robert Costa (Washington); and Weijia Jiang (White House).

CBS NEWS SPECIALS

10/20/23

CBS NEWS: ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR: THE WORLD ON EDGE (10:00 – 11:00p) – a primetime CBS News special on the most recent conflict between Israel and Hamas, which began on October 7th, when Hamas militants carried out surprise terror attacks on Israeli towns and kibbutzim near the Gaza Strip, killing civilians and soldiers and taking hostages. Israel responded with airstrikes against Gaza and formally declared war. Features latest on-the-ground reporting from the region, analysis of the military, diplomatic and humanitarian efforts underway, including coverage on the children, families and healthcare workers at the center of the attacks by Hamas militants. Correspondents: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, CBS News Washington); Holly Williams (Tel Aviv, Israel); Charlie D’Agata (Tel Aviv, Israel); Imtiaz Tyab (Ramallah, West Bank); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Washington); David Martin (CBS News Pentagon); H.R. McMaster (CBS News foreign policy and national security contributor, former national security adviser, Trump administration, via remote); and includes reports from Correspondents: Jim Axelrod (exclusive interviews with the families of hostages reportedly being held in Gaza and with a Palestinian-American college student whose father is in Gaza to visit his mother); Mark Phillips (historical context around the conflict); and Catherine Herridge (efforts by law enforcement to keep the United States secure). (No producers listed for this broadcast.)

**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 2023**

FACE THE NATION

- 11/05/23 **Guests:** Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Marwan Al Ghoul, CBS News producer (3); Jon Finan, deputy national security adviser, Biden administration (4); Michael Herzog, Israeli ambassador to the U.S. (5); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (6); Husam Zomlot, Palestinian Authority ambassador to the United Kingdom (7); Representative Jason Crow (D-CO), For Country Caucus (8); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX), For Country Caucus (8); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (9); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (10)
- 1) a report from Tel Aviv, Israel, on the latest series of attacks on targets in Gaza with a heavy civilian presence
 - 2) a report from Ramallah, West Bank, on the reaction to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's unannounced visit to the West Bank
 - 3) a report from Gaza, on the number of casualties and current conditions
 - 4) Topics include: getting U.S. citizens out of Gaza / negotiations to get hostages freed by Hamas / civilian casualties and humanitarian concerns in Gaza / U.S. aid to Israel / potential future role for the Palestinian Authority in Gaza / extremist Israeli settlers in the West Bank
 - 5) Topics include: Israeli military's ground campaign in Gaza / negotiations to get hostages freed by Hamas / civilian casualties and humanitarian concerns in Gaza / Hamas' October 7th terrorist attack in Israel / risk of radicalization, due to the high civilian casualties and brutal campaign in Gaza
 - 6) a report from Atlanta, GA, on how the war between Israel and Hamas is fueling anger in the United States, as hate incidents rise
 - 7) Topics include: Secretary Blinken's visit to Ramallah / instability in the West Bank / violence from settlers / Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people / need for the U.S. to recognize the state of Palestine
 - 8) Topics include: work of the bipartisan For Country Caucus, made up of military veteran members; Israel-Hamas war / supporting Israel / civilian casualties in Gaza / rise in anti-Semitism; immigration
 - 9) Topics include: impact of the war in the Middle East on the war in Ukraine / Russia's military goal in Ukraine / continuing need for aid
 - 10) CBS News poll results indicating President Biden trails Donald Trump in a possible rematch

11/12/23

Guests: Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Marwan Al Ghouli, CBS News producer (2); Dr. Christos Christou, president, Doctors Without Borders International (3); Jake Sullivan, national security adviser, Biden administration (4); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (5); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (6); Isaac Herzog, president of Israel (7); Nancy Cordes, CBS News chief White House correspondent (8)

1) a report from East Jerusalem, on the current situation in Israel, as people demand the release of hostages held by Hamas, and in Gaza City, where street-to-street battles surround Gaza hospitals

2) a report from Gaza, on the current conditions in Gaza City, primarily at Al-Shifa Hospital

3) Topics include: need to evacuate premature babies from Al-Shifa Hospital / call for a cease-fire / dire conditions at the hospital

4) Topics include: conditions at Al-Shifa hospital / Israeli assertion that Hamas has a command center underneath Al-Shifa Hospital / negotiations to release the hostages still held by Hamas / Americans stuck in Gaza / fatalities in Gaza / future control of Gaza

5) Topics include: election results / President Biden's low approval rating / issue of Israel and Gaza hurting Mr. Biden with some Democrats; aid package for Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan and the U.S. border; upcoming summit with Xi Jinping of China / artificial intelligence / report on anticipated 2024 presidential election interference; *Washington Post* report that Ukraine was behind the Nord Stream attack

6) Topics include: his meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu / Americans stuck in Gaza / hostage negotiations; next week's deadline in terms of government funding

7) Topics include: fighting around Al-Shifa Hospital / negotiations for the hostages taken by Hamas / defeating Hamas / high death toll of civilians in Gaza

8) a report on the wins for Democrats in a series of school board races in red and blue states

11/19/23

Guests: Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (2); Jon Finer, deputy national security adviser, Biden administration (3); Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (4); Dina Kavar, Jordan's ambassador to the United States (5); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI), co-chair, House Select Committee on China (6); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), co-chair, House Select Committee on China (6)

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

1) a report from Jerusalem, on the continuing negotiations for the release of the hostages as Israel appears to be expanding offensive

2) Topics include: intelligence and operation failures prior to the October 7th attack by Hamas on Israel / terrorist threats to the U.S.; "quad national security package" / securing

the U.S. border / reauthorizing Section 702; special counsel nearing the end of the investigation into President Biden's alleged mishandling of classified info

3) Topics include: ongoing negotiations to release the hostages held by Hamas / Israeli intelligence indicating hostages were held at Al-Shifa Hospital and that the hospital serves as a Hamas command center / civilian casualties in Gaza / laws of armed conflict / President Biden's op-ed in the *Washington Post* on visa bans, referencing Israeli settlers in the West Bank

4) Topics include: passing the supplemental request for aid for Ukraine, Israel, etc. by the end of the year / bipartisan discussions on border security and immigration reform; concern over the high number of civilian casualties in Gaza / President Biden's op-ed in the *Washington Post* on visa bans / violence against Palestinians in the West Bank / support for a two-state solution

5) Topics include: Jordanian government's call for a cease-fire / impact of the Israel-Hamas war on children in Gaza / high number of civilian casualties / health hazards in Gaza; potential impact of the war on future generations and diplomacy; Israeli settlers in the West Bank

6) Topics include: passing aid for Taiwan and other Asian allies before the end of the year / President Biden's summit with Xi Jinping of China / Xi Jinping's dinner with some of the biggest CEOs in the United States / expectations for the summit; illegal biolab discovered in California, owned by a Chinese national

7) With the presidential election less than a year away, a call to "...bring some civility back to our politics – the serious issues facing our country require it."

11/26/23

Guests: Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Qatar's prime minister and minister of foreign affairs (2); Jake Sullivan, national security adviser, Biden administration (3); Philippe Lazzarini, commissioner-general, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (4); Cindy McCain, executive director, World Food Programme (5); Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) (6); Senator Ken Buck (R-CO) (7)

1) a report from the West Bank, on the second group of hostages released by Hamas on Saturday and the names of those set to be released Sunday; Hamas has been alerted of the 39 other Palestinian prisoners who are also expected to be released later on Sunday

2) Topics include: anticipated release of 4-year-old Abigail Edan today / release of other American hostages / hopeful that the four-day truce will be extended / Yahya Sinwar, Hamas commander believed to have planned the October 7th attacks / relationship with the United States / ongoing support of the Palestinian people

3) Topics include: possible release of American hostages today / release of Palestinian prisoners / logistics of getting aid to Gaza / possibility of extending the four-day truce / accounting for civilians in South Gaza in Israel's military planning / President Biden's approach to military aid for Israel / call from fellow Democrats to put conditions on military aid / two-state solution

4) Topics include: high death toll for U.N. workers in Gaza / protecting civilians in the south of Gaza in anticipation of Israel's combat operations there / dire humanitarian situation in Gaza / aid getting into Gaza; criticism of his agency by some in Israel

5) Topics include: Gaza possibly on the brink of famine / need for more aid in Gaza / impact on children; cutting off aid to people around the globe / need for countries to provide aid via technology; impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on food relief

6) Topics include: his work over the break on the border aid deal / immigration reform / his opinion that Ukrainian aid should not be tied to the border; call from fellow Democrats to put conditions on military aid for Israel

7) Topics include: his support for aid to Ukraine / his vote against the short-term spending bill to keep the government open / House Speaker Mike Johnson; his announced retirement / saying that the 2020 election was stolen is 'lying to America'

60 MINUTES

11/05/23 **"John Eastman"** – an interview with attorney John Eastman. The conservative former law professor is charged with aiding former President Donald Trump in his efforts to thwart the transition of power to President Biden and overturn the 2020 vote. Facing a prison sentence, Eastman asserts his innocence in the Georgia election interference case. Includes an interview with Greg Jacob, former legal counsel to Vice President Pence. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz, Sarah Koch)

"Our Mistake Is Your Responsibility" – a report on overpayments by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and its effect on citizens. Many elderly and disabled Americans have received unexpected bills from the SSA which state debts from benefits overpayment they must quickly pay, regardless of fault. Includes interviews with Becky and Steven Sword, Jean Rodriguez and Roy Farmer, who were all told by the Social Security Administration that they owed money; Terry Savage, author of a nationally syndicated column on personal finance; and Laurence Kotlikoff, an economics professor at Boston University. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Andy Court)

"Monkey Island" – a report on Cayo Santiago, the island off the coast of Puerto Rico known as Monkey Island. Home to nearly 2,000 monkeys, researchers on the island aim to determine the impact of climate-related trauma by studying the rhesus macaques whose DNA nearly matches humans. Includes interviews with Noah Snyder-Mackler, a biologist at Arizona State University; James Higham, biologist at New York University; Daniel Phillips and Josue Negrón, who have worked as research assistants on Cayo for many years; and Angelina Ruiz-Lambides, who was scientific director of Cayo during Hurricane Maria. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

The Last Minute – a report from Tel Aviv, with the latest developments on the Israel-Hamas war. (C: Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent)

11/12/23 **"Iran's Assassins"** – a report on Tehran's use of proxy fighters. Aimed at silencing critics of their government, Iran has been accused of hiring foreign assassins to eliminate opposition abroad. Includes interviews with Matt Jukes, Britain's head of counter-

terrorism policing; and some of the Iranian regime's targets in the United States: John Bolton, former White House National Security adviser; Masih Alinejad, Iranian American activist; and Gazelle Sharmahd, whose father, Jamshid Sharmahd, was abducted as an Iranian dissident in Los Angeles. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)

“The Heritage War” – a report from Kyiv on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and its effects on art. While the intentional looting or destruction of cultural property during a war is a crime, some Ukrainian museums have been targeted and many museum workers have been arrested or kidnapped by Russian soldiers. Includes interviews with Ihor Poshyvalio, director of the Contemporary Maiden Museum in Kyiv; Milena Chorna, head of international exhibits at the National War Museum in Kyiv; Leila Ibrahimova, a museum director who was kidnapped; and Vitaliy Tytych, a criminal lawyer of 30 years who is leading a new unit of the Ukrainian military investigating Russia's targeting of heritage sites. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

“Horse Racing Reform?” – a report on the Justice Department's expansive investigation into illegal racehorse doping. The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority aims to regulate the future of the sport and have suspended dozens of trainers and veterinarians, who they caught via wiretaps. Includes interviews with Lisa Lazarus, the chief executive officer of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority; Stuart Janney, chairman of The Jockey Club; Shaun Richards, the lead FBI agent on this case; and Jeff Gural, an owner of Meadowlands racetrack in New Jersey. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Sarah Koch)

The Last Minute – an update to “A Quiet Invasion”, OAD: 10/29/23. (C: Cecilia Vega)

11/19/23

60 MINUTES (7:54 - 9:24p)

(“SPECIAL 90 MINUTE EDITION OF 60 MINUTES”)

“Disappeared” – a report on the Russia-Ukraine war and the alleged abduction of children by Russia. With an estimated 20,000 children taken, many parents have made dangerous journeys to locate and bring back their children with the Save Ukraine program. Includes interviews with Polina, whose grandson was taken; Mykola Kuleba, founder of Save Ukraine; Vlad Rudenko, who was 16 when he was taken last October; Tetiana Bodak, mother of Vlad Rudenko; and Nikita, Polina's grandson. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Nichole Marks)

“The Stand” – a report on the deadly Lahaina wildfires in Maui, Hawaii. Maui County Firefighters recount the details of the disaster and how they escaped the deadly and swift moving fire. Includes interviews with Aina Kohler, Keahi Ho, Tanner Mosher, and Captain Jay Fujita, Maui firefighters; and Mike Walker, head of fire protection for Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile, Lucy Hatcher)

“The Underboss” – a profile of musician and actor Steven Van Zandt. From backstage at a Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band concert in Rome, Italy, the musical director and guitarist for the band discusses growing up in New Jersey, his political activism, acting career and musical influence. Includes an interview with Bruce Springsteen, musician. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael Karzis)

The Last Minute – In tonight's expanded edition of 60 MINUTES, Anderson Cooper reports from Africatown, where descendants of the last known slave ship are meeting with the descendants of the ship's commissioner. (C: Cecilia Vega)

"Africatown" – a continued report on Africatown, a community founded in 1860 by former slaves in Alabama. The residents were brought to the U.S. on the last known ship to transport enslaved Africans, The Clotilda, which was discovered in an Alabama river in 2018. This segment features a historic meeting between descendants of Timothy Meaher, who commissioned the Clotilda, and the descendants of the enslaved he transported. Includes interviews with Joycelyn Davis, Lorna Gail Woods and Thomas Griffin, descendants of Oluale or Charlie Lewis; Jeremy Ellis and Darron Patterson, descendants of Kupollee or Pollee Allen; Pat Frazier and Caprinxia and Cassandra Wallace, descendants of Kossula or Cudjoe Lewis; Ben Raines, the local reporter who found the Clotilda; James Delgado, maritime archaeologist; Jay Haigler, a diver on Delgado's team; Mary Elliot, a curator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.; and Meg and Helen Meaher, great-great-granddaughters of Timothy Meaher; . (See also: "The Last Slave Ship", OAD: 11/29/20; Rebroadcast: 06/13/21) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta, Katie Brennan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

11/26/23

60 MINUTES (8:12 - 9:42p)

("SPECIAL 90 MINUTE EDITION OF 60 MINUTES")

"Rise" – a report on the Russia-Ukraine war and how some Ukrainian families are coping with grief. Through a charity founded by an American marine, bereaved widows and children attempt to process trauma by embarking on treks through the Austrian Alps. Includes interviews with Natalia Zaremba, whose husband Mykhalio was shot down as a navy pilot; Nathan Schmidt, lieutenant colonel U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and CEO of the Mountain Seed Foundation charity; Myroslav Kupchenkov, whose father Oleksandr Kupchenkov who was killed by a Russian missile; Amit Oren, clinical psychologist and assistant professor at the Yale School of Medicine; Svitlana Melnyichuk, who lost her husband Yuriy in the invasion; and Dan Clossen, a Navy SEAL and Paralympian. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Oriana Zill de Granados, Michael Rey) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

"Sealand" – a report on the Principality of Sealand. Built during World War II as a nautical fort, the tiny island off England's coast has only one resident. The micronation's monarchs, the Bates family, discuss the storied history and future of the island. Includes interviews with Prince Michael Bates, the self-described reigning monarch of the island; Mike Barrington, who works on the island is the only permanent resident; Princess Penny Hawker, Prince Michael's sister; and Prince James and Prince Liam, Prince Michael's sons. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon)

The Last Minute – In tonight's expanded edition of 60 MINUTES, Sharyn Alfonsi reports from the country of Georgia, where winemakers are upholding thousands of years of traditions. (C: Bill Whitaker)

"Ancient Vines" – a report on the country of Georgia's history of winemaking from the wine region of Kakheti. Regarded as the birthplace of wine, the ancient Georgian vineyards have survived thousands of years of war through cultivation by local monks.

Includes interviews with Bishop David, a Georgian Orthodox bishop who oversees the monks who make wine at the Alaverdi Monastery; Tekuna Gachechiladze, the chef credited with revolutionizing Georgian cuisine; and John Wurdeman, an American winemaker and vineyard owner who lives in Georgia. (See also: "A Quiet Invasion", OAD: 10/29/23) (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

48 HOURS

11/04/23 PREEMPTION

11/11/23 PREEMPTION

11/18/23 **48 HOURS: "The Death of an Officer's Wife"** (9:01 – 10:00p) – a report on the events leading up to the day Seth Perrault reported his wife, Amanda Perrault, dead. Five days after Amanda made allegations of abuse against Seth, an Eatonton, GA police officer, he reported that she took her life by shooting herself on February 3rd, 2020. Investigators immediately doubted Seth's story, based in part on the crime scene, including the position of her body in the couple's bed, the way the Smith and Wesson .380 was found lying next to her body with its magazine ejected, other forensic evidence and allegations of abuse. Two days after Amanda's shooting, Seth was arrested, but the COVID pandemic shut down the courts and Seth remained in jail. During that time, the medical examiner released the autopsy report, which declared Amanda's death a suicide. In November 2020, the grand jury decided that the case should go to trial; Seth was charged with malice murder, felony murder and aggravated assault. At his February 2022 trial, Seth decided not to testify; prosecutors included evidence found on Amanda's cell phone. Seth Perrault was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life, without the possibility of parole. Original on-screen text graphic: If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE or visit thehotline.org. Seth Perrault's daughter is living with her mother, who has custody. Perrault's sister is petitioning to take custody. Seth Perrault's first appeal has been denied. **On-screen text graphic for the 11/18/23 rebroadcast:** If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE or visit thehotline.org. Seth Perrault's daughter is living with her mother, who has custody; his sister is petitioning to take custody. Interviewed: Angie and Alesha Johnson, Amanda's sisters; Wright Barksdale, district attorney; Justin Kenney, Seth's attorney; Howard Sills, sheriff, Putnam County, GA; and Terrell Abernathy, deputy, Putnam County, GA. (Contributor: Anne-Marie Green – Producer: Judy Rybak) (OAD: 01/28/23)

11/18/23 **48 HOURS: "The Hunt for Sarah Yarborough's Killer"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the December 14th, 1991 murder of 16-year-old Sarah Yarborough, who was on her way to drill team practice at Federal Way High School, in Federal Way, WA, outside of Seattle. Sarah was found murdered on school grounds by 13-year-old Drew Miller and a friend. Both boys noticed a man in the bushes and, after he walked away, discovered Sarah's body. Drew noticed the man was still staring at them; they raced home and called the police. Though Sarah was not raped, investigators believed it was a sexually motivated murder; there was semen on her underwear and jacket, which gave detectives a full male DNA profile. By the early 2000s, investigators had received over 3,000 leads and advances in technology made them hopeful. In 2011, they reached out to Colleen Fitzpatrick, who began to work on Sarah's case. In September 2019, the team came up with two possible

suspects: brothers Edward and Patrick Nicholas. Edward Nicholas was a registered sex offender and his DNA was in the CODIS system, but he was not a match. Patrick Nicholas was known to police and had a record for prior sexual assaults. In late September 2019, undercover detectives surreptitiously procured a sample of Patrick's DNA; it was a match and he was arrested days later. In early 2023, more than 30 years after Sarah Yarborough's murder, the 59-year-old suspect went on trial. The defense challenged how forensic genetic genealogy was used to first identify him; it was the first time that kind of defense had been used in Washington State. The jury found Patrick Nicholas not guilty of the crime of murder in the first degree, premeditated, but found him guilty of first-degree murder and second-degree murder and ruled both had been committed with a sexual motivation. Two weeks later, he was sentenced to almost 46 years in prison. Although forensic genetic genealogy helped solve Sarah's case, familial DNA searches are not allowed in Washington State, which could have solved her case earlier. Prosecutors and Sarah's family both feel that it's time to get that law changed. **On-screen text graphic:** Investigators have not linked Patrick Nicholas to any additional crimes, but his DNA is now in the CODIS database. Interviewed: Celia Lee and Mary Barbosa, King County deputy prosecuting attorneys; John Free, detective, King County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes Unit; Laura and Tom Yarborough, Sarah's parents; Andrew Yarborough, Sarah's youngest brother; Amy Parodi, Shannon Grant, Liberty Barnes, Kristi Gutierrez, and Mary Beth Thome, Sarah Yarborough's friends; Drew Miller, discovered Sarah's body on school grounds and helped police draw a sketch of the suspect; Scott Strathy, former detective (retired), King County Sheriff's Office; Bill Fuller, Yarborough family friend, discovered during the DNA investigation to be a distant cousin of brothers Edward and Patrick Nicholas; Colleen Fitzpatrick, forensic genetic genealogist, worked on the Sarah Yarborough case; Anne Croney, escaped from attack by Patrick Nicholas in June 1983 and spoke at his 2023 sentencing; and David Montes, Patrick Nicholas' public defender. (C: Natalie Morales – P: Chris Young Ritzen, Lauren Clark)

11/25/23

48 HOURS: "Stephen Smith - A Death in Murdaugh Country" – a report on the death of Stephen Smith, a 19-year-old gay man, whose body was found on a South Carolina country road on July 8th, 2015. Before Hampton County, SC, legal scion Alex Murdaugh was convicted for the murders of his wife and son in 2023, this was one of the other mysteries in the Murdaugh orbit. The supervisor called to the scene where Smith's body was found didn't see any signs of a hit and run and suspected the scene was "staged" and that Smith's body had been placed there. The medical examiner ruled it a hit and run, but for years, his mother Sandy Smith wanted a second opinion. Rumors that the Murdaughs were somehow involved persisted and the Murdaugh name comes up dozens of times in the case file. With the investigation stalled and no suspects named in Smith's death, in late 2016, the case went cold. It reignited in June 2021 after the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh. During that investigation, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announced a new lead in Smith's death and took over the case; it has not said what that evidence is. In March 2023, after Alex Murdaugh was found guilty in the murders of his wife and son, Sandy Smith gained a high-power legal team; Eric Bland and Ronnie Richter, who are representing her pro bono and have pursued their own investigation. Richter and Bland had Smith's body exhumed and assembled a team of experts: Dr. Michelle Dupre and Dr. Kenny Kinsey. In April 2023, Dr. Dupre oversaw the

examination of Smith's body and said it confirms he died from a single blow to his forehead and that, oddly for a hit and run, there were no injuries to his body that would indicate he'd been hit head-on by a vehicle. Both experts say they believe Smith died on the road where his body was found; the independent investigative team has turned over all its findings to SLED. Sandy Smith has established a college scholarship in her son's name. This broadcast also includes an update on the ongoing local and state charges against Alex Murdaugh, including his November 17th, 2023 plea deal agreement encompassing all of the state financial charges he faced for defrauding and stealing millions from clients and law partners, as well as his legal team's September 2023 announcement of a motion for a new trial. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have information about the Stephen Smith case, please email tips@sled.sc.gov. Interviewed: Sandy Smith, Stephen's mother; Michael Dewitt, editor, *Hampton County Guardian*, reported on Stephen Smith's death in 2015, author, "The Fall of the House of Murdaugh"; Ronnie Richter and Eric Bland, attorneys representing Sandy Smith; Liz Farrell, writer and podcast co-host, "Murdaugh Murders"; Thomas Moore, retired lieutenant, South Carolina Highway Patrol, supervisor called to the scene where Smith's body was found in 2015; Dr. Michelle Dupre, former investigator and forensic pathologist; Dr. Kenny Kinsey, retired chief deputy, Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, star prosecution witness in the Murdaugh murder trial; and Alania Spohn, detective, Lexington County Sheriff's Office and Hannah Plyer. Both sisters survived a 2005 car crash due to a faulty tire that killed their mother and brother; Alex Murdaugh was their attorney and both he and conservator Russell Laffitte defrauded the sisters. (Contributor: Nikki Battiste – Producer: Gayane Keshishyan Mendez)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL

11/14/23

CBS MORNINGS PRESENTS: JAY-Z and GAYLE KING: BROOKLYN'S OWN - an interview/profile of hip-hop artist Jay-Z, interviewed at the Brooklyn Public Library, where a new exhibit explores his life and legacy. Born Shawn Corey Carter, he is one of the biggest multihyphenate superstars and business executives of our time. During this primetime special, Jay-Z discusses growing up in the Marcy Houses in Brooklyn, NY, how he makes music, the stories behind some of his famous lyrics, his work in criminal justice reform, his business acumen and his life and family. (This broadcast features excerpts from "Roc-A-Fella Of Rap" (OAD: 11/20/02, Rebroadcast: 08/13/03), Bob Simon's interview/profile of Jay-Z for 60 MINUTES II, which also includes an interview with Jay-Z's mother, Gloria Carter.) (Anchor: Gayle King (co-host, CBS MORNINGS). Produced by CBS MORNINGS and See It Now Studios for CBS News. Executive Producers: Gayle King, Shawna Thomas. Co-Executive Producer: Alicia Alford. Producers: Jesse Masters, Andrew Merlis, Katie Rae Smith, Costanza Maio. SEE IT NOW STUDIOS: Executive Producers: Susan Zirinsky, Terence Wrong.)

**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS BROADCAST
DECEMBER 2023**

FACE THE NATION

- 12/03/23 **Guests:** Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Intelligence Committee (2); John Kirby, coordinator for strategic communications, White House National Security Council (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT), co-chair, National Governors Association (5); Governor Jared Polis (D-CO), co-chair, National Governors Association (5); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (7)
- 1) a report from Jerusalem, “with the cease-fire in shambles” and Israel Defense Forces resume Gaza advance
 - 2) Topics include: reports that warnings going back a year, about a potential Hamas attack, were ignored by Israel / Yahya Sinwar, Hamas commander and architect of the October 7th attack / concern that Israel is not doing enough to protect civilians in Gaza; stipulation from the Republican-controlled House that Israel and Ukraine aid includes provisions regarding the U.S. border; bipartisan bill reauthorizing Section 702, allowing warrantless surveillance powers; impeachment inquiry into President Biden
 - 3) Topics include: breakdown of hostage negotiations in Doha, Qatar / continuing humanitarian assistance to Gaza / high civilian casualties in Gaza / U.S. message to Israel, urging them to be as careful and precise as possible / assessment of civilian casualties / U.S. support of Israel / criticism of the White House, asking for a “red line” for holding Israel accountable; wrongfully detained Americans in Venezuela
 - 4) Topics include: qualifying for the December 6th debate / his commitment to stay in the race through the convention / voter support for Mr. Trump, despite the ninety-one counts of indictment against him; trips to Israel and Ukraine; abortion; threat posed to the country by former President Trump
 - 5) Topics include: their ‘Disagree Better’ initiative / free speech initiative on college campuses / calls to investigate Students For Justice in Palestine; spike in migration / task force of governors on immigration and border security
 - 6) Topics include: “typical winter pathogen season” ahead / mycoplasma pneumonia outbreak in China
 - 7) a report on the recent departures of several well-known public servants, with careers ranging from the highly distinguished, the controversial, and to the disastrous: the deaths of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and American diplomat Henry Kissinger, and the expulsion of George Santos from Congress

12/10/23

Guests: Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (2); Anthony Salvanto, executive director, CBS News elections and surveys unit (3); Adam Yamaguchi, CBS News correspondent (4); Senator James Lankford (R-OK) (5); Shalanda Young, director, United States Office of Management and Budget (6); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (7); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (7); Janti Soeripto, president and CEO, Save the Children (8)

1) a report from Tel Aviv, on the heavy bombardment overnight in Gaza and the discussions over postwar governing plans

2) Topics include: growing criticism from the Biden administration to Prime Minister Netanyahu's 'disastrous military approach' / his opposition to more aid for Israel / possible intent of the Netanyahu government in Gaza / support for aid to Ukraine, but opposition to a 'blank check' for Israel 'to kill women and children in Palestine' / possible impact of the war on the presidential election; antisemitism and free speech on college campuses

3) a discussion of CBS News poll results on some of what Americans see as the biggest problems facing the country: inflation and President Biden's handling of the Israel-Hamas war

4) a report from Lukeville, on the Arizona border crossing which closed Monday after staff members said they could not handle the increased number of migrants arriving at the port of entry

5) Topics include: negotiating a Senate deal to shore up the U.S. southern border / tying the border package to aid for Israel, Taiwan and Ukraine / stopping the flow across the border / requests for asylum / bill H.R.2, which passed the House with no support from Democrats / capacity issues and 'special interest aliens' / not ignoring American national security

6) Topics include: Ukrainian national security is American national security / bill H.R.2, which passed the House with no support from Democrats / aid for Ukraine; CBS News poll results indicating low approval ratings for the President's handling of inflation

7) Topics include: analysis of an excerpt from Mr. Costa's interview with Representative and former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy / current Speaker Mike Johnson; need for the White House to get involved in closing the border deal; Mr. O'Keefe's reporting from Michigan, with the largest concentration of Arab American voters; Mr. Trump's New York civil fraud case

8) Topics include: Gaza humanitarian crisis / impact on residents, particularly children / their statement criticizing Israel for 'using starvation as a method of warfare' / getting aid to Gaza

12/17/23

Guests: Anthony Salvanto, executive director, CBS News elections and surveys unit (1); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (4); Ramy Inocencio, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Marwan Al-Ghoul, CBS News producer (6); Austan Goolsbee, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, former White House economic adviser, Obama administration (8); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (9)

Guest Interviewer: Lesley Stahl, correspondent, 60 MINUTES (7)

1) analysis of the results of a CBS News poll of Republican voters in Iowa and New Hampshire, indicating that while former President Trump still leads in Iowa, former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley is making gains in New Hampshire

2) Topics include: his path to victory in New Hampshire / reaction to a piece in "The National Review" calling on him to end his campaign / recent remarks from Mr. Trump that 'immigrants are poisoning the blood of our country' / fellow Republican candidate Nikki Haley and her reluctance to criticize Mr. Trump / his defense of Nikki Haley at the last debate, after fellow candidate Vivek Ramaswamy treated her with 'disrespect'

3) Topics include: 'real-world impact' in his district if there is no 2023 border deal / proposals from the White House / call for the President or Vice President to join the negotiations; recent remarks from Mr. Trump that 'immigrants are poisoning the blood of our country'

4) Topics include: ongoing talks to change elements of border policy / criticism to those proposals from some Democrats / tying the border package to aid for Israel, Taiwan and Ukraine; difficulty of working with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 'who has done everything he can to undermine a positive vision for peace for Israel' / requirements in American law when sending assistance to another country

5) a report from Tel Aviv, on Israel's agreement to allow U.N. trucks to drive directly into Gaza at Kerem Shalom Crossing as its bombardment of Gaza continues

6) a report from Gaza on the current conditions and devastation in the Gaza Strip

7) a preview of her interview with Yarden Roman-Gat, who was taken hostage during the Hamas attacks on October 7th and held for nearly two months, for tonight's 60 MINUTES

8) Topics include: predictions on the economy in 2024 / possible cuts in interest rates / cautious positive assessment for 2023 in inflation and unemployment / increase in homelessness and credit delinquencies / geopolitical risks to the economy

9) Topics include: urgent need for funding / importance of American support and aid / Ukraine President Zelenskyy's messaging during his recent trip to the U.S. / Ukraine's military progress on the battlefield

12/24/23

Guests: David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1) (2); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (1); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (2); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3)

1) Annual year-end correspondent roundtable topics include: the most important stories of 2023: Supreme Court's central role in politics in the coming year, special counsel's case, Donald Trump's legal cases, uptick in law enforcement dealing with domestic terrorism, U.S. national security at home and abroad, Israel-Hamas war, Hunter Biden's legal issues and Pentagon's focus on China; predictions for the year ahead

2) Annual year-end political roundtable topics include: key issues to watch / political stories in Congress, the White House and on the campaign they are following; predictions for 2024; good and positive stories from 2023

3) a report recapping the good news and bright spots that happened in 2023

12/31/23

Guests: Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration and politics reporter (1); Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (2); Brandon Johnson, mayor (D-Chicago, IL) (3); Mike Johnston, mayor (D-Denver, CO) (3); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor, founder, The Center for Election Innovation & Research (4); Ian Lee, CBS News correspondent (5); Jo Ling Kent, CBS News senior business and technology reporter (6); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (7)

1) Topics include: factors driving the historic number of migrants at the southern border / conditions that propel people to the U.S. / secretary of state and homeland security secretary's recent trip to Mexico / Texas law, set to go into effect in March, allowing law enforcement to stop migrants and arrest them / negotiations between lawmakers and the White House on legislation

2) Topics include: negotiations for immigration laws and Ukraine / requesting the Biden administration to use Title 42 authority to halt the inflow / deportations / tying Ukraine and Israel aid to legislation addressing the situation at the southern border; support for Mr. Trump and his legitimate immunity claim regarding January 6th

3) Topics include: this morning's early arrival of a plane carrying migrants from Texas, at the direction of Texas Governor Abbott / communication with the White House on what is needed from the federal government / work authorization for all migrants / the "chaos that continues to come from the state of Texas" / health services provided to the migrants after arriving in their cities

4) Topics include: Maine secretary of state's decision that Mr. Trump is ineligible to appear on the presidential primary ballot / need for the Supreme Court to resolve questions surrounding the 14th Amendment's insurrectionist clause / Electoral Count Reform Act

5) a report from Sderot, Israel, on the latest in the war between Israel and Hamas, with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu announcing the war will continue for "many more months", which means more suffering on the ground in Gaza

6) a preview of the technology and business news that will dominate 2024, including the difficult challenge legislating Artificial Intelligence continues to be for Congress

7) a preview of what to expect in 2024, with climate change and its impact on what is experienced in the weather, including what American can do to protect themselves and climate issues in the 2024 election

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“Chaos on Campus” – a report on student rallies regarding the Israel-Hamas war. As antisemitic and Islamophobic sentiments and incidents escalate, college students and professors discuss campus protests and express their ideas about how to move forward. Includes interviews with Eden Yadegar, head of Students Supporting Israel at Columbia University; Maryam Alwan, one of the leaders of Students for Justice in Palestine at Columbia University; Minouche Shafik, Columbia University’s new president; Shai Davidai, an assistant professor of management at the Columbia Business School who grew up in Israel; Mohsen Mahdawi, co-president of Columbia’s Palestinian Students Union; Ezzedine Fishere, a senior lecturer in the Middle Eastern Studies program at Dartmouth University and former Egyptian diplomat; Bernard Avishai, a visiting professor at Dartmouth University and American-Israeli journalist who lives in Jerusalem half the year; and Yasmine Abouali, Sami Lofman, Jackson Yassin, and Faisal Azizi, Dartmouth students who took the “Politics of Israel and Palestine”. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman, Graham Messick)

“Quantum Computing” – a report on quantum computing from Google’s quantum lab in Santa Barbara, California. This new kind of computer boasts advanced capabilities with the potential to solve mysteries in medicine, engineering, and physics. Includes interviews with Dario Gil, head of research at IBM; Michio Kaku, a physicist at the City University of New York; Charina Chou, chief operating officer of Google’s lab; Hartmut Neven, scientist and founder of Google’s lab; and Dr. Serpil Erzurum, Chief Research Officer at Cleveland Clinic. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Denise Schrier Cetta, Katie Brennan)

“Greta Gerwig” – a profile of filmmaker Greta Gerwig. She discusses her hit movie “Barbie,” her start as an indie film director, and upcoming projects. Includes an interview with Noah Baumbach, filmmaker and Gerwig’s husband. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Nathalie Sommer)

The Last Minute – Weeks after 60 MINUTES reported on a family rescued at an Israeli kibbutz, that family’s neighbor was tearfully reunited with her daughters, who had been taken hostage during Hamas’ invasion. (“Rescue at the Kibbutz”, OAD: 10/15/23) (C: Bill Whitaker)

12/10/23

60 MINUTES (7:47 – 8:47p)

“The Resistance” – a report from Kherson, Ukraine’s capital city, regarding the Russia-Ukraine war. The southern province and capital city was attacked by Russia in March 2022, sparking a rebellion from citizens who resisted the occupation. Includes interviews with Olla Hrynchenko and Kostiantyn Kozak, Ukrainian civilians who enlisted in the army after the Russian invasion; Vitalli, a wedding planner and Russian resistor; and Borys Silenkov, a retiree and Russian resistor. (See also: “Kherson Under Fire”, OAD: 02/26/23) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)

“Red and Green” – a profile of Governor Mark Gordon (R-WY). He discusses his pursuit of a carbon-negative state, conservative detractors, and potential energy projects. Includes interviews with Bill Miller, president of the Power Company of Wyoming; Dr. Holly Krutka, who runs the School of Energy Resources at the University of Wyoming; and Cully Cavness, co-founder of Crusoe Energy Systems. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)

“Novak Djokovic” – a profile of tennis player Novak Djokovic from his hometown of Belgrade, Serbia. He discusses his twenty-four major tennis singles titles, the mental strength required to play the game, and his vaccination controversy at the Australian Open. (See also: “Novak Djokovic”, OAD: 03/25/12; Rebroadcast: 06/24/12) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Draggan Mihailovich)

The Last Minute – Acts of faith in uncertain times, as Christians observing the second Sunday of the Advent season and Jews celebrating Hanukkah are lighting candles around the world tonight. (C: Jon Wertheim)

12/17/23

60 MINUTES (7:30 - 9:00p)

(“SPECIAL 90 MINUTE EDITION OF 60 MINUTES”)

“The Hostage Story” – an interview with freed Israeli hostage Yarden Roman-Gat. In her first interview after being abducted on October 7th at a kibbutz near the Gaza border and spending 54 days in Hamas captivity, she discusses the October 7th attacks. Includes interviews with Alon Gat, Yarden’s husband who was also abducted; Meirav, Romi Gonen’s mother; and Gili Roman, Yarden’s brother. (See also: “Rescue at the Kibbutz”, OAD: 10/15/23) (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)

“The Looting of Cambodia” – a report on controversial art dealer Douglas Latchford. Since the French colonization of Cambodia nearly a century ago, looting of the country’s art and cultural artifacts became commonplace. Amidst political turmoil from the 70s through 90s, Latchford ran a global business stealing much of Cambodia’s art and selling it to private collectors and top museums. In the last ten years, the Cambodian government has made significant efforts to regain their cultural treasures. Includes interviews with Brad Gordon, an American lawyer who works for the Cambodian government; Phoeurng Sackona, Cambodia’s minister of culture; J.P. Labbat, former special agent on the cultural property, art, and antiques unit with Homeland Security; Hab Touch, secretary of state in Cambodia’s Ministry of Culture; Lida, former looter; Andrea Bayer, deputy director for Collections and Administration at The Met; and Muikong Taing and Thyda Long, members

of Brad Gordon's investigative team. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

The Last Minute – In tonight's expanded edition of 60 MINUTES, Bill Whitaker reports from Morocco, where an annual festival celebrates Gnawa, the musical legacy of enslaved Africans. (C: Cecilia Vega)

"Gnawa" – a report on Gnawa music from Essaouira, Morocco. Described as Moroccan blues and traced back as the origin of the genre, the music was played in secret for centuries at ceremonies by enslaved Africans brought to the country during the Middle Ages. With a recent surge in popularity, many music fans are traveling to Essaouira, the town on Morocco's Atlantic coast from where the music originates. Includes interviews with Bob Wisdom, actor and fan of Gnawa; Sulaiman Hakim, percussionist; Jaleel Shaw, saxophonist; and Mokhtar Gania, Gnawa musician. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

12/24/23

PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "Animal Magnetism"

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"The Sperm Whales of Dominica" – a report on sperm whales off the coast of Dominica. Conservationists' efforts to protect the whales continue as scientists fear sound and trash pollution make the animals increasingly vulnerable. Includes interviews with Enric Sala, director of National Geographic's Pristine Seas project; Francine Baron, a Dominican politician, attorney, and the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs from 2014 to 2019; Captain Curt Benoit, who has been in the whale tourism business for more than two decades; and Shane Gero, a National Geographic explorer who started The Dominica Sperm Whale Project. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Michael Rey) The 12/24/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 05/14/23; Rebroadcast: 08/27/23 – both on 60 MINUTES)

"Monkey Island" – a report on Cayo Santiago, the island off the coast of Puerto Rico known as Monkey Island. Home to nearly 2,000 monkeys, researchers on the island aim to determine the impact of climate-related trauma by studying the rhesus macaques whose DNA nearly matches humans. Includes interviews with Noah Snyder-Mackler, a biologist at Arizona State University; James Higham, biologist at New York University; Daniel Phillips and Josue Negrón, who have worked as research assistants on Cayo for many years; and Angelina Ruiz-Lambides, who was scientific director of Cayo during Hurricane Maria. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi) (OAD: 11/05/23 on 60 MINUTES)

"Hanging On" – a report from Costa Rica on sloths. Scientists aim to gather new scientific data about the elusive animal through an unprecedented population study. Includes interviews with Lucy Cooke, a British zoologist who studies sloths; Leslie Howle, founder of the Toucan Rescue Ranch; and Becky Cliffe, British zoologist and founder of The Sloth Conservation Foundation. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile) (OAD: 09/24/23 on 60 MINUTES)

12/31/23

PREEMPTED

48 HOURS

12/02/23

48 HOURS: “Death At The Door: Who Shot Heidi Firkus?” – a report on the death of Heidi Firkus, who was shot and killed while on the phone with 911, at 6:30 a.m. on April 25th, 2010, after her husband, Nick Firkus, said an intruder was breaking into their home in Saint Paul, MN. Nick told investigators he and Heidi attempted to leave the home and his gun discharged when he struggled with the intruder, who burst through the front door. Heidi was struck in the back as she attempted to flee towards the kitchen and died instantly; Nick was shot in the leg. Police found Nick’s demeanor and story odd, as the evidence at the scene did not match Nick’s account: by the front door where the alleged struggle occurred there was a vase, some receipts, a beer bottle and none of that was knocked over and there were no signs of forced entry. Nick claimed he and Heidi were scheduled to move the day after Heidi was shot, due to foreclosure and eviction, but investigators saw no evidence at the home which indicated an impending move. Nick soon began a friendship with Rachel Sanchez, the sister of one of Heidi’s friends, and they began dating in the spring of 2011. After Nick and Rachel married, they soon were the parents of three children. Nick Firkus went free for more than a decade until investigator Nichole Sipes took over the case and determined Heidi was unaware of the couple’s financial difficulties at the time of her death. As part of the new investigation, she reached out to Rachel Firkus, who had divorced Nick after she discovered he lied about their finances during their marriage. Rachel later gave the investigator a recording she made of an incriminating conversation she had with Nick. On May 19th, 2021, Nick was arrested and charged with second degree murder; a grand jury ultimately indicted him on first and second degree murder charges. After remaining free on bail, Nick’s trial began on January 27th, 2023; prosecutors were not allowed to call Rachel to testify or use her taped conversation with Nick. Closing arguments were presented on February 10th, 2023; the jury received the case the same day. Five hours later, Nick was found guilty on two counts of murder, premeditated and intentional. On April 13th, 2023, Nick was sentenced to life without parole and refused to admit guilt. **On-screen text graphic:** Nick Firkus is appealing his conviction. Interviewed: Marcus and Katina Sarazin, mentored Heidi at Calvary Church; Nichole Sipes, sergeant, Saint Paul Police Department; Branden O’Connor, housesitting next door to the Firkus residence, heard a voice the morning of Heidi’s death; Jim Gray, sergeant, Saint Paul Police Department; Emily and Andrew Erickson, Nick’s friends; Joe Friedberg, Nick’s criminal defense attorney; Robert Richman, Nick’s attorney; Rachel Firkus, Nick’s second wife, since divorced; Rachel Kraker, prosecutor; Elizabeth Lamin, prosecutor; and Natalie Michael, juror. (C: Jamie Yuccas – P: Asena Basak, Paul La Rosa)

12/09/23

48 HOURS: “Andreen McDonald: A Millionaire Vanishes” – a report on Andreen McDonald, a 29-year-old millionaire and resident of San Antonio, TX, who was reported missing on March 1st, 2019, by her mother Maureen Smith. Andreen grew up in Portland, Jamaica and in 2019, met Andre McDonald, also a native of Jamaica and at the time, a captain in the U.S. Air Force. They decided she would move to America and married that July; they soon had a daughter, Alayna. Andreen started Starlight Homes, an assisted living business out of their home, and transformed it into a multi-million dollar business in just seven years; Andreen was a major and cyber warfare analyst for

the U.S. Air Force. When police arrived at their home in an upscale gated community, they discovered blood and hair on the wall and a random burn pile in the landscaped backyard. Andre told investigators the last time he had seen his wife was the night before. The day after Andreen was reported missing, investigators discovered newly purchased items inside one of the McDonalds' cars that were not there during their initial search, including a shovel and ax and, in a trash can, a claw hammer and some clothing that appeared to be Andre's with blood on the pocket of the jeans. The DNA on the claw hammer was later identified as Andreen's. Investigators learned they had a troubled and tumultuous marriage and although they had suspicions about Andre, without a body, none of the evidence collected proved that a murder had occurred. Law enforcement, along with volunteers, family and friends, searched for Andreen over the course of the ensuing months before the search ended in July 2019, when a local farmer discovered a human skull and other skeletal remains in his field. Andre, who had already been arrested for tampering with evidence in 2019, and was released from jail on bond, was arrested again and charged with Andreen's murder; he pleaded not guilty to the charge. Days before his trial was set to begin in January 2023, Andre began to talk and told his mother and Andreen's family that her death was an accident. During the trial, Andre's attorneys claimed self-defense and that he was in fear during their final argument. The jury was deadlocked after 11 hours of deliberation, unable to decide between murder, manslaughter or not guilty by self-defense. The judge invoked an Allen Charge and the jury found Andre McDonald guilty of manslaughter. The business Andreen created is now closed; her mother and sister are raising Alayna, now 12-years-old. **On-screen text graphic:** Andre McDonald was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He is appealing his conviction. Interviewed: Frank Stubbs, lead investigator; Mandy Hall, Andreen childhood friend; Sheriff Javier Salazar, Bexar County Sheriff's Office; Maureen Smith, Andreen's mother; Jackie Horne, Andreen's mother-in-law; Andrew Russell, Andreen's friend; Clifton Klabunde, local farmer who discovered Andreen's remains in his field; Cindy Johnson, Andreen's sister; Lauren Scott, assistant district attorney, Bexar County; Steven Speir, assistant district attorney, Bexar County; Zoe Russell, Andre's defense attorney; John Hunter, Andre's defense attorney; John Convery, Andre's defense attorney; Brandon Medellin, juror; and Rudy Ruiz, juror. (Please note, Bexar County Assistant District Attorney Ryan Groomer appeared on camera during interviews, but no footage was shown of him speaking.) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Marie Hegwood, Lauren A. White)

12/16/23

48 HOURS: "The Journals of Maria Muñoz" (10:26 – 11:25p) – a report on the death of 31-year-old Maria Muñoz. In the early morning of September 22nd, 2020, police responded to a call at a home in Laredo, TX. Upstairs, Joel Pellot, a nurse anesthetist and Maria's husband, was performing CPR. Paramedics and police took over, but less than three hours later, Maria was declared dead inside of the home that Joel had moved out of five months prior to live with his girlfriend. Joel told the 911 operator and police his wife may have taken pills; at the scene, he showed police a bottle of clonazepam, a drug often used to treat anxiety, but it was prescribed to Joel, not Maria. Investigators also discovered a syringe wrapper on the floor, a needle catheter on the stairs, syringes and I.V. equipment in a medical bag inside the home. Joel's behavior was suspicious to police: he was sweating, appeared to be under the influence of drugs and resisted

answering questions, citing privacy concerns. The medical examiner ruled Maria died of a combination of drugs in her system but could not determine how they got there. Additionally, there was no clonazepam pill residue in Maria's stomach and she had a pinprick mark on her right elbow crease. An anesthesiologist and Joel's former boss learned of the autopsy results and urged the lead detective on the case to order a detailed toxicology screening. Nearly four months after Maria's death, police received the toxicology report: there was "zero clonazepam" found in her body, but the presence of seven other drugs - morphine, Demerol, Versed, propofol, ketamine, lidocaine and Narcan - most of which are typically used during surgery; propofol can only be administered with an I.V. Joel was arrested and charged with her murder. Maria, a mother to two young sons and former nurse, met Joel in Puerto Rico; they moved to Texas a few years after they were married. In 2018, around the same time Maria gave birth to the couple's second son, Joel began an affair with a surgical nurse he met at work, Janet Arredondo. Maria was treated for depression and anxiety. She chronicled her recovery in journals, discovered in her home by investigators. The journals assisted the medical examiner, who ruled out suicide and were valuable to prosecutors because they painted a powerful picture of the marriage, but also of a woman who had accepted the end of the relationship and was hopeful for her and her children's future. Police questioned Janet twice, the second time after she accepted an immunity deal; she finally admitted Joel brought drugs to her home, including propofol. She also stated that Joel admitted to injecting Maria the night she died, but only to calm her down and that he disposed of some of the medical equipment used that night before first responders arrived. Joel, who was out on bail, was arrested again and charged with tampering with evidence; he made bail and wore an ankle monitor. The trial began two-and-a-half years after Maria's death: Joel's defense admitted he injected Maria, but claimed it was accident; prosecutors argued the motive was money. After eight days of testimony, the jury found Joel guilty of murder and evidence tampering; he was sentenced to life in prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Maria and Joel's children are living with his mother. Interviewed: Gregorio De La Cruz, police officer, Laredo Police Department, first officer on the scene; Luis Mata, sergeant, lead detective on the case, Laredo Police Department; Isidro Alaniz, district attorney; Marisela Jacaman, chief assistant district attorney; Cristal Calderon, assistant district attorney; Yazmin Martinez, Maria's friend; Tina Does, certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), worked with Joel at Doctors Hospital in Laredo, TX; Angela Montoya, Maria's friend, Luis Yala's wife; Dr. John Huntsinger, anesthesiologist, Joel's former boss, urged Sgt. Mata to order a detailed toxicology screening to determine which drugs killed Maria; Luis Ayala, Joel's coworker and friend, Angela Montoya's husband; Karina Rios, assistant district attorney; and Ana Karen Garza Gutierrez, then-chief assistant district attorney. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Marcelena Spencer)

12/23/23

48 HOURS: "What Ever Happened to Mary Day?" - a report on the search to find a young girl who was last seen in 1981. In 2002, Sherrie Calgaro filed a police report about her sister Mary Day, who went missing in 1981 at the age of thirteen. Sherrie had been adopted by a foster family, while Mary and their middle sister Kathy, returned to their mother Charlotte and her new husband, William Houle. Mary was last seen at the Houle home in Seaside, California. William accused Mary of poisoning his dog, which led to a

physical altercation. Charlotte and William claimed that Mary ran away, but they never filed a police report -- allegedly so they could continue claiming the Social Security checks Mary was receiving because of her deceased father. In March 2003, authorities canvassed the former Houles home with cadaver dogs, all of which focused on one spot in the backyard. After digging, police found the decaying sneaker of a young girl, but no body. A month later, Detective Joe Bertaina interviewed Charlotte and William after locating them in Kansas. William recalled the altercation with Mary and admitted to striking her. He claimed he could not have killed her, but admitted to feeling "possessed" at the time and that the "demon" inside him could have. Detective Bertaina and Police Chief Steve Cercone took this as a confession, but the district attorney was not ready to bring charges. In November of that year, a routine traffic stop in Phoenix, Arizona, turned up a woman claiming to be Mary Day. Authorities performed a DNA test on "Phoenix Mary" and confirmed she was Charlotte Houle's daughter. The police closed the case and Sherrie invited Mary to move in with her, but she soon began to question if this woman was her sister. Sherrie noticed Mary often went by the name "Monica Devereaux" and had a peculiar accent. Mary also sent an email to Detective Bertaina saying she had been lying about who she was. Despite this, the case remained closed. However, in 2008 Chief Cercone was informed that an unrelated investigation at Fort Ord had resulted in cadaver dogs focusing on a second home the Houles had lived in. Once again, police were unable to find a body. Chief Cercone hired private investigator Mark Clark to look into the case. Clark's theory was that the Houles murdered Mary in 1981 and that "Phoenix Mary" was a previously unknown daughter of Charlotte's that they enticed to impersonate Mary with the promise of money. In 2017, acting Police Chief Judy Veloz had further testing conducted that showed "Phoenix Mary's" DNA matched Charlotte as well as the birth father. She further concluded that gaps in Mary's memory were due to a traumatic life and alcoholism. Her report closed the investigation. **On-screen text graphic:** Mary Day died nine days after Judy Veloz interviewed her. There was no funeral. Interviewed: Detective Joe Bertaina, police officer; Steve Cercone, former police chief; Sherrie Calgaro, Mary's sister; Kathy Pires, Mary's sister; Mark Clark, private investigator; Judy Veloz, acting police chief; Shaun Moore, CEO, Trueface. (C: Maureen Maher – P: Chuck Stevenson) (OAD: 05/02/20; Rebroadcast: 01/09/21)

12/30/23

48 HOURS: "The Search for Christie Wilson" (9:00 - 10:00p) - an update on the case of Christie Wilson, a 27-year-old from Sacramento, CA, who disappeared in October 2005. She was last seen at the Thunder Valley Casino in the company of Mario Garcia, a 53-year-old married father of two. A lengthy investigation revealed that Mario had a prior criminal record including charges of rape and assault with a deadly weapon and spousal abuse. That information, as well as DNA evidence linking him to Christie, resulted in his arrest. His trial lasted two months and the jury deliberated for just three days. Despite the absence of a murder weapon and physical evidence to prove that Christie Wilson was dead, Mario Garcia was sentenced in January 2007 to a term of 25 years to life. Based on a serious prior conviction and other charges, his sentence was raised to 59 years. The search for Christie's remains continued as he filed appeals from prison. In 2017, after Mario saw a television interview with Christie's mother Debbie Boyd, he reached out and attempted to use the location of Christie's remains as a bargaining

chip. Instead, investigators re-interviewed Mario's family regarding the days before his arrest and learned about extensive landscaping he did on his property at the time. In August 2020, ground penetrating radar revealed pockets around the property. Excavating these pockets turned up human remains, which were confirmed to be Christie Wilson. Debbie and Christie's father Dennis had Christie's remains cremated. In October 2020, to mark the anniversary of her death, Debbie visited the pier in Capitola where the family placed a plaque many years ago. **On-screen text graphic:** Mario Garcia died of pneumonia on December 24, 2020. He died without ever admitting guilt. Interviewed: Tiffney Devries, Christie's friend; Debbie Boyd, Christie's mother; Danny Burlando, Christie's boyfriend; Don Murchison, Placer County district attorney's office investigator; Mario Garcia, Christie's killer (interviewed 2006); George Malim, Investigations Commander (interviewed 2005); Stacie Wilson, Christie's sister (interviewed 2005); Wendy Ward, Mario's ex-girlfriend (interviewed 2006); Jean Garcia, Mario's then-wife (interviewed 2006); Tom Davis, Wendy's friend, brother of Mario's girlfriend (interviewed 2006); Jon Cave, retired Oakland, CA police investigator (interviewed 2006); Garen Horst, Placer County deputy district attorney (interviewed 2005); Robert Royer, emergency room doctor, witness (interviewed 2006); Pat Boyd, Debbie's husband and Christie's stepfather; Nuno Tavares, Placer County district attorney's office investigator; Morgan Gire, Placer County District Attorney; Cindy Arrington, archaeologist. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Highest Stakes", OAD: 03/04/06; and 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Biggest Gamble", OAD: 02/17/07 – a follow-up report, rebroadcast: 12/22/07 – included an update.) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Paul LaRosa, Dena Goldstein) (OAD: 01/30/21)

12/30/23

48 HOURS: "Lori Vallow Daybell: Guilty" (10:00 – 11:00p) - an update on the case against Lori Vallow Daybell, who was found guilty on Friday, May 12th, 2023, by a Boise, ID jury for murdering her two children, JJ Vallow and Tylee Ryan, and conspiring in the murder of her husband's ex-wife, Tammy Daybell. Lori's husband, Chad Daybell, a former gravedigger-turned-doomsday novelist and podcaster, will be tried later. Chad and Lori were charged in May 2021 with murdering her children, 7-year-old JJ Vallow and 16-year-old Tylee Ryan, who disappeared in September 2019, shortly after the family moved to Idaho, from Arizona. Tylee was last seen in Yellowstone National Park with her family on September 8th, 2019; JJ vanished on September 23rd, 2019. In June 2020, their bodies were found in shallow graves on Chad Daybell's property, just outside of Rexburg, ID. The Daybells pleaded not guilty to the murder charges. During the trial, prosecutors argued that Lori's true motive was money; the defense claimed she did not commit the murders and suggested that Chad manipulated Lori. After 60 witnesses and four weeks of testimony, the prosecution rested its case; the defense declined to call any witnesses. The jury deliberated for seven hours over the course of two days; Lori appeared emotionless as the guilty verdicts were read. She will be sentenced at a later date. Original on-screen text graphic: Chad Daybell may stand trial as early as June 2024. He has pled not guilty. Lori Vallow Daybell may also face trial in Arizona in connection with the death of her former husband, Charles Vallow. **On-screen text graphic for the 12/30/23 rebroadcast:** Lori Vallow Daybell was extradited to Arizona where she faces two murder conspiracy charges. She pleaded not guilty. Chad Daybell's trial for the murders of JJ Vallow, Tylee Ryan and Tammy Daybell is scheduled to begin in April 2024.

Interviewed: Morgan Loew, investigative reporter, CBS News consultant. Interview excerpts from prior broadcasts: April Raymond, Lori's former friend; Summer Shiflet, Lori's sister; Vaisia Itaaehau, Tylee's best friend; and Garth Daybell, Chad and Tammy Daybell's son. Also includes audio excerpts / testimony from the proceedings – featured: Lindsey Blake, prosecutor; Jim Archibald, Lori's defense attorney; Melanie Gibb, Lori's friend; Zulema Pastenes, Lori's friend, who later married Alex Cox, Lori's brother; Rachel Smith, prosecutor; Doug Hart, FBI agent; Nathan Duncan, detective; Nicole Heideman, FBI specialist; Alice Gilbert, Chad's neighbor; Ray Hermsillo, detective; Garth Warren, forensic pathologist; Summer Shiflet, Lori's sister; Spencer Rammell, prosecutor; Audrey Barattiero, Lori's former friend; Tawnya Rawlings, prosecutor; Colby Ryan, Lori's son; and Rob Wood, prosecutor. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell", OAD: 05/16/20; 48 HOURS: "The Final Days of JJ and Tylee", OAD: 10/03/20, 1st Rebroadcast: 05/29/21 – a follow-up to "The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell"; and 48 HOURS: "The Secrets of Chad Daybell's Backyard", OAD: 09/01/21; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/23/22) (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Liza Finley, Stephanie Slifer) (OAD: 05/13/23)