

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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

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

LOCAL ISSUES ADDRESSED DURING THE QUARTER

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

Local Issue/Concern and Brief Description

Commanders Stadium

The Washington Commanders have a new GM, a new coach, and many fans hope a new stadium is next. Owner Josh Harris has made few public comments about his stadium plans as he studies where it will be built. WUSA 9 is speaking exclusively with leaders in Harris' sports company about the owner's approach to the stadium project. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack traveled to Philadelphia - where Harris and his team are hard at work on plans for a billion-dollar downtown arena - to find out what it could mean here.

Monumental Sports

Three part story about moving the Caps and Wizards to Alexandria. Ted Leonsis talks with WUSA 9's Eric Flack about everything from traffic concerns surrounding the possible new site, to whether the billionaire ever really considered staying in the District. Part two examines the debate over the new sports arena in Alexandria - which is facing a new challenge in the Virginia General Assembly. Part three covers new questions from DC's Mayor about whether owner Ted Leonsis has the legal right to get out of his lease with the city at Capital One.

Black History Month

Equality matters and WUSA 9 is committed to empowering and amplifying diverse voices. WUSA 9 celebrates Black History Month by not only recognizing and celebrating the achievements of Black Americans who've made their mark on history, but also highlighting individuals and groups who are making an impact today and for the future. Stories and interviews include Virginia State Delegate Don Scott, Darryl Hill, Daughters of Deanwood, the Sankofa Mobile Museum and a four part series on the Scotland community in Potomac, Maryland. In addition to the segments we produced, WUSA 9 also highlighted the contributions of Black Americans in a daily fast fact that aired mornings at 6:30am.

Safety

WUSA 9's Special Assignment Unit reports on safety issues affecting our local community. Stories include artificial intelligence and the Arlington 911 System, gas explosions and the Sterling Propane Company.

Environment Matters

In 2024, WUSA 9's commitment to covering the environment continues. Some of the topics featured this quarter include recycling Christmas trees and using less salt for ice removal. To how climate change is affecting DC's cherry blossoms and seasonal allergies. We also highlighted Eco-friendly innovations being created in our area such as making batteries out of crab shells and using coffee grounds to clean water. WUSA 9 also featured youngsters making an impact on our environment showcasing students who are raising trout in their classroom and more.

January 6th Insurrection

As the third anniversary of the insurrection on the U.S. Capitol approached, WUSA 9 Investigative Reporter Eric Flack, spoke with former U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell. To this day, he continues to hold those responsible accountable. In a separate story, WUSA 9 sat down with Marcus Childress. He was part of a team of lawyers that was brought together to investigate how the "big lie" and rioters intended to stop the transfer of power on January 6, 2021.

Transportation	WUSA 9's Special Assignment Unit continues to investigate the I-66 tolls. Drivers claim they are still wrongly charged by the EZ Pass Flex system in Northern Virginia. But officials with the Virginia Department of Transportation say problems with the private company - that operates the EZ Pass Flex system on this stretch of interstate - are improving.
Youth Crime	We take a rare look into the struggles of a mother whose son has repeatedly been in and out of the DC juvenile justice system. She tells us, her family is caught up in a catch and release cycle that isn't helping her son get any better. In part two of this emotional story, WUSA 9 finds out that her troubled teen may finally get the help she says he needs - from this same system.
Consumer	WUSA 9 is staying on top of a major investigation that we broke last year. Richard Craig Tadlock, was arrested hours after our team reported on allegations the home contractor took money from nearly a dozen homeowners and didn't finish the work he was hired to complete. Tadlock appeared before a judge in Fairfax County today and our team was in the courtroom.
Crime	In 2023, DC saw its deadliest year since 1997. A total of 274 lives lost. The DC homicide stats are a sobering reminder of the reality of crime in our city. WUSA 9's Simone De Alba took a closer look at the lives gone and plans moving forward to curb the violence.
Government	Union Wesley Methodist Church Cemetery update. More than a year ago, WUSA 9 first uncovered the story of how the Montgomery County government allowed the final resting place for former enslaved people and freed people to become a grown over mess in Potomac. As a result of our reporting, Montgomery County promised change. However, the descendants of those buried there say they are tired of waiting for it to come.
VERIFY	WUSA 9's VERIFY team answered questions from the community with vetted experts, original documents and fact-checking to get to the truth.
Women's History Month	Equality matters and WUSA 9 is committed to empowering and amplifying diverse voices. WUSA 9 celebrates Women's History Month by not only recognizing and celebrating the achievements of amazing women then and now who are breaking barriers and inspiring others. In addition to the stories we produced, WUSA 9 aired a daily Women's History Fast Fact at 6:30am.
New Year, New You	At the beginning of a new year, many people have goals and aspirations to better themselves. In January of 2024, Great Day Washington wanted to help our viewers reach their goals by featuring a variety of self-help, fitness, and wellness focused interviews.

Local Issue

Commanders Stadium

Josh Harris Arena in Philadelphia – Part One

February 11, 2024 (11pm/4:02 length)

February 12, 2024 (5:30pm re-air/4:02 length)

The Washington Commanders have a new general manager, a new coach, and many fans hope a new stadium is next. Owner Josh Harris has made few public comments about his stadium plans as he studies where it will be built. But tonight, only WUSA 9 is speaking exclusively with leaders in Harris' sports entertainment company about the billionaire's approach to the stadium project. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack traveled to Philadelphia - where Harris and his team are hard at work on plans for a billion-dollar downtown arena - to find out what it could mean here.

In Center City Philadelphia, some of those who know Josh Harris best say he has a \$1.3-billion plan to revitalize this once thriving business district: a sleek, state of the art new basketball arena for one of his other teams. The Philadelphia 76ers.

WUSA 9's Eric Flack walked the site of the Sixers proposed downtown arena-past many of those boarded up businesses, with Harris Blitzer Sports and Entertainment Chief Diversity and Impact Officer David Gould, and Chief Executive Officer Tad Brown.

A website dedicated to the new arena, dubbed 76 Place, estimates the project will bring more than 12,000 jobs and inject \$2.3 billion into downtown Philadelphia and generate \$1.5 billion in new tax revenue.

We sat down with Harris' CEO inside the 76ers training facility. Brown told us his boss's model for a basketball arena, or a football stadium, is creating an economic driver for the franchise, while driving the local economy too.

In Philadelphia that means a \$50-million community benefits agreement to lessen negative impacts from the new arena. Adding affordable housing to the proposal. And helping to start a program called Everybody Builds. Training minorities to work on large scale development projects like 76 Place.

Commanders' fans should not look at what Josh Harris is proposing in Philadelphia and think we are going to get a carbon copy of that. After all, one is a basketball arena, and the other is a football stadium. And Harris hasn't said anything about where the Commanders new stadium is going to go.

So, we don't know how the Commanders stadium deal will compare to the one Philly got, which includes no cost to city taxpayers. And could all this building in Philly affect how soon we get a stadium for our Commanders? Brown says no. Although it remains unclear just what that timeline would be. And despite years of stadium planning by former owner Dan Snyder, the Commanders stadium will be the vision of Josh Harris and his partners alone.

Harris' arena plan in Philadelphia has yet to get city approval. In fact, some in that community are trying to stop it all together.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

David Gould: Chief Diversity and Impact Officer, Harris Bitzer Sports and Entertainment

Tad Brown: CEO, Harris Bitzer Sports and Entertainment

Josh Harris Arena in Philadelphia – Part Two
February 20, 2024 (11pm/4:28 length)
February 21, 2024 (5:30pm re-air/4:28 length)

The Washington Commanders are starting fresh under owner Josh Harris. And now, Harris is turning his attention to a new stadium for the team and fans. WUSA 9 traveled to Philadelphia - where Harris is pushing a plan to build a new downtown arena for his basketball team, the 76ers.

As Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack found out, opposition to Harris's arena there may prepare him for what he could face here.

In Philadelphia's Market Street District, Josh Harris has a \$1.3-billion vision to revitalize the once thriving area. We walked the proposed site of the proposed arena and retail center with Tad Brown--CEO of Harris's company, Harris Blitzler Sports and Entertainment, and David Gould, Chief Diversity Officer. Gould estimates 70 to 80% of storefronts in the area now sit vacant.

"Our hope is we put the arena here we drive more foot traffic and investment and really help bring this corridor back to life and be an economic driver for the city," Gould told WUSA 9's Eric Flack.

While Josh Harris may be all in on a new downtown arena here in Philadelphia, Philly is not all in on Josh Harris's plan.

We heard the loudest complaints in Chinatown, which borders where Harris wants to build.

Bubblefish Sushi Owner Xu Min says traffic concerns and potential competition from new bars and restaurants are part of a perfect doomsday recipe.

"If the arena is built, my restaurant will not survive. Chinatown will disappear. So, I will fight to the last minute," says Min.

It's opposition like this to 76th Place that could be a preview of what Harris might face when he tries to build a new football stadium for the Washington Commanders.

DC community groups are already organizing to fight the team's potential return to the RFK site, even though Harris hasn't made a final call on where he wants the new stadium to go.

Meanwhile, back in Philadelphia, Councilmember Mark Squilla said projects like stadiums and arenas will always drive emotions on both sides.

"A person with obviously a lot of resources, you know, they like to think that they're coming into the city presenting the best possible vision for that city. But honestly, when they're doing that they also want the best possible vision for themselves."

Harris has pledged 76 Place will come at no cost to Philly taxpayers, estimating the arena will bring 12,200 jobs and inject \$2.3 billion of economic impact into downtown. He's committed to a \$50-million community benefits agreement to lessen potential negative impacts. Added affordable housing and is starting a program to train minorities to work on large scale development projects like 76 Place. Gaining the support of unions, and the black community.

But despite all that, Squilla told us city approval is far from a slam dunk. And as opponents continue to fight the arena project in Philly, Josh Harris' CEO told us the Commanders' owner is more focused on doing what's right as opposed to what's popular.

Josh Harris's team told us that project in Philadelphia will not impact the timeline for a new Commanders stadium, although it remains unclear what that timeline will be. Harris told us he hopes to have more to say about a new Commanders' stadium here in the coming months.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

David Gould: Chief Diversity and Impact Officer, Harris Bitzer Sports and Entertainment

Tad Brown: CEO, Harris Bitzer Sports and Entertainment

Mark Squilla: D-Philadelphia Councilmember

Regina Hairston: Philadelphia African American Chamber of Commerce

Local Issue

Monumental Sports

Moving Capitals and Wizards to Alexandria – Part One

February 7, 2024 (6pm/2:40 length)

February 7, 2024 (11pm/3:02 length)

For the first time, Ted Leonsis is talking with reporters about his plan to move the Capitals and Wizards from DC to Alexandria. He spoke with WUSA 9's Eric Flack. They talked about everything from traffic concerns surround the possible new site, to whether the billionaire ever really considered staying in the District.

In his interview with Flack, Leonsis said he was hurt, even surprised, by the outrage to move his teams from Capital One Arena to a new home in Alexandria. He said it was what his company, Monumental Sports and Entertainment, and the fans, need.

"So it really was an issue of the potential of having this blank slate if you will, and starting from scratch and imagining how can we build an iconic next generation, kind of old digital interactive campus. And that's what I was most focused on. What will sports be looking like what will the fan experience be looking like years from now," said Leonsis.

The potential 20,000 seat arena would sit on 12 acres in Potomac Yard. Paid for with a \$2.8-billion loan from Virginia and \$400-million from Monumental. Alexandria would kick in \$100-million.

Tax revenue from the arena would repay the loan over 40 years. But opposition is mounting. Largely over traffic concerns.

Leonsis telling WUSA 9, "Yes, and they have every right to be but there's traffic today. We want to be a solution to the traffic. You have to take a look and keep hearing about the Metro stop."

When asked if there was any chance the Caps and Wizards would remain at Capital One, Leonsis told WUSA 9, "The die is cast." But admitted he still needed the approval of the Virginia legislature.

Governor Glenn Youngkin estimates the project would create 30,000 jobs and \$12-billion of economic benefits to the state.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ted Leonsis: Owner, Washington Capitals and Washington Wizards

Gov. Glenn Youngkin: (R) Virginia

Moving Capitals and Wizards to Alexandria – Part Two

February 12, 2024 (6pm/2:35 length)

February 12, 2024 (11pm re-air/2:35 length)

The debate over a new sports arena in Alexandria is facing a new challenge in the Virginia General Assembly. Lawmakers have to first pass a bill for Monumental Sports to move the Washington Capitals and Wizards to Potomac Yard. But today some senators made it clear, they're not interested in moving forward. WUSA 9's Matthew Torres talked with lawmakers about why they chose not to even discuss the bill that would make way for a new Washington Capitals and Wizards arena in Alexandria.

"I will not allow a billionaire to build his company's wealth on a taxpayer's dime," said Virginia State Senator Louise Lucas. Lucas is also the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. If she does not allow the bill to be heard, it is effectively dead.

The proposed bill creates a Sports Authority that would issue more than \$1-billion in bonds to build a massive sports and entertainment district near the Potomac Yard Metro station.

Ted Leonsis' Monumental Sports would have to repay the loan from the revenue it generates.

Senators say Governor Glenn Youngkin, who argued the project would bring billions of dollars in economic benefits and 30 thousand jobs, made several bad moves. For one they say he pushed it too quickly without proper analysis.

State Senator Scott Surovell, who represents Fairfax County, blames Youngkin for failing to even consider what Democrats want passed.

"He's not really expressed an openness to discussing it and the speech he gave this weekend was highly partisan and it gave a lot of us a lot of concern whether he's truly serious about working with us or not."

Surovell was referencing a speech when Governor Youngkin accused Democrats of "abandoning American values."

In a statement to WUSA 9, Governor Youngkin's spokesperson said, "The Governor is confident at the end of the day that the General Assembly will come together because the project is good for the entire Commonwealth."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

State Sen. Louise Lucas, D-Portsmouth

State Sen. Scott Surovell, D-Fairfax County

Gov. Glenn Youngkin: D-Virginia

Shannon Curtis: Alexandria Resident

**Moving Caps and Wizards to Alexandria – Part Three
February 12, 2024 (6pm and 11pm re-air/3:05 length)**

Monumental Sports and Entertainment Executives reacted almost immediately to today's news out of Richmond. They also had to answer new questions from DC's Mayor about whether owner Ted Leonsis has the legal right to get out of his lease with the city at Capital One. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack reports, at least outwardly, they are saying they remain confident this move will go through. Telling Flack, opposition in Richmond and a potential legal challenge from Mayor Muriel Bowser won't stop them.

At a hastily called news conference, inside Capital One arena, Monumental Sports and Entertainment President of External Affairs Monica Dixon said Washington Capitals and Wizards owner Ted Leonis's potential arena deal at Alexandria's Potomac Yard is not dead, despite the Senate Finance's Committee's decision not to consider the bill to fund it.

Dixon said the proposal has strong support in the Virginia House of Delegates, where it sailed through its first hearing, and she believes Monumental can still negotiate a deal with opponents in the Senate.

But just two hours before Monumental met with the media, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser was in front of cameras saying if Leonsis attempted to use a provision in his Capital One lease to get out of his lease with the city in 2027, 20 years early, the city would fight him in court.

The provision Leonsis plans to use, is part of a 2007 amendment to the Capital One lease, says the Capitals and Wizards can leave the arena in 2027 if Leonsis pays off the bond early. The Mayor didn't provide specifics, but she said she did not plan to allow that to happen.

Monumental responded to the Mayor's threat saying they never would have moved forward with the proposed move to Northern Virginia if they weren't confident they could legally exit the agreement early.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Monica Dixon: President of External Affairs, Monumental Sports and Entertainment

Mayor Muriel Bowser: D-District of Columbia

Local Issue

Black History Month

Darryl Hill

February 12, 2024 (9am/2:39 length)

Reporter: Wisdom Martin

DMV icon Darryl Hill smashed racial barriers not once, but three different times.

Growing up in the 1960s, Darryl Hill just wanted to play football. He never thought about breaking the color barrier in high school, but he did. He would go on to change football across the region. Hill became the first Black player at Gonzaga High School, the Naval Academy, and the University of Maryland. He was also the first Black football player in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

WUSA 9 spoke with Darryl Hill about his journey and his experiences along the way.

"I had gone to Gonzaga. I was the first and only Black player on the team at that time," Hill said of his high school playing days.

He broke the color barrier again at the Naval Academy. In fact, he was the first African-American to play football for any military academy. He played with Dallas Cowboys legendary quarterback Roger Staubach.

"I was a receiver, Roger was the passer. We're still good friends to this day, even though he went to Dallas," Hill said with a laugh.

Hill left Navy after one season, but in 1963 — for the third time — Hill once again was the first. Maryland Terrapins assistant coach Lee Corso recruited him to play wide receiver.

"Corso showed up and he says 'Look, I want you to come to College Park and visit campus.' I said 'Why, Coach? You forget which conference you were playing in?' He says that's just the point. The Board of Trustees for Maryland has decided that this segregated approach the ACC has is not tenable."

Hill suited up and became the first Black player not just for the Terps, but the Atlantic Coast Conference and in the entire southern region. While he said Maryland welcomed him, the southern schools in the ACC did not.

"Frank Howard, who was the football coach for Clemson at the time, he said if he comes down here, he won't come out of here alive. He said that on national television," Hill said.

He said some fans verbally abused him and threatened him constantly.

Hill never quit. In spite of what happened off the field, Hill excelled on it. He set receiving records for the team that stood for decades.

He also helped change the game. By his senior season, Maryland had recruited more Black athletes. Including basketball player Billy Jones.

As he stands on Maryland's campus in front of the Jones-Hill House that bears his name, he realizes now that what he endured during the '60s was worth it.

"I'd do it again in a heartbeat," Hill said. "Definitely. Somebody had to do it."

Sankofa Mobile Museum

February 12, 2024 (6am/1:28 length)

Reporter: Randi Ayala

Students in Prince George's County are learning in a brand new way during Black History Month. The Sankofa Mobile Museum is visiting schools across the county, giving students an up close and personal history lesson on wheels. Everyone included in the mobile museum is specifically part of the county's history, but typically names you wouldn't find in history books. The curriculum is made up of the following three parts: an open-ended discussion, virtual reality, and augmented reality. It is completely free. WUSA 9 spoke with 5th graders at Glenarden Woods Elementary School and Principal Brian Baudoin.

Virginia State Delegate Don Scott

February 20, 2024 (5pm/3:17 length)

In early 2024, Virginia Democrat Don Scott made history. He was unanimously elected by his party as the first Black Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates.

"It's amazing; I'm grateful," said Scott. "I realize that if I look across the river here, a few miles away from where we sit, probably less than a mile there's a place called Lumpkins Jail. It's the place where slaves were taken to before they were literally sold down the river here in Richmond."

Richmond, once serving as the Capitol of the Confederacy, is a place with deep ties to slavery.

"I see the ghosts in the building when I go to that Capitol," said Scott.

Scott says the significance of his appointment isn't lost on him. When he thinks of the people that came before him, and the slaves who helped build the very Capitol he now works in, he reflected - sharing what he would say with those people today.

"Thank you. Thank you for being able to endure. Thank you for being able to deal with the indignities; thank you for being in a room where people literally pretended that you were not a human."

Scott's journey to the height of state politics is storied, unpredictable, and unconventional.

Scott served as an officer in the Navy, went to law school, and spent time in federal prison for a drug conspiracy case.

"I was in my third year of law school, and I went to go pick up some money, drug money. I had never been in trouble in my life. I ended up getting a 10-year sentence," said Scott.

"Do you think the punishment fit the crime?" asked WUSA 9's Simone De Alba?

"I believe in accountability. I believe there should have been a punishment, but I believe it was excessive. I'd never been in trouble before - I had served my country," he said.

Despite serving nearly eight years in federal prison, Scott was able to turn his life around. He finished his law degree and started his own practice, before getting into politics.

“You have to out work everybody because I constantly know that I have to prove myself,” said Scott. “I have to be three times as good.”

With the legislative session halfway through, abortion, taxes, minimum wage, and gun control remain some of the top priorities for lawmakers.

“Virginia is the last southern state in the United States of America not to have prohibitive reproductive health care and abortion laws. This is the last safe place in the south,” said Scott.

And when it comes to the proposed Monumental Arena in Alexandria, Scott says there’s still a lot of negotiating on the table.

“We are in the weeds and we’re taking a look at it. I’m a trial lawyer, I love to negotiate, that’s what we’re doing, keeping the conversation open for further negotiations.”

With the legislative session ending on March 9, Scott says there’s plenty of work to be done still.

As he reflects on his appointment to the speakership, he says the job was earned.

“People will say to me, ‘Oh my god, you’re doing such a good job,’” said Scott.

“I was like, what the hell were you expecting? I was prepared for this; this is not an accident – I prepared for this.”

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Delegate Don Scott: D-Speaker of the House

Scotland Community - Part One February 26, 2024 (5pm/7:45 length)

The Scotland Community, located in Potomac, Maryland, dates to the Reconstruction Era when newly freed Black slaves were first allowed to buy property.

William Dove – a newly freed slave - was the first to settle this area in Montgomery County when he bought 36 acres for two hundred ten dollars at a public auction.

Over the next few years, more freed slaves bought land in what was known as Snakes Den until the community adopted the name “Scotland” in the 1920’s.

Back in the 1950’s, Roosevelt Twyman married into the Scotland Community. At 94, he’s their oldest living resident.

“Life was hard before these houses were built. We had to carry water from the spring do washing and do dishes and all that, we didn’t have electric, we used to have to light a kerosene lamp every night for light,” Twyman told WUSA 9’s Lesli Foster.

Most houses in this community of working, taxpaying citizens had no running water and had to cross Seven Locks Road to get it from a spring.

Families in Scotland also didn’t have sewer systems so she used outhouses.

They had no garbage service and no paved roads.

Former Temple University and NFL running back Paul “Boo Boo” Palmer was raised in Scotland.

“It’s the only home I knew. I remember going when I was leaving to go to college, and my grandmother, I felt like she wasn’t going to miss me, she didn’t she didn’t say anything, she didn’t cry. I was about to leave, you know, my great grandma came out on the porch. And I jumped out the car ran up there, I gave her a big hug. And I just remember her telling me she loved me. She told me she was proud of me.”

Bernard Scott, who married into Scotland, says the community welcomed and adopted him as one of their own. “These people were just incredible, and the resiliency that they had in order to just make it from day to day and the way that they had to live was, was awesome. You know, their surroundings were deteriorating but here were full of love.”

Back then, Scotland was compromised of more than 500 acres of land but developers and urban sprawl was coming for this community from all sides and some Scotland families sold their land.

Bernard Scott says many people believe that the land that belonged to Scotland descendants was stolen from them. He says he watched it happen.

“The developers understood that they were dealing with people who most of them did not graduate from high school. Most of them could not read nor write,” said Scott. “In fact, it was against the law for us to know how to read or write. So, it became legal with a witness that if someone witnessed you put an X, that that became a legal document.

But who was the witness? Was the witness somebody who was there on their behalf? Or on the other folks, behalf?”

Today, Scotland has been whittled down to just 10 acres. And out of that, only 5 acres is owned by Scotland families. “You know, I, I always kind of looked back at, you know, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rosewood, Florida, and Scotland, and I put them all in the same bag. There was nobody murdered, here in Scotland, but there certainly was a lot of heartbroken and a lot of lives upset,” said Scott.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

LaTisha Gasaway Paul: Scotland Resident

Roosevelt Twyman: Scotland Resident

Paul “Boo Boo” Palmer: Scotland Resident

Bernard Scott: Scotland Resident

Scotland Community – Part Two

February 27, 2024 (5pm/6:43 length)

The plight of Scotland families was largely unknown to most who didn’t live in Montgomery County until the late 1960’s. Racism, gentrification and greed became powerful forces of erasure at a time when this African American community was at a crossroads; but, a young Jewish mother learned about the living conditions in the Potomac enclave — and soon an interracial and interfaith effort called “Save Our Scotland” was born.

What Joyce Siegel saw back in 1965 was something she could not believe. “They had a water pump that wasn’t working and an outhouse. And they were prohibited from digging more wells. They were prohibited from building more outhouses. I just thought I’m living like a queen, you know, and my daughter’s classmates are living without public services,” Siegel told WUSA 9’s Lesli Foster.

Fifth generation Scotland descendant LaTisha Gasaway-Paul describes the conditions. “My ancestors lived in shacks. They didn’t have windows, no electricity, no sewer system. And the county built everywhere around Scotland to force them off that land.”

The community of Scotland had wondered the same thing for years. Joyce Siegel wanted to learn more.

She visited Scotland and approached the matriarch and prominent community leader, Geneva Mason, and said she’d like to help.

Conditions were so dire. They had to work fast. The county was on the verge of condemning the whole community. Families there needed housing; but there was a catch.

“You can’t get housing until you have pipes and water. And you can’t get pipes and water unless you have clear title. And there was no clear title because it’s called Heir Property,” explained Joyce Siegel. “It gets passed down from one generation to another and it ends with like 100 people might own a 10th of an acre. And you need to get all their signatures.”

Geneva Mason and Joyce Siegel called a community meeting to get support. Scotland residents came. Interfaith ministers and other leaders came too. They formed a non-profit called the Scotland Development Corporation. And LaTisha’s grandfather - Melvin Crawford - would become its President. He had to convince the community in Scotland that they could do it. Because they had all but given up hope.

They met monthly at Scotland AME Zion Church and “Save Our Scotland” took form. Hosted rummage sales, talent shows and more to raise money.

“Save Our Scotland” started in 1965. The group would lobby local and federal lawmakers to awaken them to the plight of the community and their quest for housing. It caught attention of America’s first Black cabinet member, HUD Secretary Robert Weaver. He was there, as Scotland residents struck a deal that would allocate 36 acres of their land to create a townhome community with a mix of low interest mortgages or federally subsidized rent.

On Groundbreaking Day - April 21, 1968 - Joyce Siegel took her kids out of school to witness it. Melvin Crawford - helped tear down old houses to make room for 75 homes to rent, and 25 - still owned today by Scotland descendants.

Roosevelt Twyman remembers the day they finally moved into new homes, vividly. “It was just like Christmas seeing those houses going up.”

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Joyce Siegel: Save Our Scotland

LaTisha Gasaway-Paul: Scotland Resident

Roosevelt Twyman: Scotland Resident

Robert Weaver: Former HUD Secretary

Scotland Community – Part Three **February 28, 2024 (5pm/5:52 length)**

If you've driven along Seven Locks Road in Potomac, you cannot miss it. For a century now - Scotland AME Zion - has been the church on the side of the road with a rich, but little-known history.

When slavery ended in 1864, Scotland families began to worship in a house. In the 1920's during Jim Crow, they built their first church building. In the 1960's when they were threatened with condemnation, they built their first extension.

A catastrophic flood threatened to knock this resilient center of faith off the map. But not even that harsh blow could wash away the heartbeat of the storied community of Scotland.

July 7, 2019: the flood of all floods hit during the morning rush. The DC area was swollen by a month's worth of rain that fell in just one hour. Scotland AME Zion Church in Potomac was caught in the currents.

The church was built by the hands of newly freed African Americans back in 1924. But on that humid July day, the impact of a hydrodynamic load tore through its very foundation.

Scotland founding families would acquire the land around this church and beyond - reaching over 500 acres between Potomac, Bethesda and Rockville.

It was valuable land. Montgomery County knew it. And, so did developers, says the Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins. "The members were really not in a position to battle with the county or the government. And so, they had no idea that the ultimate result would be their church's flooding. And so, they gave up the property here, under the guise that we're going to give you a road to extend your property and build a new road. It didn't benefit the church in the way that the members thought."

"It hurts because we didn't matter. There was no concern for what would happen when they made the changes," said Scotland resident, Yvonne Arrington Heard.

The original church built in 1924 and its 1963 extension are still standing off Seven Locks Road. The building sits below the road. One of the last early structures created by this community.

Glenstone Museum founder and one of the Washington Commanders new owners - Mitch Rales - wanted to know the story behind the flooded church.

"It was important for him to hear our story, and how we had been treated as a church and as a community," says Rev. Huggins. "It became part of a story, I lived here and I didn't know that. And so, I have an obligation to do my part to make sure that that doesn't happen again."

Three years after the floods that nearly wiped away this symbol of hope - and with support from members of Scotland AME Zion, Rales and other leaders broke ground on an effort called the 2nd Century Project. They need to raise \$10-million dollars to flood proof the landscape, restore the church and build a new community center space.

The work on this construction site is expected to be completed later this year. As the work continues - Scotland families look forward to the day they can finally return to the place that makes them whole.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

LaTisha Gasaway-Paul: Scotland Resident

Roosevelt Twyman: Scotland Resident

Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins: Pastor, Scotland AME Zion

Yvonne Arrington Heard: Scotland Resident

Bernard Scott: Scotland Resident

Scotland Community – Part Four

February 29, 2024 (5pm/4:25 length)

For the past 3 days, we've been sharing the story of the Scotland community and the efforts to bring this historic Potomac enclave back from the brink of extinction.

Descendants of newly freed African Americans, once owned hundreds of acres of land. We wondered what restorative justice might look like, when generations of families were robbed of their land and resources that would have changed their lives forever.

Scotland families owned over 500 acres of land in the heart of Montgomery County's Potomac River Valley starting in 1880. But it was valuable. The county wanted it. Investors wanted it. And families here - many who could not read or write - were swindled into giving up their land or selling it for pennies on the dollar.

Over generations, powerful forces started to gobble up their once vast resources. Now that 500 plus acres, is down to just 10 acres. And, of that - Scotland families own just 3 acres. The reality of that today is this: some of the very places where many people shop, live, play and worship are stepping on the Scotland community.

Land that would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars or more. That is what happened here to the families of newly freed African Americans in this county.

"Anybody that had a dollar would try to buy our houses," says Roosevelt Twyman, Scotland's oldest living resident.

And when they couldn't do that - an effort to save Scotland morphed into a first of its kind housing experiment where new townhomes would be built with federal aid. 75 available for rent. And 25 left for ownership.

It was heralded at the time as a model for the nation.

But there was a catch, says Bernard Scott, a Scotland resident. "When a family was bought out, and they were allowed to purchase one of the 25 homes, the money that they received was only really enough to purchase the home."

Which meant, there was nothing left to maintain the homes. And, eventually, the promise of what Scotland could have become - was unfulfilled.

The church is the one constant. But how do you reconcile the past - with the future of Scotland? With so much of their land removed, the very existence of this enclave is threatened. And what might restorative justice look like, in the face of generations of injustice to the people in this historic community.

Scotland AME Zion Pastor Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins has some thoughts. "If there's any community, not just Scotland, but any community in Montgomery County that is living below the poverty level, let's make sure they have housing, let's make sure they have job opportunities, let's make sure their schools are parallel with some of the other schools in the county so that all our residents are getting the best services that the county has to give. Restorative justice says loudly, we can't build roads, down the middle of certain communities because they're Black or they're poor, or the underserved. We can't do those things. We've got to look at the big picture so that no one suffers based on development, based on financiers that come in."

It's about ensuring that communities that don't have resources to fight for themselves - have someone in a powerful position advocating for them.

Today, modern matriarch and 4th generation Latisha Gasaway Paul is now carrying the torch of Scotland - taking the baton toward its future. "So long as I have my God who's never failed me, from my generation, which is the 5th generation, so my children's generation, which is the 6th generation, we're going to stand, and we're going to do and we're going to fight for Scotland, because Scotland fought for us."

The center of the fight for Scotland - has always been the church. And the 2nd Century Project - in honor of the upcoming second century of the church is similar to Save Our Scotland effort back in the 1960's. That combined with a Juneteenth Celebration - which occurs around Juneteenth are both helping to raise the funds for the church. It will flood proof the landscape, restore it for use as a community center and then build a new worship space.

The church has \$6-million now, thanks to a generous donation from Mitch and Emily Rales, owners of the Glenstone Museum in Potomac, and from smaller donors who believe in making sure Scotland is a thriving part of our community.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

LaTisha Gasaway-Paul: Scotland Resident

Roosevelt Twyman: Scotland Resident

Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins: Pastor, Scotland AME Zion

Yvonne Arrington Heard: Scotland Resident

Bernard Scott: Scotland Resident

Daughters Of Deanwood

March 11, 2024 (5pm/3:16 length)

They are five women born and raised in a Northeast community rich in history. Their friendships have endured for eight decades. Their lives enriched by growing up in one of the oldest African American neighborhoods in DC. And they are proud to call themselves, "The Daughters of Deanwood."

A former slave owner's plantation, Deanwood became a mecca for Washington's Black residents. In the late 1800's the former farmland was transformed with the construction of a railroad station and a racetrack. In 1909, Civil Rights activist Nannie Helen Burroughs founded a trade school for African American girls.

While the right of African Americans were being suppressed in the Jim Crow south, families flourished in Deanwood. Black entrepreneurs opened their own businesses. The 1920's brought Black home ownership and DC's first and only amusement park.

The "Daughters of Deanwood" felt like family. They shared proms, weddings, and celebrated careers-- continuing the legacy of Black success, they saw around them, from Mary Jo's father playing baseball in the Negro League to Ann's father leading in the pulpit.

The Northeast community is also home to former DC Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly and the late Grammy award-winning artist Marvin Gaye - who also has a park dedicated to his memory.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Yvonne Hill Banks: Deanwood Resident

Janice Lawrence: Deanwood Resident

Mary Jo Blair: Deanwood Resident

Ann Houston Davis: Deanwood Resident

Constance Hatch: Deanwood Resident

Local Issue

Safety

Gas Explosions

January 18, 2024 (5pm/1:55 length)

January 18, 2024 (11pm re-air/1:55 length)

Following a natural gas explosion in historic Anacostia, WUSA 9 investigative reporter, Eric Flack, looked at federal data on the number of gas explosions. The data shows gas pipeline explosions and incidents now cost more than a billion dollars' worth of damage a year in the US.

But we also discovered the suspected cause of the explosion in Historic Anacostia—a vehicle hitting a line--is rare.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration is an office within the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The most recent data is from 2022 - when there were 629 total pipeline incidents across the country. 265 of those deemed "significant" because someone died or the amount of damage caused.

Of those significant pipeline incidents:

-40% were attributed to a material, welding, or equipment failure.

-About 23% were due to corrosion.

-4% were blamed on damage caused by a vehicle, which is what the fire chief said happened in Historic Anacostia.

But that small number of gas leak explosions tied to vehicles still costs big bucks--doing more than 13 million dollars in damage in 2022.

Total cost of all pipeline explosions for any reason that year: one point one billion dollars in damage.

That federal data shows there were only three significant pipeline explosions or incidents in DC, Maryland, and Virginia in 2022.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration

U.S. Department of Transportation

Artificial Intelligence and Arlington 911 System

January 28, 2024 (11pm/3:35 length)

January 29, 2024 (5:30pm re-air/3:35 length)

When flash flooding swept across the DC region in August 2023, Arlington County's Emergency Communications Center was flooded with calls. But not all of them were emergencies. It was the last thing 911 dispatchers needed as they tried to focus on those in need of immediate help.

In response to that storm, Arlington County decided to go high tech to take some of that stress off employees. Arlington County is one of the first 911 call centers in the country, and the first in the northeast, to use artificial intelligence to handle non-emergency calls using a system called Amazon Connect.

So, how does the AI assist work?

Even when people in Arlington dial a dedicated non-emergency line, the call comes to the emergency call center. Now, an automated voice answers those calls. Then the AI robot takes you through the same steps a human would.

Jacob Saurer, with Arlington's ECC says that right now, Arlington County's AI system can take reports for storm damage, graffiti, towing and can even send the caller links to fill out police reports. That frees up dispatchers to focus on actual emergencies.

"A lot remains to be seen in terms of the long-term impact and utilization of artificial intelligence within the 911 call center," said Brian Fontes, CEO of the National Emergency Number Association.

Fontes said ongoing staffing shortages at 911 call centers make AI a perfect force multiplier, especially for emergency communication systems plagued with long wait times.

While the future remains to be written, for now that does not include using AI or actual emergencies.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ryan Scarzella: Arlington County's Emergency Communications Center Supervisor

Jacob Saurer: Arlington County's Emergency Communications Center Administrator

Brian Fontes: National Emergency Number Assoc.

Sterling Propane Company

March 12, 2024 (4pm/2:35 length)

It was one of the most devastating house explosions in recent memory. A February blast so powerful it shook the ground in Loudoun County, leaving one firefighter dead and 12 other people injured.

Today, investigators said they were taking action against the propane company at the center of the blast—Southern States Cooperative --halting all deliveries within the county until further notice. This action was taken because the Loudoun County Fire Marshal said the company's fire code information was out of date.

That February explosion in Sterling reduced a house to a pile of burning debris. 45 year old Sterling Volunteer firefighter Trevor Brown died investigating a 500-gallon underground propane tank that was leaking before it exploded. 10 other firefighters and two residents of the Sterling home were hurt.

The investigation showed that leaking propane tank was leaking into and around the home and was sparked by a still unknown ignition source.

Today the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Fire Marshal's Office said they are still trying to determine what that spark came from.

But in the meantime, the Fire Marshal has ordered that propane company, Southern States, to review and update the company's fire code related information. The Fire Marshal also ordered the company to stop delivering or transferring propane within Loudoun County until the company completes its fire code updates.

The Fire Marshal added Loudoun County residents who are Southern States customers may experience interruptions to their normal propane service delivery while the company gets into compliance. Adding the two sides hope to have these updates completed as quickly as possible to help reduce the impact on the community. The Fire Marshal did not offer a specific timeline.

WUSA 9 put in a call to the propane company but did not hear back.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Loudoun County Fire Marshal

Southern States Cooperative

Local Issue

Offshore Wind Farms

January 1, 2024 (5:30pm/2:03 length)

January 2, 2024 (5:30am re-air/2:03 length)

Turning now to one of the fastest growing industries in the country - offshore wind farms. In tonight's ECO9 report, we travel to one of the newest projects in the northeast which could power tens of thousands of homes. But the industry faces some major headwinds.

Environment Matters

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
David Hardy: CEO Orsted Americas
Timothy Fox: VP Clearview Energy Partners

Recycling Christmas Trees

January 4, 2024 (5:30pm/:56 length)
January 5, 2024 (5am re-air/:56 length)

Now that Christmas trees are coming down, it's important to choose the eco-friendly option as you get rid of them. WUSA 9's Miri Marshall tells us why it's not good for trees to end up in a landfill.

Geothermal Energy

January 8, 2024 (5:30pm/1:36 length)
January 9, 2024 (5am re-air/1:36 length)

Millions of Americans have installed solar panels for a clean source of energy with a lower monthly electric bill. Some people are now turning to a new way to heat and cool their home. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath explains the benefit to you and our environment.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
Forrest Meggers: Princeton University, Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment
Kathy Hannun: Co-Founder, Geothermal Dandelion
Praveen Kuniyil: Homeowner

Green Jobs Training

January 11, 2024 (5:30pm/1:38 length)
January 12, 2024 (5am re-air/1:38 length)

We are learning a stark reality about US commercial buildings. According to the US Department of Energy - US commercial buildings burn up about 35-percent of the nation's electricity. They also account for about 16-percent of the carbon that we pump into the atmosphere. That makes energy efficiency more important than ever. WUSA 9's Scott Broom reports from Prince George's County – where there is opportunity when it comes to green jobs.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
Tremayne Spriggs: Apprentice
Julio Calcedo: Union Representative
Rep. Glenn Ivey: (D) Maryland

T-Shirt Quilts

January 18, 2024 (5:30pm/1:49 length)

We all have them in our closets - those old t-shirts - that you will never wear again - but you just can't get rid of. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero introduces us to a company that will turn your old shirts into something special.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:
Nathan Rothstein: Co-Founder Project Re-pat

E-Vehicles at DC Auto Show

January 22, 2024 (5:30pm/2:10 length)

January 23, 2024 (5am re-air/2:10 length)

The number of E- vehicles on the market increases every year. And the Washington DC Auto Show is a great chance to check out the latest in environmentally friendly technology. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero reports from the Electric Vehicle track inside the Washington Convention Center.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Bog Biagi: DC Auto Show

Capsule Wardrobe

January 25, 2024 (5:30pm/1:42 length)

January 26, 2024 (4:30am re-air/1:42 length)

Doing more with less. That's the idea behind the Capsule Wardrobe. A new trend that's gaining in popularity with people who are choosing a minimalist approach to fashion. A recent study found that 25 percent of clothes in our closets are not used. Meteorologist Miri Marshall met up with some experts who are showing others how to be fabulously sustainable.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Patricia Langan: Women for Women's Wear

Anne Marie Johnson: Bitter Grace

Be Salt Wise

January 29, 2024 (5:30pm/2:05 length)

January 30, 2024 (5am re-air/2:05 length)

Salting the roads before a snowstorm can help keep you safe. But where does all that salt go once the snow melts? Meteorologist Makayla Lucero is here with more on the impacts sodium chloride we put on the roads can have on our health and the health of our environment

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Lyn Riggins: WSSC Spokesperson

Cindy Pena: Montgomery County Environmental Protection

DC Green Rec Center

February 1, 2024 (5:30pm/:50 seconds length)

February 2, 2024 (5am re-air/:50 seconds length)

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser helped to open a new facility that will brighten the environment. It's the Stead Park Recreation Center on P Street in Northwest. It features a fitness center, multi-purpose rooms, demonstration kitchen, basketball court, playground and spray park. This new park is the District's First Net Zero Ready Recreation Center. It will generate enough renewable energy to offset its annual energy consumption.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Muriel Bowser: Mayor of District of Columbia

Clean and Green Beauty

February 5, 2024 (5:30pm/1:59 length)

February 6, 2024 (5am re-air/1:59 length)

Let's be honest - sustainability can sometimes seem intimidating. Especially when it comes to products you use on your face and body. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero shows us how to make being beautiful, better for the environment.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Catie Wiggy: Sustainable Beauty Expert

Frederick City E-V Chargers

February 8, 2024 (5:30pm/1:15 length)

February 9, 2024 (5am re-air/1:15 length)

E-V range anxiety. It's one of the obstacles for people deciding whether to buy an electric vehicle. That's why the placement of E-V chargers across our region is key to improving air quality by reducing tailpipe emissions. Earlier today, the Mayor of Frederick cut the ribbon on new charging stations inside the East All Saints parking garage. The City of Frederick partnered with Blink Charging Company to install the public charging stations. In all, 20 charging stations will be installed across four parking garages in downtown Frederick.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Michael O'Connor: Mayor of Frederick, MD

E-Bikes

February 12, 2024 (5:30pm/1:43 length)

E-bikes are a fun and environmentally friendly way to get around. And a local bike shop is making it easier to access those bikes. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero takes us to Strictly E-bikes in Alexandria to learn more.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Asif Shakeel: Owner Simply E-Bikes

Crab Batteries

February 15, 2024 (5:30pm/2:05 length)

February 16, 2024 (5am re-air/2:05 length)

The Chesapeake blue crab has been a staple food source in Maryland dating back to the 1600s. But now, a group of Engineers from the University of Maryland are using the other-wised trashed crab shells to make batteries. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath got cracking on how it works.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Yen Lee: General Manager - Bethesda Crab House

Lin Xu: Researcher University of Maryland

Wildlife Extinction Study

February 19, 2024 (5:30pm/1:29 length)

February 20, 2024 (5am re-air/1:29 length)

A landmark report from the United Nations reveals more than a fifth of the world's wildlife is at risk of going extinct. The report was released at the UN Wildlife Conservation Conference last week in Uzbekistan. Meteorologist Miri Marshall heard from experts who say people are mostly to blame - along with climate change.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Inger Andersen: Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program

Kelly Malsch: Lead author of report

Amy Fraenkel: Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species

Termite Tunnels

February 22, 2024 (5:30pm/1:18 length)

February 23, 2024 (5am re-air/1:18 length)

Tonight, we are talking about how termites - yes termites – are helping fight climate change. Termites are commonly known as troublemakers in the home. But researchers in Sweden say the pesky insects have inspired a climate solution to make buildings more energy efficient. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero explains how.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

David Andreen: Senior lecturer in architecture, Lund University

Kennedy Center Reach to Forest

February 26, 2024 (5:30pm/2:30 length)

February 27, 2024 (5am re-air/2:30 length)

The environment matters to us here at WUSA 9. It also matters to our friends at the Kennedy Center - where they're raising public awareness of climate solutions through the arts. The Kennedy Center's latest ECO- Festival is called "Reach to Forest." It explores the relationship between forests and humans through exhibits, films, performances, food, and forums. WUSA 9 spoke with co-curator Alicia Adams about why this initiative is so important.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Alicia Adams: VP International Programming at Kennedy Center

Tidal Basin Climate Change

February 29, 2024 (5:30pm/2:06 length)

March 1, 2024 (5am re-air/2:06 length)

Today the National Park Service announced the expected peak bloom of our iconic cherry blossom trees near the tidal basin. Predicting when the cherry trees will hit peak bloom is, in many ways, like forecasting the weather. There is a lot that goes into an accurate forecast and a lot of factors that can impact the outcome. But unlike the National Park Service, we don't have a tree helping us out. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath explains in tonight's report.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:
Mike Litterst: National Park Service

Reuze Moving Supplies

March 4, 2024 (5:30pm/2:00 length)

March 5, 2024 (5am re-air/2:00 length)

Moving homes can be bad on your back and bad for the environment. Not only can moving contribute to air pollution - most of your common packing materials aren't eco- friendly. But one local business is trying to change at least part of that equation. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero explains.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:
Narissa Heggs: Reuze Co-Founder

Climate Action Heroes Exhibit

March 7, 2024 (5:30pm/1:42 length)

March 8, 2024 (5am re-air/1:42 length)

If you're looking for fun, with a splash of science, there are few places better than the National Children's Museum inside the Ronald Reagan Building. Right now, there's a new exhibit that helps kids learn about their impact on the environment. Meteorologist Miri Marshall shows us how the museum's visitors can become climate action heroes.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:
Meredith Hanne: National Children's Museum

Spring Allergies and Climate Change

March 11, 2024 (5:30pm/2:02 length)

March 12, 2024 (5am re-air/2:02 length)

Spring is here and so is the pollen that has so many people reaching for tissues and rubbing their eyes. And you might be noticing your seasonal allergies more than in previous years. It really comes down to warming global temperatures and the impact on the growing season. Longer periods of freeze-free days mean that trees and plants have more time to flower and release that agitating pollen. People are feeling the effects. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath explains.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:
India Shore: Allergy Sufferer
Claire Altendahl: Allergy Sufferer
Neelu Tummala: Assistant Professor of Surgery, George Washington University School of Medicine

Rusty Coffee Bots

March 14, 2024 (5:30pm/2:39 length)

March 15, 2024 (5am re-air/2:39 length)

Around two billion people worldwide don't have access to clean and safe drinking water. But two scientists from George Mason University and a high school senior created a low cost, easy to implement solution to cleaning water. We're talking about used coffee grounds. But instead of tossing them in the trash, they're being used as a key component to remove contaminants from water. Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath has details on the invention.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Jeffrey Moran: Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, George Mason University

Amit Kumar Singh: Postdoctoral Researcher, George Mason University

Tarini Basireddy: Lab Assistant

Blossoms at the National Arboretum

March 18, 2024 (5:30pm/2:02 length)

March 19, 2024 (5am re-air/2:02 length)

The Tidal Basin isn't the only place that you can see the cherry blossoms. The National Arboretum hosts hundreds of cherry blossom trees - with different bloom times. Miri Marshall takes us on a tour.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Dr. Margaret Pooler: National Arboretum

Brush Fires and Climate Change

March 21, 2024 (5:30pm/1:45 length)

March 22, 2024 (6am re-air/1:45 length)

While we don't have the high fire danger we were dealing with this time yesterday, Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath is tracking a few areas still burning in Virginia tonight. She joins us now with more on where those fires are now. And why we might see more brush fires like this in our changing climate.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Corey Swift: Virginia Department of Forestry

Cherry Blossoms Early Peak Bloom

March 25, 2024 (5:30pm/1:22 length)

This year's cherry blossoms peaked faster than expected. In fact - it was the earliest peak in two decades. And it turns out - climate change - may be why. Natalie Brand shows WUSA 9 how students at George Mason University in Fairfax County - are studying the possible link.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Jonathan Auerback: Professor George Mason University

Elizabeth Wolkovich: Professor University of British Columbia

Constantine Tzoumas: George Mason University

Students Raising Trout

March 28, 2024 (5:30pm/2:00 length)

March 29, 2024 (4:30am re-air/2:00 length)

WUSA 9 travels to Fairfax county - where some 6th graders are getting a once in a lifetime experience. These students are getting a chance to raise trout - while in the classroom. Meteorologist Makayla Lucero visits Centreville Elementary School to see how this project works.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Maryann Settlemyer: STEAM and Outdoor Education Specialist

Terry Gray: 6th Grade Math and Science Teacher

Michael Martin: Student

Nathan Nguyen: Student

Isabela Sofia Rodriguez Gomez: Student

Local Issue

January 6th Insurrection

Sgt Aquilino Gonell

January 3, 2024 (11pm/4:55 length)

January 4, 2024 (5:30pm re-air/4:55 length)

As the third anniversary of the insurrection on the U.S. Capitol approached, WUSA 9 investigative reporter, Eric Flack, spoke with former U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell. To this day he continues to hold those responsible accountable.

Gonell estimates he's appeared at more than 20 sentencing of those charged in the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol. At all the sentences he has read a victim impact statement, and he says he has no plans to stop.

A veteran of the Iraq war, Gonell suffered severe injuries to his feet, hands and shoulders defending the West Terrace of the Capitol.

It was Kyle Fitzsimons — the man who caused the career-ending injury to Gonell's shoulder. He would be sentenced to 7 years in prison.

Gonell's career ended in December 2022, when he handed in his badge to focus on his physical and mental recovery. At the time, he was on track to become a lieutenant.

Sergeant Gonell told us with every trial he shows up at, every sentence he sees handed down, the faith in democracy he had shattered on January 6th is slowly repaired. In fact, the day after we spoke, his wife became a full-fledged member of that Democracy: sworn in as a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Sgt. Aquilino Gonell: Retired U.S. Capitol Police Officer

Marcus Childress

January 5, 2024 (11pm/6:13 length)

January 8, 2024 (5:30pm re-air/6:13 length)

Three years later, our nation is still wrestling with who we will be post January 6th.

A team of lawyers was brought together to investigate how the “big lie” and rioters intent on stopping the transfer of power, nearly tore apart our democracy. One of them is Marcus Childress.

The job for this George Mason and American Law School grad was to serve as an Investigative Counsel for the House Select Committee. But it was his service to the nation, in the Air Force, that prepared Childress to accept the role. Back then, as JAG officer, he prosecuted cases involving the military and extremist groups.

“I really leaned into that experience of looking into why these Air Force members would want to be part of a motorcycle gang. And it really helped me when I was trying to figure out why these Air Force members would want to be part of the Oath Keepers or Proud Boys.”

Childress would end up deposing 60 members of those groups. Some were veterans.

Childress says those Proud Boys and Oath Keepers didn’t actually have to talk to him.

He says there were tense moments at times, but he believes that his approach of trying to make them comfortable enough to answer his questions in a way that wasn’t confrontational was key to getting them on the record about this moment in our history.

“You have military veterans who serve their entire careers understanding chain of command and they’re sitting here saying if the commander-in-chief tells me that the election is stolen, who am I not to believe them. I found that to be actually a pretty powerful testimony. Just objectively of how important it is for our leaders to lead. And if our leaders are sharing the big lie, then a large number of people in our country are likely going to follow it.”

In addition to the depositions, Childress also spent months watching every frame of the video from that day. He built a chronology to reconstruct the narrative of January 6th.

Childress was one of the authors of the 845 page January 6th report and played a lead role in the prime time hearings.

Today Childress is still processing what happened and says he hopes he’ll be remembered for being someone who had integrity, who treated everyone with respect and for being relentless in trying to find the truth.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Marcus Childress: Investigative Counsel for the House Select Committee

Local Issue

Transportation

I-66 Tolls

January 7, 2024 (11pm/4:25 length)

January 8, 2024 (5:30pm re-air/4:25 length)

Drivers claim they are getting ripped off by a well-known tolling system on a heavily traveled stretch of interstate in Northern Virginia. But officials with the Virginia Department of Transportation say problems with the private company that operates the EZ Pass Flex system on I-66 outside the Beltway are improving.

“We’ve seen dramatic improvements in both the way they handle their disputes and the way they handle the calls that come into their call center,” said VDOT’s Division Administrator for Tolling Operations David Caudell.

The company, Express Mobility Partners or EMP, is supposed to use human eyes to double check photos used to determine if there are three or more people in a vehicle using an EZ Pass Flex transmitter to qualify for free rides in special HOV lanes on I-66 outside the beltway.

As WUSA 9 first reported in September 2023, a number of families claim they were wrongly charged by the EZ Pass Flex system on I-66 outside the beltway. Most believe the problems arise when small children aren’t picked up by the system.

“They’re not playing by their own rules,” said Prince William County resident William Lesser who has five kids, two family cars. Lesser claims he’s been wrongly charged for driving in the HOV lanes more than a dozen times since March.

In an email, a spokesperson for EMP told WUSA 9, the company only has records of Lesser calling customer service one time, and that was due to insufficient funds in his EZ Pass account. EMP says company records show out of 105 trips, only on three (3) occasions was Mr. Lesser determined to be non-HOV and charged the toll; the last of these three times was May 14, 2023.

The remaining 78 trips were not self-declared HOV. These were non-HOV trips, according to EMP.

But Lesser is not the only one making that claim. The WUSA 9 newsroom has received hundreds of emails and messages from people telling similar stories.

After our initial report, Caudill admitted the EZ Pass Flex program on I-66 outside the beltway was experiencing problems, adding its customer service response to families challenging charges had not been reliable enough. Caudill said EMP might have activated the system before it was ready but said VDOT was in “high level” talks with EMP to improve.

“We’re pleased to inform you that our Customer Service metrics have only continued to improve since opening and even more accuracy measures have been implemented over the past several months,” wrote EMP Corporate Affairs Director Nancy Smith. “We’ve worked to increase our Customer Service Team’s speed and capacity, resulting in an average dispute-resolution of less than two days and an average call-answer time of less than 45 seconds. We’ve enhanced our communications process with our partners at VDOT, and both EMP and VDOT are pleased at these improvements.

Smith said EMP has also improved the positioning of cameras at each toll gantry along the 22.5-mile span of the 66 Express Outside the Beltway to ensure optimal visibility into each vehicle.

“Some vehicle modifications and weather conditions may make it difficult to detect passengers in certain instances, but after a triple-blind review process benefit is granted to the driver if we cannot determine HOV ineligibility with certainty,” Smith told WUSA 9.

In its email, EMP told WUSA 9 according to its contract with VDOT, EMP is required to use cameras to automatically enforce VDOT’s HOV3+ policy on the 66 Express Outside the Beltway. EMP says as part of its internal checks and enhancements to our customer service to ensure greater accuracy of our HOV enforcement, the company has added a triple-blind human review process of all images of all HOV-declared trips.

But in email-after-email drivers in Northern Virginia tell WUSA 9 the problems have not been fixed. Caudell said with roughly 200,000 people a month using those E-ZPass Flex transponders to claim free HOV’s rides, there will always be some error. Caudell estimates those mistakes are less than 2%.

“Unfortunately, there’s a subset of motorists who falsely declare and that subset is not a small number,” Caudell said. “The result is that congestion will form in the Express lanes, and they will be not paying their share of the toll. In fact, they’ll be riding toll free.

“But that additional congestion raises the price to the folks who are playing by the rules,” Caudell continued. “So, it’s very important that we that we curb that behavior.”

Lesser said there’s no mistake he’s being wrongly charged.

“My money back,” Lesser said when asked what he hoped for. “And I want to see some oversight and accountability.”

People Interviewed/Highlighted

William Lesser: E-ZPass Flex User

David Caudell: Administrator for Tolling Operations, VDOT

Nanc Smith: Express Mobility Partners

Local Issue

Youth Crime

Troubled Teen – Part One

February 27, 2024 (6pm/3:36 length)

WUSA 9 is taking a rare look into the struggles of a mother whose son has repeatedly been in and out of the DC juvenile justice system. She tells us, her family is caught up in a catch and release cycle that isn’t helping her son get any better.

NEST camera video shows a DC woman’s then 14-year son allegedly burglarizing his own home on December 13, 2023. Leaving behind a brick he allegedly used to smash his mom’s locked window.

His photos still hang on the family home’s wall.

Back when he was a little boy, when her oldest son was still himself.
We're not identifying the family because he's a minor.

Mom tells WUSA 9 investigative reporter, Eric Flack, "Yeah, that's who I know. I'm not sure what's happened or what's changed since then. I feel like it's deeper rooted."

Mom tells Flack she's gone to great lengths to help her son, including going through therapy courts, trying to get assistance. She says she even tried getting him into a boarding school just to get him away and out of the District.

This mother shared the details of her son's case through two court ordered evaluations, emails she wrote to the Judge and attorneys in his dozens of court appearances and as well as her own notes. Providing all of it to WUSA 9 in a desperate plea for help.

Her son's criminal behavior began when he was charged with simple assault and robbery for an incident at a DC Metro Station last June. Since then, the teen has had at least 8 different custody orders for violating the terms of his release. Repeatedly running away from home or Youth Shelter House which is a monitored group home for teens awaiting trial. As a teen with a first offense, he was only rarely held at Youth Services Center, a locked down facility for juvenile offenders.

On November 28 of last year, a recommendation from the second of those two evaluations was delivered to the court. It diagnosed the teen with Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder and said "Due to [Notes: the teens] lack of responsiveness to less restrictive environments...it is recommended that he be placed in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility with a strong behavioral and trauma focus."

But those reports are typically not considered by the judge until sentencing. When the teen had a custody order hearing that same day, the report was not considered. And the Judge once again sent the teen back to Youth Shelter House. He ran away 12 days later.

It was three days after that Mom says her son broke into the family's home.

The teen was arrested again January 1, this time by Arlington Police for stealing a jacket with a wallet in the pocket right off another teenager's back at Pentagon City food court.

Mom says Arlington held her son, who had just turned 15, for about 30 days. Then transferred him back to the DC Juvenile Justice System. He is now once again at Youth Services Center, that secure locked down facility.

Wednesday, the day after this story airs, Mom will be back in court for another of her son's court hearings. His mom hopes the judge will finally send him for the Psychiatric Residential Treatment recommended to the court.

Who's at fault here and how do we fix it? Eric Flack has had background conversations with people from the courts, the city, and the Office of the Attorney General. All of them point the finger at the other. The courts say the city Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services is failing. Prosecutors say the judges are holding these kids accountable.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Mother of Troubled Teen

DC Superior Court

DC Attorney General's Office

DC Youth Shelter House

DC Youth Services Center

Troubled Teen – Part Two

February 28, 2024 (6pm/4:12 length)

WUSA 9 is following up on an emotional and exclusive interview we brought viewers the night before at 6pm. A DC mother is feeling a sense of relief this evening. Her troubled teen may finally get the help she says he needs from the DC Juvenile Justice system.

That mother told us she was speaking out on behalf of all families who feel failed by the District's approach to stopping its spiraling youth crime problem. Now in the midst of our reporting, prosecutors and a judge have said they plan to follow recommendations submitted to the court months ago. But as Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack discovered, even that may come with significant delays.

We're not identifying the family because he's a minor.

In a court hearing, a juvenile court judge and prosecutor indicated for the first time, they planned to recommend committing a mother's 15-year-old son to a Psychological Residential Treatment Facility, for his ongoing criminal behavior which started with a first-degree theft and simple assault conviction stemming from an incident at a Metro stop last fall.

And continued December 13th when his mom's NEST camera caught him allegedly breaking into the family's home.

Since June the teen has violated the terms of his release at least 8 times.

Even after pleading guilty to those criminal charges from the Metro station when he agreed to what's known as a DDA or Deferred Disposition Agreement. Which means the court offers a lighter sentence at a later date if the teen simply complied with the terms of agreement, including a curfew. Which he didn't.

When WUSA 9 first spoke with this mother, she said she lived in fear of what might happen if the courts didn't step in and do more.

"Honestly one of my biggest fears is either hearing, you know, getting a phone call that something's happened to him, or him getting in trouble for something where there's no turning back from."

Mom was especially frustrated the judge had yet to follow a court ordered evaluation submitted to her in November diagnosing the teen with Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder and recommending that "Due to [Notes:the teens] lack of responsiveness to less restrictive environments [Notes:the teen] be placed in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility."

But for procedural reasons that didn't happen. Instead, the teen was sent back to Youth Shelter House, where days later, he once again ran away.

Leading to that alleged burglary of his family's home and later a theft charge in Arlington.

Because those incidents violated the terms of that deferred plea agreement, the office of the attorney general has revoked the DDA and said in court it would finally recommend the teen be committed to a Psychological Residential Treatment Facility. The judge indicated she planned to follow that recommendation.

WUSA 9 also learned the District of Columbia, the Nation's Capital and one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country, does not have a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. The closest one is in Baltimore. If not, the teen could end up in Newport News, Virginia, Georgia or as far away as Florida.

As far as when he could finally get there and start treatment, the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services told the judge due to all the paperwork, it could be up to 3 months before they can place him. He will sit in lockdown at Youth Services Center until then.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Mother of Troubled Teen

DC Superior Court

DC Attorney General's Office

DC Youth Shelter House

DC Youth Services Center

Local Issue

Consumer

Virginia House Contractor - Update

January 23, 2024 (6pm/2:25 length)

January 23, 2024 (11pm re-air/2:25 length)

WUSA 9's special assignment team is staying on top of a major investigation they broke last year. Richard Craig Tadlock was arrested hours after our team reported on allegations, the home contractor took money from nearly a dozen homeowners and didn't finish the work he was hired to complete.

Tadlock appeared before a judge in Fairfax County today and our team was in the courtroom.

Tadlock is facing six criminal counts which include one count for obtaining money by false pretense and five for advance pay and larceny for failure to perform construction.

All of the families making allegations against Tadlock gathered in courtroom 2H to hear the next step in their legal case.

Although Tadlock didn't speak with WUSA 9 today, he did speak with us last summer about the allegations prior to his arrest.

“These people are lying and conniving people.”

No cameras were allowed in the courtroom during the proceedings—which lasted less than 10 minutes. Attorneys for both sides requested a continuance—to give them more time to review evidence. They are due back in court April 30th. At that time, we're told the families are expected to testify before the court.

If convicted, Richard Craig Tadlock could face years in prison.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Richard Craig Tadlock: House Contractor

Arielle West: Former Client

James Ferrell: Former Client

Local Issue

Crime

DC Homicide Stats

January 3, 2024 (6pm/6:15 length)

When 2023 ended, Washington, DC saw its deadliest year since 1997. A total of 274 lives were lost. The numbers, a sobering reminder of the reality of crime in our city. From the families who are grieving, to the neighborhoods and communities trying to heal, WUSA 9's Simone De Alba took a closer look at the lives gone and plans moving forward to curb the violence.

With 40 homicides for every 100,000 residents, DC ranked 5th nationally for per capita murder rates. That was 35-percent higher than in 2022. And while all of DC's communities have seen an increase in homicides, it's the people in the underserved wards of 7 and 8, east of the river, who have seen the most.

In November, DC police released a public safety plan, saying they're working to fight violent crime from many different angles; through joint task forces, focusing on youth safety, and through holding those who commit the crimes accountable. Homicide Inspector Kevin Kentish also noted that community involvement, including people coming forward with information on crime, is the fastest way to help close cases and get suspects behind bars.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

James Thomas: DC Resident

Kevin Kentish: Homicide Inspector, Metropolitan Police Department

Myron Jones: Son Killed in DC

Elizabeth Specht: DC Resident

Local Issue

Government

Union Wesley Methodist Church Cemetery

March 1, 2024 (11pm/4:23 length)

More than a year ago, WUSA 9 first uncovered the story of how Montgomery County government allowed the final resting place for former enslaved people and freed people to become a grown over mess in Potomac. As a result of our reporting, Montgomery County promised change. However, the descendants of those buried there say they are tired of waiting for it to come.

Hidden in a wooded area off Piney Meetinghouse Road in Potomac, Cherrisse Milliner finds family and frustration.

WUSA 9 first reported on this 150-year-old Union Wesley Methodist Church cemetery in February 2023. An unknown number of former enslaved and freed blacks were laid to rest underneath all this brush, and debris. Including Milliner's great great-great grandparents--Nelson Cooper Senior and his wife, Louisa.

A WUSA 9 Investigation revealed Montgomery County auctioned off the land the cemetery sits on in 1975 but did not know at the time the cemetery was there when it sold the property to a developer for \$162.

Documents show Montgomery County realized back in 2018 what had happened, when a county preservation survey listed the condition of the burial site as poor, overgrown, and neglected.

There are no signs marking at least 10 uncarved field stones and one broken hand-carved marker. Milliner believes that there are many more graves that lie hidden.

After our original report, Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, pledged to act. But more than a year later, Union Wesley Methodist Church cemetery sits in the same condition it did when Cherrisse first showed it to us. But now she's not the only one fighting to save it.

When Milliner told Tracy Holsey what she was doing, he was floored. Holsey is working on a book about his own family's history in Montgomery County. Which as it turns out is Milliner's family also. He also has long-lost ancestors buried in the cemetery.

Holsey called his childhood friend David McKenzie, owner of the fencing company Capital Fence. McKenzie offered to help clean up the cemetery and put up a fence. All free of charge.

Only bureaucratic red tape in Montgomery County was preventing that too. With Tibbets blocking Milliner and Holsey from moving forward with their clean up, because he said they might need sediment control permits and a land survey first.

After WUSA 9 continued to press Tibbets, Tibbets relented, telling Milliner in an email, he finally checked with the County's department of permitting services and learned "a sediment control permit is not required." Tibbets said the county's survey of the land had still not been completed but told Milliner and Holsey they could "proceed with the clean-up."

Tibbets did not respond to WUSA 9's specific questions about whether all the bureaucratic delays in getting this work started could have been avoided.

Council Member Andrew Friedson, who represents that area and visited the cemetery site with Cherise, told us quote "I share in their frustration" over those delays.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Cherisse Milliner: Descendants Buried in Cemetery

Tracy Holsey: Descendants Buried in Cemetery

David McKenzie: Owner, Capital Fence

Dale Tibbitts: Special Assistant to Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich

Andrew Friedson: (D) Montgomery County Councilmember

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: Combined COVID-19 and Flu Test

January 3, 2024 (4pm/1:40 length)

January 4, 2024 (5:30am re-air/1:40 length)

A viral tweet says Spain has rapid, at-home tests that can detect both COVID-19 and the flu and asks why that kind of test is not available elsewhere. WUSA 9 checked with Pfizer, Amazon, and FDA documents to show that a test like that has been authorized but may not be in stock.

Verify: Washington Commanders Hiring Procedure

January 8, 2024 (4pm/2:25 length)

A lot of rumors swirled in the aftermath of the Washington Commanders' decision to fire head coach Ron Rivera. WUSA 9 turns to team and league sources to verify multiple aspects of their search for a new coach and a new head of football operations.

Verify: Trump Appellate Court Appearance

January 9, 2024 (4pm/1:45 length)

January 10, 2024 (5am re-air/1:30 length)

Former President Donald Trump sent an email to supporters claiming he was required to appear at a federal appellate court hearing in DC instead of campaigning in Iowa. WUSA 9 checked with the Constitution and a law professor to disprove his claim.

Verify: GOP Presidential Debate DeSantis/Haley

January 10, 2024 (11pm/2:10 length)

January 11, 2024 (6am re-air/2:10 length)

Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley met for the final Republican presidential debate before the Iowa Caucuses. WUSA 9 consulted government data and third-party research to prove whether their claims were true.

Verify: Flight from DCA to BWI

January 11, 2024 (4pm/1:35 length)

A viral video claims to show a passenger flight leaving Reagan National Airport for BWI. WUSA 9 checked flight records and spoke with representatives from Southwest Airlines and Reagan National Airport to prove that it was a repositioning flight, not a passenger flight.

Verify: More GOP Presidential Debate Claims

January 11, 2024 (5:30pm/2:25 length)

Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley met for the final Republican presidential debate before the Iowa Caucuses. WUSA 9 consulted government data and third-party research to prove whether their claims were true.

Verify: Small Business FinCEN Reporting Letter Scam

January 17, 2024 (4pm/2:10 length)

January 21, 2024 (8:30am re-air/2:00 length)

A WUSA 9 viewer received a letter warning about new reporting requirements for small business owners. WUSA 9 looked at the letter, bills passed in Congress, and the Better Business Bureau to determine that the reporting requirements are real, but that the letter was impersonating a government agency and was likely a scam.

Verify: Helicopter Hockey Video

January 18, 2024 (11pm/:55 length)

A trending video appears to show a US Park Police helicopter chasing away skaters who were on the reflecting pool on the National Mall. WUSA 9 verified that the video was authentic but from 2018.

Verify: Who Votes in the New Hampshire Primary?

January 23, 2024 (4pm/2:00 length)

Just ahead of the New Hampshire primary, former President Donald Trump said Nikki Haley was counting on Democrats and Independents to help her win the Republican primary. WUSA 9 consulted with the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office to show that undeclared voters may participate in either party's primary, but voters who are registered with either party may only vote in that party's election.

Verify: Biden Border Policy**January 30, 2024 (5:30pm/2:45 length)**

As Democrats and Republicans negotiate a border security bill, many Republicans fault President Joe Biden for not acting to reduce the number of immigrants entering the country. WUSA 9 checked with several experts to show that a president can issue executive orders related to border policy, but they are less effective than laws.

People interviewed:

Dr. Casey Burgat: Professor of Political Science, George Washington University

Ambassador Tony Wayne: Distinguished Diplomat-in-residence, American University

Verify: Local CVS Closures**February 2, 2024 (5pm/1:35 length)**

CVS is closing four stores in Washington DC. A local ANC commissioner asked WUSA 9 if those closures would largely affect minorities, based on previous reporting showing that minority and low-income neighborhoods were often hardest hit by pharmacy closures. WUSA 9 consulted US Census data and Google Maps to find out that most of the closures are in areas with fewer minorities than the city as a whole.

Verify: Secure DC Bans Gatherings**February 5, 2024 (6pm/2:35 length)**

One day before the DC Council holds a first vote on sweeping crime-reduction legislation, WUSA 9 investigates a claim by a civil rights organization that the plan would criminalize gatherings of two or more people. WUSA 9 checked with the legislation, its sponsor, and the civil rights organization to prove the claim lacks context.

Person interviewed:

DeRay McKesson: Executive Director, Campaign Zero

Verify: Senate Immigration Bill**February 7, 2024 (5:30pm/2:45 length)**

A vote was scheduled today for the bipartisan bill to fund border security, Ukraine, and Israel aid, but many Republicans opposed it because they said it would normalize allowing in 5,000 migrants per day. WUSA 9 checked with the bill, two of its sponsors, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to show that that was not true.

Verify: Clarence Thomas Recusal Demand**February 8, 2024 (5:30pm/2:30 length)**

Clarence Thomas trended on X after calls from Sen. Dick Durbin and others to recuse himself in Donald Trump's case to remain on Colorado's ballot. WUSA 9 consulted the Supreme Court's Code of Conduct for Justices and a Congressional Research Service report to determine that Justice Thomas was not required to recuse himself based on the code.

Person interviewed:

Paul Schiff Berman: Professor of Law, George Washington University School of Law

Verify: Cheapest Day to Buy Gas

February 14, 2024 (11pm/1:45 length)

February 15, 2024 (4:30am re-air/1:45 length)

Viral videos suggest that Wednesday is the worst day of the week to buy gasoline and that Monday is the best. WUSA 9 looked at research from companies, trade groups, and government agencies to confirm that there is not a specific day guaranteed to have better or worse prices.

Verify: Trump NATO Funding

February 15, 2024 (5:30pm/1:30 length)

Former President Donald Trump wrote on social media that the US has spent \$150 billion more on aid for Ukraine than other NATO members, and demanded they close the gap. WUSA 9 checked NATO data and academic research to show that the difference is less than \$10 billion.

Verify: Three Claims About Alexey Navalny

February 16, 2024 (5:30pm/2:20 length)

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny died in prison today. We checked with a variety of sources to prove and disprove three of the most common online claims about his life leading up to his death.

Verify: Alsobrooks Crime Decrease

February 19, 2024 (5:30pm/2:00 length) (11pm re-air/1:50 length)

A viewer said they received a campaign flyer from Angela Alsobrooks' Senate campaign that claimed crime dropped by 50 percent while she was Prince George's County State's Attorney. WUSA 9 checked with FBI crime data and stats provided by the police chief at the time to prove that her claim is accurate.

Verify: Three Viral Responses to Donald Trump's Civil Fraud Penalty

February 21, 2024 (5:30pm/2:20 length)

Many conservatives reacted strongly to the news that Donald Trump was fined more than \$350 million by a New York judge in his civil fraud trial. WUSA 9 investigated three of the most-discussed reactions, including a canceled concert, a trucker protest, and a GoFundMe account on Trump's behalf and found that some were real, but others were not.

Verify: Tax Incentives For Migrants

February 23, 2024 (5:30pm/1:25 length)

A viral social media post suggested that the IRS was offering a new tax incentive to anyone who housed undocumented migrants in their homes. WUSA 9 checked with the IRS and showed that the claim came from a website that clearly labeled its articles as satire.

Verify: Stimulus Check For Social Security Recipients

February 26, 2024 (4pm/1:10 length)

February 27, 2024 (6:am re-air/1:10 length)

A viewer asked if social media posts and articles online claiming that Social Security recipients would soon get a stimulus check were true. WUSA 9 checked with the IRS, US Treasury Department, and AARP and found that the claims are not true.

Verify: Home Refinance Scam**February 27, 2024 (5pm/2:15 length)**

Online ads and social media posts claim that homeowners can use a government-backed program to get up to \$185,000. WUSA 9 checked with the Federal Trade Commission, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration, and real estate experts to show that the ads are scams that misrepresent the qualification process for a real refinancing program.

Verify: Border Patrol During a Government Shutdown**February 28, 2024 (4:30pm/2:10 length)**

Border security has created the largest fights in this term of Congress and is the most important issue to voters ahead of the 2024 election. There is also a risk that the government could shut down soon if Congress does not pass funding bills. Many people online are concerned about what would happen to border patrol agents and the influx of migrants if appropriations bills are not passed. WUSA 9 checked with procedures laid out by the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Personnel Management to show that nearly all Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement staff would continue working during a shutdown.

Verify: Biden Deported More Migrants Than Trump**February 29, 2024 (5:30pm/2:25 length)**

A viewer emailed to ask if it was true that President Joe Biden deported more undocumented migrants than former President Donald Trump did when he was in the White House. WUSA 9 found the report from an independent public policy group that made that claim and the underlying data it used to come to that conclusion. WUSA 9 also added context explaining why the two situations were not identical.

Verify: Nikki Haley Campaign Claims**March 1, 2024 (5pm/2:30 length)**

Nikki Haley spoke three times in Virginia and Washington DC to rally voters ahead of their Republican presidential primary elections. WUSA 9 fact-checked three of the claims she made to voters in each of those locations.

Verify: Donald Trump Richmond Rally**March 2, 2024 (11pm/2:00 length)****March 4, 2024 (4pm re-air/2:20 length)**

Former President Donald Trump held a campaign rally in Richmond, Virginia ahead of Super Tuesday. WUSA 9 fact-checked claims he made on-stage.

Verify: Social Security Increase Scam**March 4, 2024 (6pm/1:15 length)**

A WUSA 9 viewer received a phone call telling him that he was eligible for a \$3,600 increase in his Social Security benefits. He was suspicious and asked if the call was legitimate. WUSA 9 checked with the Social Security Administration, Federal Trade Commission, and Experian to show that the call attempted a long-running scam.

Verify: Monumental Arena Financing**March 5, 2024 (5:30pm/3:20 length) (11pm re-air/3:35 length)**

Monumental Sports and Entertainment posted on social media that it had the lowest percentage of public financing of any stadium agreement and would be the first to bring two teams into one new stadium. WUSA 9 read through public documents to show that several recent stadiums have either been completely privately funded or used a smaller amount of public funds than the proposed Monumental arena, and that other stadiums have been built to host multiple major league sports franchises.

Verify: Trump Victory Speech Claims**Part 1: March 6, 2024 (5am/1:00 length)****Part 2: March 6, 2024 (6am/1:15 length)**

Donald Trump gave a victory speech after winning several state primary elections on Super Tuesday but made false claims about his record on border security and the economy. WUSA 9 checked with government data to provide the facts.

Verify: State of the Union**Parts 1 and 2: March 7, 2024 (11pm/2:25 length)****Part 1: March 8, 2024 (5am re-air/1:50 length)****Part 2: March 8, 2024 (6am re-air/1:25 length)**

President Joe Biden focused on Ukraine, immigration, reproductive rights, and economic issues during his State of the Union address. WUSA 9 verified two claims he made about an Alabama Supreme Court ruling and the cost of prescription medication.

Verify: More State of the Union Claims**Part 1: March 8, 2024 (4pm/1:55 length)****Part 2: March 8, 2024 (5:30pm/:55 length)**

WUSA 9 continued its coverage of the State of the Union, verifying three claims about the state of the economy that President Biden made. Government data from around the world and non-partisan research showed two of the claims were true while one was false.

Verify: How Much Plastic Waste Gets Recycled**March 12, 2024 (4pm/1:40 length)**

Viewers emailed to ask about recent articles that claimed less than 10% of all plastic waste was recycled. WUSA 9 checked with government data and analysis by environmental groups to show that the number is correct but lacks context about the effectiveness of recycling programs.

Verify: Facebook Photos Copy/Paste**March 13, 2024 (4pm/1:45 length)**

Lots of Facebook users are posting statements intended to keep Facebook from using their photos and data and warning about a rule change scheduled to take effect tomorrow. WUSA 9 asked Facebook, read its terms of service, and searched archived websites and Facebook posts to prove that the claim is not true and posting that statement will do nothing.

Verify: TikTok Ban Claims**March 14, 2024 (5:30pm/1:45 length)**

After the House of Representatives passed a bill regarding TikTok, misinformation spread online about what the bill meant, while TikTok became one of the top trending topics on Google. WUSA 9 consulted the bill and other sources to disprove three common-shared claims.

Verify: Bernie Sanders Four Day Work Week**March 15, 2024 (5:30pm/1:30 length)****March 17, 2024 (8:30am re-air/1:30 length)****March 18, 2024 (5am re-air/1:35 length)**

Sen. Bernie Sanders introduced a bill to legislate a 32-hour work week. WUSA 9 checked with economic data to verify a couple of the claims he used as evidence to support his bill.

Verify: Biden Border Wall Construction**March 19, 2024 (5:30pm/1:30 length)**

Many Republicans, including Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, have said recently that President Biden should not have stopped construction of the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. WUSA 9 checked with government sources to find that border wall construction has continued despite the administration's efforts to prevent it.

Verify: Biden on Wages vs. Inflation**March 21, 2024 (5:30pm/1:20 length)**

President Joe Biden said wages are rising faster than inflation during an economic development speech Wednesday. The GOP quickly responded on social media that he was lying. WUSA 9 consulted economic data that showed, since the President did not give a timeframe during his remarks, that both sides could be correct.

Verify: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Claims**March 26, 2024 (12pm/1:35 length)****March 26, 2024 (4pm/2:00 length)****March 26, 2024 (11pm/2:15 length)****March 27, 2024 (5am/1:50 length)****March 27, 2024 (6am/1:55 length)****March 27, 2024 (9am/1:40 length)**

The Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore collapsed after it was struck by a cargo ship. WUSA 9 used reverse images searches and checked with official sources and archival news sources to disprove three viral claims that spread in the aftermath of the tragedy.

Verify: Tax Relief Call Scam
March 27, 2024 (4pm/1:30 length)

A WUSA 9 staff member received a call promising to erase their (non-existent) tax debt. We checked with the IRS, BBB, and a tax expert to learn about tax scams and how to protect oneself.

Person Interviewed:

Mark Steber: Chief Tax Information Officer, Jackson Hewitt

Verify: Virginia Allowing Non-citizens as Police Officers
March 28, 2024 (5:30pm/1:35 length)

A viral video from a Republican candidate for governor claims that Virginia had a bill reach the governor's desk that would have allowed migrants who just crossed the border to become police officers. WUSA 9 read the bill and state law and got information from a federal agency to prove that that is not what the bill would have done.

Verify: Virginia Veto of Marijuana Market Bill
March 29, 2024 (5:30pm/1:35 length)

Gov. Glenn Youngkin vetoed a bill that would have created a market in the state for adult use of cannabis and listed several reasons. WUSA 9 checked government data and academic research to prove whether some of his bigger claims were true.

Local Issue

Women's History Month

Business Accelerator
March 8, 2024 (5am/2:06 length)
Reporter: Randi Ayala

Springboard Enterprises has been helping bridge the gap when it comes to women-owned businesses for 20 years. Natalie Buford Young became CEO of Springboard Enterprises in 2021, but for the last 24 years, the DC company has been working to accelerate the growth of women-owned businesses by giving them front row access to investors. Companies like Canva, Zipcar, The Real Real, and Minute Clinic have all gone through the program, but so have companies you may not be familiar with. Doctor Piraye Bein is the CEO and Founder of Celmatix. Celmatix is a biotech company developing therapeutics for conditions that uniquely impact women such as endometriosis. WUSA 9 spoke with Dr. Bein and Springboard CEO Natalie Buford Young.

Sanitation Worker
March 15, 2024 (5am/2:30 length)
Reporter: Jess Arnold

When the trash truck rides by, one typically sees a guy hanging on the back, then hopping off to grab neighbors' waste.

Though on some routes in DC, neighbors can catch a smiling, lipstick and Gucci glasses wearing technician more than keeping up with her male coworkers.

DC's Department of Public Works said Lisa Payton is one of six women who ride on the back of the city's dump trucks. They said out of their total 273 sanitation workers, 24 are women. WUSA 9 spent the day with Lisa on the job. She wants to encourage more women to do jobs typically associated with men.

Her Flex Fitness

March 21, 2024 (9am/1:54 length)

Reporter: Alexis Wainwright

The owner of Her Flex Fitness wanted to create a safe place for women to be comfortable while working out, but also help build a network of women who love themselves and support each other.

Samaiyah Williams opened her first gym in 2020 in Forestville, MD. Now, Her Flex Fitness is opening a second location in Hyattsville, MD. Her Flex Fitness offers several different strength and conditioning classes for women only. Williams says it more than just lifting weights for the women who work out at her gyms. It's also about woman empowerment and community.

Local Issue

New Year, New You

January 2, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Local fitness dynamo, Laurent Amzallag joined Great Day Washington to talk about the importance of movement throughout the day. He showed us simple moves you can do from your couch to help improve flexibility, blood flow and overall health.

January 3, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Interview and demonstration with Khalil Jones, Head Trainer at Rumble Boxing DC. Jones told us about Rumble Boxing's fitness studios that offer high-energy, boxing-inspired workouts. The classes incorporate a combination of boxing techniques, strength training, and cardio exercises (with low impact options).

January 4, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Jonathan Bardzik shares his joy and connection as a storyteller, cook, author and television personality with us on Great Day Washington. Since his live cooking demonstration at Eastern Market in 2011, Jonathan has written and starred in his own television series, written three cookbooks and appeared in front of more than 900 audiences including on the TedX stage. He showed us how to experience joy in cooking the following dishes: Baharat roasted chicken with onions, mushrooms, parsley and preserved lemon. Fried rice with winter greens and mushrooms. White bean, kale and tomato soup with sausage.

January 5, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Arlington is consistently named the fittest city in the nation by the American College of Sports Medicine. Tina Leone, CEO of the Ballston Business Improvement District told Great Day Washington "We're already the fittest neighborhood in the fittest city in the country – and it's only getting better with the return of BallstonMOVES." Leone told us about how Ballston boasts over a dozen world-class gyms and studios within a 5-block radius, making Ballston the perfect location for fitness newcomers and veterans alike.

January 10, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

In celebration of the new year and coming off the holiday season, Dr. Tobi Oke, Physical Therapist and Wellness Coach, came on Great Day Washington to offer his health hacks after the holidays. During this segment he shared seven steps for sustainable weight loss that he teaches his clients to lose over 100 lbs.

January 10, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Ben Wegman and Kyle Suib from Fhitting Room DC share discuss how Fhitting Room was created to deliver the best aspects of personal training in a fun and more accessible group fitness format. They told us that every class consists of functional movements, strength training, high-intensity intervals, highly varied exercises and a total body focus for optimal results. They use a huge variety of equipment - as well as bodyweight movements - but kettlebells are their superpower.

January 11, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

A New Year is the perfect time to take inventory of your life – your finances, your health, your relationships – but it all starts at home. Once you get your home under control, the rest falls into place. But how do you get there? And where do you start? Nationally syndicated home design columnist Marni Jameson and author of the book “Rightsize Today to Create Your Best Life Tomorrow” joined us on Great Day Washington to tell us how. Marni told us about her new book and how to get organized for the new year.

January 12, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Kelin Marquet, the co-founder of a natural supplement brand called Why Not Natural, joined Great Day Washington to share with us a few tips for how to choose quality supplements and her favorite supplements for energy, sleep, and everything in between.

January 24, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Fitness expert Robert Sherman joined Great Day Washington to help us get started with exercises that will have you moving better and feeling great at any age. He has been teaching fitness and training trainers for 40 years in the DC market and all over the world working for companies like Reebok, Schwinn and Nautilus.

January 31, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Many people want to lose weight or drink less so they can feel and look their best. But quick-fix tactics often leave them feeling deprived, without ever solving the underlying habit of mindless overeating and overdrinking. Author Molly Zemek shared her experiences as a chef and life coach, that led her to develop an innovative approach that helps people uncover the root reasons behind extra eating and drinking. Zemek told us about her sustainable approach to weight loss that allows you to enjoy food and alcohol in a more intentional way, so you don't need to give it up.

February 8, 2024 (9am/4 minutes length)

Everett Rankin, a Flexologist at StretchLab told us about the boutique fitness franchise that offers assisted stretching by a trained Flexologist. Rankin told us that StretchLab offers a modern and friendly communal environment. At StretchLab, clients can achieve a more advanced stretch than one can get on their own.

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FACE THE NATION

01/07/24 **Guests:** Representative Mike Johnson (R-LA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); former Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY), author, "Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning" (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3) Governor Ron DeSantis (R-FL), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (5)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)

1) Topics include: his visit to the U.S.-Mexico Border at Eagle Pass, TX / staffing and funding issues for the Border Patrol / budget stalemate over border policies / if impeaching the head of the Department of Homeland Security is slowing down border negotiations with the White House / dialogues with the White House and the Senate over border policy; size of the Republican majority dropping to 219 and dealing with the Democrats in the House / possible January 19th government shutdown; reaction to Donald Trump's comments about immigrants "poisoning the blood of the country"; US funding to Ukraine being tied to border security / asking for an end-game in Ukraine and how funding will be spent / if he has spoken to President Biden or Donald Trump / his recognition that Mr. Biden won the 2020 election and is president / his legal brief about the 2020 election, which claims the Constitution was violated / disagreements with former Representative Liz Cheney about the brief / dealing with President Biden after the election disagreements / impeaching President Biden while negotiating with him / House impeachment inquiry into President Biden

2) Topics include: her disagreement with Speaker Johnson's legal brief about the 2020 election and the House's role in a dispute / her book, which notes that the Speaker's brief was written by the former president's lawyers and was not factually sound / House Republican leadership's current support of former President Trump's re-election / use of the term "hostages" to describe January 6th jailed protestors by Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY) / Gov. Ron DeSantis's stand on reviewing the jailed January 6th protestors; Supreme Court review of Colorado's removal of Donald Trump from the ballot / D.C. Circuit Court reviewing Presidential immunity / cases against Mr. Trump; Defense Secretary Austin not reporting to the White House that he was hospitalized

3) a report from Des Moines, IA, ahead of the January 15th Iowa caucus, as the campaign themes of frontrunners Donald Trump and President Joe Biden emerge

4) Topics include: immigration laws / Cuban and Haitian migrants in Florida / deporting migrants; possible violence after the November elections / potential outcome of the Iowa Caucuses

5) Topics include: his trip to the Middle East / why aid is not reaching Gaza / question of consequences if aid is held up by the Israeli government; border issues for the Biden administration

6) a report from Eagle Pass, TX, on the “full border picture” seen during a tour of a federal border facility and a migrant shelter

01/14/24

Guests: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News Director of Elections and Surveys (1); Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (3); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (3); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (3); Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Admiral John Kirby, coordinator for strategic communications, White House National Security Council (6); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (7); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (8)

Guest Interviewer: Tony Dokoupil, co-anchor, CBS MORNINGS (2)

1) Topics include: Republican Iowa Caucus / current state of polls / why Nikki Haley outpolls President Biden nationally / how voters feel about the economy / Donald Trump's lead with Republican voters / how Republican voters feel about Trump's statements about immigrants "poisoning the blood" of the country / issues of race in the election

2) an excerpt from yesterday's interview in Iowa, ahead of Monday's Iowa Caucuses

3) Topics include: upcoming Iowa Caucuses / support for Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley / how Republicans see Mr. Trump's upcoming court cases / Mr. Trump's foreign policy / poll numbers / Biden campaign's thoughts on a possible rematch with former President Trump / what a second Trump presidency would look like

4) Topics include: what President Biden needs to do to improve his polling / the Senator's work with 'Americans Together' / his attempts to push Mr. Biden towards the political middle; concerns about the border; status of Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin / lack of communication between the Defense Department and the White House

5) a report from Israel on the growing conflict in the Middle East

6) Topics include: two Navy SEALs missing off the coast of Somalia; possible retaliation from the Houthis over military strikes; questions about Secretary Austin's health and his contact with President Biden / chain of command concerns; pressure from the United States on Israel to move into a lower intensity campaign against Hamas / humanitarian aid to Gaza

7) Topics include: Donald Trump remaking the Republican Party / Mr. Trump's statements about immigrant; fentanyl crisis in America / solutions to fentanyl being brought into America

8) Topics include: importance of the New Hampshire primary for Nikki Haley / Donald Trump's chances against President Biden compared to Nikki Haley's chances; drug crisis in New Hampshire and the rest of the country / rural access to drug treatment programs

01/21/24

Guests: Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D-MI) (2); Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders (R-AR) (3); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (4); Robert Costa, CBS News chief elections and campaign correspondent (4)

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

1) Topics include: poll results indicating she beats President Biden in the general election, but trails Donald Trump in the New Hampshire Primary / endorsements for Mr. Trump from Senators and House leaders / South Carolina primary; mental fitness and age of Mr. Trump and President Biden; chaos around former President Trump / national security issues / Mr. Trump's relationships with dictators; national abortion ban

2) Topics include: abortion on the ballot in every state / Michigan's abortion laws; affordable childcare / women's healthcare / Biden administration's healthcare issues; national polling for President Biden / polling for Mr. Biden in Michigan / voters believing Mr. Trump is better for the economy than President Biden; hopeful for a Biden endorsement from the UAW; pain and frustration expressed by Michigan's Arab community for the Biden's administration's stand on Israel and Gaza

3) Topics include: Arkansas' abortion laws / possible ballot initiatives in Arkansas concerning abortion; postpartum care limits for new Arkansas mothers and newborns; food assistance programs for children in Arkansas; ages of Mr. Trump and President Biden; Mr. Trump's ability to unite the country / border security under President Trump; possibly being vetted to be VP

4) Topics include: New Hampshire primary / Nikki Haley's chances with independent voters / voting against Donald Trump by voting for Nikki Haley; Republican establishment lining up behind Mr. Trump; changes in Governor Ron DeSantis's schedule and his campaign finances; Michigan swing voters on the economy, jobs and Israel-Gaza

5) a focus group discussion with Michigan voters, including Michigan State students and community activists, on the challenges Mr. Biden faces in a state that supported him in 2020, which include abortion rights and his stance on Gaza

01/28/24

Guests: Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration reporter (1); Senator James Lankford (R-OK) (2); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (3); Shawn Faine, president, United Auto Workers (UAW) (4); Amos Hochstein, White House envoy and top energy adviser (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6); Janti Soeripto, president and CEO, Save the Children (7)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (8)

1) Topics include: Senate immigration bill negotiations / showdown between Texas and the Biden Administration

2) Topics include: bipartisan Senate immigration bill / balancing immigration border shutdowns with the right to asylum / immigration parole authority / terrorists being waved into the country / Mr. Trump's active campaign against the immigration bill; endorsing Mr. Trump for president / the former President's legal issues

3) Topics include: bipartisan Senate immigration bill / fentanyl coming through the border / restricting asylum requests / linking funding for Ukraine and Israel to the immigration bill; suspending aid to UNRWA for links to Hamas / finding NGOs that can aid Gaza; retaliatory and self-defense strikes against the Houthis

4) Topics include: what President Biden needs to do to win Michigan / how to keep the members of the UAW from voting for Trump / possible other union endorsements for president; potential impact of the change to electric vehicles on jobs; UAW's call for a ceasefire in Gaza / pushing the Biden administration on their stance on the situation in Gaza

5) Topics include: another front opening in the Middle East conflict / negotiations for a land border between Israel and Lebanon; oil prices increasing due to attacks by the Houthis; the politics of limiting liquid natural gas exports

6) Topics include: his most recent report from when he was in Gaza, on the continuing war between Israel and Hamas / a discussion on the restrictions placed on reporters by the Israeli military / growing international pressure to prevent acts of genocide / soldier fatigue

7) Topics include: visiting Gaza to access humanitarian needs / difficulties getting supplies into the north of Gaza / what makes this crisis different than others / lack of access to aid to help sick children

8) BREAKING NEWS: three American service members were killed and 25 injured, in an attack on a base in Jordan

60 MINUTES

01/07/24 PREEMPTED

01/14/24 **"Commercial Real Estate"** – a report on the state of commercial real estate. As workers have become accustomed to hybrid schedules, many New York City office buildings are unoccupied while interest rates have increased. A vast decline in real estate value coupled with the pending expiry of many commercial loans has made it difficult for those in the industry attempting to maintain business. Includes interviews with Scott Rechler, CEO of New York real estate company RXR; Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, a professor of real estate at Columbia Business School; Tony Park and Elad Dror, real estate partners at PD Properties; Marc Holliday, CEO of SL Green; David Aviram, co-founder of Maverick Real Estate; and Joey Chillelli, Managing Director of Vanbarton Group. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer)

"Master of the Mind" – a report on pioneering neuroscience procedures. Dr. Ali Rezai has tested experimental methods to aid those with drug addiction and Alzheimer's disease at the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute in Morgantown, West Virginia. For over a year, 60

MINUTES has followed Dr. Rezai in clinical trials for his groundbreaking brain surgery methods which boast non-invasive procedures. Includes interviews with Dan Wahl, Dan Miller, Gerod Buckhalter, and Dave Martin, patients of Dr. Rezai; and Kathy Miller, Dan Miller's wife. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – Producer for Part I: Guy Campanile; Producers for Part II: Guy Campanile, Lucy Hatcher) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

The Last Minute – a second update to “Who Is Ray Epps?”, OAD: 04/23/23. (C: Bill Whitaker)

01/21/24 PREEMPTED

01/28/24 **“Agency In Crisis”** – a report on the federal prison system in the United States. From a women's prison in Aliceville, Alabama, inmates share concerns regarding the institution including declining prison infrastructure, major staffing shortages, and abuse within the system. Includes interviews with Colette Peters, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; Shane Fausey, former president of the federal prison employees union; Tess Korth, a former correctional officer at Dublin Federal Correctional Institution who resigned after retaliation for her whistleblowing; and some of the inmates at Aliceville Federal Correctional Institution. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Natalie Jimenez Peel)

“Interpol” – a report on Interpol from its headquarters in Lyon, France. The international law enforcement agency fighting global crime has drawn complaints from political activists who assert they have allowed a misuse of worldwide “wanted person” alerts, or red notices, by authoritarian countries seeking to arrest dissidents. Includes interviews with Jurgen Stock, Interpol's secretary general; Cyril Gout, a forensic expert from the French National Police; Rhys Davies and Ben Keith, barristers who specialize in international human rights; and Bill Browder, an American-born British financier and political activist. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Jack Weingart)

“Modern Ark” – an interview with exotic animal rescuer Pat Craig. He discusses his animal sanctuary in Colorado and one of his riskiest rescue missions saving animals from a Puerto Rican zoo. Includes interviews with Monica Craig, Pat's wife; Dr. Mikaela Vettters, refuge veterinarian at The Wild Animal Sanctuary; and Carol Buckley, animal conservationist and elephant caregiver. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine)

The Last Minute – Jon Wertheim reports next Sunday on the growing hold online sports betting has on young men. (C: Cecilia Vega)

48 HOURS

01/06/24 **48 HOURS: “Kassanndra’s Secret”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the August 25th, 2020 disappearance and murder of 33-year-old Kassanndra Cantrell of Tacoma, WA and how her ex-boyfriend, Colin Dudley, was involved. Kassanndra Cantrell was supposed to meet her best friend, Alexandra McNary, on August 26th, 2020, but never showed up. Cantrell had vanished and her family and friends had no idea where she had gone. Three days after her disappearance, police located her car in an industrial area near downtown Tacoma; they also discovered surveillance footage of a mysterious man in a fedora leaving her car, later identified as Colin Dudley, an ex-boyfriend Cantrell met in 2006. Investigators questioned Dudley and he insisted he had not seen Cantrell in years, even

though Cantrell had told McNary that she was pregnant and that Dudley was the father. Further investigation and digital evidence, including data from the black box of Dudley's truck, led investigators to Cantrell's body in a ravine on September 22nd, 2020; Dudley was arrested later that night and charged with first-degree murder. Two years later, family and friends were angry to hear that prosecutors were considering a plea deal due to the lack of physical evidence. Eventually, Colin Dudley agreed to plead guilty to murder in the first degree and formally entered his guilty plea on November 14th, 2022; he was sentenced to 26 years in prison. Cantrell's family would like a law in Washington State that if someone is guilty of knowingly killing a pregnant woman, they would automatically get a life sentence. Original on-screen text graphic: Kassanndra Cantrell's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Colin Dudley. It is scheduled to go to trial in August 2023. **On-screen text graphic for the 01/06/24 rebroadcast:** Kassanndra Cantrell's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Colin Dudley. It is scheduled to go to trial in September 2024. Interviewed: Alexandra McNary, Kassanndra's friend; Marie Smith, Kassanndra's mother; Franz Helmcke, detective, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; Kristi Sinclair, Marie Smith's friend; Cheri Mueller, produced a local production of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" that Cantrell and Dudley appeared in; Rob Cantrell, Kassanndra's twin brother; Brent Van Dyke, detective sergeant, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; Steve Ammann, former friend of Colin Dudley, wrote a letter protesting the prison sentence to the judge; Ryan Salmon, detective, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; and Brian Wasankari, Pierce County deputy prosecutor (Patrick Vincent, Pierce County deputy prosecutor, appeared on camera during interview – did not speak). (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Betsy Shuller, Paul La Rosa, Lauren Clark) (OAD: 04/08/23)

01/06/24

48 HOURS: "The Suspicious Death of Megan Parra" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the death of 29-year-old Megan Parra, who was discovered on June 28th, 2014, by her parents, Missy and Steve Ducote. Found on the living room floor at her home in Cottonwood, LA, Megan had suffered a gunshot wound to her head and was still alive, but barely breathing. Steve telephoned Dustin Parra, Megan's husband who returned home shortly thereafter; both medically trained, Missy and Dustin worked to save Megan. Airlifted to a trauma center in Lafayette, she was taken off life support the next morning. Chris Knight, the original detective on the case, closed his investigation four days after the shooting and the manner of death was ruled suicide. The family learned soon after that Detective Knight lied about testing the weapon found near Megan's body, and questioned the thoroughness of his investigation as well as the ruling that her death was classified as a suicide. Convinced there was foul play, they suspected Dustin's involvement, whose behavior after his wife's death was odd and his story, regarding their daughter's final days, inconsistent. Steve and Megan's sister, Betsy Jeansonne, studied more than 100 images taken at the crime scene, some of which revealed signs of a struggle, and spent hours on the internet studying blood spatter patterns. Several months later, Steve went to the Avoyelles Parish district attorney, who worked to get local and state law enforcement officials to take another look at the case. Most resisted, but those who did eventually agreed with the original determination of suicide as the manner of death. Megan's family refused to give up and continued with their own investigation. Occasionally over the years, law enforcement agreed to review the case,

but never overturned the initial findings. Steve reached out to childhood friend and former FBI agent David Lemoine, who agreed to meet with Steve in 2018 and review the evidence; afterwards, he believed Megan was murdered. David came out of retirement in 2019 and worked the case, along with fellow retired FBI agent Zack Shelton; both were deputized by the Cottonport police chief, who reopened the case. In 2019, they interviewed the original detective on the case and Dustin Parra, remarried and raising Megan's sons with his new wife, who abruptly ended the interview. Also interviewed were Megan and Dustin's neighbors at the time of the shooting. In 2021, Steve hired an independent crime scene analyst, who determined that blood spatter on the shorts Dustin was wearing the day of the shooting proved he was there. On October 13th, 2021, the district attorney presented evidence to a grand jury seeking murder charges against Dustin Parra; they returned a charge of second-degree murder after six minutes of deliberations. On March 24th, 2023, there days before Dustin's murder trial was set to begin, District Attorney Riddle received a call from the defense attorney, who offered a plea: negligent homicide. Megan's family agreed to the deal, but only if Dustin agreed to answer specific questions. On March 26th, Dustin pleaded no contest to negligent homicide and answered the district attorney's questions and admitted that he shot Megan and it was not suicide. In April 2023, Missy and Steve were granted full custody of Megan and Dustin's sons. In late April 2023, David Begnaud was present when Dustin Parra and his wife arrived at the sheriff's office so that Dustin could turn himself in; he never responded to any of the questions. **On-screen text graphic:** Megan's death certificate now lists her manner of death as homicide. Dustin Parra will likely serve 18 months in prison and the remainder of his five-year sentence out on parole. Parra's nursing license has been permanently revoked. Interviewed: Betsy Jeansonne, Megan Parra's sister; Missy and Steve Ducote, Megan's parents; Dave Blanchard, police officer, Cottonport Police Department, first officer on the scene; Luke Welch, Megan's uncle; Dan Schaub, commander, Criminal Investigations Unit, Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, reviewed the case and released a report in January 2015; Charles Riddle, district attorney, Avoyelles Parish; Dr. L.J. Mayeux, then-Avoyelles Parish coroner; Peter Lemoine, attorney, brother of retired FBI agent David Lemoine, who got involved with the investigation after David died of COVID-19 in late December 2020; Zack Shelton, retired FBI agent; and Eric Richardson, crime scene analyst. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producer: Judy Rybak)

01/13/24

48 HOURS: "Shootout at the Shaughnessys" – a report on the 2018 death of Ted Shaughnessy and how the results of the investigation forever impacted the family. On March 2nd, 2018, intruders entered the home of wealthy jewelers Ted and Corey Shaughnessy in Austin, TX. A gunfight between Ted, Corey and the intruders left 55-year-old Ted dead. At first, investigators wondered if it was a random attack, a robbery gone wrong or a targeted assassination and, consequently, suspected their profession made them targets. Corey notified their son Nick, who lived two hours away with girlfriend Jaclyn ("Jackie") Edison in College Station, TX. All three agreed to answer questions at the police station, but Corey soon felt that they were treating her like a suspect and brought an attorney to the final police interview. Police found Corey's behavior suspect after the shooting, but were also suspicious of Nick and Jackie, who showed more interest in speaking with the media than with the police. Additionally,

Nick went unprovoked to the window used by intruders to gain entry to the home and an app on his phone, which gave him access to the house's alarm system, indicated an activation for an open window at 4:27 that morning. A search of Nick and Jackie's home days later resulted in the discovery of the same brand and caliber ammunition found at the crime scene and the revelation that Nick and Jackie were secretly married, unknown to both Ted and Corey. Nick and Jackie moved into the family home in Austin with Corey and police, who now believed that they had also targeted Corey, became concerned for her safety. Corey was instead concerned for her son and hired a defense attorney for him on March 10th, 2018. Police discovered incriminating evidence on Nick's cell phone, including text messages with Jackie, which showed Nick attempted to hire a friend to kill his parents; both were arrested on May 29th, 2018, for criminal solicitation. Their arrest and the evidence shared with her, resulted in Corey's realization that her son and his girlfriend were involved. Security footage from the couple's home in College Station eventually led them to Johnny Leon and Arieon Smith; Arieon told police where to find the murder weapon and requested the death penalty for his involvement. A few weeks after their arrest, Jackie blamed Nick and cooperated with investigators; she was released on a reduced bond. Nick and the two alleged hitmen were charged with capital murder. By the spring of 2021, Amy Meredith had left her job as assistant district attorney; the new district attorney's office made the three men an offer: plead guilty to a reduced charge of murder and serve 35 years with the possibility of parole, thereby avoiding the death penalty; all three men accepted the deal. Jackie was also offered a deal and accepted: plead guilty to conspiracy to commit capital murder by terror threat or other felony; she received a jail sentence of 120 days and probation. Corey, who did not agree with the deal Jackie received, testified via a recorded video to be played in court. Corey and Nick have not spoken directly since his 2018 arrest; Corey now lives out of state under a different name. Jackie was released from jail on October 17th, 2023. **On-screen text graphic:** As a parole requirement, for the next ten years, on the anniversary of Ted Shaughnessy's murder, Jaclyn Edison must spend the night in jail. Interviewed: Corey Shaughnessy, victim, Ted's wife and Nick's mother; Nick Shaughnessy, admitted to hiring people to kill his parents and discussed his toxic relationship with Jackie Edison during his 2023 summer interview; Jackie Edison, interviewed by 48 HOURS producer Jenna Jackson upon her release, believes her sentence is fair; Paul Salo, detective, Travis County Sheriff's Department; Amy Meredith, former assistant district attorney; and James Moore, detective, Travis County Sheriff's Department. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Josh Yager)

01/20/24

48 HOURS: "For the Love of Cayley Mandadi" - an update to 48 HOURS: "The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi" (OAD: 09/19/20; Rebroadcast: 06/12/21), a report on the death of Cayley Mandadi and the case against Mark Howerton for her murder. Cayley, a 19-year-old sophomore at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, was rushed to the emergency room in Luling, TX, on October 29th, 2017, by her boyfriend Mark; she was nearly naked, bruised and not breathing. Mark told investigators that they drank alcohol, took MDMA (also known as ecstasy or Molly) and attended a music festival in San Antonio, where they argued; he claimed she passed out after they had consensual sex in his car. Medical staff were unable to revive Cayley and she died at the hospital. Cayley's mother, Alison Steele, and stepfather, Lawrence Baitland, were suspicious of

Mark and believed he killed her. An autopsy concluded Cayley died of blunt force trauma to the face and head and ruled it a homicide; Mark was arrested and charged with murder. During the first trial in December 2019, prosecutors argued that Mark was abusive and had beaten Cayley; his attorney maintained her injuries were caused during resuscitation efforts at the hospital or by a possible fall. Jurors could not reach a verdict and the judge declared a mistrial. The retrial was initially scheduled for 2021 but was delayed until 2023. Cayley's mother, Alison, a scientist, and stepfather, Lawrence, a NASA engineer, believed the jurors needed more information about what happened inside Mark's car and launched their own investigation. They consulted with experts and studied autopsy photos. As part of their investigation, Cayley's parents tracked down the new owner of Mark's car, which he sold in 2018, and they purchased it. They then commissioned a video using actors to demonstrate their theory that Mark struck Cayley and she hit her head on the car door lock knob. The second trial began on May 23rd, 2023. Prosecutors added more charges, including aggravated assault and criminally negligent homicide. In the end, the prosecutors did not use the video ordered by Alison and Lawrence because the judge determined that it would make them both witnesses and they would not be allowed to sit in the trial. Prosecutors alleged that Mark was a textbook abuser and his defense claimed that the high levels of MDMA in Cayley's system caused the brain bleed. Jurors found Mark not guilty of murder, but guilty of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury; he was sentenced to the maximum, 20 years in prison. Alison, who worked to pass the Texas CLEAR Alert Bill, continues to help other victims of violence. **On-screen text graphic:** Mark Howerton will be eligible for parole in 2033. (This broadcast contains footage and interviews from 48 HOURS: "The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi".) Interviewed: Christy Jack, attorney based in Fort Worth, asked by 48 HOURS to review the case files; Taylor Clement, Cayley's best friend; Lawrence Baitland, Cayley's stepfather; Alison Steele, Cayley's mother; John Hunter, Mark Howerton's attorney; Alessandra Cranshaw, prosecutor; David Lunan, prosecutor; and Hallie Pease, Mark Howerton's attorney. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi", OAD: 09/19/20; Rebroadcast: 06/12/21) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Mary Ann Rotondi, Chris Young Ritzen)

01/27/24

48 HOURS: "The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford" (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the death of Tiffiney Crawford, mother to a son and daughter, and the case against her husband, Jason Crawford. On the night of May 2nd, 2017, then-37-year-old Jason dialed 911 to report that his wife had been shot. When sheriff's deputies arrived at their home in Cullman, AL, they found 32-year-old Tiffiney dead in the driver's seat of her van. Two bullet wounds were in her head; one to her left jaw area, the other to her left temple. The gun was in her left hand, but Tiffiney was right-handed. It initially appeared to at least one deputy to be a suicide. Because Jason's mother works as an office manager at the sheriff's office, the case was turned over to the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation. Jason admitted that they fought the night of her death, after he discovered Tiffiney was having an affair. Further investigation and the death ultimately being ruled a homicide by the medical examiner, resulted in an indictment for murder; Jason surrendered on May 21st, 2018. In November 2022, Jason went on trial for Tiffiney's murder; he was found guilty on November 18th, 2022. Cheryl McGucken, Tiffiney's mother, supported her son-in-law until she finally viewed the evidence in the

public record; she spoke at Jason's sentencing hearing on March 10th, 2023. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Under Alabama law, Jason will be eligible for parole in 15 years. Original on-screen text graphic: Tiffiney's children currently live with Jason's parents. **On-screen text graphic for the 01/27/24 rebroadcast:** Jason Crawford's appeal was denied by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. Interviewed: Jason Crawford, his only interview about the case; Cheryl McGucken, Tiffiney's mother; Lindsay Luke, Tiffiney's friend; Debra Ball, legal assistant, State of Alabama; Jeff Roberts, former assistant district attorney, Cullman County, AL; Robert Tuten, defense attorney; Nickolas Heatherly, defense attorney; Matt Gentry, sheriff, Cullman County, AL; Joe Parrish, lead investigator, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation; Dr. Valerie Green, medical examiner, conducted Tiffiney's autopsy; Megan Brock, juror; and Angela Fletcher, DNA analyst, testified for the prosecution. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Judy Rybak) (OAD: 03/25/23)

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FACE THE NATION

02/04/24 **Guests:** Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (1); Jake Sullivan, national security adviser, Biden administration (2); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (4); Representative Jim Hines (D-CT) (4); General Frank McKenzie (Retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (5)

1) Topics include: Senate immigration bill funding / changes to catch and release policy / asylum policies / migrants being abused by the drug cartels / legal requirements for the Biden administration to implement new immigration laws / chances for the bill to get through the House / timeline for the bill to pass the Senate; reelection plans

2) Topics include: strikes against the Houthis / Iran's involvement in the attacks on American troops / telegraphing the attacks; polling about the Israel's military campaign in Gaza / Israel's statements on a hostage deal / Israel offering a hostage deal / Gaza residents' right to return to their homes

3) a report from Erbil, Iraq, on the strikes on Yemen, targeting Houthi interests, as the United States appears to carefully calibrate its response in order to avoid an escalation in violence or embolden its enemies

4) Topics include: telegraphing strikes against the Houthis / unknown outcome of the strikes / attacks on American troops predating October 7th / stand-alone bill for Israeli funding / question of Democrats protecting Speaker Johnson to help pass funding for Israel; Republican support for the Senate immigration bill / bipartisan support for the immigration bill

5) Topics include: impact of the strikes against the Houthis / campaign against Iran as a possible target / power changes in Iran after the death of Qasem Soleimani; Israel's campaign in Gaza against Hamas

02/11/24 **Guests:** Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Bob Bauer, President Biden's personal attorney (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Mike Morell, former deputy director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), CBS News senior national security contributor (4); Samantha Vinograd, former top counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security, CBS News contributor, senior adviser, Biden Institute, University of Delaware (4); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor, founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research (5); James Brown, host, NFL TODAY, CBS News special correspondent (6)

1) Topics include: mental acuity tests for presidential candidates; Donald Trump's remarks about NATO countries paying their dues; Trump's comments about her husband; bill supporting Ukraine; Israel's military response against Hamas

2) Topics include: special counsel's report about President Biden / Attorney General Merrick Garland / The Justice Department / President Biden's fitness to serve / Mr.

Biden's performance during his testimony / possibility of the interview transcripts between the special counsel and the President being made public / Vice President Kamala Harris' accusation against the special counsel of being politically motivated / "...looking at this particular performance by this particular special counsel in this particular case" / the President's aides who packed the classified material / specific documents the President said he was retaining for posterity's sake

3) Topics include: passing the Senate spending bill for Ukraine; possible executive action at the border; using the spending bill to reign in Israel in their war against Hamas / White House official's comments to Arab-Americans in Michigan about the Israeli government and the lives of Palestinians / the President wanting Israel to defeat Hamas and protect innocent lives; Mr. Biden's mental and physical acuity to campaign

4) Topics include: similarities between the classified items in President Biden's possession and Donald Trump's possession / what does the special counsel's conclusions say to government employees tasked with handling classified information / should the President apologize for mishandling classified information

5) Topics include: his doubt that the Supreme Court will take up Donald Trump's claims of immunity / would a president face prosecution for political decisions / claims of unequal justice for Trump with the non-prosecution of Biden; Supreme Court's hearing of the Colorado ballot issue

6) Topics include: NFL's embrace of Las Vegas; NFL managing concussion issues; diversity in leadership in the NFL / players seeing changes in diverse hires on the field and in the team offices

02/18/24

Guests: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (1); Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (3) Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) (4); Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian, author, "The Unfinished Presidency" (5); Amie Parnes, co-author, "Lucky – How Joe Biden Barely Won the Presidency" (5); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)

Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent

1) Topics include: funding for Ukraine and the border / emerging House bill for Ukraine and border funding; the death of Alexei Navalny in a Russian prison / legislation making Russia a state sponsor of terrorism; will Donald Trump support Ukraine and border legislation / Mr. Trump's comments on NATO and Russia; possibility of Special Counsel Hur testifying in the Senate after his House testimony

2) Topics include: impact of Mr. Trump's legal issues on his campaign / differences in the justice system's charges against Mr. Trump and President Biden's handling of classified documents; the role of the vice president in terms of election certification; negative remarks made about him by Nikki Haley's son; Donald Trump's disparaging comments about Nikki Haley

3) Topics include: Trump ruling in the civil fraud case and possible payment / upcoming New York hush money criminal trial / can a person run for President and be convicted of a crime / turmoil surrounding Fani Willis and the election fraud case in Georgia

4) Topics include: Biden reelection campaign concerns / the use of AI / turnout concerns in the upcoming election; Biden administration's support for Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu / Mr. Biden's relationship with Netanyahu; what President Biden has to do to secure the Black vote; the President's age in the upcoming election

5) Topics include: the health of Jimmy Carter and his legacy; similarities between Jimmy Carter and Joe Biden's first term; Vice President Kamala Harris's role in the upcoming election; Dr. Jill Biden's role in the reelection campaign; President Biden's belief that he is the only person who can beat Mr. Trump / Mr. Biden's concern that the improving economy does not get the attention it deserves / news reports focus on his age; the changing Republican party from the party of Reagan to the party of Trump; how the Biden campaign deals with foreign conflicts; concerns about Robert Kennedy Jr. and Cornell West's campaigns; Mr. Trump's legal issues

6) a report from Houston, TX, on the most recent shootings in America: at the Super Bowl celebration parade in Kansas City and at a mega-church in Houston, and their impact on the American public

02/25/24

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) (4); Representative Jared Golden (D-ME) (4); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (5); Fiona Hill, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)

1) a report from Charleston, SC, on former President Donald Trump's big win, despite it being Nikki Haley's home state

2) Topics include: possible deal to return the hostages / Hamas' demands for the hostage release / victory for Israel / White House's desire to see plans that protect civilians in Gaza / question of moving civilians to Egypt, threatening years of peace between Israel and Egypt; Mr. Netanyahu's relationship with American officials / international recognition of a Palestine state; reports about civilian casualties

3) Topics include: Democratic primary voters voting uncommitted to send a message to President Biden that they do not support his foreign policy; U.S. policy on keeping Gaza civilians safe / President not calling for a ceasefire; President Biden's decision not to meet with Michigan's Arab-American voters; if abortion rights concerns cancel out unhappiness with international affairs

4) Topics include: forcing a vote on a new foreign aid bill for Ukraine and Israel that secures the border / lack of humanitarian aid and remain in Mexico policy in the bill being a non-starter for many House Democrats / possible amendments to the bill; possible government shutdown; prodding the new Speaker of the House into being more decisive

5) Topics include: status of the Ukraine-Russia war / urgent need for aid to Ukraine / Russia's recent victories; election year issues influencing support for Ukraine; Ukrainian children abducted by Russia to be indoctrinated and adopted by Russians

6) Topics include: President Putin changing his mind on the return of Alexei Navalny's body to his mother a week after his death / how Mr. Putin's arrest of an American citizen and battlefield victories have emboldened him; Donald Trump's comparison of himself to Mr. Navalny; politicizing aid to Ukraine

60 MINUTES

02/04/24 **"Chairman Powell"** – an interview with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell from Washington, D.C. He discusses the state of the economy, the future of interest rates, and possible next steps for the Federal Reserve. (See also: "The Chairman", 03/10/19, Rebroadcast: 06/02/19; "Chairman of the Federal Reserve", OAD: 05/17/20; and "Chairman Powell", OAD: 04/11/21) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster)

"A Hole In The System" – a report on Chinese migrants. As Chinese asylum seekers enter the U.S. through Mexico at an exceedingly high rate, some by utilizing instructions found on TikTok, many say they are attempting to escape China's struggling economy and government oppression. Includes interviews with a number of Chinese migrants; Jerry Shuster, who owns property just north of the border fence outside Jacumba Hot Springs, California; Jacqueline Arellano, a border volunteer offering humanitarian aid to migrants; and Tammy Lin, an immigration attorney working with Chinese clients. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

"The Mismatch" – a report on sports betting. New ease of access to online gambling has sparked a rapid increase in sports betting, mostly among younger men, some of whom now face debt and addiction. Includes interviews with Billy, Andrew, and John, casual bettors; Joe Ruscillo, who struggles with gambling; Harry Levant, a gambling addiction therapist; Matt Zarb-Cousin, a gambling reformer in the U.K.; Bill Miller, president of the American Gaming Association; Dick Daynard, a law professor at Northeastern University and architect of the first major lawsuits against big tobacco companies; and Mark Gottlieb, a public interest lawyer at Northeastern. (See also: "All Bets Are On!", OAD: 03/24/19) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine)

The Last Minute – an update to "Ingenuity & Perseverance", OAD: 05/09/21. (C: Scott Pelley)

02/11/24 PREEMPTED

02/18/24 **"Crisis in the Red Sea"** – a report on the U.S. Navy's response to Houthi attacks in the Red Sea from inside the 5th Fleet's Command Center at Naval Headquarters in Bahrain. As the U.S. Navy attempts to stop the disruption of global trade in the Red Sea, the Yemeni Houthi rebels continue to launch attacks on commercial ships as a sign of solidarity with Hamas. Includes interviews with Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, the U.S. military's deputy commander in the Middle East and the Navy's top officer in the region; and Commander Justin Smith and Rear Admiral Marc Miguez, who are stationed in the area. (C: Norah O'Donnell – P: Keith Sharman, Roxanne Feitel)

“Fake Electors” – a report on Wisconsin’s fake presidential electors following President Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election. As criminal charges mount against fake electors in Georgia, Michigan and Nevada, Wisconsin’s GOP electors now allege they were duped by the Trump campaign’s attempts to overturn the election based on unfounded allegations of voter fraud. Includes interviews with Andrew Hitt, an attorney and former Wisconsin Republican Party chairman; Jack Smith, Special Counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice; and Alesha Guenther, who delivered the fake elector documents to Washington. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Sarah Koch)

“Finding Cillian Murphy” – an interview with actor Cillian Murphy from Ireland. He discusses his Best Actor Oscar nomination for *Oppenheimer*, his acting methods and his dislike of the spotlight. Includes interviews with Emily Blunt, actress and *Oppenheimer* co-star; and Eileen Walsh, actress and co-star in the 2001 film *Disco Pigs*. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)

The Last Minute – Alexey Navalny, Russia’s most prominent opposition leader, died at his Arctic prison. In 2020, while recovering from poisoning, he spoke with 60 MINUTES. (“Putin’s Public Enemy”, OAD: 10/18/20) (C: Lesley Stahl)

02/25/24

“142 Days In Gaza” – a report on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. In response to the October 7th attacks by Hamas, the Israeli military has launched a steady offensive campaign which has killed more than 29,000 Palestinians, displaced residents and destroyed cities. As the war continues, Gaza’s humanitarian aid and healthcare system deficiently operate amidst dire circumstances. Includes interviews with Dr. Nahreen Ahmed, a critical care specialist from Pennsylvania working at the Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza; Nebal Farsakh, spokesperson for the Palestinian Red Crescent; and Scott Anderson, a U.S. Army veteran and former deputy director of operations for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency who returned to his job when the war began in October. (See also: “The Lesson of War”, OAD: 05/03/15) (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)

“An American in China” – an interview with U.S. ambassador to China Nicholas Burns from Beijing and Shanghai. Since 2020, very few Western journalists have entered the country under the direction of President Xi Jinping. Burns discusses contentious relations between China and the U.S., China’s struggling economy due to its dwindling population, and the effects of the country’s zero-Covid policy on its citizens. Also includes interviews with Xiangwei Gong, a Chinese-born U.S. citizen and president of Aptar Asia; Joerg Wuttke, a German businessman who represents BASF; William Li, CEO and founder of NIO; and Alex Gu, CEO and founder of Fourier Intelligence. (C: Lesley Stahl - Producer for Part I: Richard Bonin; Producers for Part II: Richard Bonin, Mirella Brussani) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

The Last Minute – an update to “A Hole In The System”, OAD: 02/04/24. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

48 HOURS

02/03/24

48 HOURS: “Who Took Our Dad? The Abduction of Ray Wright” – a report on the disappearance of Ray Wright and the events which led to the conviction of two men for his kidnapping and murder. When Ray Wright, a 55-year-old twice divorced father of two and a master carpenter, suddenly lost contact with his family on January 11th, 2018, they were immediately concerned and feared a relapse. Ray, a recovering alcoholic, had spent time in prison for a November 2011 car accident in which he drove drunk, struck another vehicle and seriously injured the married couple inside. Two days after his 2018 disappearance, his brother Dean Wright confronted an intruder in Ray’s home in Rocklin, CA, a Sacramento suburb. The man ran out the back door but left a soda cup and straw behind in the kitchen which, when tested, gave investigators key forensic evidence. Sixteen days after Ray vanished, a high-speed chase ended with the arrest of Victor Gray, whose wrecked van contained a treasure trove of evidence, including a blood-soaked raincoat, a baseball cap printed with ‘Ray Wright Design’ and Ray’s wallet. Victor’s cellphone contained a picture of a letter he wrote to a man named Bob, in which Victor demanded payment because he “hand delivered you your revenge.” Additionally, the registration tag on the van actually belonged to Ray’s 2016 Ford pickup truck. Three months after Ray’s disappearance, the DNA left in the straw was matched to Victor Gray, which placed him in Ray’s house. Text messages on his phone led investigators to Katie Barnard, who lived in a trailer next to Ray’s cabinet shop in Rio Linda. When questioned in October 2018, Katie eventually admitted that she surveilled Ray because she believed Victor wanted to steal his truck. Additionally, Katie identified Bob as Robert “Bobby” Manor, her ex-boyfriend; she later told investigators that Bob admitted to killing Ray and threatened her to never speak of it again. Robert Manor and his wife were the couple Ray struck when he drove drunk in 2011; he was a feared methamphetamine dealer in North Sacramento who had been in prison for assault and selling drugs, armed with a gun. Multiple witnesses told investigators that he had wanted revenge and cryptically admitted his crime to others. In March 2021, Robert Manor and Victor Gray were charged with the kidnapping and murder of Ray Wright; both men pleaded not guilty. The trial began March 2023 and since there was still no body, the case had become a nobody homicide. On March 17th, Robert Manor and Victor Gray were found guilty of first degree murder and kidnapping; both were sentenced to life without the possibility of parole on April 28th. Until Ray’s body is found, the case remains an open missing person’s case with the Rocklin Police Department. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have any information about Ray Wright’s whereabouts please call Rocklin Police (916) 625-5400. Interviewed: Matt Chisholm, prosecutor; Haley Kendall, Ray Wright’s daughter; Zack Lewis, sergeant, Rocklin Police Department; Peggy Wright, Ray Wright’s ex-wife; Dean Wright, Ray Wright’s older brother; Kennedy Wright, Ray Wright’s daughter; Ashley Englefield, investigator, Placer County District Attorney; and Bob Manor, suspect in the kidnapping and murder of Ray Wright, interviewed while in the Sacramento County jail. (C: Natalie Morales – P: Mead Stone)

02/10/24

48 HOURS: “Christy and Hilda’s Last Dance” (9:00 – 10:00p) - On Friday, November 12th, 2021, model Christy Giles and her friend Hilda Marcela Cabrales-Arzola went to a warehouse party in Los Angeles, CA. The next afternoon, both women were left at separate hospitals by two men in a car with no license plate, who in each instance claimed to have found a woman “passed out on the curb somewhere nearby”: Christy at Southern California Medical Center and Hilda at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. Christy died of a drug overdose; Hilda spent two weeks on life support, before her family decided to donate her organs. The police suspected foul play and made use of the digital trail left behind. Christy’s phone led investigators to the apartment of David Pearce, who passed himself off as a Hollywood producer; surveillance footage tied him, his roommate Brandt Osborn and their friend, photographer Michael Ansbach, to the crime. Three weeks after Hilda’s death the men were arrested; Brandt and Michael were released, but David was held on four unrelated sexual assault charges. When news of David’s arrest was made public, more women came forward. In May 2022, the prosecution added three more counts of sexual assault against David; he is currently charged with eleven counts, seven counts of drugging and sexually assaulting, forcibly raping and/or sodomizing several women, two counts of murder and two counts of providing a controlled substance, that being Fentanyl. So far, the prosecution has "declined" to charge Michael Ansbach; he's cooperating with prosecutors and will likely testify against his two friends. This broadcast features the first primetime television interview with Jan Cilliers, the husband of Christy Giles, as well as the parents and friends of Hilda Marcela Cabrales-Arzola. **On-screen text graphic:** A trial date has not been set for David Pearce or Brandt Osborn. Interviewed: Barry Telis, retired homicide detective, Los Angeles Police Department, CBS News consultant; Mary Fulginiti, former prosecutor and defense attorney; Fernanda Cabrales-Arzola, Hilda Marcela’s sister; Jan Cilliers, Christy’s husband; Dr. Hilda Marcela Arzola-Plascencia, Hilda Marcela’s mother; Dusty and Leslie Giles, Christy’s parents; Misty Weldon, Christy’s sister; Luis Cabrales, Hilda Marcela’s father; Fernanda Cantisani and Alan Betancourt, Hilda Marcela’s friends; Erica Bergman (aka Erykah Poe), assaulted by David Pearce and tried to warn others about him on “The Dirty” blog; and Josh Ritter, former Los Angeles assistant district attorney, practicing defense attorney, advising Jan Cilliers on legal issues. Brandt Osborn, charged as an accessory to murder after the fact, responded to a question from Greg Fisher, a 48 HOURS producer, outside of court. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Liza Finley) (OAD: 04/15/23)

02/10/24

48 HOURS: “Justice for Amie Harwick” (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update on the murder of Aime Harwick, a prominent Los Angeles therapist and author, who was killed by Gareth Pursehouse, an ex-boyfriend and photographer. This broadcast contains an interview with Michael Herman, Aime’s roommate, who is publicly telling his story for the first time, as well as interviews which reveal the impact Aime had on her friends, family and clients; also included are details of the case from the lead detective and district attorney’s point of view, and the August 2023 trial. In the early morning hours of February 15th, 2020, Michael telephoned police to report that his roommate had been attacked. When police responded, they found 38-year-old Aime lying unresponsive on the ground beneath the third-floor balcony of her bedroom; Aime was transported to the hospital, where she died. Her friends and parents told investigators about Gareth

Pursehouse, an abusive ex-boyfriend, who she began dating in 2009. After Aime ended the relationship, she obtained a restraining order against Gareth in 2012, who continued his obsession. In a chance encounter at an awards show in January 2020, Gareth confronted her and then stalked her through texts and phone calls; Aime blocked his number. Investigators and prosecutors believed Gareth was lying in wait in Aime's home and hoped to catch her off guard, and that he wanted to make a statement by killing her on Valentine's Day. Gareth was charged with Aime's murder on February 19th, 2020; his trial began in August 2023. At first, the defense claimed that their chance encounter sent their client into a deep depression, that Gareth's only intention that night was to speak with her and that he intended to kill himself with the nicotine-filled syringe found at her residence. After the prosecution presented their case, the defense rested without calling any witnesses. At closing arguments, the defense presented a new theory: Aime preemptively attacked Gareth in order to subdue him. The jury found Gareth guilty of first degree murder with a special circumstance of lying in wait; two months later he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or stalking, the National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 1-800-799-7233. "Justice for Aime Harwick" contains interview footage from prior broadcasts on the subject. Interviewed: Michael Herman, Aime Harwick's roommate; Penny and Tom Harwick, Aime's parents; Chris Harwick, Aime's brother; Emily Sears, model, Aime Harwick's therapy client; Scott Masterson, lead detective on the Harwick case, now retired; Robert Coshland, Aime's friend (2020 and 2023 interviews); Rudy Torres, Aime's friend, Gareth Pursehouse's former friend (2020 and 2023 interviews); Drew Carey, Aime's former fiancé, host, THE PRICE IS RIGHT (2022 interview); Victor Avila, deputy district attorney; and Catherine Mariano, deputy district attorney. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Life and Death of Amie Harwick", OAD: 02/22/20, Rebroadcast: 08/29/20; and 48 HOURS: "The Final Hours of Amie Harwick", OAD: 02/12/22, Rebroadcast: 09/03/22) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Richard Fetzer, Lauren A. White)

02/17/24

48 HOURS: "The Assassination of Jeff German" – a report on the murder of Jeff German, a *Las Vegas Review-Journal* investigative reporter and local legend, renowned for his reporting on infamous mobsters, crooked politicians and murderers. On September 2nd, 2022, Jeff was ambushed and stabbed seven times by an unknown assailant outside his home in Las Vegas, NV, in an attack captured on video. A neighbor discovered his body 24 hours later. Staff member at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* started working to determine who killed their coworker; one of the names on their list of people who may have threatened him was Robert Telles, a Clark County public administrator. Jeff had written four articles about his alleged hostile behavior at the office, which included harassment, bullying, physical intimidation and discrimination, after he learned about the accusations of a toxic workplace from Clark County employees Rita Reid, Aleisha Goodwin, Jessica Coleman and Noraine Pagdanganan. The four women also said Robert was having an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate in the office and gave her power and privileges beyond her job title. The impact of Jeff's first piece was immediate: the county assigned an outside consultant and Robert lost his bid for reelection in the primary. Jeff wrote three more articles, with another in the works at the time of his death. On September 7th, 2022, Jeff was brought

in for questioning while police searched his home and cars and collected crucial evidence. After positive DNA results showed Robert's DNA at the crime scene, police arrived to arrest him, but he refused to come out of his home and cut himself. A *Las Vegas Review-Journal* photographer was the only one who captured Robert's arrest by SWAT and it made the front page the following morning. Six weeks later, he was indicted for murder with use of a deadly weapon. Robert maintains his innocence and claims he was framed. **On-screen text graphic:** Robert Telles' trial is scheduled for March 18, 2024. Interviewed: Briana Erickson, investigative journalist, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Glenn Cook, executive editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Rhonda Prast, investigative journalist, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Aleisha Goodwin, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Jessica Coleman, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Rita Reid, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Noraine Pagdanganan, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Mark Fierro, T.V. reporter, Jeff German's friend; Art Kane, former reporter, current investigation's editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Kevin Cannon, photographer, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; David Ferrara, assistant city editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; and Robert Telles, video interview at the Clark County Detention Center. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Liza Finley, Gabriella Demirdjian)

02/24/24

48 HOURS: "Alisa Mathewson's Night Terrors" (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the 55-hour ordeal Alisa Mathewson suffered at the hands of her estranged husband, Trevor Summers, who manipulated his children into believing he just wanted to get back together with his estranged wife and their mother. Just after midnight on March 11th, 2017, Trevor drove to Alisa's home in Valrico, FL and entered through a window, left open by their 14-year-old daughter Arden, whom Trevor manipulated into believing he wanted to reconcile and make the family whole again. Once inside the house, Trevor woke up Alisa by dripping water on her head and told Arden to drive her siblings to his house and wait. Trevor tied Alisa with a string of holiday lights, kidnapped her, sexually assaulted her and then tried to kill her; he even used Alisa's phone to record bizarre messages, admitting to his crime. Trevor was arrested on March 13th, 2017, after police received a 911 call from a Walgreens' employee who saw a woman attempting to flee from an SUV. Trevor's trial began in August 2022; he was found guilty of all 11 charges and the judge sentenced him to three life sentences, followed by 224 years of prison. In a wide-ranging interview, Alisa discussed her experience and the trial, in which she faced her ex-husband, who acted as his own attorney, while on the stand. **On-screen text graphic:** Trevor Summers declined our request for an interview, citing his decision to appeal his convictions. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Interviewed: Alisa Mathewson; Arden Summers, Alisa and Trevor's daughter; Jennifer Johnson and Jessica O'Connor, prosecutors, Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office; Anthony Marchese, Trevor Summers' court-appointed attorney (Trevor fired him before he was set to cross-examine Alisa and took over his own defense); Sgt. Christopher Steele and Sgt. Edward Remia, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; and Jeff Mathewson, Alisa's husband (married in 2018). (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Ruth Chenetz, Murray Weiss, Lauren Clark) (OAD: 04/22/23)

02/24/24

48 HOURS: “The People v. Kouri Richins” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the death of Eric Richins and the criminal case and ongoing civil cases against his wife, Kouri Richins. Married since 2013, they had three boys; Eric started a stone masonry business and Kouri was in real estate, flipping houses. On March 4th, 2022, in Kamas, UT, Kouri found Eric unresponsive in their bed. They had celebrated Kouri’s most recent real estate deal the night before and she had prepared him a Moscow Mule (vodka and ginger beer). First responders tried to save him but were unsuccessful and said Eric died of an aneurysm. A month later, police said Eric’s death was caused by a fentanyl overdose. To help with her and her children’s grief, Kouri self-published a book, *Are You with Me?*, about coping with loss and received local media attention. On May 8th, 2023, Kouri was arrested and charged with aggravated murder; court documents allege she committed homicide by the administration of a poison. Prosecutors believe she gave Eric a lethal dose of fentanyl and his family suspects she placed it in the drink she prepared for him. Kouri’s family claims Eric was a recreational drug user and did not always buy from reputable sources. At the time of Eric’s death, there were numerous life insurance policies on him, which totaled nearly \$3 million. His family maintains their premarital agreement made Eric more valuable to Kouri dead than divorced and that she was having financial difficulties. There were problems in the marriage, including allegations of infidelity on Eric’s side and the couple had undergone counseling; Eric created a trust during their marital problems and it was kept secret until his death. Eric’s family told investigators that they suspected she had tried to kill him twice before: first in 2019, while the couple was in Greece, and then on Valentine’s Day in 2022. In June 2023, Kouri appeared in court for a bond hearing; testimony from the lead detective on the case stated that Kouri procured fentanyl from a convicted felon who worked for her. She was denied pre-trial release of any kind. In September 2023, Kouri suffered a medical emergency in custody. While she was away, jail officials found a letter, which the prosecution claimed was witness tampering and filed a November 2023 motion for a no contact order to deny Kouri access to her mother and one of her brothers. The judge denied the motion. Kouri’s family have been denied private visits with the children. There are multiple ongoing civil cases regarding Eric’s estate. Kouri denies all charges and maintains her innocence. **On-screen text graphic:** Kouri Richins is expected to go on trial in 2025. Interviewed: Greg Skordas, spokesman, Eric Richins’ family; Greg Hall, Kouri Richin’s friend, marketing director, worked with Kouri; Lisa Darden, Kouri’s mother, her first primetime interview; Skye Lazaro, Kouri’s attorney; Ronney Darden, Kouri’s brother; and DJ Darneb, Kouri’s brother. (Contributor: Natalie Morales - Producer: Betsy Shuller)

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MARCH 2024**

FACE THE NATION

03/03/24 **Guests:** Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (1); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (5); Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (6); Steven Dettelbach, director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (7)

1) a discussion of the latest CBS News/YouGov presidential poll: how perceptions of the economy are influencing poll numbers / concerns over protecting democracy and access to voting is not helping the Biden campaign bring in new voters / reproductive rights on the ballot / criticism of President Biden from Democratic voters / Biden campaign seeing a lack of motivation to vote

2 Topics include: polling on immigration; immigration funding without the immigration bill / the cost of possible executive actions / legal challenges to executive actions; the undocumented migrant accused of killing Georgia college student Laken Riley

3) Topics include: national security concerns around the border / funding concerns around the border; food aid to Gaza / Israel's part in delaying aid to Gaza; holding the Biden administration accountable for not dealing with Russia's anti-satellite weapons program; aid to Ukraine

4) a report from Tel Aviv, on the latest on the war in the Middle East and the growing urgency to get aid into Gaza

5) Topics include: should Israel be held accountable for halting humanitarian aid to Gaza / can President Biden hold Israel accountable in an election year; President Biden's error during aid announcement, calling Gaza 'Ukraine' twice; uncommitted votes in the primaries; question of the Biden administration halting weapon shipments to Israel; President Biden's issues with his base

6) Topics include: can Republicans deliver aid to Ukraine / Ukraine aid bill includes funding for weapons to be built in the United States and improvements to the US Navy / should former President Trump support Ukraine funding; Donald Trump's mental fitness / former members of the Trump administration coming out against his candidacy

7) Topics include: understaffing of the ATF / what can be done with the limited staffing / laws against a federal gun database impeding crime prevention; the Supreme Court case regarding bump stocks; children and gun violence

03/10/24 **Guests:** Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (1); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) (2); Representative Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader (D-NY) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4)

1) Topics include: President Biden's comments on a hot mic about Israel / his position that Israel is in violation of the Foreign Assistance Act and possibly the Leahy Act / is a ceasefire possible with Hamas running Gaza / Israel's plan to launch an invasion into Rafah; "uncommitted" votes in Michigan and Minnesota because of the US policy in Israel / need to oppose Mr. Trump and reelect President Biden

2) Topics include: concerns about terrorism from the Middle East due to the US-Israel relationship / US troops remaining in Iraq / the US establishing a port in Gaza to bring in humanitarian aid / creating a distribution system ensuring aid goes to civilians and not Hamas / tunnel system in Gaza run by Hamas; security threat to the US through technology by China / China's technology lagging behind US / China ramping up their military capabilities / aid for Taiwan / border deal which includes helping Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan; bill to prevent any US President from withdrawing unilaterally from NATO; possible ban of TikTok; foreign interference in the 2024 election and policy debates

3) Topics include: latest CBS poll results regarding the presidential election / enthusiasm in the Black community for Biden / issue of the border in the election / should Democrats toughen their messaging on immigration; aid to Ukraine / possibly protecting Republican Speaker Mike Johnson should he face threats of an ouster from certain factions in the Republican Party over Ukraine

4) Topics include: current tax rates set to expire in 2025 / tax loopholes returning in 2026 / taxing income compared to taxing assets; why people are still feeling inflation even as it starts to come down; Mr. Trump's plans for tariffs against countries who impose tariffs on the U.S. / tariffs causing inflation for the consumer; the business community's support for Mr. Trump / need for outreach from the Biden administration to Wall Street to win back business leaders

03/17/24

Guests: Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2), Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (3); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (4); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, author, "Burn Book: A Tech Love Story" (5); Catherine Russell, executive director, UNICEF (6)

1) Topics include: former President Trump's remarks, referring to prisoners facing charges for their role in January 6th, as "hostages" / should voters see the criminal charges against Mr. Trump before election day / his decision not to endorse the former President in 2024; Mr. Trump's remarks about a "bloodbath for the country"; his stand on abortion and protections for IVF / the Republican Party is the pro-life party

2) a report from Tel Aviv on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

3) Topics include: his conversations with the families of Israeli hostages; funding for the U.N. agency UNRWA in the upcoming spending bill / why the Netanyahu government is against funding UNRWA; Israel's non-compliance with regulations for countries receiving U.S. offensive weapons / claim that Israel is targeting humanitarian aid workers

4) Topics include: what will happen in the Senate with the House-passed TikTok bill / Biden campaign's use of TikTok for his reelection / potential sale of TikTok before the

2024 election / how the government stops TikTok if it is not sold / lack of guardrails for social media companies / Mr. Trump's changing views on TikTok

5) Topics include: her belief that the Senate will water down the House's TikTok bill / her use of TikTok on a burner phone / TikTok's worth without the algorithm; Elon Musk's thoughts on censorship

6) Topics include: generational impact from what is happening on the children of Gaza / death of children in Gaza and Israel / children suffering malnutrition in Gaza / getting therapeutic feeding and medical supplies into Gaza; the ongoing crisis in Haiti / struggles getting humanitarian aid to Haitians

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Guests: Debora Patta, CBS News foreign news correspondent (1); Representative Michael McCaul, chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee (2); Kevin McCarthy, former speaker, House of Representatives (R-CA) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (4); Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA) (5); Jason Owens, chief, U.S. Border Patrol (6); Samantha Vinograd, CBS News contributor, former counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (8)

Guest Reporter: Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration and politics reporter (6) (7)

1) a report on the ISIS-K attack in Moscow. Although ISIS claimed responsibility, Russian President Vladimir Putin has pointed a finger at Ukraine, a charge Ukraine flatly denies.

2) Topics include: ongoing threats posed by ISIS-K from Afghanistan / protecting Americans from ISIS-K and other terror threats across the world / impact of the troubled withdrawal from Afghanistan / rescuing the Afghan translators left behind; voting for the Ukraine funding bill; possible ouster of the Speaker of the House; concerns about humanitarian aid being held back by Israel

3) Topics include: chaos caused by departures in the House Republican caucus / challenge to the Speaker of the House keeping his position; Representative Matt Gaetz' issues with him over a House ethics investigation; lack of a timeline for votes funding Ukraine, Israel and the border; small Republican majority in the House / his future in the Republican Party

4) Topics include: former President Trump's ability to pay his bond in his fraud case / political ramifications for Mr. Trump's financial issues in the upcoming election

5) Topics include: Mr. Trump's lead in the Georgia polls / disconnect between politicians and voters on voting rights, police reform and defending democracy / lack of action on these issues; humanitarian crisis in Gaza being an issue with Black voters / military support for Israel in the future

6) an interview on the situation at the U.S. southern border with Mexico, including the impact of border security on national security

7) Topics include: humanitarian crisis at the southern border / national security risks of possible terrorists crossing the border / anticipated uptick in border crossings / video of

confrontation between migrants and the Texas National Guard and the legal right they had to be processed

8) Topics include: no credible threat to the United States for a similar Moscow attack; ISIS' ability to conduct operations / DHS's work with allies to receive and analyze the best intelligence possible / stopping terrorist travel by vetting migrants / under-resources in the intelligence community for vetting teams / timetable for vetting migrants / impact of Texas' policy of arresting migrants on the DHS's ability to accurately assess them

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Guests: Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation (1); Brandon Scott, mayor (D - Baltimore, MD) (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Intelligence Committee (3); Bernardo Arevalo, president of Guatemala (4); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Programme (6); Archbishop of Washington Wilton Cardinal Gregory (7); Episcopal Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (7)

Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

1) Topics include: timeline to reopen the Port of Baltimore after the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge / rebuilding the bridge timeline and costs / emergency funding for rebuilding the bridge and long-term repair costs; changes to the leadership at Boeing after several in-flight incidents / assuring passengers that flying is safe; his political future

2) Topics include: urgent needs for the city of Baltimore after bridge collapse / needs of families of the bridge workers who died in the collapse and needs for Port of Baltimore workers / direct outreach to Congress to bring in resources to the port / long-term impact of rebuilding the bridge; racist comments about him, including being the "DEI Mayor"

3) Topics include: possible upcoming vote for Ukraine funding / negotiations to get a bipartisan bill passed / will the bill pass before the next Congressional break in late April / damage done to Ukraine by delaying the vote / disagreement over types of arms sent to Ukraine / speed to get the vote done; Congressional retirements with five members leaving in the middle of their terms; is it appropriate for Mr. Trump to sell bibles

4) Topics include: Guatemalan citizens migrating to the United States, including two of the bridge workers on the Francis Scott Key Bridge / reasons why the United States should continue to send funds to Guatemala

5) a report from Jerusalem, during the Easter season at a time of war

6) Topics include: what needs to change to get humanitarian aid to the residents of Gaza / food needs in Gaza greater than aid being allowed in / negotiations with Israel to get food in; famine in Sudan, South Sudan and Chad; national security issues with famine victims migrating; Haiti's hunger crisis; the death of Senator Joe Lieberman

7) Topics include: counseling parishioners during tough times / hard for people to see the good in world / spiritual life four-years since the lockdown; role and level of

Christianity in politics and the presidential election; conversations between the Pope and President Biden

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“Operation Lone Star” – an interview with Governor Greg Abbot (R-TX) from Eagle Pass, Texas. He discusses Operation Lone Star, the controversial program he launched three years ago which deployed the Texas National Guard and created barriers at the border to deter illegal immigration. Includes interviews with Christopher Olivarez, Texas Department of Public Safety Lieutenant; Raul Ortiz, former chief of the U.S. Border Patrol under President Biden and deputy chief under President Trump; and a number of migrants attempting to cross the border. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Andy Court)

“97 Books” – a report on the banned book controversy. The highly opposed campaign to ban ninety-seven books from Beaufort, South Carolina’s school system has been inspired by the Florida-based conservative group Moms for Liberty, which aims to censor literature they consider unfit for American children. Includes interviews with Dick Geier, vice chair of the Beaufort County school board and retired Army colonel; Karen Gareis, high school librarian and Navy veteran; Tiffany Justice and Tina Descovich, founders of Moms for Liberty; and Ruth-Naomi Jones, who volunteered to judge the proposed banned books, works for the schools, and has a 16-year-old student. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte)

“Artemis” – a report on NASA’s Artemis program from Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island, Florida. The ambitious lunar program aims to send people back to the moon, establish a South Pole outpost, and create a launching point for travel to Mars. Includes interviews with George Scott, NASA’s acting inspector general; Jim Free, NASA’s associate administrator who is directly in charge of Artemis; Bill Nelson, NASA administrator; and John Couluris, Senior Vice President of Lunar Permanence at Blue Origin. (See also: “Back to the Moon” OAD: 03/07/21) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)

The Last Minute – an update to “The Scrolls of Herculaneum”, OAD: 04/01/18. (C: Cecilia Vega)

03/10/24

PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION

60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION (7:00 – 8:00p)

“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 Zarembo, 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 (OAD: 11/26/23)

“Jeff Koons” – a profile of artist Jeff Koons. The polarizing artist discusses his sculptures and paintings, his New York studio, and pushing the boundaries of taste. Includes an excerpt from Morley Safer’s segment “Yes...But Is It Art?” (OAD: 9/19/93), criticizing Koons’ artwork. Includes interviews with Robert Storr, former curator at the Museum of Modern Art in New York; and Ayami Aoyama, who works for Koons. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Nichole Marks) The 03/10/24 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 05/21/23; Rebroadcast: 09/03/23)

The Last Minute – Clocks sprang forward Sunday as daylight saving began. Efforts are being made in Congress to update the rules around clock changes. (C: Anderson Cooper)

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60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Take Me Away” (8:00 – 9:00p)

“An Island Off an Island” – a report on Fogo Island, a small island off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. After industrialized fishing nearly destroyed the local economy, significant efforts have been made to grow back the community. Includes interviews with Zita Cobb, eighth generation Fogo Islander; Dwight and Hayward Budden, farmers; Glen and Jerry Best, fishermen; and Jennifer Sexton, who moved to the island to open a coffee shop. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Kaylee Tully) (OAD: 12/12/21; Rebroadcast: 08/07/22 – both on 60 MINUTES)

“Caligula’s Gardens” – a report on the discovery and excavation of the Roman Emperor Caligula’s gardens. Discoveries about Caligula’s life are allowing scholars to gain a new understanding of the storied Emperor. Includes interviews with Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, professor emeritus at the University of Cambridge; Mirella Serlorenzi, director of excavations for the Italian Ministry of Culture; and Paolo Carafa, Professor of Archaeology at Sapienza University of Rome. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Andy Court) (OAD: 11/21/21; Rebroadcast: 05/29/22 – both on 60 MINUTES)

“Return to Gorongosa” – a report on Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. After three decades of war, the country aims to restore the historic park’s wildlife and environment. Includes interviews with Greg Carr, American entrepreneur and philanthropist; Antonio Paolo, park veterinarian; Larissa Sousa, who runs the Girls Club; and Mercia Angela, veterinarian. (See also: “Gorongosa”, OAD: 10/26/08) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte) (OAD: 12/04/22; Rebroadcast: 05/28/23 – both on 60 MINUTES)

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“The Capital of Free Russia” – a report on the political opponents of Russian President Vladimir Putin. With Russia’s 2024 presidential election to be held in March, many of those who have chosen to defy Putin have been forced into exile in Vilnius, Lithuania. Includes interviews with Mantas Adomenas, former deputy foreign minister of Lithuania; and Anastasia Shevchenko, Sergei Davidis, Aleksandr Plyushev, and Tatyana Felgenhauer, Russian dissidents living in Lithuania. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster)

“Healing Justice” – an interview with Jennifer Thompson, founder of Healing Justice. A victim of rape, she learned years later that the accused man was innocent and had been exonerated through DNA evidence. Since then, Thompson has created an organization which hosts exonerees, crime victims, and their family members for intensive retreats designed to foster healing. Includes interviews with Penny Beerntsen, Loretta Zilinger-

White, and Tomeshia Carrington Artis, victims of rape who identified suspects shown to them by police, who were later exonerated; Gary Wells, professor at Iowa State University and pioneer in eyewitness memory research; Andrea Harrison and Dwayne Jones, whose mother/wife Jacqueline was raped and murdered sending a local man to jail who was exonerated years later; Raymond Towler, Chris Ochoa, and Howard Dudley, exonerees; and Lisa Pawlowski, whose brother was an exoneree. (See also: “Eyewitness”, OAD: 03/08/09. Rebroadcasts: 07/12/09; 09/26/10 – WEST COAST ONLY.) (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

The Last Minute – an update to “Agency In Crisis”, OAD: 01/28/24. (C: Cecilia Vega)

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60 MINUTES (7:30 – 8:30p)

“The Right to be Wrong” – a report on efforts by social media companies to stop the spread of misinformation. While some claim this constitutes censorship, the Supreme Court is now deciding on whether social media platforms have the right to edit or remove misleading user posts. Includes interviews with Kate Starbird, professor at the University of Washington and leader of a misinformation research group created ahead of the 2020 election; Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; Katie Harbath, former Facebook employee; and Darrell West, senior fellow of technology innovation at the Brookings Institution. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

“AMLO” – an interview with President of Mexico Andrés Manuel López Obrador from Mexico City. In the final stretch of his term, he discusses the fentanyl crisis in the U.S., Mexico’s economic growth, his ideas on immigration, and drug cartels. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis)

“Law Of The Sea” – a report on the race to extract minerals used in modern electronics from the seabed of the Eastern Pacific. While China is expected to lead the forefront, the United States is currently blocked by a group of Republican senators who refuse to ratify the UN’s Law of the Sea, asserting the proposed treaty dividing the international ocean floor would undermine American power. Includes interviews with John Bellinger, partner at the D.C. law firm Arnold & Porter; John Negroponte, one of a number of senior Republicans urging the Senate to reconsider and ratify the treaty; Steven Groves, senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation and special counsel in Donald Trump’s White House; and Thomas Shugart, former U.S. Navy submarine warfare officer and senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security. (See also: “Into The Deep”, OAD: 11/17/19) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

The Last Minute – an update to “Operation Lone Star”, OAD: 03/03/24. (C: Cecilia Vega)

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60 MINUTES (7:42 – 8:42p)

“Targeting Americans” – a report on Havana Syndrome. The complex medical condition has been reported by North American government officials primarily overseas. After a five-year investigation into possible attacks on American government employees, an FBI official says she was targeted in the United States and may have potential evidence of Russian involvement. Includes interviews with Carrie, FBI agent working in counterintelligence who says she experienced Havana Syndrome; Dr. David Relman,

microbiologist at the Stanford University School of Medicine; Christo Grozev, journalist known for unmasking Russian plots; Mark Zaid, Carrie's attorney; Greg Edgreen, retired Army lieutenant colonel who led the Pentagon's investigation into Havana Syndrome for the Defense Intelligence Agency; and the unnamed wife of a Justice Department official, a nurse with a Ph.D. in anesthesiology who says she experienced Havana Syndrome. (For other segments on Havana Syndrome, see also: "Targeting Americans", OAD: 03/17/19, 1st Rebroadcast: 09/01/19, 2nd Rebroadcast: 06/27/21; and "Targeting Americans", OAD: 02/20/22, Rebroadcast: 06/26/22) (C: Scott Pelley – Producers for Part I: Oriana Zill de Granados, Michael Rey. Producers for Part II: Michael Rey, Oriana Zill de Granados) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

"Indian Relay" – a report on Indian Relay. Held across North America by members of the Native American Horse Nations tribes, the growing bareback sport is highly dangerous and competitive, with roots dating back centuries to horse stealing raids. Includes interviews with Ken Real Bird, Crow horseman and elder statesman of Indian Relay; Calvin Ghost Bear, member of the Sioux tribe and president of the Horse Nations Indian Relay Council; Chazz Racine, rider and member of the Blackfoot tribe; Ervin Carlson, Chazz's father; Tuesday and Zia Washakie, sisters, riders, and members of the Shoshone Tribe; Mason Red Wing, rider and member of the Crow Creek Sioux tribe; and Talliyah Timentwa, rider and member of the Colville tribe. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)

The Last Minute – The new St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church sits at the edge of the World Trade Center, resurrected and alive – after it was nearly destroyed under its rubble on September 11, 2001. ("The Resurrection of St. Nicholas", OAD: 04/12/20; Rebroadcast 09/06/20 - includes an update.) (C: Scott Pelley)

48 HOURS

03/02/24

48 HOURS: "The Menendez Brothers' Fight for Freedom" – a report on the case of Lyle and Erik Menendez, who have spent nearly 34 years in prison for killing their parents, Jose and Kitty Menendez—shot to death in their Beverly Hills mansion on August 20th, 1989. About six months after the murders, police received a tip from the girlfriend of a psychologist who Lyle and Erik had been talking to; the brothers confessed to the killings in therapy and there was an audiotaped recording of it. Lyle and Erik first went on trial in 1993 and claimed they killed in self-defense after a lifetime of physical, emotional and sexual abuse suffered at the hands of their parents; prosecutors pointed out that their confession did not mention abuse or self-defense. Although the brothers were first tried together, there were two separate juries. After weeks of deliberation, a mistrial was declared with both juries divided on whether Lyle and Erik should be convicted of murder or manslaughter. At the retrial in 1995, prosecutors argued the brothers were lying about being abused and convinced a judge to exclude some of the evidence of alleged abuse. There was only one jury and Lyle and Erik were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. Currently, both are incarcerated at R.J. Donovan State Prison in San Diego, CA. There is renewed attention to their case and murder convictions due to the allegations of Roy Rossello, a former member of Menudo, a boy band that originated in Puerto Rico which was very popular in the late '70s to mid '80s. Roy, who first spoke publicly in a documentary, and then in a sworn affidavit filed in

2023, claims Jose Menendez, an executive at RCA, who signed the group to a recording contract, raped and sexually abused him on three occasions. Lyle and Erik's attorney filed a habeas petition in May 2023, asking that their convictions be vacated; they are awaiting the judge's decision on whether new evidence supports their claim that they killed their parents in self-defense and should have been convicted of manslaughter instead of murder. If that happens, it will be up to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office whether to retry the case; in a statement, the district attorney's office said it is investigating the claims made in the habeas petition. **On-screen text graphic:** It is unclear when a ruling will be made in the case. Interviewed: Lyle Menendez (telephone interview) (Erik Menendez chose not to speak with 48 HOURS for this broadcast); Jackie Lacey, former elected district attorney, Los Angeles County, CA; Milton Andersen, Kitty Menendez's brother, does not believe his nephew's claims of abuse; Cliff Gardner, attorney, represents the Menendez brothers; Alan Andersen, Erik and Lyle's cousin, testified for the defense at both trials; and Dr. Judy Ho, neuropsychologist, specializes in childhood sex abuse trauma, 48 HOURS consultant, asked to review the case. (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Chuck Stevenson)

03/09/24

48 HOURS: "The Monica Sementilli Affair" – an update to 48 HOURS: "Who Killed Fabio?", a report on the January 23rd, 2017, murder of Fabio Sementilli, who was sitting by his swimming pool in Los Angeles, California, when he was stabbed to death. At first, police believed he was the victim of the "knock-knock" burglars, a ring targeting Los Angeles celebrities. Fabio, who grew up in Canada and was a celebrity hairdresser and beauty executive, moved to Los Angeles in 2008 with Monica Sementilli, his second wife. They appeared to live a charmed life, while they raised their two daughters. Although the Sementilli house had video surveillance, the digital video recorder was missing, but a neighbor's security camera captured two figures in hoodies running close to the Sementilli home at the time of the murder. Investigators soon ruled out the "knock-knock" burglars—they had never killed anyone before, and Fabio's \$8,000 Rolex watch was still on his wrist when his body was discovered by one of his daughters. DNA from blood left at the scene led to Robert Baker, a registered sex offender and leader of a racquetball league Monica belonged to. Clues led to the discovery that Monica and Robert were involved romantically and police believed both were responsible for Fabio's murder, motivated by his life insurance policy. Both were arrested in June 2017 and charged with murder; both pleaded not guilty and are scheduled to be tried together. The accomplice seen in the neighbor's security camera has never been identified.

03/09/24 UPDATE: Legal delays and COVID delayed the trial. In July 2023, Robert Baker skipped trial altogether and pleaded no contest; he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus one year. 48 HOURS visited him in jail; he claimed Monica had nothing to do with Fabio's murder and was unaware that he was her husband's killer. Monica's defense team and the district attorney declined to be interviewed before trial. Gessica and Isabella, the daughters Monica shared with Fabio, are supporting their mother. **On-screen text graphic:** Monica Sementilli's trial is scheduled to begin in April 2024. Interviewed for 48 HOURS: "The Monica Sementilli Affair": Julie Rendelman, New York-based defense attorney, reviewed Monica's defense team's pre-trial motions for 48 HOURS; and Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor,

48 HOURS consultant, reviewed the case against Monica. (Contains footage and interviews from the 2018 broadcasts of 48 HOURS: "Who Killed Fabio?": Joe Mercurio, restaurateur, Fabio's friend; Mirella Rota, Fabio's sister; Pete Castellanos, Fabio's colleague; Elyse Bleuel, Monica's friend, member of Robert Baker's racquetball league; Luigi Sementilli, Fabio's son from an earlier marriage; Bill Dunn, Los Angeles Police Department detective at the time of the 2018 broadcast; and Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor.) (See also: 48 HOURS: "Who Killed Fabio?", OAD: 03/10/18; Rebroadcast: 09/08/18) (Contributor: Michelle Miller – Producer: Chuck Stevenson)

03/16/24

48 HOURS: "Lamar Johnson: Standing in Truth" (10:30 – 11:30p) - a report on the case against Lamar Johnson of St. Louis, MO, who spent almost three decades in prison for the murder of his friend, Markus Boyd. In 1994, 20-year-old Lamar worked at Jiffy Lube and attended community college; he also sold small amounts of crack cocaine for extra cash. On October 30th, 1994, 25-year-old Markus, who worked at a printing company and sold drugs on the side, was shot to death by two masked gunmen on his St. Louis porch. Named as a possible suspect by Markus' girlfriend and his photo selected by witness Greg Elking, who later chose Lamar in a police lineup, Lamar was arrested along with his friend Phillip Campbell, on November 3rd, 1994. Though he had an alibi – Lamar was miles away with his girlfriend and daughter – he went on trial in July 1995; it took the jury two hours to reach a guilty verdict, primarily based on Greg's testimony. Between his trial and sentencing, Lamar exchanged letters with the other suspect, Phillip Campbell, who admitted Lamar was not involved and named the other shooter: James "B.A." Howard. In September 1995, Lamar was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The Midwest Innocence Project discovered that Greg later wrote a letter to a clergyman, admitting he had lied at Johnson's trial. In 2018, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kimberly Gardner agreed to look at Lamar's case. Convinced of his innocence, she attempted to get Lamar's conviction overturned, but was denied by the Missouri courts. In 2021, the Missouri Legislature passed a law, giving prosecutors the power to bring cases of innocence to court. On December 12th, 2022, Lamar Johnson and his legal team gathered in a St. Louis courtroom for a week-long hearing; Greg Elking testified he felt pressured by lead investigator Joe Nickerson to choose Lamar in the lineups. In February 2023, Lamar's murder conviction was overturned; the judge also found there was clear and convincing evidence of Johnson's innocence. After more than 28 years behind bars, 49-year-old Lamar Johnson was finally exonerated. **On-screen text graphic:** Under current law, Johnson is not entitled to compensation from the state of Missouri. Interviewed: Lamar Johnson; Brittany Johnson, Lamar's daughter; Kiera Barrow, Lamar and Erika's daughter; Erika Barrow, Kiera's mother, Lamar's former girlfriend; Greg Elking, lone eyewitness to Markus Boyd's murder; Ricky Kidd, Lamar's friend, met while serving a life sentence for murder before Ricky was exonerated; Lindsay Runnels, Lamar's attorney; Dwight Warren, original prosecutor; Kimberly Gardner, St. Louis circuit attorney; Robert Ogilvie, chief investigator, Circuit Attorney's office; Jonathon Potts and Charlie Weiss, attorneys appointed by Kimberly Gardner to handle Lamar's case; and Tony Messenger, columnist, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#). (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Marcelena Spencer, Emily Wichick) (OAD: 04/29/23)

03/23/24

48 HOURS: “Who Poisoned Angela Craig?” – a report on the March 18th, 2023, death of Angela Craig and the case against her husband, Dr. James (Jim) Craig. Angela, a wife and mother, was raising six children with James, a well-known dentist, in Aurora, Colorado. On March 6th, 2023, Angela reported feeling sick and James took her to the emergency room at Parker Adventist Hospital, where doctors were unable to determine why she was ill and sent her home. Within 24 hours, Angela’s symptoms came back and she returned to Parker Adventist Hospital, where she was admitted. Still unable to diagnose what was making Angela so sick, doctors sent her home on March 14th. Within a day, she started feeling sick again and was admitted to nearby University Hospital on March 15th. Through it all James was in constant contact with his wife and texted his business partner and fellow dentist, Dr. Ryan Redfearn and his wife Michelle, a nurse, for advice. While at University Hospital, Angela suffered a seizure and was put on life support. James reached out to Ryan again for support, unaware that he knew James had received a package at work, which contained Potassium Cyanide, a poison not needed in a dental practice. Ryan alerted a nurse, who called the Aurora police. Hours after Angela was taken off life support and died, Jim was arrested and charged with first-degree murder; he pleaded not guilty. Angela’s autopsy revealed she had been poisoned and died from lethal concentrations of cyanide and a lethal concentration of tetrahydrozoline, the chemical found in some eye drops; she also had toxic concentrations of arsenic in her blood, found in those two earlier hospital visits. Police claim the evidence pointed to her husband and allege he researched poisons online and laced Angela’s protein shakes. Investigators discovered Jim began an affair with Dr. Karin Cain, an orthodontist from Austin, TX, and that his dental practice was in debt in excess of \$2 million—Angela’s life insurance was valued at \$3.4 million. At a preliminary hearing in 2023, Jim’s attorney said his client has a history of depression, had sought counseling in the past and had plans to die by suicide. Three of Angela and Jim’s children live with his brother, the other three are now adults living on their own. **On-screen text graphic:** Jim Craig’s trial is scheduled to begin on August 8, 2024. Interviewed: Steffan Tubbs, podcast host, “Arsenic, DDS”, talk show host, Denver, CO; Dr. Jeff Lapoint, emergency physician, director, division of medical toxicology, Kaiser Permanente Hospital, San Diego, CA, reviewed the arrest warrant for 48 HOURS; Skye Lazaro, criminal defense lawyer, reviewed the case against Dr. James Craig for 48 HOURS; Chelsea Otoy, former employee, worked for Dr. Craig at Summerbrook Dental; and George Brauchler, former elected district attorney, Arapahoe County, CO, former morning host, Colorado talk radio. (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Jamie Stolz, Sarah Prior) **(WEST COAST FEED ONLY)**

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48 HOURS: “Who Poisoned Angela Craig?” (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the March 18th, 2023, death of Angela Craig and the case against her husband, Dr. James (Jim) Craig. Angela, a wife and mother, was raising six children with James, a well-known dentist, in Aurora, Colorado. On March 6th, 2023, Angela reported feeling sick and James took her to the emergency room at Parker Adventist Hospital, where doctors were unable to determine why she was ill and sent her home. Within 24 hours, Angela’s symptoms came back and she returned to Parker Adventist Hospital, where she was admitted. Still unable to diagnose what was making Angela so sick, doctors sent her home on March 14th. Within a day, she started feeling sick again and was admitted to nearby University

Hospital on March 15th. Through it all James was in constant contact with his wife and texted his business partner and fellow dentist, Dr. Ryan Redfearn and his wife Michelle, a nurse, for advice. While at University Hospital, Angela suffered a seizure and was put on life support. James reached out to Ryan again for support, unaware that he knew James had received a package at work, which contained Potassium Cyanide, a poison not needed in a dental practice. Ryan alerted a nurse, who called the Aurora police. Hours after Angela was taken off life support and died, Jim was arrested and charged with first-degree murder; he pleaded not guilty. Angela's autopsy revealed she had been poisoned and died from lethal concentrations of cyanide and a lethal concentration of tetrahydrozoline, the chemical found in some eye drops; she also had toxic concentrations of arsenic in her blood, found in those two earlier hospital visits. Police claim the evidence pointed to her husband and allege he researched poisons online and laced Angela's protein shakes. Investigators discovered Jim began an affair with Dr. Karin Cain, an orthodontist from Austin, TX, and that his dental practice was in debt in excess of \$2 million—Angela's life insurance was valued at \$3.4 million. At a preliminary hearing in 2023, Jim's attorney said his client has a history of depression, had sought counseling in the past and had plans to die by suicide. Three of Angela and Jim's children live with his brother, the other three are now adults living on their own. **On-screen text graphic:** Jim Craig's trial is scheduled to begin on August 8, 2024. Interviewed: Steffan Tubbs, podcast host, "Arsenic, DDS", talk show host, Denver, CO; Dr. Jeff Lapoint, emergency physician, director, division of medical toxicology, Kaiser Permanente Hospital, San Diego, CA, reviewed the arrest warrant for 48 HOURS; Skye Lazaro, criminal defense lawyer, reviewed the case against Dr. James Craig for 48 HOURS; Chelsea Otoy, former employee, worked for Dr. Craig at Summerbrook Dental; and George Brauchler, former elected district attorney, Arapahoe County, CO, former morning host, Colorado talk radio. (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Jamie Stolz, Sarah Prior) (OAD: 03/23/24 - WEST COAST FEED ONLY)

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48 HOURS: "The Troubled Case Against Jane Dorotik" (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update to 48 HOURS MYSTERIES: "A Family Torn Apart", a 2001 report on the case against Jane Dorotik, a California mother and wife convicted of murdering her husband, Bob Dorotik. On February 14th, 2000, the murdered body of Bob Dorotik, a 55-year-old engineer and father of three, was found bludgeoned and strangled by the side of a mountain road near their home in the foothills of San Diego, CA. Despite her denial of any involvement, Jane, Bob's wife of 30 years, was arrested for the crime. In response to the prosecution's damaging physical evidence, including blood spatter, Jane's attorneys tried a risky and divisive strategy—trying to shift suspicion to Claire, the couple's daughter whose relations with her father had been strained. In 2001, Jane Dorotik was tried for murder, found guilty and sentenced to 25 years to life. **03/30/24 UPDATE:** Jane has always maintained her innocence and from prison, spent years filing motions asking for new testing of evidence; a motion was eventually granted in 2015. A wrongful conviction group, Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent took over her case and the court allowed them to have new DNA testing done on several items; results indicated foreign male DNA was found on several items. The state stood by its original investigation and Jane's appellate team maintained the bedroom did not resemble a crime scene and questioned the handling of evidence. In 2020, Jane was temporarily

and conditionally released from prison due to COVID health concerns. During the summer of 2020, the state requested that her murder conviction be overturned and the judge agreed; three months later, the district attorney's office decided to retry her. In May 2022, just as jury selection was about to begin, the prosecution requested that the court dismiss the charges; the case against Jane Dorotik was dismissed without prejudice, meaning if new evidence surfaces, charges could be brought again someday. Jane works with advocacy groups that assist incarcerated women. **On-screen text graphic:** Jane Dorotik has filed a civil suit against the County of San Diego. The suit also names several members of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and its Crime Laboratory. (This broadcast contains footage and interviews from 48 HOURS MYSTERIES: "A Family Torn Apart": Jane Dorotik; James Blackmon, deputy, San Diego County Sheriff's department; Rick Empson, detective, San Diego County Sheriff's department; Claire Dorotik, Jane and Bob's daughter; and Kerry Steigerwalt and Cole Casey, Jane Dorotik's attorneys.) Interviewed for the 03/31/24 update: Jane Dorotik; Matthew Troiano, CBS News consultant, former prosecutor, current defense attorney, reviewed some of the court documents for 48 HOURS; and Nathan Lents, professor of biology and forensic science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, reviewed court documents about new evidence for 48 HOURS. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERIES: "A Family Torn Apart", OAD: 12/03/01; Rebroadcast: 06/17/02) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Ruth Chenetz, Dena Goldstein)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL

03/05/24 **CBS NEWS: AMERICA DECIDES: CAMPAIGN '24: SUPER TUESDAY** (10:00 – 11:00p) – live coverage of the results of the Democratic and Republican presidential primaries and caucuses. Democrats and Republicans held primaries in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia; Democrats held a primary in Utah; Republicans held caucuses in Alaska and Utah; and Democrats held caucuses in the U.S. territory of American Samoa. For the Republicans, CBS News projects that Donald Trump has won the Republican primaries in eleven states so far: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia; Vermont is "likely" going to be a win for Nikki Haley. CBS News also projects that President Biden has won every state that has closed so far: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Virginia. Also includes: (1) a live report from Mar-a-Lago; (2) live footage (video only) of former President Trump speaking at Mar-a-Lago; (3) reports from multiple states, focusing on the races and key issues in North Carolina, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas and California; (4) analysis of the key issues on voters' minds: immigration, the economy and reproductive rights; (5) a discussion of the four criminal trials Mr. Trump will face, including the Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments about presidential immunity; and (6) a live report from Mar-a-Lago, recapping Mr. Trump's speech to supporters (includes taped footage [no audio] of him speaking from moments ago). **CORRESPONDENTS:** Norah O'Donnell (anchor, CBS News Washington); John Dickerson (CBS News Washington); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa (CBS News Washington); Ed O'Keefe (CBS News

Washington); Caitlin Huey-Burns (Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, FL); and Jo Ling Kent (CBS News Los Angeles). CONSULTANTS: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News director of elections and surveys (via remote); Joel Payne, Democratic strategist (via remote); and Leslie Sanchez, Republican strategist. REPORTERS/ANALYSTS: Taurean Small, CBS News political campaign reporter (Charlotte, NC); John Keller, political analyst, WBZ-TV News (Boston, MA); Caroline Cummings, reporter, WCCO-TV (Minneapolis, MN); Jack Fink, political reporter, KTVT-TV (Dallas, TX); and Gary Dietrich, political analyst, KOVR-TV (Sacramento, CA).

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

03/07/24

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: STATE OF THE UNION AND THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE (9:00 – 11:17p) – live coverage of President Joe Biden’s State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Includes: (1) President Biden’s address. Preceded and followed by Correspondents’ commentary and analysis; and (2) the Republican response by Senator Katie Britt (R-AL), from the Britt family kitchen in Montgomery, AL. Preceded and followed by Correspondents’ commentary and analysis. Correspondents: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, CBS News Washington); Ed O’Keefe (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa (CBS News Washington); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Washington); Nancy Cordes (CBS News Washington); Jo Ling Kent (CBS News Washington); Scott MacFarlane (from inside the House Chamber); Major Garrett (Capitol Hill); Nikole Killion (U.S. Capitol); Weijia Jiang (White House); and John Dickerson (New York). Contributors: (voice of) Ashley Etienne, CBS News political contributor; and (voice of) Terry Sullivan, CBS News political contributor.