

## Quarterly Issues/Programs List

WUSA-TV  
Washington, DC

For the quarter beginning:

January 1, 2023

April 1, 2023

July 1, 2023

October 1, 2023

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

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

### **LOCAL ISSUES ADDRESSED DURING THE QUARTER**

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

#### **Local Issue/Concern and Brief Description**

##### **Environment Matters**

The environment matters at WUSA 9 and we remain committed to cover issues and stories concerning our local environment, climate change, sustainability and many other challenges we face. WUSA 9 is committed to doing what we can to make an impact within our community. We aired a series of stories throughout the quarter focused on the environment. Some of the topics featured include the Chesapeake Bay report card, a Maryland electric vehicle charging manufacturer, greenwashing, Give Back Box Program, Virginia Climate Policy meetings and a proposed restoration plan for the Tidal Basin and cherry blossom trees in Washington, DC. On 2/4/23, WUSA 9 dedicated its morning hour newscast to highlight our 3rd Environment Matters Recycle Day.

**New FBI Headquarters**

There's a battle brewing over who will get the new FBI headquarters. Maryland or Virginia. Billions of dollars are at stake. There are 3 finalists. It's between one site in Springfield, Virginia and two sites in Prince George's County—one in Greenbelt and another in Landover. Maryland and Virginia leaders each made their pitches before the General Services Administration Panel that will make the final call.

**Equality Matters:  
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 have made their mark on history, but also highlighting individuals who are making an impact today by working to make things better for future generations.

**Equality Matters:  
Women's History Month**

WUSA 9 celebrates Women's History Month by recognizing and celebrating the achievements of amazing women then and now who are breaking barriers and inspiring others. From the first black female pilot to modern women soaring high in male-dominated industries, WUSA 9 celebrates these women's contributions to our lives and our communities.

**Road Safety**

A Fairfax county family wants the law changed after a distracted driver caused an accident that killed their 86-year-old loved one. The driver walked away from court with just a small fine. WUSA 9 also continues its investigation on Frankensteined guardrails. Dangerous guardrails that could kill if they're struck during a crash. After our initial reporting in November 2022, VA and Maryland highway departments are fixing them but Nathan Baca reports on a simple solution that may also prevent a future tragedy.

**Business**

WUSA 9's team looked into business matters affecting our local community. We reported on Angel Gregorio, owner of Spice Suite. Intent on building up her community, she created a first-of-its-kind strip mall in DC called "Black and Forth." It uses shipping containers to grow small black female-owned businesses. We also looked into Amazon's HQ2 headquarters and the impact of the pandemic. In Arlington, WUSA 9 reported on vacant office space and vertical farming.

**Housing**

Construction at a new Prince Georges County housing development has come to a standstill. Leaving dozens of people who agreed to buy homes there, in emotional and financial limbo for years. A WUSA 9 investigation exposed the delays at Parkside at Westphalia in Upper Marlboro. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack has also discovered - the company selling the homes has stopped offering extra compensation for home buyers who want out.

<b>Consumer</b>	WUSA 9 pulls up a chair at local restaurants to investigate all those added fees being tacked onto your bill these days. Environmental surcharges? Back of the house fee? And what's a wellness fee? Our Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack went in search of answers. We also go one-on-one with DC's Attorney General Brian Schwalb about those fees.
<b>Health Matters: Sleep</b>	The connection between sleep and health is real. It impacts each one of us. Sleep Awareness Week follows the days after Daylight Saving Time. During the week of March 13, WUSA 9 did a series of stories called "Secrets to Better Sleep." The goal was to share valuable information on how people have been sleeping the past year, while offering research-based advice on the benefits of quality sleep and how it affects health and well-being.
<b>Health Matters: Heart</b>	February is American Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health. WUSA 9 focused on women's heart health on "Wear Red Day" and a heart condition that is the number one cause of heart attacks in women under 50. Then, we turned our attention to popular technology and how it not only helps to keep people healthy, but how researchers are looking at how that same technology can help in recovery after heart attacks.
<b>Safety</b>	WUSA 9's Investigative Team looked into safety with toxic playground play pads and AI deepfakes. A DC rec center playground was closed because of elevated levels of lead. The playground sits on rubber mats. Are the rubber chunks—called Crumb rubber- to blame? Crumb rubber has lead inside them. Deepfakes – manipulating photos to put people in compromising situations – has been a problem long before social media. Now artificial intelligence makes deepfake imagery so easy– nearly anyone can do it. WUSA 9 Investigative Reporter Nathan Baca showed new technologies designed to protect your identity.
<b>Commanders</b>	WUSA 9's series on the Commanders continues as the team looks to find a new stadium site. We have learned the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell are now working with DC Mayor Muriel Bowser to ensure the RFK site is an option when the team picks the location of its new stadium.
<b>Special Assignment</b>	WUSA 9's Special Assignment Unit also reported on DC police jump outs, AI cheating, a black Potomac cemetery in ruins, DEA drug lab for Fentanyl, female allies in Afghanistan now in limbo in the DC area, Pathways: an intensive life skills and job training program and a THC test to measure impaired driving from pot.

## **VERIFY**

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

## **New Year, New You**

At the beginning of a new year, many people have goals and aspirations to better themselves. In January of 2023, 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**

## **Environment Matters**

**January 5, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**

**January 6, 2023 (6am re-air/2 minutes length)**

### **Chesapeake Bay Report Card**

For 25 years, the State of the Bay report card from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has been giving marks on pollution, habitat and fisheries over a vast area of the six states where water flows into tributaries headed for the bay. The latest report card finds another 95,000 acres of forest and farmland has been lost to development; the lowest number of crabs counted in a key annual survey ever; and an F grade for controlling the chemical pollutants, nitrogen and phosphorous, found in farm fertilizer and sewage, that cause life choking algae blooms --- which turn the water dingy and kill fish and underwater grass aquatic life needs to survive.

Person interviewed:

Hilary Harp Falk - President, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

**January 16, 2023 (5:30pm/1 minute length)**

**January 17, 2023 (6am re-air/1 minute length)**

### **MLK Jr. Day of Service**

In this report, WUSA 9 highlighted the legacy of Doctor Martin Luther King by recognizing the connection between social and environmental justice. Volunteers with the Student Conservation Association and the National Park Service spent part of the MLK holiday cleaning up trash along the Anacostia River. ECO9 also swung by the MLK Day Cleanup at Pope Branch Park in Southeast DC. This one sponsored by the Anacostia Riverkeepers. It's one of several clean waterways cleanups held by the Anacostia Riverkeepers over the course of the year.

Person interviewed:

Ticora Jones - Volunteer

**January 19, 2023 (5:30pm/2:10 length)**

**January 20, 2023 (6am re-air/2:10 length)**

**Electric Vehicle Charging Manufacturer in Maryland**

WUSA 9 explored green jobs in the DC region. One of the nation's largest providers of electric vehicle charging stations was actually born in Maryland. Bowie, MD-based SemaConnect says it is now poised to grow even faster as demand for electric vehicle charging is exploding across the nation.

People Interviewed: Byron Brown - SemaConnect Employee

Rep. Glenn Ivey - (D) Maryland

Stephen Carroll - VP, SemaConnect

**January 23, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**

**January 24, 2023 (6am/2 minutes length)**

**US Botanic Garden Farming Exhibit**

WUSA 9 took viewers to the United States Botanic Garden. A new interactive exhibit highlights the science and technology of growing food. "Cultivate: Growing Food in a Changing World" also highlights cultural connections to growing food and the stories of those involved with farming.

Person Interviewed: Amy Bolton - US Botanic Garden

**January 26, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**

**January 27, 2023 (6am re-air/2 minutes length)**

**Electric School Buses in Alexandria, VA**

In this story, WUSA 9 highlighted how local school districts are going green. ACPS has started to swap out diesel buses for an electric option. Alexandria City Public Schools had an opportunity to partner with Dominion Energy in 2020, specifically for a grant program related to electric buses. The district received its first EV buses in 2021. These electric buses are not only helping the planet, but they also save money. The district is one of the top 'school sustainability' leaders in Virginia.

People Interviewed:

Dr. Alicia Hart - Chief of Facilities & Operations, Alexandria City Public Schools

Mechale Johnson - Dir. of Pupil Transportation & Fleet Management

**January 30, 2023 (5:30pm/1:35 length)**

**January 31, 2023 (6am re-air/1:35 length)**

**What Is Greenwashing?**

Meteorologist Makayla Lucero looked at the concept of "greenwashing" which refers to companies using deceptive marketing tactics to make their products appear more environmentally friendly than they actually are. The report provided examples of how companies use misleading labels and false claims to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers. An expert also provides tips on how to avoid falling for greenwashing and how to identify genuine environmentally friendly products.

Person Interviewed:

Dr. Ellis Jones - Associate Professor of Sociology at the College of Holy Cross

**February 2, 2023 (5:30pm/1 minute length)**

**February 3, 2023 (6am re-air/1 minute length)**

**February 5, 2023 (8am re-air/1 minute length)**

**Give Back Box - Don't Throw Away An Old Box But Instead Give It A Second Life!**

Meteorologist Makayla Lucero highlights the Give Back Box program, which encourages people to reuse shipping boxes to donate items to charity. Makayla provides step-by-step instructions on how to use the program, including printing out a free shipping label and packing the box with unwanted items. The Give Back Box program partners with various charities, such as Goodwill, to ensure the items donated go to those in need. The video also highlights the environmental benefits of reusing boxes and reducing waste.

**February 4, 2023 (7-8am/one hour length)**

**Environment Matters Recycle Day**

We dedicated our entire morning newscast to highlight WUSA 9's third #EnvironmentMatters Recycle Day. The public could come to our three locations across DC, Maryland and Virginia to recycle old electronics and securely shred paper for free. We were set up at the old RFK stadium in Northeast DC; the Washington Gas Operations Center in Springfield, Virginia; and the Westfield Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, Maryland. We collected more than 57,000 pounds of electronics and shredded and recycled more than 87,000 pounds of paper. Throughout the hour, our teams interviewed members of the community who were showing up to get rid of their old junk in an environmentally friendly way.

**February 6, 2023 (5:30pm/1:40 length)**

**February 7, 2023 (9am re-air/1:40 length)**

**Where Your Electronics Recycling Went**

Following our February 4<sup>th</sup> Recycle Day, Meteorologist Makayla Lucero went to EAsset Solutions to see where all of the old electronics ended up. At the company's warehouse in Falls Church, Virginia, all the electronics are sorted into various categories. Categories like items to be fixed, items to be sold, items to be destroyed and more.

Person Interviewed:

Jim McGovern - CEO, EAsset Solutions

**February 9, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**  
**February 10, 2023 (5am re-air/2 minutes length)**  
**Virginia Climate Policy Meetings in Richmond, VA**

Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath reports on the Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action Advocacy Day, where health professionals gathered in Richmond to urge the Virginia General Assembly to take action on climate change. The event featured a rally and meetings with senators and delegates to discuss the impact of climate change on public health. The attendees urged lawmakers to support legislation that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to renewable energy sources.

People Interviewed:

Lena Bichell - UVA Medical Student  
Robert Kitchen - Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action  
Del. Kathy Tran - (D) Fairfax County

**February 13, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**  
**February 14, 2023 (6am re-air/2 minutes length)**  
**How 'NOAA's Arc' Tracks Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath highlights the Atmospheric Carbon and Climate Group (ARCG) at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which tracks greenhouse gas emissions. They use a combination of different technologies, including air sampling, satellite data, and computer models, to monitor the levels of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere. The ARCG has been doing this work for over 40 years and their data helps scientists understand the impact of human activities on the environment. The story includes an interview with a NOAA scientist who explains the importance of this work and how it can help us address climate change.

**February 16, 2023 (5am/2:10 length)**  
**February 17, 2023 (9am re-air/2:10 length)**  
**How To Stop Erosion At Fort Dupont Park**

Meteorologist Makayla Lucero explores the issue of erosion at Fort Dupont Park in Washington DC and the different methods to control it. Fort Dupont Park is an important recreational area and natural habitat. The park is in an area of the Anacostia River that is vulnerable to erosion, which can damage the park's infrastructure and harm the surrounding ecosystem. One proposed solution is to plant more trees and grasses along the river to provide a natural buffer. Other methods include adding rocks or building up banks with soil and compost.

Person Interviewed:

Josh Burch - DC Dept. of Energy & Environment

**February 20, 2023 (5:30pm/2:40 length)**

**February 21, 2023 (6am re-air/2:40 length)**

**Future City Finals: Capitol Hill Climate Change Students, World Leaders**

Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath highlights the “future city” competition. Six hundred middle schoolers from across the United States and China were in DC to present "future city" models with a theme based on climate change and sustainability. The program started with 60,000 students and 600 students were on Capitol Hill for the final round of the competition.

People Interviewed:

8th Grader, Northern California

Rishika Gautham - 8th Grade, Northern California

Kathy Renzetti - Executive Director, DiscoverE

**March 6, 2023 (5:30pm/1:35 length)**

**March 7, 2023 (6am re-air/1:35 length)**

**Anne Arundel Public Schools Stepping Up Lightning Safety Detection With Automated System**

Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath shows us how Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Maryland is implementing an automated lightning detection and warning system to improve the safety of students and staff during outdoor activities.

People Interviewed:

Karen Morales - Anne Arundel County MD Senior

Bob Mosier - Anne Arundel Co. Public Schools

Timothy Shadare - Anne Arundel County MD Junior

**March 9, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**

**March 10, 2023 (6am re-air/2 minutes length)**

**Updates To Proposed Restoration Of The Tidal Basin And Cherry Blossom Trees Through Great American Outdoors Act**

Meteorologist Makayla Lucero provides an update on the proposed restoration plan for the Tidal Basin and cherry blossom trees in Washington DC through the Great American Outdoors Act, including details on funding and the restoration process.

Person Interviewed:

Mike Litterst - National Park Service



**March 13, 2023 (5:30pm/2 minutes length)**

**March 14, 2023 (6am re-air/2 minutes length)**

**National Arboretum Offers More Space To See The Cherry Blossoms Without The Crowds**

Meteorologist Makayla Lucero highlights the National Arboretum in Washington DC as an alternative location to view cherry blossom trees away from the crowds on the National Mall. The National Arboretum in Washington, DC features not only cherry blossoms but a wide variety of flora and fauna from around the world.

Person Interviewed:

Stefan Lura - Botanist, US National Arboretum

**March 17, 2023 (6am/1:55 length)**

**DC Officials Considering A Plan To Turn Horse Stables On National Mall Into Visitor Center**

Meteorologist Makayla Lucero reports on plans to convert the horse stables on the National Mall in Washington DC into a visitor center. The horse stable on the National Mall has been a fixture for over a century and is home to the US Park Police's horses. However, the stable is in poor condition and requires major repairs, which has raised concerns about the safety of both the horses and the staff. The National Park Service is currently considering different options for the future of the stable, including renovation or relocation to a new site.

Person Interviewed:

Anna Rose - USPP Horse Mounted Patrol

**March 20, 2023 (5:30pm, 7pm re-air and 11pm re-air/2:15 length)**

**March 21, 2023 (6am re-air/2:15 length)**

**Arlington County Flooding Mitigation Plan Includes Buying Homes In Flood-Prone Areas**

WUSA 9's John Henry explores the plan in Arlington County, Virginia to mitigate flooding by buying homes in flood-prone areas and turning them into green spaces or using them for stormwater management. The county will spend more than \$300,000 to tear down one home located on 18th Street N. According to the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services. Several other homeowners are considering selling their land.

People Interviewed:

Aileen Winquist - Arlington, VA Stormwater Communications Manager

Matt Swingle - Arlington, VA Resident

**March 23, 2023 (5:30pm/3:05 length)**  
**March 24, 2023 (6am re-air/3:05 length)**  
**Protecting Fruit Trees From Climate Change**

Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath explores how fruit trees are being affected by climate change and the measures being taken to protect them. This report highlights the work being done by researchers to develop new varieties of fruit trees that can withstand extreme weather conditions and also talks about the importance of sustainable agriculture practices. The report includes interviews with farmers and scientists who are working to find solutions to the challenges posed by climate change on fruit production.

People Interviewed:

Dr. Sherif - Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech  
Bill Mackintosh - Mackintosh Fruit Farm

**Local Issue**

**FBI New Headquarters**

**March 8, 2023 (12noon/3:05 length)**  
**March 8, 2023 (5pm/1:45 length)**  
**March 8, 2023 (6pm/2:15 length)**  
**March 9, 2027 (7pm/1:36 length)**  
**March 8, 2023 (11pm/3:10 length)**  
**Maryland Delegation Pitches Prince George's County**

There's a battle brewing over who will get the new FBI headquarters. Maryland or Virginia. Billions of dollars are at stake. Maryland leaders made their final pitch today before the General Services Administration Panel that will make the final call. Virginia will get its chance to pitch the GSA on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

There are 3 finalists. It's between one site in Springfield, Virginia and two sites in Prince George's County—one in Greenbelt and another in Landover just off the Beltway.

The FBI has been headquartered in the J Edgar Hoover building in downtown DC for 49 years. The building is falling apart and is in considerable disrepair.

There are a lot of factors for the federal government to consider before deciding where the new headquarters will go. One of them is equity and Maryland leaders say it's Maryland's turn to land a large government complex and they are proposing it goes into Prince George's County—a majority minority community. They also say the county will be less expensive to build in and they have the best infrastructure—particularly when it comes to METRO and other public transportation sources.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Gov. Wes Moore: (D) Maryland

Rep. Steny Hoyer: (D) Maryland

Rep. Glenn Ivey: (D) Maryland

Angela Alsobrooks: (D) Prince George's County Executive

Sen. Chris Van Hollen: (D) Maryland

**March 8, 2023 (5pm/2:10 length)**

**March 8, 2023 (7pm re-air and 11pm re-air/2:10 length)**

**Greenbelt Site For New FBI Headquarters**

WUSA 9's Nathan Baca visits one of the proposed FBI Headquarters spots – in Greenbelt, Maryland. Nathan spoke with people and business owners about what this government project could bring to the area and what the area has to offer the FBI.

In terms of benefits to business owners, there's the added revenue of people walking through their doors to purchase items. Some residents do worry about increased traffic but admit having the Greenbelt METRO stop so close by will help.

Greenbelt residents also tout the University of Maryland campus being so nearby—which can help funnel a well-educated pool of employees.

People Interviewed:

Mardan Timen: Business Owner

Maria Koumpouras: Business Owner

**March 8, 2023 (6pm/2:05 length)**

**March 8, 2027 (7pm/2:11 length)**

**March 8, 2023 (11pm/2:15 length)**

**Landover Site for New FBI Headquarters**

The second site under consideration for the new FBI Headquarters is on land once used by the Landover Mall. Nathan Baca spoke with business owners on what it would mean to land the new headquarters building.

This location is the only one of the three proposed sites that is privately owned—by Lerner Enterprises. So, cost could be a factor. The Greenbelt site is government owned land.

But Landover business owners tell Nathan Baca they feel like they're the right fit for the building. But they do worry about an estimated 7,500 people driving into the county each day to go to work at the building. They feel more roads will be needed. But they also feel the tax revenue generated by new people doing work in the area will outweigh the traffic concerns.

People Interviewed:

Michael Crocker: Business Owner

Areta Prince: Business Owner

**March 9, 2023 (12noon/3:15 length)**

**March 9, 2023 (5pm/2:45 length)**

**March 9, 2023 (6pm/1:55 length)**

**March 9, 2027 (7pm/1:45 length)**

**March 9, 2023 (11pm/2:06 length)**

### **Virginia Delegation Pitches Commonwealth**

Today was the second of two final pitch meetings to see who gets the new FBI Headquarters—Maryland or Virginia. This was the Commonwealth's turn.

Arguably, the biggest message coming out of the press conference with Virginia leaders that followed their meeting with the decision panel was that Virginia leaders brought strong rebuttals to the arguments we heard from Maryland leaders at that exact same spot yesterday.

Maryland leaders say it'll cost an extra billion taxpayer dollars to build this new headquarters in Springfield. Virginia Senator Mark Warner, and others in the Virginia delegation say this is not true.

Maryland leaders say their state—in particular, Prince George's County where they are proposing the new headquarters go—is more diverse. Again, Virginia leaders said not true. The Commonwealth has a rich diversity in terms of African Americans, Asians and other diverse cultures.

Virginia leaders also argued that the Springfield location they are proposing is closer to Quantico where the FBI Training Academy is. And it's important for the headquarters to be near this facility.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Gov. Glenn Youngkin: R-Virginia

Sen. Tim Kaine: D-Virginia

Sen. Mark Warner: D-Virginia

Rep. Gerry Connolly: D-Virginia

**March 9, 2023 (5pm/1:55 length)**

**March 9, 2023 (6pm/1:32 length)**

**March 9, 2023 (7pm/1:40 length)**

**March 9, 2023 (11pm/1:25 length)**

### **Springfield Business Owners and the New FBI Headquarters**

Nathan Baca went to Springfield, Virginia where the new FBI Headquarters could be placed. He spoke with small shop owners about the impact that new building, and all its people, would have on their businesses.

If Springfield is chosen, the new headquarters would go across the street from the Springfield Town Center.

Aaron Chilin, the owner of a Springfield diner, feels that thousands of federal employees relocating minutes away would be a once in a generation business opportunity. And a particularly good comeback from COVID.

He also says the area is better suited to accommodate all the added traffic with the road system into the area.

People in this location also say the Springfield site—which is close to the Franconia-Springfield METRO station—is owned by the General Services Administration. Thus, cheaper to build on. No need to buy the land.

Virginia leaders couldn't point to any economic impact studies to quantify how much business the FBI move could bring. But shop owners tell WUSA 9 they simply feel the opportunity.

People Interviewed:

Aaron Chilin: Business Owner

Jamilla Williams: Business Owner

### **Local Issue**

### **Equality Matters: Black History Month**

**February 6, 2023 (6am/1:35 length)**

**Diversity in Gymnastics**

**Reporter: Randi Ayala**

Fisk University made history this year by becoming the first HBCU gymnastics team to compete at the NCAA level. The team's success and Olympians Gabby Douglas and Simone Biles are inspiring and changing the gymnastics culture in Prince George's County. WUSA 9 spoke with athletes at Prince George's Sport and Learning Complex about the changes and how they feel about seeing more brown superstars in the sport. Interviews included Amir Muhammad, Gymnast; Robert Lundy, Coach; Marilyn Davies, Booster; Skyy Henson, Gymnast.

**February 8, 2023 (6am/2:30 length)**

**Black History In Fashion**

Local fashion designers are sewing messages about black culture into their seams as they honor their heritage. Delight Dzansi honors her Ghanaian roots through her clothes. She started AlkeBULAN, LLC in 2019 after noticing that members of her community wanted to wear African prints more often, but they could only access them in the US for special occasions or with a months-long lead time. DMV Designer Doncel Brown founded Generation Typo in 2020 to spark dialogue across generations, especially about the tough topics where there's often a disconnect.

**February 13, 2023 (6am/1:27 length)**

**Bronze Restaurant**

**Reporter: Randi Ayala**

Food is one way to immerse yourself into a new culture. And there's a restaurant on H Street in Northeast giving people a front row seat to afro-futurism. The restaurant "Bronze" focuses on food from countries that are part of the African diaspora, which is pretty unique already but an added bonus is the owner is a fellow Washingtonian and committed to seeing growth in this area of H street. WUSA 9 spoke with founder Keem Hughley and executive chef Toya Henry.

**February 17, 2023 (6am/1:45 length)**

**Young Aviators**

**Reporter: Matt Gregory**

A Virginia fraternity wants to inspire young black aviators. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi created a junior pilots program that gets young people into the cockpit. A few years back, the chapter recognized a career path with a significant racial disparity: aviation.

Only 2% of commercial pilots in the US are black, according to the latest census data.

Twice a month, kids meet at the Kappa Alpha Psi alumni building in Alexandria, Virginia and learn to fly.

"A lot of our program are designed for African American men or young males, but at our chapter we do programs that are coed," Kappa Alpha Psi alumni president Dr. Kenneth Taylor said.

"In the class we incorporate black history, but also remind them that they are making history as well," Dr. Taylor said.

"If I'd been exposed to something like that when I was ten or eleven years old, maybe I'd be a pilot."

The brothers Kappa Alpha Psi wanted to do something about it. So, they built an aviation program. A coed beginner course on flight for middle school to high school students.

With the help of grant money from the Northern Virginia Urban League they were able to get it off the ground.

They continue to fund the program through donations and grants.

In the program, the kids learn the basics of flight taught by former pilots like naval aviator Rear Admiral A.J. Johnson.

"We talk about flight, do the table talk then we go to the flight room, and they actually do what they just learned," Rear Admiral Johnson said.

That is the fun part. With help of grant money, Kappa Alpha Psi bought five flight simulators. The students practice taking off, navigating, and landing- all from their seats in Alexandria.

Then at the end of the course, they do something special: they get behind the wheel of a real plane. The culmination of the class is taking controls of a plane and flying for the first time.

Interviewed Kappa Alpha Psi alumni president Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Rear Admiral Art Johnson, and student Naomi Hill.

**February 22, 2023 (6am/2:45 length)**

**Rosa Parks Room**

**Reporter: Jess Arnold**

The O Museum in the Mansion is filled with even more treasures than meet the eye. Civil Rights icon Rosa Parks once lived there and you can tour her room. H. Leonards bought the mansion in 1980. She took in Parks after she was attacked in her Detroit home in 1994. A lasting friendship grew, and the two spent much of their time hand-in-hand. Their connection earned the O Museum in the Mansion a marker on the African American Heritage Trail in 2019.

WUSA 9 spoke with H. Leonards, Founder, O Street Mansion.

**February 23, 2023 (1:20 length)**

**February 24, 2023 (12n re-air/1:00 length)**

**Ball's Bluff Regional Park Black History**

Meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath highlights the Black History Month Events at Balls Bluff Park in Leesburg, Virginia. Balls Bluff Park celebrated Black History Month by showcasing the important contributions made by African Americans to the state's history. The park has a special significance as it was the site of the Battle of Ball's Bluff, which was fought by Union and Confederate forces during the American Civil War. The event included various activities, such as historical reenactments and guided tours.

Person Interviewed:

Cate Wyatt Magennis - NOVA Parks Chair

**Local Issue**

**Equality Matters: Women's  
History Month**

**March 1, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview with Jackie Reyes-Yanes and Sarah Scott highlighting the 5th Annual FITDC HerStory 5K at Freedom Plaza hosted by Mayor Muriel Bowser and the DC Department of Parks & Recreation.

**March 7, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with author Elizabeth Cobbs. Cobbs talks about her new book "Fearless Women: Feminist Patriots from Abigail Adams to Beyoncé."

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview and cooking demonstration with female owned and operated restaurant, Jas and Fam Caribbean Flavor.

**Thursday, March 9, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with the First Lady of Iceland, Eliza Reid. Reid discusses how equitable Iceland is to women, which ranks as the top country for women to live in the world. She also discusses her new book “Secrets of the Sprakkar.”

**March 15, 2023 (6am/2:30 length)**

**Bessie Coleman First Black Female Pilot**

**Reporter: Matt Gregory**

The history of black aviation is a rich one that includes world-famous aviators like the Tuskegee Airmen, and some that are not as well known. Bessie Coleman was a pilot as groundbreaking as Amelia Earhart, but not a household name.

WUSA 9 spoke with Rear Admiral Art Johnson and Air and Space Curator Dorothy Cochran to learn more about Coleman, the first black female pilot licensed to fly in the US.

Inside the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity alumni building in Alexandria, young black aviators learn the basics of flight. Boys and girls alike learn take offs and landings — and something deeper.

“This morning we had a little Black History session,” instructor Rear Admiral Arthur Johnson said. “I was telling the students it’s important to learn their history.”

“We also want to expose them to other aviators like Bessie Coleman, or Queen Bess as she’s known,” Kappa Alpha Psi alumni president Dr. Kenneth Taylor said.

“The white papers didn’t cover her and the white public didn’t know anything about her,” said Dorothy Cochran, a curator at the Air and Space Museum in DC.

“Bessie Coleman was the first African-American woman to be a licensed pilot,” she explained.

“She was kind of frustrated with being a manicurist (in Chicago) and her brothers said, ‘We saw women flying in France.’”

Coleman’s aerial journey started in Chicago in the 1920’s. A time in America where it was unheard of for a woman, let alone a black woman, to be a pilot. So, she learned French, then traveled to France to learn to fly.

“It took her several months to master it all, then she had to do solos across the country, and eventually she acquired her license,” Cochran said.

Coleman returned to the United States, a little-known trailblazer. For the next five years she put on aerial shows and lectures about flight across the country.

“Even then she was really only known in the African American community,” Cochran lamented.

She inspired an entire community of what could be possible, up until her death in an aerial accident in 1926. For generations, her story traveled a grass roots campaign in the African American community.

Until the 1980s.



“This museum put together a Black Wings exhibit and that was the first time she was celebrated in a major museum at all,” Cochran explained.

A small memorial to the woman who would not let racist and sexist restrictions hold her back.

Today, Queen Bess represents more than a historic first. She charted a path for children like the young pilots of the Kappa Alpha Psi alumni program.

“(Stories like hers) gives you the will to ‘go on’ when you face obstacles that will naturally get in your way,” Rear Admiral Johnson said.

NOTE: During the renovations to the Air and Space Museum, the Black Wings exhibit has not been on display. The curator tells us it is a cornerstone of the future exhibits.

### **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview with Jannine Iannarelli, founder of Par Avion Limited, for a look at women in the aviation industry.

### **March 22, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Kenyatta Brunson, President and CEO of N Street Village, a nonprofit organization serving women experiencing homelessness. Brunson discusses about major issues, specific to women that can cause homelessness.

### **March 24, 2023 (6am/3:17 length)**

**Melonie Johnson**

**Reporter: Allison Seymour**

President and CEO of MGM’s National Harbor Hotel and Casino, Melonie Johnson is a top leader in the male dominated gaming business. But her journey wasn’t always easy. WUSA 9 talks with Melonie about her humble beginnings, how her love of math set her on this career path, and the impact her parents had on her success.

Whether she's interacting with former NFL running back Brian Mitchell or in the midst of the crowd, Johnson says BET MGM is the sports betting extension of MGM Resorts. BET MGM spearheads the sports betting lounge area at MGM National Harbor.

It's quite an accomplishment for Johnson, and a long way from her humble beginnings on the Northside of New Orleans in Lacombe, Louisiana.

"I lived in a very small town, rural. We didn't have a traffic light," said Johnson.

But what she did have were parents who raised her to have a strong values, perseverance, and "Not feeling entitled and working very hard for everything that you got, so education was important," Johnson said.

She left home at 17, enrolled at the University of New Orleans and graduated four years later with a degree in accounting. But that degree didn't guarantee that she would get hired.

"I was a person of color and in the '80s, a person of color really struggled to find a career. And it was deflating. I ended up going to a headhunter and they sent me on an interview at a bank. I landed the job. I made a whopping \$9,600 a year."

Johnson's gamble on that headhunter paid off. She went from bank teller to becoming the first black woman to serve as president and COO of casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey and Prince George's County, Maryland.

She credits those early jobs with teaching her how to navigate the waters, manage challenges and prepare her for the casino business.

"My younger years were the formative years for me. It was managing having a courageous conversation versus being cocky, managing emotions without being labeled the 'angry black woman', managing being assertive versus being aggressive," she said.

She said her parents were a pillar of support.

"There were hard times for me, but I had two parents that I could talk to. They told us if you're going on a job -- they were old school -- to keep your head down, don't get into trouble and do it the best of your ability because no one owes you anything," Johnson said.

The MGM National Harbor president and CEO adds, "I am the first person that will say I'm surrounded by great people. I do not know everything. But I do know that the team that we have at this property is magnificent, and this team carries us to the finish line. It's not me."

Johnson, true to her humble beginnings growing up in Louisiana said, "A title doesn't make me. It just doesn't. I am Melonie Dupree Johnson, that's who I am at the end of the day."

**March 22, 2023 (6am/2:15 length)**

**Virginia Music Studio Empowers Women**

**Reporter: Jess Arnold**

A northern Virginia recording studio is hoping to equip women with the tools they need to thrive in the male-dominated industry.

Trilogy Sound Studio opened its doors in March 2021 in Burke, Virginia, with the goal of empowering local talent.

WUSA 9 spoke with Sarah Benrazek, Founder & CEO, Trilogy Sound Studio; Emily Gill, Audio Engineering Student; Heaven Hall, Singer/Songwriter.

"The DMV area is kind of very ripe with talent, but the problem is that that talent always leaves," co-founder Sarah Benrazek said. "They go to New York, they go to California, they go to Miami. So, we wanted to harness that and be able to provide a place to build a platform for music independence, for education and music technology."

One of their current students is Emily Gill.

"I've started from zero," Gill said.

She's part of their four-month audio engineering and music production education program.

"I like got sling-shotted out from knowing nothing to knowing a lot -- a lot more than most people now, which I completely hand to Trilogy," Gill said.

That's the goal behind Trilogy Sound Studio -- giving young people the tools to enter the music industry.

Right now, Benrazek is focusing on empowering women.

"It's almost like, it doesn't come naturally for some people to accept that, you know, women are behind the scenes, they're doing a lot of important work," she said. "I'm a producer and engineer, and songwriter myself. And I just want to be able to give that opportunity to people and you know, inspire them to go after what they want to do."

She's already inspiring young singer/songwriters, like Heaven Hall.

"I feel like Trilogy has really helped me to stay consistent," Hall said. "And it's also really helped me in my journey of like, just performing in general, like I said, and making connections and really like collaborating. I think this studio has really helped me open up my like creativity to other people."

Benrazek said they're starting to work with high school students, too. (Both Hall and Gill are in college right now.)

She said they recently formed a partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools to give their students access to their studio.

"Really give the students a real sense of what it feels like to be in the studio and work with professionals," she said.

Right now, that room full of professionals is rarely all women.

**March 31, 2023 (6am/1:30 length)**

**Her Flex Fitness**

**Reporter: Randi Ayala**

A women-only gym in Prince George's County is proving to be a safe haven for hundreds of women. The Owner of **Her Flex Fitness in Forestville, MD** said she opened the facility after hearing complaints from clients about conventional gyms. WUSA 9 spoke with the gym owner Samaiyah Williams and gym member Sonja Suber.

"A women-only facility catered to women for women. We train women exactly how they want to be trained to get rid of that body fat, keep the curves and it just kind of blew up from there," said Williams.

She wants women to focus on working out and not worry about being looked at or judged.

"They're tired of being catcalled also just being intimidated by going to the weight section and not necessarily knowing what to do."

A Richmond, Virginia native, Williams moved to the DMV to pursue her master's degree. She was working at another gym but had to switch gears when it shut down during the pandemic. Using her mental health background, she wanted to bring a new and different fitness approach to the area.

"I saw this was something women needed because women wear so many hats throughout the day and we don't really get that opportunity to really love on ourselves," said Williams.

She opened her gym in September 2020 with about 100 members, but it's now grown to more than 600. Often times there's a waitlist to get into one of her classes.

Sonja Suber has been coming to the gym for almost two years.

"Wear what you want, to be confident about your body instead of people looking at you and judging you it's definitely like-minded women with you during the whole workout so it makes it way easier," said Suber.

### **Local Issue**

### **Road Safety**

**February 2, 2023 (11pm/5:20 length)**

**February 3, 2023 (5pm re-air/5:20 length)**

**Distracted Driver – Part 1**

A Fairfax County family wants law changed after a distracted driver caused an accident that killed their 86-year-old loved one. The driver walked away from court with just a small fine. Not a single day of jail time.

William Glass was a war veteran, retired from the CIA and married for 55-years. He was driving his wife to a doctor's appointment on Fairfax County Parkway in Herndon. They were stopped at a red light, when Leonel Alvarado slammed his truck into the back of the couple's minivan. Glass suffered 3 breaks in his spine, injuries to his diaphragm and lungs, along with a severely injured leg. He died August 3, 2023--4 months after the crash.

WUSA 9 obtained police body cam video from the day of the accident. Initially, through a translator, Alvarado told investigators at the scene his truck suffered a mechanical failure. However later he told police at the scene he was searching for an address in GPS on his cellphone.

Other officers at the scene, also wearing police body cams, spot a passenger that was in the truck with Alvarado. Through a translator, he tells them Alvarado was searching for an address on his phone just before impact.

In court, William's Glass' family expected a trial. They didn't get it.

At first, Fairfax County Police charged Alvarado with Reckless Driving, which can carry jail time. But after police consulted with the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the charge was downgraded to holding a phone while operating a vehicle and driving without a license—because Alvarado only had his learners permit at the time of the accident. He was slapped with a \$125 fine for the distracted driving charge. But why was the more serious charge against Alvarado dropped. We answered that question the next night at 11pm.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Callie Williams: Granddaughter of Victim

Phairak Glass: Wife of Victim

**February 3, 2023 (11pm/5:13 length)**

**February 6, 2023 (5pm re-air/5:13 length)**

**Distracted Driver – Part 2**

Tonight WUSA 9 went in search of answers. How did a distracted driver—who caused an accident that killed a northern Virginia man—only walk away with a \$125 fine. Chief investigative reporter, Eric Flack, studied the police body cam video in search of answers for the victim's family. Flack uncovered how a missing witness and a test police did not do on the distracted driver's cellphone may have played a role.

86-year-old William Glass died 4 months after a driver, using GPS on his cellphone, slammed into the back of his minivan, resulting in Glass sustaining severe injuries to his spine, leg, lungs, and diaphragm.

Fairfax County Police initially called it a case of "Reckless Driving" - punishable by a maximum of 12 months in jail. But after meeting with police, prosecutors would downgrade the reckless driving charge in William Glass's case to holding a phone while operating a vehicle and driving without a license, because Alvarado only had his learners permit at the time of the accident.

In court, Leonel Alvarado pled guilty and got a \$125 fine plus court costs, the penalty for a first-time distracted driving offense. The Commonwealth Attorney's office dropping the driving without a license charge because Alvarado passed his full drivers test in the months leading up to court.

So, how did Leonel Alvarado walk away with only a \$125 fine? The Commonwealth Attorney's Office told us Virginia's current distracted driving laws impose a high legal bar to prosecute traffic fatalities as criminal cases. In this case, that passenger who told police Alvarado was on his cell phone disappeared. So, there was no way to meet the standard for additional charges.

But there's more. Fairfax County Police failed to do a forensic exam of the driver's cell phone. Which distracted driving advocates call a huge misstep.

In a statement, Fairfax County Police told WUSA 9, "A forensic examination of the phone was not necessarily due to the witness placing the phone in (the driver's) hand and an admission that the driver was looking at his GPS."

But with that witness, now gone. And the body cam, also seemingly not enough proof for prosecutors. Jennifer Smith of Stopdistractions.org says a forensic exam could have provided an additional layer of digital proof Alvarado was on his cell phone at the time of the accident.

Fairfax County Police maintain the forensic exam on Alvarado's cell phone would not have made a difference. "Detectives worked with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office to obtain these charges, which did not rise to the level of reckless driving. The facts and circumstances of the crash support the charges as presented. The Fairfax County Police Department feels for the family of Mr. Glass and routinely stresses the importance of safe driving."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Callie Williams: Granddaughter of Victim

Phairak Glass: Wife of Victim

Jennifer Smith: Co-Founder, StopDistractions.org

Fairfax County Police

Fairfax County Commonwealth's Office

**March 7, 2023 (11pm/4:06 length)**

**March 8, 2023 (5pm re-air/4:06 length)**

**Distracted Driver – Part 3**

A Northern Virginia lawmaker tells WUSA 9 - Fairfax County police failed to quote "go the extra mile" when it investigated a distracted driving accident that killed an 86-year-old grandfather. And in the wake of our investigation, that lawmaker is considering new legislation to preserve the type of evidence, Fairfax County investigators did not collect in this case.

When 86-year-old William Glass died from injuries suffered in a distracted driving accident his family was shocked at Fairfax County's justice. The driver walked out of court with a \$125 fine and asked to pay \$192 in court fees.

That \$125 fine – and no jail time - for the driver Leonel Alvarado, came after the Commonwealth Attorney's office downgraded the detective's initial classification of "Reckless Driving" Which is punishable by a maximum of 12 months in jail to holding a phone while operating a vehicle.

But the Glass family believes it wasn't just the courts that betrayed them because Fairfax County Police failed to do a digital forensic exam of the driver's cell phone.

Virginia State Senator Scott Surovell argues a forensic exam of a driver's cell can prove if someone is texting at the time of an accident.

Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis declined repeated interview requests for this report through a spokesperson. That spokesperson only agreeing to address WUSA 9's questions via email. Fairfax County Police Department's answers to three different questions about why investigators failed to do that forensic exam on the driver's cell phone, were all virtually the same. Repeating only a passenger in the truck that slammed into William Glass's minivan saw the cell phone in the drivers' hands prior to the crash. The spokesperson also telling us since the driver ultimately told police he was using his phone's GPS for directions at the time of impact investigators had enough for the distracted driving charge. But the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's office told us that "passenger witness" police were relying so heavily on, later disappeared. And as a result, there was no way for Fairfax County Commonwealth's attorneys to meet the legal standard in Virginia for additional criminal charges.

Surovell said a digital forensic exam on the phone could have revealed the driver was doing more than just checking GPS, like texting, at the time of impact. Potentially giving prosecutors the evidence, they needed to take that more serious reckless driving charge to court.

Surovell is now considering legislation that would safeguard digital forensic evidence in distracted driving cases. Information William Glass's family believes could have led to more than a \$125 fine for the driver who killed their loved one.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Scott Surovell: (D) Virginia State Senator

Callie Williams: Granddaughter of Victim

Phairak Glass: Wife of Victim

Jennifer Smith: Co-Founder, StopDistractions.org

Fairfax County Police

Fairfax County Commonwealth's Office

**February 21, 2023 (11pm/3:50 length)**

**February 22, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:50 length)**

**Frankensteined Guardrails**

WUSA 9's investigative team found dangerous guardrails that could kill if they're struck during a crash. They are nicknamed "Frankensteined Guardrails." It's a term to describe a guardrail made with mixed parts. The parts don't work together -- ultimately crumbling upon impact. And in some cases -- impaling drivers.

Virginia and Maryland highway departments are fixing them, after our initial reporting in November 2022. But as Investigative Reporter, Nathan Baca highlighted in this report, a simple solution may also prevent future tragedy.

Federal safety guidelines recommend against installing a guardrail of one brand – and an end terminal of another brand. These mismatched products are so-called "Frankensteined" guardrails.

Improperly installed or malfunctioning guardrails can kill when they are meant to protect. Instead of absorbing the impact of a crash – they can impale people inside a car.

SPIG Industries in Bristol, Virginia makes guardrails. And they have a simple solution to prevent Frankensteined guardrails. Stickers showing which way to install the rail, and a sticker showing which brand the end terminal is – to help prevent a mismatched and dangerous installation. The idea coming when Steve Eimers – a grieving father – turned safety advocate.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Don Monin: VP, SPIG Industries

Steve Eimers: Safety Advocate

Virginia Department of Transportation

Maryland Department of Transportation

### Local Issue

### Business

**January 13, 2023 (6pm/4:20 length)**

**January 15, 2023 (7am re-air/4:20 length)**

### **Black and Forth**

Angel Gregorio is the well-known founder and owner of Spice Suite. Intent on building up her community, as she climbs, Gregorio took a once run-down tow truck company in Northeast DC's Ward 5 and created a first-of-its-kind strip mall in DC. It's called "Black and Forth" and uses shipping containers to grow small black female-owned businesses with big ambition. She and friends invested their own money, close to 7 figures, into this business venture.

The goal to provide affordable business space so small black owned businesses, with big ambition, can grow.

Running out of space for her own company, Gregorio, a former educator, and world traveling spice curator, even moved Spice Suite into Back and Forth to have more space. She also plans on starting a farmer's market in the area.

Person Interviewed/Highlighted:

Angel Gregorio: Owner, Black and Forth

**February 6, 2023 (11pm/3:50 length)**

**February 7, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:50 length)**

### **Amazon HQ2**

It was headline news across the country. Amazon would make Arlington its east coast home. A project, once thought to be so influential, it came with a new name for Crystal City—National Landing. But did the pandemic infect HQ2?

Wine shop owner Thad Parsons has a front row seat to the transformation. His shop now in the shadow of a huge residential tower. One of dozens of new buildings going up around the HQ2 campus. Parsons says all the construction and loss of parking has been bad for business. And now, he's skeptical the so-called Amazon Effect will bring he payoff everyone expected.



The payoff was supposed to mean billions in new revenue for the Greater Washington region, according to a 2018 George Mason University study. Projections based on Amazon's promises to bring at least 25,000, and maybe as many as 50,000 new jobs to the area. But like many companies, post-pandemic, Amazon is cutting back. Laying off a combined 18,000 workers since November. That's 6% of its global workforce.

And although Phase 1 of HQ2—2 office towers and 2-and-a-half acres of green space known as "Met Park" is set to open this summer, Phase 2, including the distinctive new "Helix" tower, has yet to break ground.

Christian Dorsey, Chair of the Arlington County Board, says there is concern that Phase 2 might not end up what was once planned. But overall - if Amazon's timeline changes, or if the scope of it changes, that's normal. But he has no indication at this point that will be the case.

In an email to WUSA 9, Amazon said 5,000 employees have already been assigned to H2Q, although the companies in office policy remains up to individual teams. Amazon also said the opening of Met Park will bring new, local and minority owned small business retailers to Arlington. The company also said its long-term intention and commitment to the communities where they have presence, like Arlington, remains unchanged. But Amazon did not answer our specific questions about when it plans to move forward with Phase 2 and the Helix.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Christian Dorsey: Chair, Arlington County Board

Susan Piedmont-Palladino: Director, Virginia Tech's WAAC

Thad Parsons: Business Owner

Ed Cassel: President, Crystal City Civic Association

**February 10, 2023 (11pm/3:35 length)**

**February 13, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/3:35 length)**

**Vacant Office Space And Vertical Farming**

Amazon may be setting up shop in Arlington, but the county still has some serious economic challenges post-pandemic. Including record high empty office space. So, the county is courting some unconventional businesses to the area. But will this solve the economic jitters?

Tucked away in an Arlington strip mall, Ryan Pierce cultivates the future of farming. Vertical farming. His company is called Fresh Impact Farms. It's northern Virginia's first urban, vertical farm. It uses hydroponic technology—all water, no soil, and a ton of LED lighting. Start-up costs topped hundreds of thousands of dollars. And that's before the electricity bill—which runs about \$2,000 a month.

Pierce believes his business is a way of the future. But he does not believe everybody should be doing it. But Arlington County is hoping to plant a flag in the vertical farming industry—by encouraging more urban grow operations like Pierce's, to fix its own growing problem. Filling space.

In Arlington office vacancy rates have hit an all-time high. Now hovering at about 22%, with more companies expected not to be renewing leases post pandemic. And this is costing the county big time. Ryan Touhill, Executive Director for Arlington Economic Development, says for every percentage point office vacancy rates rise, Arlington loses about \$3.5 million a year in tax revenue.

This is why the County recently rolled back decades long zoning laws that will allow for alternative uses of empty office space. Everything from breweries to pet sitting. And yes, vertical farms.

Pierce is skeptical vertical farms will grow into a long-time solution for Arlington. Saying it's far more challenging than what a lot of people think. Plus, Pierce says vertical farms need cheap office space to survive. And office space next door to Amazon isn't likely to come cheap.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ryan Pierce: Founder, Fresh Impact Farms

Ryan Touhill: Executive Director, Arlington County Economic Development

### Local Issue

### Housing

**February 13, 2023 (11pm/3:55 length)**

**February 14, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:55 length)**

**Houses Not Built in Prince George's County – Part 1**

A Prince Georges County woman is in the middle of a home buying nightmare. She's waited for her new house for two and a half years; but not a single brick has been laid. Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack has uncovered she's not the only one.

Duvall signed a contract with Dan Ryan Builders in August 2020--paying a \$10,000 down payment on the almost \$492,000 home. With an estimated completion date of 6 months. Two and a half years later, still no house.

Dan Ryan Builders, now known as DRB, tells WUSA 9 construction came to a screeching halt when the developer ran out of money. Leaving the roadway and bridge leading in and out of the development, unfinished. Since no one can legally live here until the infrastructure is completed, DRB has ceased construction all together.

Duvall showed us email after email from DRB pushing back the completion date. The latest, saying her home won't be ready until 2024.

DuVall sold her other house expecting to move into her new place. Instead, she shares a small apartment with her daughter and granddaughter. Most of their belongings in storage.

DRB has offered to refund Duvall's \$10,000 deposit. And an additional \$10,000 for her trouble. But what does she do then, she asks? Saying to WUSA 9, "I put in so much money storage fees, renting an apartment, you know, so many other things, then they're not even thinking about the money that I've lost in selling my home, I could earn more equity in my home, if I would have stayed and then sold it later."

A DRB spokesman tells WUSA 9, 25 customers took the buyout, but another 40 are still waiting for their homes like Duvall. DRB says they are offering to transfer customers to other developments, but at 2023 prices. Which in Duvall's case, would be a difference of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Kim Duvall: House Buyer

DRB Homes/Dan Ryan Builders

**March 21, 2023 (11pm/4:20 length)**

**March 22, 2023 (5pm re-air/4:20 length)**

**Houses Not Built In Prince George's County – Part 2**

Construction at a new Prince Georges County housing development has come to a standstill. Leaving dozens of people who agreed to buy homes there, in emotional and financial limbo for years. In this story, more people are coming forward after a WUSA 9 Investigation exposed the delays at Parkside at Westphalia in Upper Marlboro.

And now, Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack has discovered: the company selling the homes has stopped offering extra compensation for home buyers who want out.

Dan Ryan Builders, now known as DRB, tells WUSA 9 construction came to a screeching halt when the developer on the project ran out of money. Leaving home buyers caught in the middle. This was in 2022.

At the time DRB offered customers the opportunity to terminate their home-purchase contracts, get a full refund of all deposits plus an additional \$10,000 for the delays, The email from the company stating that proposal of an extra \$10,000 was only good for 18 days.

Demetries North, who signed a contract with DRB in April 2022 pulled out this past September. He got back the money he put down, but not the additional \$10,000 in compensation because he missed the window. North says if he had known the developer was having financial problems, he might have made an earlier decision and feels like DRB should extend the extra payment because he says the developer information was not disclosed.

North now lives in a small apartment paying \$500 more a month than his mortgage would have been if his house was built when it was supposed to.

Nino Robinson is waiting and hoping. Saying the home price he locked in cannot be found anymore in the market at this point

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Kim Duvall: House Buyer

Demetries North: House Buyer

Nino Robinson: House Buyer

DRB Homes/Dan Ryan Builders

## Local Issue

## Consumer

**March 16, 2023 (11pm/3:36 length)**

**March 17, 2023 (5am re-air and 5pm re-air/3:36 length)**

### **Restaurant Fees - Part 1**

Tonight, WUSA 9 pulls up a chair at local restaurants to investigate all those added fees being tacked onto your bill these days. Environmental surcharges? Back of the house fee? And what's a wellness fee? Our Chief Investigative Reporter Eric Flack went in search of answers. And he found out there are ways customers can fight back against so called "tipflation."

Sarah Stella sure was confused by all the extra fees. So, she started a spreadsheet on Reddit to keep track. She's up to cataloging 143 eateries. Uniformity is all she's asking for. Everyone calling their fees the same thing and explaining what they are for.

In response to growing frustration among customers, much of it on social media, DC Attorney General Brian Schwalb issued a consumer alert warning DC Restaurants are barred from charging deceptive fees. And could be fined for violating DC's consumer protection laws if they:

Bury the fee in fine print

Fail to disclose how much the fee is until the bill comes

Use the fee for something other than what they say it's for

Or use ambiguous or misleading language about how the fee will be used

Shawn Townsend, President and CEO of the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington, says the fees are a product of a restaurant industry still reeling from the pandemic. And anticipation of tipped worker wage increases approved by voters set to begin phasing in this May.

Townsend said the restaurant association is working with DC Council on language to bring uniformity to restaurant fees in the district. Until then, customers are left to figure it out on their own.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Sarah Stella: Frequent Restaurant Goer

Shawn Townsend: President & CEO, Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington

**March 17, 2023 (6am/4:05 length)**

**March 17, 2023 (6pm re-air/4:05 length)**

**Restaurant Fees – Part 2**

In this story, we go one-on-one with DC's Attorney General about those new restaurant fees so many of us are seeing these days. Environmental surcharges. Back of the house fees. Wellness fees.

Attorney General, Brian Schwalb tells WUSA 9 his office is receiving complaints from people in the community who were receiving bills with fees they either didn't understand, or fees they were not alerted to before they ordered.

Which is why Schwalb issued a consumer alert warning DC Restaurants they are barred from charging deceptive fees by burying the fee in fine print, failing to disclose how much the fee is until the bill comes, using the fee for something other than what they say it's for, or using ambiguous or misleading language about how the fee will be used.

The Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington is working with DC Council on legislation that would set guidelines for restaurant fees. Which it says are a product of an industry still reeling from the pandemic. And anticipation of tipped worker wage increases approved by DC voters and set to begin phasing in this May.

Schwalb told us there's really nothing in the consumer protection laws that require uniformity with these restaurant fees.

Some restaurants told us they hope to eliminate the fees when their costs for things like paper goods and cleaning supplies come down.

Meanwhile Schwalb says consumers do have rights. Restaurant fees cannot be hidden.

The fees need to be clearly disclosed in advance. Anybody who feels that they were surprised or misled by a fee on their bill should contact the Attorney General's office and file a complaint.

WUSA 9 also learned that you can ask a manager or server to waive a fee. Some of them will do that.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Shawn Townsend: President & CEO, Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington

Brian Schwalb: (D) DC Attorney General

## Local Issue

## Health Matters: Sleep

**March 10, 2023 (6am/1:06 length)**

**Spring Forward**

**Reporter: Abby Llorico**

Experts say springing forward could have negative impacts on your health. The Sleep Foundation says humans and mammals are guided by circadian rhythms, which is like a mental and physical clock that resets each day in sync with natural light to darkness cycles to ensure good sleep. Changing the amount of sunlight, you're exposed to interrupts your circadian rhythm because the hormones that release when it's dark and time to go to bed—or the ones that give you energy when the light comes out in the morning—are all out of whack.

**March 13, 2023 (6am/1:06 length)**

**Sleep And Heart Health**

**Reporter: Matt Gregory**

A new study suggests insomnia increases your chances of having a heart attack. To explain the study, WUSA 9 spoke to the people behind it, Dr. Hani Aiash and Yomna E. Dean. The study started by looking at insomnia patients. It defined them as people who had difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep, and/or waking up early and could not fall back asleep. Researchers wanted to see if there was a link between insomnia and heart attacks. They found that a lack of sleep can lead to myocardial infarction, which can result in a heart attack.

**March 14, 2023 (6am/2:12 length)**

**Sleep Myths and Common Questions**

**Reporter: Abby Llorico**

The days following the beginning of Daylight Saving Time are also “Sleep Awareness Week,” so WUSA 9 is checking in on common sleep myths, advice, and questions that keep us up at night. Dr. Hassan Chami, a pulmonologist with Johns Hopkins, answers questions about sleep hours, napping and use of technology in the bedroom.

**March 15, 2023 (6am/1:36 length)**

**Single Moms and Sleep**

**Reporter: Randi Ayala**

A CDC study found single moms get the least amount of sleep. WUSA 9 spoke with Lisa Creque who says she averages about 5 hours of sleep per night. According to the CDC, on average almost 44 percent of single moms with kids under age 18 get less than 7 hours of sleep per night compared to nearly 38 percent of single dads. The study also found single parents – especially woman were more likely to have trouble falling asleep, staying asleep, and frequently don't feel well rested compared to adults in two parent households. Sleep consultant Christine Stevens shared recommendations for better sleep for single moms.

**March 17, 2023 (6am/1:55 length)**

**Sleep Aids**

**Reporter: Abby Llorico**

A bedtime routine is an important way to wind down and prepare for a good night. That routine might include a glass of wine, a mug of tea, a pop of melatonin, or even a dose of CBD. WUSA 9 talked with experts about how well these sleep aids work. We gathered information from the Sleep Foundation, Mayo Clinic and NIH, and spoke with Dr. Hassan Chami from Johns Hopkins.

Local Issue

Health Matters: Heart

**February 3, 2023 (6am/2:39 length)**

**SCAD**

**Reporter: Abby Llorico**

WUSA 9 explores SCAD (Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection) heart attacks, a type of heart attack that occurs when there is a sudden tear in an artery in the heart. Abby Llorico interviews a SCAD survivor, as well as a doctor and researcher, as they discuss the symptoms and risk factors of SCAD heart attacks, as well as the challenges in diagnosing and treating them. The survivor interviewed shared their personal experiences of living with SCAD, including the impact it has had on their life and the importance of finding support from others who have gone through similar experiences. Doctors and researchers emphasize the need for increased awareness of SCAD among both medical professionals and the general public, as well as the importance of ongoing research to better understand this type of heart attack and develop more effective treatments.

Interviewed:

Donnese Tyler - SCAD survivor

Dr. Erin Michos - Johns Hopkins

The American Heart Association

**February 28, 2023 (6am/1:40 length)**

**Heart Health Monitors**

**Reporter: Abby Llorico**

For many of us, it's like clockwork: getting up in the morning and putting on a smart watch. Besides just telling the time, they can help you stay connected and stay active - and even keep your heart healthy, too. Johns Hopkins is currently studying best ways to use smart watch technology to bolster cardiac rehab – and get patients the recovery they need. WUSA 9 spoke with Dr. Françoise Marvel and Dr. Chang Kim at Johns' Hopkins Digital Health Lab.

## Local Issue

## Safety

**February 16, 2023 (6pm and 11pm re-air/2 minutes length)**

**February 18, 2023 (7am re-air/2 minutes length)**

### **Toxic Playground Play Pads**

A DC Rec Center playground – which a school uses -- was closed today—because of elevated levels of lead in the area.

Lead can result in health and growth problems if ingested by children.

In an email, DC Public Schools alerted parents that one of the playgrounds at the Park View Rec Center tested high for lead and it was closed. The playground, which is attached to Bruce-Monroe Elementary, sits on rubber mats. The District says it will power-wash the contamination away – but scientists we've talked with say that is not enough.

DCPS says it found the lead by washing off the playground and testing the runoff water during a routine test. It adds lead levels were 470 parts per million – above the federally "allowed minimum" of 400 parts per million.

DCPS has consistently blamed the source of the lead on what it calls "the surrounding environment." But 2019 tests by The Ecology Center, first reported by WUSA 9 three years ago, found the rubber chunks—called Crumb rubber- that made up the playground mats-- had lead inside them.

After our investigation, in March 2020, DCPS identified 18 school playgrounds with Crumb rubber mats contaminated with lead. DC's Department of General Services says it would stop painting its rubber playground mats, saying those had the highest risk for contamination.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Teresa Ellis: Mother

Akua Filardo: Mother

DC Public Schools

The Ecology Center

DC Department of General Services

**February 24, 2023 (11pm/3:55 length)**

**February 27, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:55 length)**

### **AI Deepfakes**

Deepfakes – manipulating photos to put people in compromising situations – has been a problem long before social media. Now artificial intelligence makes deepfake imagery so easy – nearly anyone can do it for just a few dollars almost instantly. WUSA 9 Investigative Reporter Nathan Baca showed new technologies designed to protect your identity.



Aleksander Madry, with MIT, helped develop a program called Photo Guard. It denies the AI the ability to manipulate your pictures convincingly. Madry hopes it is a technology social media companies will adopt.

Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin wrote a 2019 law. It made creating and distributing Deepfake pornography images illegal. Only Virginia and California have deepfake laws – but neither prohibit creating harmful images of a non-pornographic nature due to free-speech concerns. Ebbin says he's monitoring the issue and may introduce wider reaching legislation if needed.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

“Sweet Anita:” Victim of AI Deepfake

Aleksander Madry: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Adam Ebbin: (D) Virginia State Senator

### Local Issue

### Commanders

**March 2, 2023 (11pm/3:50 length)**

**March 3, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:50 length)**

**RFK Stadium Back in Play?**

WUSA 9 has learned the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell are now working with DC Mayor Muriel Bowser to ensure the RFK site is an option when the team picks the location of its new stadium.

And with pressure mounting on Dan Snyder to sell the team, we discovered the DC Council may once again be open to the idea.

On background, a source with knowledge of the situation told WUSA 9 that Commissioner Goodell and Mayor Bowser spoke by phone in early December, and the Commissioner expressed the leagues support for the Mayor and the city to have a seat at the table as it relates to the Commander's new stadium.

Mayor Bowser's office declined to comment on the call.

In a statement, the NFL did not comment on the call directly, but confirmed the NFL's interest in keeping the RFK site a possibility. "The league and Mayor Bowser agree that Washington, DC, should be at the table when a new site is considered" a league spokesperson told WUSA 9. "We will continue to work with the mayor's office, the Commanders, and Congress to that end – just like we are in contact with local officials in Maryland and Virginia as they review site and stadium options."

Congress is one of the major obstacles to a new stadium on the 190-acre RFK site. The District currently leases the federally owned land from the government, and Congress would have to give its approval for the Commanders to build a new stadium there either by selling the land back to the District outright or extending and amending the current lease to allow a new stadium to be built there.

An amendment to the lease would likely have to allow for new retail and housing, all sticking points to get any stadium deal approved by DC Council. But even that doesn't seem to be the "hail Mary" it once was. Just 9 months ago, long-time stadium opponent, Councilmember Charles Allen, released a letter signed by 7 DC Councilmembers opposing the use of the RFK site for a football stadium. Enough votes to block any stadium plan. But two of those stadium opponents aren't on Council anymore. And a third, Janeese Lewis George, declined to take a position when we asked: Are you open to a discussing a new Washington Commanders stadium on the RFK site if Daniel Snyder no longer owns, or is associated with, the franchise?

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Lisa Delpy Neirotti: Professor of Sports Management, George Washington School of Business

Jack Evans: Former DC Councilmember

### **Local Issue**

### **Policing**

**February 5, 2023 (11pm/4:15 length)**

**February 6, 2023 (6am re-air and 5pm re-air/4:15 length)**

#### **DC Police Jump Outs**

The illegal police tactic known as a "jump out" led to Tyre Nichols brutal attack at the hands of Memphis Police. And this WUSA 9 investigation uncovers current and former DC Police officers who say "jump outs" have been used by MPD for years. Only on WUSA 9, we show viewers never before broadcast video of DC Police Chief Robert Contee admitting under oath - he did not investigate an internal report of jump outs in 2018.

In a deposition last November, Contee admitted he did not investigate claims of jump out tactics being used by officers in MPD in 2018 when Contee was an Assistant Chief.

Chief Contee's deposition is part of a lawsuit brought by 18-year MPD veteran Sergeant Charlotte Djossou, alleging retaliation under DC's Whistleblower Act after she reported wrongdoing, including the use of jump outs, to her superiors.

Djossou's claims are backed by former MPD Officer Andrea Latson who retired from the Department in 2020 - after 26 years on the force. She testified in her case, it wasn't Contee but another supervisor who did not take action when she reported jump outs on more than 20 separate occasions.

In his November 2022 deposition, Contee said he didn't investigate Charlotte Djossou's jump out claims because they weren't specific enough. And despite his admission he did not further investigate Sgt. Djossou's claims, Contee stressed the illegal practice of jump outs is prohibited by the department. And would not be tolerated, if the Chief had evidence.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Chief Robert Contee: Metropolitan Police Department

Sgt. Charlotte Djossou: Metropolitan Police Department

Andrea Latson: Retired Metropolitan Police Officer

## Local Issue

## Education

**February 8, 2023 (11pm/3:40 length)**

**February 9, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:40 length)**

**February 12, 2023 (7am re-air/3:40 length)**

### **AI Cheating**

A free new program – on the web tonight – can allow your child to cheat on nearly any type of essay or written exam. It's an artificial intelligence program called "ChatGPT." And there's more just like it on the way. WUSA 9 investigative reporter Nathan Baca showed us how educators are fighting it.

WUSA 9 asked local school districts what they plan to do about AI programs. Prince George's County Schools says it is evaluating it. Montgomery and Loudoun County told us they banned use of "ChatGPT" on its school computers. But that doesn't stop students from using their own computers and mobile devices.

George Washington University professor Ryan Watkins studies artificial intelligence and advocates for his fellow educators to change their lesson plans: More debates and verbal presentations to prove lesson comprehension rather than written essays which can be cheated.

ChatGPT creator OpenAI created a tool it says educators can use to help decide if a student has used its program to cheat. But professors say those programs can be fooled if a student changes just enough words to "make it their own."

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Ella Gragg: 15-years old

Danny Conde: 10-years-old

Sam Casolini: 15-years-old

Suzanne Graff: Ella's Mother

Andrew Casolini: Sam's Father

Eddie Conde: Danny's Father

Ryan Watkins: George Washington University

## Local Issue

## Cemetery In Ruins

**February 17, 2023 (11pm/5:21 length)**

**February 19, 2023 (7am re-air/5:21 length)**

**February 20, 2023 (5pm re-air/5:21 length)**

### **Black Potomac Cemetery in Ruins**

After years of inaction, Montgomery County is pledging to do - what many say – they should have done years ago: restore a historic black cemetery that has become a dumping ground.

Cherisee Milliner was doing research on her family tree when she discovered the location of a 150-year-old cemetery along Piney Meeting House Road in Potomac, MD. On this sacred ground is the final resting place of former slaves and freed blacks who worshipped at Union Wesley Methodist Church, which is now gone.

According to decades old, published reports from the Potomac Times and Washington Post, Montgomery County auctioned the land because of delinquent taxes in 1975; but the county did not know the cemetery was there when they sold the property for \$162.

After finding out what he unwittingly bought - the new owner never did anything more with the land. And now almost 50 years later, the land is overtaken with brush, dead trees and trash.

Montgomery County eventually found out the truth. A 2018 survey lists the condition of the burial site as poor. Noting it was overgrown and neglected. With no sign marking - the at least 10 - uncarved field stones and one broken hand carved marker. Milliner believes there are many more graves than that.

Milliner says dozens of emails and calls to Montgomery County leaders went unanswered, or simply referred to another office. She's been trying to get the county to restore the cemetery since November.

As a result of WUSA 9's investigation, Montgomery County has finally agreed to restore this scared site. Telling us in a statement the county is: "Investigating the most appropriate means for securing, preserving, and maintaining the site of the historic {Union Wesley} Methodist Church Cemetery.....Which includes identifying boundaries, church foundations, and graves."

And a few hours before our story hit air, WUSA 9 returned to the cemetery site. We noticed orange ribbons marking where all the debris and junk is. One big, downed tree has already been removed.

As for the owner of the property, he tells WUSA 9 the family has been leaving the land undisturbed hoping someone will restore it to its proper condition.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Cherisee Milliner: Family Buried in Cemetery

Okechukwu Iweala: Lives Near Cemetery

### Local Issue

### Fentanyl

**February 14, 2023 (11pm/3:05 length)**

**February 15, 2025 (5pm re-air/3:05 length)**

**DEA Drug Lab for Fentanyl**

WUSA 9 got rare access into how the Drug Enforcement Administration processes drugs targeting our communities.

As we've been reporting - Fentanyl has been a deadly and concerning trend.

It's now reaching the hands of children across the DMV - targeted through social media.

WUSA 9's Matthew Torres takes us inside a DEA lab where an overwhelming amount of fake pills is keeping chemists working around the clock.

It is at this lab for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Washington Division where agents drop off drugs that have been seized. Most cases have been fake pills laced with Fentanyl—the driving force of deadly overdoses in recent years.

Officials say ingesting just two milligrams of Fentanyl is enough to kill. The DEA says more than 70,000 Americans a year are being killed by the drug.

Some of the most vulnerable victims have been our young people—teens targeted by drug cartels by promoting on social media.

In his State of the Union Address on February 7, President Joe Biden raised concerns about Fentanyl. Republicans criticizing him for the growing problem—accusing the administration of a lack of border security—where a lot of the drug is coming from. But the President says he's striving to stop Fentanyl production, sale and trafficking with more drug detection machines to inspect cargo and stop pills and powder at the border.

For now, federal agents are conducting their own enforcement through their latest campaign, One Pill Can Kill. Keeping the DEA chemists busy—each one now assigned to analyze the abundance of drugs coming into the United States.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Jaclyn Brown: DEA Forensic Chemist

Jarod Forget: DEA Special Agent in Charge

### Local Issue

### War In Afghanistan

**March 3, 2023 (11pm/3:55 length)**

**March 6, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:55 length)**

**Female Allies in Afghanistan Now in Limbo in DC Area**

Who can forget the horrifying images from the fall of Kabul a year and a half ago?

Huge crowds lined up at the airport to get out of Afghanistan. People clinging to an American plane trying to escape. Among them were members of little known group of Afghan women who had fought shoulder to shoulder with American troops. Some of these women made it to the DC area.

One of them was Mahnaz Akbari.

Akbari was commander of a trailblazing unit of Afghan women who defied the Taliban. Created and trained by US Special Forces, the formidable Female Tactical Platoon conducted midnight raids side by side with American Navy Seals and Army Rangers.

In a country where most women can't leave home without a male escort, the Female Tactical Platoon did things no man could, or would do.

Former Army Sergeant Rebekah Edmondson deployed with Akbari in Afghanistan. In the chaos as Kabul fell, Edmondson and her colleagues struggled to get the team members on a plane out. 39 members did get out. About 20 are still in hiding in Afghanistan.

The women and about 70,000 other Afghan refugees, were granted humanitarian parole to enter the US; but, that status expires in six months.

Akbari and her comrades in arms are all but certain to face the most severe retribution should they be forced to return to Afghanistan.

The Afghan Adjustment Act--to put them on a one year path to a green card--stalled in Congress last year--largely over the objections of Charles Grassley, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, who worried about security screening.

The women only hope a public outcry will force Congress to let them stay in the country they've adopted.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Rebekah Edmondson: Former US. Army Sergeant

Mahnaz Akbari: Fought with American Troops in Afghanistan

## Local Issue

## Turning Around Crime

**March 14, 2023 (11pm/3:43 length)**

**March 15, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:43 length)**

**March 19, 2023 (11pm re-air/3:43 length)**

### **Pathways**

We talk a lot about violence in DC and the young people we're seeing involved in crime. But in this story, we're offering hope and advice from those who made it out of the streets. WUSA 9's Delia Goncalves follows two men on their pathway to healing and success.

Malik Sellers and Nokomis Hunter finally found the love to change and live.

Malik and Nokomis turned their lives around thanks to Pathways: An intensive life skills and job training program through the DC Office of Neighborhood Engagement. They hope to be the positive role models they say kids on the street need right now.

In and out of foster care, Nokomis was just a month away from graduating high school when he was found guilty of armed carjacking and sentenced to 10 years. He was just 16 years old.

Nokomis says he treated prison like college. Found mentors behind bars and spent the next decade reading, writing, and learning as much as he could about becoming a man. But he still wasn't quite prepared for life on the outside.

Now a father, the only jobs Nokomis could land were at fast food restaurants. He admits, he was tempted to return to the streets to make money, but he turned to his parole officer instead. She referred him to Pathways.

After graduating from the program, Nokomis worked at the Mayor's office and now he's back at Pathways as a support specialist.

Malik now works as a case manager, visiting shelters to help men find housing and a way out.

Malik served 5 years on a drug charge. He joined Pathways last August – just 2 months after his best friend Darius was killed.

For 5 years, Pathways has helped rebuild returning citizens between 20 and 35 years old through the 9-week program. It's followed by 6 months of subsidized employment with a goal to begin your new career by the time you graduate.

Pathways tells WUSA 9 they have an 80% success rate with their graduates.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Malik Sellers: Pathways Graduate

Nokomis Hunter: Pathways Graduate

### **Local Issue**

### **Legalizing Recreational Marijuana**

#### **March 23, 2023 (5am, 5pm re-air and 11pm re-air/4:05 length) THC Test to Measure Impaired Driving from Pot**

Recreational marijuana is coming to Maryland this summer. Police officers worry this will mean more impaired drivers on the road.

But with no "breathalyzer" for weed -- it can be hard to prove who's had too much pot to drive. WUSA 9's Casey Nolen found a bill making its way through the Maryland legislature could change that. It would give officers access to a first-of-its-kind roadside test that checks for impairment from pot.

If other states with legal weed are any guide, the road ahead will have more impaired drivers. This is why Maryland State Senator Jeff Waldstreicher says because he supports legal weed, he's trying to give police a tool to easily determine who's too high to drive - based on cognitive impairment. He says allowing adult use cannabis is only credible if we disallow cannabis intoxication while driving.

Waldstreicher has introduced a bill that would allow tech companies to partner with police departments - on a trial basis - to test new ways of determining a driver's impairment.

And one company might have the answer. It's an FDA approved, mobile cognitive test from the company Cognivue. The iPad-like device uses a wheeled joystick to test problem solving, perception, and other reactions to detect brain issues like Alzheimer's. The company, and Senator Waldstreicher, believe it could also help police officers test for the effects of marijuana and determine if a person should be driving.

Cognivue told WUSA 9 they've tested the device in the lab, but they need to see it on the streets to make sure it works in a roadside situation. The test would take about two minutes. And because the driver taking the test is the only person interacting with it, they believe it will be less susceptible to any biases an officer may have. During this trial phase, results could not be used against the driver in court.

People Interviewed/Highlighted

Capt. Brian Dillman: Montgomery County Police

Jeff Waldstreicher: D-Maryland State Senator—Montgomery County

## 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.

**January 1, 2023 (11pm/2:07 length)**

**Verify: Local Christmas Tree Removal**

In the days after the holidays, viewers wanted to know what the rules were for Christmas tree removal. WUSA 9 looked at the instructions for the Department of Public Works for various local counties to get viewers answers.

Person Interviewed:

Andrea Crooms - Director of Prince's George's County's Department of the Environment

**January 3, 2023 (5:30am, 12n and 6pm re-air/1:15 length)**

**Verify: Explaining AED, Life Saving Devices**

After an AED was used to restore Buffalo Bills Player Damar Hamlin's heartbeat, our audience had a lot of questions about the device. WUSA 9 turned to the FDA, CDC, and Red Cross to explain. We also checked the laws in DC, Maryland and Virginia—all of which have some protection for so-called "good Samaritans," preventing liability for the person who stops to help someone in need. We then explained how AED's are operated and how they work.



**January 3, 2023 (6pm/1 minute length)**

**Verify: Football Enrollment On The Decline In The DMV**

WUSA 9 verified that youth football enrollment is down across the DC region. Using data and statements from the National Federation of State High School Associations as well as DC Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Schools, and Montgomery County Public Schools. Each jurisdiction has seen a drop in football enrollment in recent years.

**January 4, 2023 (5am, 6am and 6pm re-air/1:48 length)**

**Verify: Restaurant Surcharges**

A DC resident posted on social media asking questions about a 3 percent surcharge tacked on their restaurant bill. WUSA 9 verified restaurants in Washington, DC and elsewhere are generally allowed to add surcharges to a bill as long as they are up-front about it. Our sources were the Better Business Bureau, Federal Trade Commission, and Office of the Attorney General of DC.

**January 5, 2023 (11pm/1:45 length)**

**Verify: Maryland Marijuana Laws**

A viewer named Marla from Mechanicsville, Maryland asked: "Since marijuana was legalized in MD do you still need a medical card and renew it every year?" Using Armentano and information from the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission, we verified that recreational marijuana was not yet legalized, just decriminalized. We also clarified why a medical cardholder would want to keep their card up to date.

Person Interviewed:

Paul Armentano, Deputy Director of NORML

**January 5, 2023 (6pm/1 minute length)**

**Verify: No Ebola At GW Hospital**

A popular crime and police scanner twitter account raised alarm when the user tweeted that there was an Ebola outbreak at George Washington University Hospital. WUSA 9 verified that the claim was misinformation, using our sources: the CDC and GW Hospital.

**January 6, 2023 (5am/1 minute length)**

**Verify: Grubhub Settlement**

Some DC customers - of the food delivery app Grubhub - may be eligible for refunds from a \$3.5 million settlement. We verified the steps to take using our sources: The Office of DC's Attorney General and the settlement agreement between DC and Grubhub.

**January 7, 2023 (11pm/1:37 length)**

**Verify: COVID-19 Concerns In the DMV**

At the time, the CDC declared the COVID community level as “low” in Northern Virginia and “medium” in DC and parts of Maryland. Using CDC data, we tracked the case rates and an increase in the region.

Person Interviewed:

Dr. Jose Lucar - George Washington University

**January 7, 2023 (7am/1:28 length)**

**Verify: The Status Of Initiative 82**

In November, DC voters passed Initiative 82. The measure will gradually increase tipped minimum wage in Washington, DC. At the time of airing, the measure had not officially become law, and the increases have not taken effect. The law still needed congressional approval. Our sources were: DC ballot initiative 8, DC Department of Employee Services, DC Code 1-1001.16 and Adam Eiding of the DC Committee to Build A Better Restaurant Industry.

Person Interviewed:

Adam Eiding of the DC Committee to Build A Better Restaurant Industry

**January 11, 2023 (6am/1:46 length)**

**Verify: Rising Egg Prices**

Amid rising inflation, google searches for “why are eggs so expensive?” spiked. WUSA 9 turned to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Agriculture, and Chris Mullins from Virginia State University to verify that, yes, egg prices were up. We also got clarity on the avian flu that led to the increase in prices.

Person Interviewed:

Chris Mullins, Virginia State University

**January 12, 2023 (11pm/1 minute length)**

**Verify: Canine Flu Outbreak In Montgomery County**

In Montgomery County, Maryland officials noted an outbreak of canine flu. Using information from the CDC, we verified some facts about canine flu to help pet owners understand the virus and how it impacts dogs.

Interviewed: Dr. Christine Klippen – Veterinarian, Friendship Hospital for Animals

**January 17, 2023 (11pm/1 minute length)**  
**Verify: What Is Chronic Wasting Disease?**

In January, the Virginia Department of Wildlife confirmed a deer tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease in Fairfax County. The name sounds serious, so people had a lot of questions. We verified some fast facts about the virus with the help of a GWU professor and the CDC.

Person Interviewed:  
Dr. Ted Rothstein – Professor of Neurology at George Washington University

**January 23, 2023 (6am and 11pm re-air/2:05 length)**  
**Verify: DC's Proposed Criminal Code Act**

The Council of Washington, DC passed a revised criminal code that was vetoed by DC's mayor. That veto was then overridden. There was a lot of controversy surrounding the criminal code, but viewers could find few specifics about what was in the bill. WUSA 9 looked at the existing criminal code, the new bill and spoke with the Executive Director of the DC Criminal Code Reform Commission to bring some clarity to the issue.

Person Interviewed:  
Jinwoo Park, Executive Director of the DC Criminal Code Reform Commission

**January 26, 2023 (6am and 6pm re-air/1:32 length)**  
**January 29, 2023 (8am re-air/1:32 length)**  
**VERIFY: DC Noise Cameras, Noise Pollution Legislation**

The District of Columbia is considering installing noise cameras to enforce noise pollution laws. DC Council member Brooke Pinto proposed the legislation in response to constituent complaints about excessive noise. If the bill passes, DC would be the first US city to use noise cameras. The cameras would capture the source of the noise, the date and time, and the decibel level.

Sources: Brooke Pinto, DC Council Member; Jillian Grasso, DC Resident; Mike Linder, DC Resident

**January 31, 2023 (5am, 6am re-air, noon re-air and 6pm re-air/2:10 length)**  
**VERIFY: No, HIPAA Doesn't Prevent School Districts From Sharing Health Alerts With Families**

Some parents are questioning whether the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prevents school districts from sharing health alerts with families. However, HIPAA only applies to healthcare providers and their business associates. School districts are not considered healthcare providers under HIPAA. Therefore, school districts can share health information with families without violating HIPAA. Sharing this information can help prevent the spread of illnesses among students and staff.

**January 31, 2023 (11pm/1:45 length)**

**February 2, 2023 (6am re-air/1:45 length)**

**VERIFY: Do You Have To Charge Your EV Inside During The Winter When It's Cold?**

Some electric vehicle (EV) owners believe they must charge their cars inside during the winter to avoid damaging the batteries. However, experts say this is not necessary. EV batteries are designed to withstand cold temperatures and charging outside in the cold is safe. In fact, charging inside can be dangerous if the car is parked in a closed garage, as it can create a buildup of carbon monoxide.

People Interviewed:

Tim Hartmann - Electrify America

Kate Staples - Dominion Power

Dave Goldstein - President Emeritus of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington

**February 1, 2023 (6am and 11pm re-air/2 minutes length)**

**February 2, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/2 minutes length)**

**VERIFY: Pitch The Pizza Box? Not So Fast**

The WUSA 9 Verify team fact-checked the claim that pizza boxes with grease and cheese stains can't be recycled. The team found that even though food residue on paper products isn't ideal for recycling, it does not necessarily mean that the items can't be recycled. According to the American Forest & Paper Association, food-stained pizza boxes are still recyclable. However, the association advises that if the grease and cheese are heavily soaked into the cardboard, it's best to remove that part and toss it in the trash. This is because heavily soiled paper products have a lower value and can't be repurposed as easily. The team also spoke to a representative from the recycling company Waste Management who confirmed that pizza boxes can be recycled as long as they are free from excess grease and food.

**February 10, 2023 (5am, 6am re-air, noon re-air and 11pm re-air/2 minutes)**

**VERIFY: IRS Says Virginia Taxpayers Should Wait To File Taxes**

We verify a claim that the IRS is urging Virginia taxpayers to wait until mid-to-late March to file their tax returns. According to the Virginia Department of Taxation, the agency needs more time to update its systems due to recent legislative changes. One of these changes is related to Virginia's tax conformity to the federal tax code. The state has conformed with the IRS, which means the state tax treatment of certain items now conforms to the federal treatment.

**February 10, 2023 (6pm/2:16 length)**

**Verify: Breaking Down How Parents Can And Can't Be Held Responsible For Their Kid's Crimes**

Juvenile crimes, particularly carjackings, are skyrocketing in Prince George's County, according to police stats, leading some residents to demand more accountability. The question: Can a parent be criminally charged if their child commits a crime? Using information from the US Constitution, US Supreme Court case *Bridges v. Wixon*, Maryland Civil Code, Prince George's State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy and the Parental Defense Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. WUSA 9 verified: No, a parent cannot be criminally charged for crimes committed by their juvenile child. However, Maryland authorities do have other options for increasing accountability.

**February 16, 2023 (6am, noon re-air and 5pm re-air/1:51 length)**

**Verify: Cherry Blossom Season Does Come Earlier These Days**

WUSA 9 verified the claim that the Cherry Blossom season in DC is starting earlier each year. We gathered data from the National Park Service to confirm that the peak bloom has been occurring earlier in recent years due to climate change. EPA data shows peak bloom dates are about a week earlier than a century ago, and the peak bloom has actually happened before April 4 for 16 of the past 20 years.

Person Interviewed:

Mike Litterst - US National Park Service

**February 22, 2023 (11pm/2:36 length)**

**February 23, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/2:36 length)**

**Verify: Did Toxic Plumes From An Ohio Train Derailment Impact DC?**

The Amtrak train derailment that happened in Ohio caused toxic fumes to be released, but it did not reach the DC area, according to Verify. False information had been circulating on social media about the toxic plumes spreading across the country. The Verify team spoke to several experts and confirmed that the winds would not have carried the fumes that far. They also confirmed that the affected area was limited and that first responders and emergency management teams were already on site to contain the spill.

People Interviewed:

Dan Goldberg - Climate Scientist, George Washington University

Topper Shutt – WUSA 9 Chief Meteorologist

**February 24, 2023 (6pm and 11pm re-air/1 minute length)**

**Verify: Mysterious Dust On Cars In Western Maryland**

People in West Virginia and Maryland woke up with dust covering their cars, so we turned to the experts to find out what it is. WUSA 9 viewer Ravidner Jaspel sent us photos showing white dust covering cars near Harpers' Ferry in West Virginia. We reached out to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, University of Wisconsin-Madison's Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies, Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Weather Service. We found the likely source of the dust was a dust storm in Texas.

**February 28, 2023 (11pm/3:55 length)**

**March 1, 2023 (5pm re-air/3:55 length)**

**Pickleball Noise Test**

The uproar over pickleball courts and the clamor that neighbors say comes with the sport has been a big headline around our area recently. So, what's all the noise really about? Abby Llorico turned to the experts—and the science—to Verify if pickleball is louder than other sports—such as tennis.

Llorico teamed up with scientists, and experts in sound and sound travel, from George Mason and American University. She also took a hand sound meter to measure the sounds put out by the games of pickleball and tennis.

Lorico proved pitch and perception are more likely to impact potential pickleball peskiness than just how loud the sport may get. Pitch is how low and deep or high and sharp a sound is. Perception has to do with unpredictable sound spikes. Meaning sound irregularity and what a person is doing when they hear it and whether they believe the sound belongs in their environment.

People Interviewed/Highlighted:

Braxton Boren - Assistant Professor of Audio Technology at American University

Dr. Kausik Sarkar - Professor of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering at George Washington University

**March 11, 2023 (11pm/1 minute length)**

**Verify: DC Homicide Suspects And Prior Arrests**

DC Chief of police Robert Contee made a comment that was blowing up online: "The average homicide suspect has been arrested 11 times prior to them committing a homicide. That is a problem."

WUSA 9 used police records and a 2001 study on crime in DC to verify that Contee's claim was true.

**March 15, 2023 (11pm/1 minute length)**

**March 16, 2023 (4:30am re-air/1 minute length)**

**Verify: Gender Pay Gap In The DMV**

On Equal Pay Day, the holiday marking the number of additional days women must work to earn what men earned the year prior, WUSA 9 looked at the gender pay gap in the DC region. We looked at the US Census Bureau's latest American Community Survey. We found that women make significantly less than men in DC, Maryland and Virginia. In 2021 - the latest data released - the median earnings for a full-time, year-round civilian in DC was \$94,565. If you break it down by gender, the pay gap becomes pretty clear. The median income for men was \$103,630 in DC, while women only earned an average of \$87,857. That's a pay gap of \$15,773.

**March 20, 2023 (6pm/1:43 length)**

**March 21, 2023 (6am re-air/1:43 length)**

**Verify: Fire Alarms In High Rise Buildings**

One of our viewers reached out after a fire alarm went off in her office building - but didn't sound on her floor. The building's management said that limiting fire alarms is normal; she asked WUSA 9 to fact-check the claim. We used information from DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services, International Building Code, and the National Fire Protection Organization. We found that it's true: in DC high-rise buildings with high levels of fire protection, alarms will only sound on certain floors by design.

**March 30, 2023 (6am/1:37 length)**

**March 31, 2023 (5:30pm re-air/1:37 length)**

**Verify: Local Honey Doesn't Prevent Spring Allergies**

WUSA 9 verifies the claim that consuming local honey can prevent spring allergies. Our sources explain that while honey contains some pollen, the amounts are not enough to have any therapeutic effect on allergies. Additionally, the pollen that causes allergies is typically wind-borne, so it is not the same type of pollen that bees collect. WUSA 9 cites experts who state that the idea of honey preventing allergies is a myth, and there is no scientific evidence to support it. They also suggest that other treatments, such as over-the-counter allergy medications, are more effective for managing allergies.

People Interviewed:

Dr Anjeni Keswani - The Asthma and Allergy Foundation

Sean Kennedy - Beekeeper at Swiss Ambassador's Residence in Northwest DC

**March 30, 2023 (11pm/1:14 length)**

**Verify: Narcan OTC Fast Facts**

Advocates are celebrating the FDA's move to allow Narcan to be sold over the counter, without a prescription. Narcan is a brand of naloxone nasal spray -- the opioid overdose antidote that literally saves lives. The announcement has prompted lots of questions online, so we verify some facts using information from the FDA, NIH, US Bureau of Justice Assistance and GoodRx.

Local Issue

New Year, New You

**January 3, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview with author Mariko Bennett. Bennett teaches people how to regain focus on their goals throughout the year with her new book "The Blueprint to Manifest Your Dreams."

**January 3, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Nazinga Thomas. Thomas shares how Barry's is a full body workout perfect to help you achieve your New Year's resolutions.

**January 3, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview with Tom Mathews, Certified Financial Educator and author of "How Money Works" gives tips on how to stay on-track with your financial goals for 2023.

**January 4, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Melissa Evans and Antonio Lytle from 'The Little Gym.' Evans and Lytle talk about how 'The Little Gym' gives parents the opportunity to stay active with their kids.

**January 5, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview and cooking demonstration with Executive Chef, President, and Founder of Mighty Meals, Stefano Marzano. Marzano helps our viewers who have the goal of eating healthier in 2023.

**January 6, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview with Laurent Amzallag, the founder of FlexPods and a local fitness trainer. Amzallag demonstrates exercises to jumpstart your fitness resolutions and keep you inspired in the new year.

**January 9, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with psychotherapist and author of "Hello Anxiety, My Old Friend," Natalie Kohlhaas. Kohlhaas shares how to harness anxiety to benefit your life.

**January 10, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview and rowing demonstration with Coach Maddie Hill from Orangetheory Fitness. She shares how to row with proper form and how to stick to those new year's fitness goals.

**January 10, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Great Day Washington interview with Derek Brown, the co-founder of the largest mindful drinking festival in the country.

**January 11, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Damon Foster and Stephanie Lundebly of Club Pilates, Mount Vernon Triangle. They share how Pilates can help strengthen your core and perfect your posture.

**Thursday, January 12, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Laura Silverman, founder of Booze Free in DC and Zero Proof Nation. She shares what the sober curious movement is, and she shares some of the health benefits of not drinking alcohol.

**January 16, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Rachel Gallo, Chief Operating Officer of Silver Mirror Facial Bar. Gallo shares why building in a routine facial is beneficial for your skin and she shares some of her recommended at-home products.

**January 17, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Rachel S. Ruby, lawyer, coach and author of "Divorce To Bliss." Ruby gives our viewers advice on how to go through a divorce in a healthy manner and start the next chapter in life.

**January 19, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with Laura Jacobs, an elite matchmaker and dating coach, and founder of Cinque Matchmaking. Jacobs shares tips to enjoy dating and help prepare for the perfect match just in time for the New Year.

**January 25, 2023 (9am/4 minutes length)**

Interview with CycleBar DC instructors Jacie Coressel and Kelli Coffman about how to kick off your new year's fitness. Coressel and Coffman also demonstrate how to properly ride an indoor stationary bike.



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

**FACE THE NATION**

01/01/23 **Guests:** Michael Gapen, managing director, chief U.S. economist, Bank of America (1); Kristalina Georgieva, managing director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2); John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia (3); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor (3); Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, Obama Administration (3); General H.R. McMaster, former national security adviser, Trump administration (3); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (4); Kevin Book, energy analyst, managing director, Clearview Energy Partners (4)

1) Topics include: 2023 domestic economic forecast / risk of recession / inflation / President Biden's economic plans to bolster the economy / unemployment rate / housing market and mortgage rates / optimism regarding the long-run prospects for the U.S. economy

2) Topics include: impact of rising COVID cases in China on the global economy / China's relaxation of its "zero-COVID" policies / post-pandemic supply chain challenges' predictions for the global economy in 2023; Ukrainian economy; state of U.S. economics and politics

3) Topics include: predictions for the war in Ukraine / Russian President Vladimir Putin's mindset; military partnership between Russia and Iran; Iran's nuclear capabilities / protests in Iran; trans-Atlantic unity against the war in Ukraine; U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; emerging terrorism threats; challenges from China

4) Topics include: planning for climate change's long-term regional trends / federal government's investment in green energy / nuclear energy / impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on gas and oil prices / development of domestic energy supplies

01/08/23 **Guests:** Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales, (R-TX) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX) (4); Senator Angus King (I-ME) (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (6)

1) Topics include: last week's lengthy battle for Representative Kevin McCarthy to secure enough votes to elect him speaker / rules package / working with the Freedom Caucus, an ultraconservative faction; new colleague from New York, Representative George Santos, who lied about his work history, education, and family background

2) Topics include: last week's battle in the House of Representatives for speaker / rules package / Speaker McCarthy's "Commitment to America" agenda; President Biden's southern border visit; New York Representative George Santos

3) a report from Atlanta on a new CBS News poll that finds Americans are feeling better about some things in the new year, but there is still a lot of angst

4) Topics include: preview of President Biden's trip to southern border / CBS News poll results indicating disapproval of the Biden administration's handling of immigration / new Biden administration policy announcement, expanding the use of Title 42

5) Topics include: his recent trip to Kyiv, Ukraine and meeting with President Zelenskyy / recently approved U.S. aid for Ukraine / potential impact on U.S. stockpiles; immigration and border security; bipartisanship

6) Topics include: life in Ukraine during the holiday season / U.S. aid package for Ukraine / status of Ukrainian children deported to Russia

01/15/23 **Guests:** Adriana Diaz, CBS News correspondent, anchor, CBS Weekend News, Saturday edition (1); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Representative Daniel Goldman (D-NY) (3); Representative Chris Stewart (R-UT) (4); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor,

former deputy director, CIA (6); Lucius Outlaw, professor of law, Howard University (6); Larry Pfeiffer, director, Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy, and International Security, senior director, White House Situation Room, Obama administration (6); Chris Whipple, author, "The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House" (7); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (8)

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

- 1) a report from Chicago on the latest about the classified documents found at President Biden's former office and residence and what legal experts say about the records
- 2) a discussion on the criticism the White House is facing about transparency regarding the classified documents at President Biden's home and former office and what the administration is saying
- 3) Topics include: appointment of special counsel Robert Hur to oversee the Biden document probe / how the administration is reacting to the discovery of classified documents at President Biden's home and former office / differences in how Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden oversaw the issue of classified materials; new GOP Representative George Santos of New York, who falsified his resume and is now under multiple criminal investigations
- 4) Topics include: classified documents discovered at Mr. Biden's home and former office / how classified documents look; U.S. set to hit the debt ceiling on January 19<sup>th</sup>; Representative George Santos
- 5) "Honoring MLK" - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. appeared on FACE THE NATION in May of 1964 and said there was a danger the Republican Party would become "a white man's party". Though the 118th Congress is the most diverse in U.S. history, only five of the 60 Black members of the House and Senate are Republicans.
- 6) a discussion and analysis on how classified documents should be managed, including by outgoing administrations, when possessing classified documents becomes a criminal act, the risks and the differences between the cases of Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden
- 7) a discussion on his book, about the first two years of President Biden's White House, as well as Bob Bauer, the attorney the president has turned to represent him in the classified documents investigation
- 8) a report from Kyiv, Ukraine on the Russian wave of missile attacks, killing about two dozen people in Dnipro and knocking out critical infrastructure in at least two major cities, as Ukraine asks for advanced air defenses

01/22/23

**Guests:** Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1) Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (4); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (6); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL), president, United States Conference of Mayors (7); LaToya Cantrell, mayor (D-New Orleans, LA) (7); Andre Dickens, mayor (D-Atlanta, GA) (7); John Giles, mayor (R-Mesa, AZ) (7)

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

- 1) a report from Monterey Park, CA on the mass shooting after a Lunar New Year celebration
- 2) the latest on the investigation regarding the mass shooting in Monterey, CA, where at least ten people were killed and another ten wounded
- 3) Topics include: discovery of six more classified items during Friday's search of President Biden's Delaware home; serving on a House committee with Republicans who worked with former President Trump to overturn the 2020 election / working with Democrats and Republicans to pass legislation
- 4) a discussion and analysis on the discovery of documents marked classified at President Biden's home, and what it means for the White House and Democrats, political conversations about the debt ceiling and President Biden's relationship with Senator Mitch McConnell
- 5) Roe v. Wade: 50 Years Later – How FACE THE NATION covered challenges to Roe v. Wade in 1989

6) Topics include: mass shooting in Monterey Park; discovery of additional classified items at during Friday's search of President Biden's Delaware home / support for the special counsel probe into the discovery of classified documents at Mr. Biden's home and former office; the debt ceiling; difference among Western allies in types of equipment support for Ukraine

7) a discussion on the challenges facing their cities and how they are addressing issues, such as gun violence, policing, and immigration

01/29/23

**Guests:** Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), vice chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); former Representative Val Demings (D-FL), former police chief, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, FL (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4)

1) Topics include: this Wednesday's meeting with President Biden / what he is seeking in a deal to raise the debt ceiling; vision of leadership; assigning 2020 election deniers to key House committee assignments / New York Republican Representative George Santos

2) Topics include: investigation into classified documents found at the residences of President Biden and former President Trump / need to work on the issues of declassification and over-classification regarding record keeping; threat posed by China / banning TikTok / Elon Musk / bringing back chip and semiconductor making to America

3) Topics include: video of five Memphis, TN police officers beating Tyre Nichols, an unarmed Black man who died three days later / Memphis Police Chief C.J. Davis / police reform

4) a report from Jerusalem ahead of a visit by Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is traveling to Israel and the West Bank amid an outbreak of violence that has raised security concerns in the region

**60 MINUTES**

01/01/23

**"Radio Free Europe"** – a report on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty from the RFE headquarters in Prague. Funded by the U.S. government, the editorially independent station's reports focus on human rights and democracy. Includes interviews with Maryan Kushnir, a Ukrainian war correspondent with RFE; Jamie Fly, President and CEO of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; Pavel Butorin, who runs RFE's 24/7 Russian-language television channel, Current Time; Ksenia Sokolyanskaya, anchor of Current Time's nightly news program; Sergei Dobrynin, Natalya Dzhaneladova, Anastasia Tishchenko, Alexey Alexandrov, investigative reporters; and Natalie Sedletska, host and executive producer of an investigative news series. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Jack Weingart)

**"The Vanishing Wild"** – a report on mass extinction. Scientists warn human activity has driven us to the brink of a sixth mass extinction, predicting life on Earth will drastically change in the next 20 years. Includes interviews with Dana Wilson and Armando Brionez, fishermen; Paul Ehrlich, Tony Barnosky, and Liz Hadly, biologists; and Gerardo Ceballos, a leading extinction scientist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

**"Obesity"** – a report on obesity and its different causes. Wegovy, a new weight loss medication on the market boasts results, but it is expensive and most health insurers refuse to cover it, thus preventing widespread use. Includes interviews with Dr. Fatima Cody Stanford, an obesity doctor at Mass General Hospital and Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School; Nicole Sams, Maya Cohen, who have all struggled with weight loss; Dr. Caroline Apovian, Co-Director of the Weight Management and Wellness Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston; and Thomas Philipson, a University of Chicago health care economist. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

**The Last Minute** – Dr. Anthony Fauci on 60 MINUTES over the years. (C: Scott Pelley)

01/08/23

60 MINUTES (7:34 – 8:34p)

**"Prince Harry"** – an interview with Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex. In his first U.S. television interview, he discusses his upcoming memoir, *Spare*. C: Anderson Cooper – P: Draggan Mihailovich) **DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT**

**“A Hans Zimmer Score”** – a profile of Hans Zimmer. He discusses composing for film and his upcoming tour. Includes interviews with Jim Brooks, film director; and Pedro Eustache, flautist and collaborator. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin)

**The Last Minute** – The historic chaos in the House of Representatives this past week embarrassed not only a party, but an entire nation. A small minority blocked the House from electing a leader, or even swearing in its own members. (C: Lesley Stahl)

01/15/23

**“Star Power”** – a report on Lawrence Livermore Laboratory’s National Ignition Facility. The federal research center recently reported a breakthrough which may help make controlled fusion a commercial power. Includes interviews with Kim Budil, director of Livermore Laboratory; Tammy Ma, who leads the lab’s laser fusion research initiatives; Michael Stadermann, the Target Fabrication Program manager; and Charles Seife, an NYU professor who authored a book on fusion power. (See also: “The Last Minute”, OAD: 12/18/22) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Andy Court)

**“Hide And Seek”** – a report the island of Cyprus, used by Russian oligarchs to hide their assets. Following sanctions made against Russia launching its invasion of Ukraine, investigators for the U.S. and EU are attempting to find hidden offshore money on the small Mediterranean country. Includes interviews with Alexandra Attalides, a member of the Cyprus Parliament; Maira Martini, an analyst for Transparency International; Constantinos Petrides, the Cyprus Minister of Finance; and Lisa Monaco, U.S. Deputy Attorney General. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Oriana Zill de Granados)

**“The Guru”** – a profile of Rick Rubin. The prolific music producer discusses his creative approach to collaborating with artists. Includes interviews with Chuck D, rapper; and Kesha, singer. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Nichole Marks)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “Counting the Vote”, OAD: 11/08/20. (C: Anderson Cooper)

01/22/23

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**“Carnegie Heroes”** – a report on the Carnegie Hero Medal, which is awarded to individuals in recognition of their unique heroic acts. Neurological data supports the theory that some people are predisposed to performing acts of bravery. Includes interviews with Terryann Thomas, Pete Pontzer, and David McCartney, who are all Carnegie Heroes; Eric Zahren, President of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; and Dr. Abigail Marsh, a neuroscientist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz) (OAD: 11/07/21; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22)

**“Ballet in Exile”** – a report on the effect of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on ballet. As the war continues, many dancers have condemned the invasion and moved elsewhere to pursue dance. Includes interviews with Olga Smirnova, Russian dancer and former lead dancer with the Bolshoi; Alexei Ratmansky, who trained at the Bolshoi and was its former artistic director; Polina Chepyk, a ballerina; Larissa Saveliev, founder of the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition; Oleskii Potiomkin, a Principal Dancer with Ukraine’s National Ballet who now serves as an army medic; and Ted Brandsen, head of the Dutch National Ballet. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (OAD: 05/08/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/21/22)

**“Flying Blind”** – a profile of Jacob Smith. At 15, he is the only blind competitive free ride skier in the country. Includes interviews with Andrew, Preston, and Julia Smith, his siblings; and Nathan Smith, his father. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Sarah Koch) (OAD: 03/06/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/07/22)

**The Last Minute** – Tales of inspiration are stories too – and it does not hurt to report them; they can inspire the viewer, as well as help to keep the cynic in the reporter at bay. (C: Jon Wertheim)

01/29/23

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## 48 HOURS

01/07/23

**48 HOURS: “The Idaho Student Murders”** – a report on the latest developments and inside details surrounding the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 murders of four University of Idaho students – Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen – in their off-campus home in Moscow, ID; all four victims were stabbed with a large knife. Bryan Kohberger, studying to get his Ph.D. in criminology at Washington State University, was arrested Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at his family’s home in Albrightsville, PA; he was flown back to Idaho on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and appeared in court the next day, charged with the four murders. **On-screen text graphic:** Bryan Kohberger’s next court appearance is scheduled for January 12. He will have a chance to enter a plea at a later date. Interviewed: Steve Goncalves, Kaylee Goncalves’ father; Benjamin Roberts, Kohberger’s Washington State University classmate; James Gagliano, retired FBI supervisory special agent, CBS News consultant; CeCe Moore, genetic genealogist; Jason LaBar, Monroe County public defender, represented Bryan Kohberger before he was extradited to Idaho; Bree, Kohberger’s friend from when they attended Pleasant Valley High School - requested her last name not be used; Casey Arntz, Kohberger’s high school classmate; Andrew Miller, Ethan Chapin’s former boss at a tulip farm in Skagit Valley, WA; Reese Gardner and Aria Macagba, Ethan’s former co-workers; Matt Loveless, journalism professor, Washington State University; Cathy Mabbutt, coroner. (C: Peter Van Sant. No producers listed.)

01/14/23

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

1/21/23

**48 HOURS: “A Killer In The Family Tree”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the murders of Tanya Van Cuylenborg, 18, and her boyfriend, Jay Cook, 20, in November 1987 and the connection to Chelsea Rustad, an amateur genealogist from Tumwater, WA. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1987, Tanya and Jay left British Columbia in Jay’s parent’s van for Seattle, WA, to pick up furnace parts. After they did not return home, Jay and Tanya were reported missing. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Tanya’s body was found in Skagit County, some eighty miles north of Seattle; she had been raped and shot in the head. The next day, her wallet, the keys to the van, bullets and other items were found under the porch of a tavern in Bellingham, WA. The following day, Jay’s body was found under High Bridge, seventy miles south from where Tanya was found; he had been strangled. Recovered evidence and semen samples allowed investigators to create a profile for “Individual A”. In 2017, Parabon NanoLabs was hired to predict the genetic traits of “Individual A” through Snapshot Phenotyping. After the Golden State Killer was arrested in 2018, Parabon NanoLabs agreed to upload the DNA of “Individual A” to the genetic database GEDmatch on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Genetic genealogist CeCe Moore assisted with what became her first criminal case and soon identified William Earl Talbott II. Investigators sought information from Chelsea Rustad, Talbott’s second cousin, who had also uploaded her DNA to GEDmatch. After a fresh DNA sample from Talbott was matched to “Individual A”, William Talbott was arrested on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018; he pleaded not guilty. Talbott’s trial began in June 2019 in the Snohomish County Superior Court; he was found guilty of the aggravated murders of Tanya and Jay and sentenced to two life terms in prison without parole. Also included in this broadcast is an interview with Andrea Roth, who expressed her concerns about sharing DNA on public genealogy websites and the lack of legal

oversight. *This broadcast does not contain an on-screen text graphic summary at its conclusion.*

Interviewed: Chelsea Rustad; CeCe Moore, investigative genetic genealogist; Jim Scharf, Snohomish County cold case detective; John Van Cuylenborg, Tanya's older brother; Lisa Collins, forensic scientist, Washington State Patrol; Matthew Baldock, chief criminal deputy, lead prosecutor on the Talbott case; Jon Scott, William Talbott's defense attorney; Rachel Forde, William Talbott's defense attorney; and Andrea Roth, UC Berkeley Center for Law and Technology. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Lisa Freed, Sarah Prior, Mary Ann Rotondi) (OAD: 11/20/21)

01/21/23

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

01/28/23

**48 HOURS: "What Ally Kostial Didn't Know"** (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the July 2019 murder of 21-year-old Ally Kostial and the digital trail investigators followed to find her killer. Kostial, originally from St. Louis, MO, was a business and marketing student at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Investigators found her body near a remote fishing camp near to campus; she was shot at least nine times. By using Kostial's Apple Watch and the stored text messages, investigators tracked Kostial's life before her death, which led Lafayette County sheriff's deputies to fellow student Brandon Theesfeld. Enroute to where his parents lived in Texas, Theesfeld was arrested in Memphis, TN three days after Kostial was found. Kostial and Theesfeld dated throughout college, but each viewed the relationship differently, with Theesfeld treating it much more casually. In April 2019, Kostial feared she was pregnant; Theesfeld did not see fatherhood in his immediate future. Investigators believe Kostial's murder was premeditated; Theesfeld denies it was planned and claims he snapped under the influence of alcohol and cocaine. Facing a death sentence, Theesfeld pleaded guilty to first-degree murder on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The judge sentenced him to life in prison. Autopsy results indicated Kostial was not pregnant at the time of her death; her parents believe she had a miscarriage. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or anyone you know is struggling with substance abuse or mental health visit SAMHSA.gov or call 1-800-662-HELP for more information. Interviewed: Keith and Cindy Kostial, Ally's parents; Morgan Hull, friend; Elizabeth Brock, friend; Maddy Norris, friend; Ben Creekmore, district attorney; Mickey Mallette, Lafayette County assistant district attorney; Jarrett Bundren, investigator; Tony Farese, Theesfeld family attorney; Jake Thompson, former reporter for the Oxford Eagle; Dr. Kris Mohandie, forensic psychologist asked by 48 HOURS to read some of the text messages between Ally and Brandon. (C: Michelle Miller, co-anchor, CBS SATURDAY MORNING – P: Marcelena Spencer, Susan Mallie) (OAD: 03/05/22)

01/28/23

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

**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK  
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FEBRUARY 2023**

**FACE THE NATION**

02/05/23

**Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (2); Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (5); Representative Robert Garcia (D-CA), president, Democratic freshman class (6); Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY) (6); Representative Summer Lee (D-PA) (6); Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA) (6)

- 1) a discussion on the latest fallout from the Biden administration shooting down a suspected Chinese spy balloon after it traveled across the U.S.
- 2) Topics include: Chinese spy balloon / Texan Mark Swidan, political prisoner held in China / TikTok / need to delink U.S. supply chain from China / China's human rights violations; his bill to limit terms to two six-year terms in office for Senators
- 3) Topics include: Chinese spy balloon / TikTok; police reform / working with Republican Senator Tim Scott / qualified immunity
- 4) a report from Atlanta on January's hiring surge and the anxiety many Americans feel over the economy
- 5) Topics include: strong January job numbers / possibility of a recession in the first half of 2023 / impact of not raising the debt ceiling; Chips Act / staying competitive with China
- 6) a discussion with four new members of Congress on the potential for bipartisan cooperation on crime, police reform, immigration, the debt ceiling and cutting discretionary spending

02/12/23

**Guests:** Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) (1); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (5) (6); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (6); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND) (6); Governor Wes Moore (D-MD) (6)

- 1) Topics include: late Saturday's radar anomaly over Montana / high-altitude object shot down over Alaska / China's possible role in the latest sightings / new support for how the Biden administration handled shooting down the Chinese spy balloon; proposed bill to restrict foreign ownership of farmland
- 2) a discussion on the latest on the two unidentified objects that were shot down over Alaska and Canada on Friday and Saturday
- 3) Topics include: call for an end to U.S. exports of technology that ends up used in Chinese surveillance operations / Chinese spy balloon; "Ukraine Fatigue Resolution", a Republican introduced bill to try and cut off aid to Ukraine
- 4) a report from Hatay, Turkey on continuing rescue efforts in Turkey and Syria as the death toll from a series of earthquakes and aftershocks continues to rise
- 5) a discussion with the governor, previewing a potential presidential bid in 2024
- 6) a panel discussion with four governors on the opioid crisis, Narcan availability and abortion rights and access, as well as other issues facing their states

02/19/23

**Guests:** Antony Blinken, U.S. secretary of state, Biden administration (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), author, "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism" (2); Mateusz Morawiecki, prime minister, Poland (3); Dr. Fiona Hill, former National Security Council senior director for European and Russian affairs (4); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (4); Dr. Joshua Gordon, director, National Institute of Mental Health (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Bob Schieffer, former moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)

- 1) Topics include: meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi / Chinese spy balloon; Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; relationship between Russia and Iran; atrocities Russia is committing in Ukraine



2) Topics include: his book / working with President Biden and assessment of his presidency / U.S. health care system / prescription drugs / COVID vaccines; Senator Fetterman's health issues; support for President Biden if he seeks a second term in office / reaction to Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley's suggestion of a mandatory mental competency test for politicians older than 75; perilous state of democracy in Israel / pro-Israel lobby AIPAC; his proposal of a new Cabinet-level agency to focus on the future of work and workers / artificial intelligence and robotics; criticism of the price of tickets for his book tour

3) Topics include: upcoming visits to Poland by President Biden and Ukraine's President Zelenskyy / Russia's war against Ukraine / evidence that Russia will try to occupy Moldova / discussions with Biden administration to increase U.S. troop presence in Poland

4) Topics include: sanctions against Russia / potential worldwide-reaching impact of Russia's land grab in Ukraine / Moldova / upcoming speech from President Biden in Poland and Vladimir Putin's state of the nation address

5) Topics include: Senator Fetterman's post-stroke depression; recent CDC study about teenage girls

6) thoughts on former President Jimmy Carter's life and career, as news that he has entered home hospice care was revealed on Saturday

02/26/23

**Guests:** William Burns, director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (1); Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. secretary of state, George W. Bush administration, director, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (3); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (3); Drew Findling, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Jennifer Little, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)

1) Topics include: Russia's war in Ukraine, one year in / Russian President Putin's mindset / United States' current relationship with Russia / Putin's confidence in 'his ability to wear down Ukraine' / China as a potential new source of weaponry for Russia / lethal equipment and munitions from Iran and North Korea; China's ambitions towards Taiwan; China's spy balloon over the U.S.; Russia-Iran defense partnership; Iran's nuclear program

2) Topics include: U.S. aid to Ukraine / presidential candidates who criticize U.S. funding for Ukraine / strategy of the Chinese-Russian relationship / China's ambitions towards Taiwan

3) Topics include: purpose of the new House select committee on China / need for bipartisanship / how the Chinese Communist Party harasses and surveils Chinese dissidents in the U.S. / fear expressed by the Asian American Caucus that this committee will contribute to bigotry / planned conversations with companies that do business with China / Taiwan / TikTok

4) an interview with two Trump attorneys in the Fulton County, GA investigation, who claim that jury foreperson Emily Kohrs' interviews have tainted any possible charge of former president

5) a report from Ukraine, as Friday marked one year since Russia invaded

60 MINUTES

02/05/23

**"The IMF Report"** – an interview with managing director of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva. She discusses the future of the global economy. Includes an interview with Stefan, her brother. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)

**"Investigating Donald Trump"** – an interview with former Manhattan special assistant district attorney Mark Pomerantz. In his first television interview since his abrupt resignation, he discusses his claims that he has declined the authorization to prosecute former President Donald Trump. He also discusses his new book, "People vs Donald Trump: An Inside Account." (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Sarah Koch)

**“Red Hot Chili Peppers”** – an interview with Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band discusses their formation, influences and current tour. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: John Hamlin, Kara Vaccaro)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “What Happened At Grizzly Flats?”, OAD: 10/02/22. (C: Bill Whitaker)

02/12/23

PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”

**60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”**

**“Canada’s Unmarked Graves”** – a report on Canada’s history of residential schools, which forcibly held more than 150,000 Indigenous children in inhumane conditions. Includes interviews with Leona Wolf, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Cadmus Delorme, and Ed Bitternose, who were all sent to the residential schools; and Kisha Supernant and Terry Clark, archaeologists. (See also: “Killing The Indian”, OAD: 05/08/01, Rebroadcast: 04/10/02 – both on 60 MINUTES II) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 02/06/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22)

**“Sharswood”** – an interview with Fred Miller. The Miller family, who recently bought a large southern home, have come to realize their ancestors were enslaved on the very same plantation. Includes interviews with Adam Miller, Tonya Miller Pope, Debra Coles, Karen Dixon-Rexroth; Betty Dixon, Brenda Miller, Dexter Miller, Sonya Womack-Miranda, Marian Keyes, all members of the Miller family; Bill Thompson, whose family formerly owned the farm; Dennis Pogue and Doug Sanford, historic preservationists; and Karice Luck-Brimmer, a local historian and genealogist. (Part 1. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein/Part 2. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein and Braden Cleveland Bergan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 05/15/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/28/22)

**The Last Minute** – Revisiting Sharswood and Canada's Residential Schools resurrected painful and shameful eras. But other parts of those stories pointed ways to progress and healing. (C: Lesley Stahl)

02/19/23

**“Candles Against the Darkness”** – a report from Ukraine on the country’s energy grid. With Russia’s continued attacks, Ukrainians fear blackouts and are left without heat, water, and electricity. Includes interviews with Vira Savchenko, Tatiana Sologub, Serhii Bondarenko, Borodianka residents; Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, CEO of Ukrenergo; Anatoliy Kaharlitskiy, a former journalist; and Oksana Koronik, a nurse. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic, Alex Ortiz)

**“Prime Minister Marin”** – a profile of Prime Minister of Finland Sanna Marin from her Helsinki residence. Historically neutral Finland, which borders Russia, has applied for a NATO membership following the invasion of Ukraine. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Rey)

**“The HistoryMakers”** – a report on The HistoryMakers, who document the achievements of historically significant Black Americans via digital archive. The organization focuses on first-person narratives, many of which would otherwise be forgotten. Includes interviews with Julieanna Richardson, founder; Jerry Rice, NFL player; Rachel Davis, teacher; and Andre Samuel, Loren Rounds, and Tyler Rush, students. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman)

**The Last Minute** – Recovery continues in southwest Turkey and northern Syria after the devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake 13 days ago. (C: Bill Whitaker)

02/26/23

**“Kherson Under Fire”** – a report from Kherson, the first major Ukrainian city captured in the war with Russia. Since the city’s liberation, residents still face Russian military attacks as they attempt to rebuild. Includes interviews with Halyna Luhova, Mayor of Kherson; and Valentina Syryk, Iryna Barandych, Elena, Katya Fateeva, Vladimir Sagayak, Andriy Andryushchenko, Kherson residents. (C: Holly Williams – P: Erin Lyall, Guy Campanile)

**“The Girls of SOLA”** – a report on the SOLA school in Rwanda, which allows young Afghan women to continue their education. After the Taliban banned girls in Afghanistan from attending school beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, SOLA has become the country’s first boarding school for girls. Includes interviews with Shabana Basij-Rasikh, founder of SOLA; Zahra, Fatima, Aydin, Sajia, Najia, and Suraya, SOLA students; and Maryam, who works in maintenance at SOLA. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

**The Last Minute** – Next week, Anderson Cooper visits with David Byrne, the legendary front man of Talking Heads. (C: Jon Wertheim)

**48 HOURS**

02/04/23

PREEMPTION

02/11/23

**48 HOURS: “The Station Nightclub Fire: Who’s Responsible?”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the February 20th, 2003 fire at The Station, a nightclub in West Warwick, RI, which left 100 dead and more than 200 injured. The fire began when the band, Jack Russell’s Great White, took the stage and their tour manager set off four large fireworks called gerbs. Flames appeared on the walls on either side of the stage and spread quickly due to the highly flammable foam that lined the walls and ceiling, installed to dampen the sound. In December 2003, brothers and owners Jeff and Michael Derderian were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter; Daniel Biechele, Great White’s tour manager, faced the same charges – he had failed to get a license for the pyrotechnics from the state of Rhode Island and permits from the local fire department. In February 2006, a plea deal was reached with the tour manager: sentenced to 4 years, Daniel Biechele was paroled after 22 months. Michael and Jeff Derderian pleaded no contest. Their plea deal stated only one of them would go to prison and because Jeff had young children, Michael served 33 months in prison; Jeff completed 500 hours of community service. Eighteen years after the fire, the brothers use this broadcast to tell their story and reveal new information about the foam used to line the walls and ceiling of the club, claiming the foam company sent them the wrong foam. The Derderians have since learned that the fire marshal should have tested the foam and have always maintained they never gave the band permission to use pyrotechnics. Former Rhode Island attorney general Patrick Lynch led the investigation into the fire; he stands by his initial findings and disagrees with the brothers’ decision to come forward. In 2017, a memorial was opened to honor the lives lost in the fire. **On-screen text graphic:** At the time of The Station fire, older clubs in Rhode Island weren’t required to install sprinklers. It is now mandatory for nightclubs with occupancy over 150 to have them. Since The Station fire, many states have adopted stricter fire prevention codes. Interviewed: Linda Saran, survivor; Phil Barr, survivor; Jody King, brother of Tracy King, who worked as a bouncer at The Station and died in the fire; Scott James, author, “Trial by Fire”; Patrick Lynch, attorney, former Rhode Island Attorney General; and Jeff and Michael Derderian, brothers and co-owners of The Station nightclub. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Betsy Shuller, Chris Young Ritzen) (OAD: 10/23/21)

02/11/23

**48 HOURS: “The Kidnapping of Michelle and Breea Renee”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update on the story of Michelle and Breea Renee, a single mother who was forced to rob the bank she managed after she and her seven year old daughter were held captive and threatened with dynamite – first featured on 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Show Me The Money”, OAD: 10/03/09. In November 2000, three masked shooters broke into Renee’s Vista, CA home and held them hostage. The abductors told Renee she would have to rob the bank she worked at and, in the morning, strapped them both with what they were told was dynamite, later discovered to be fake. Renee, told that the dynamite would be detonated is she didn’t follow their orders, stole \$360,000. Once the shooters had the money, Renee raced home to find her daughter still alive and called for help. A police and FBI investigation soon apprehended four suspects: ringleader Christopher Butler and his girlfriend Lisa Ramirez, Christopher Huggins and Robert Ortiz. At trial, Butler falsely claimed Renee masterminded the bank robbery and that they’d had an affair. Ramirez was found innocent; Butler, Huggins and Ortiz were found guilty and sentenced to jail. The 2023 update details the impact of being falsely accused of masterminding the plot, as well as Breea Renee’s multiple sclerosis (MS) diagnosis at 18 and her recovery. In June 2020, Christopher Butler was up for parole. Though denied, Tom Manning managed to get Butler to recant his whole story and admit that he and Michelle Renee never had a relationship. She wrote a follow-up book, “Nine Days”; Breea Renee spoke at Ortiz’ parole hearing. **On-screen text graphic:** Robert Ortiz was granted parole in January 2021. Interviewed: Michelle Renee; Breea Renee; Dave Estey, Michelle’s brother; Tom Manning, prosecutor, San Diego County; and Herb Weston, attorney who represented Lisa Ramirez. Also includes footage and interviews from the 2009 broadcast: neighbor Rick Brown; and San Diego County Sheriff’s detectives Rudy Zamora and Dale Martin. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Show Me The Money”, OAD: 10/03/09; Rebroadcast: 07/23/10) (Contributor: Tracy Smith – Producer: Gayane Keshishyan Mendez)

02/18/23

PREEMPTION

02/25/23

**48 HOURS: “The Brighton Ax Murder”** (10:02 – 11:02p) – a report on the murder of 29-year-old wife and mother Cathy Krauseneck of Brighton, NY, which remained unsolved for four decades. The case, dubbed the Brighton Ax Murder, was one of the oldest, coldest murder cases in America. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1982, her husband, Jim Krauseneck, said he found Cathy dead in their bed with an ax in her head, after he returned home from his job as a Kodak company economist. Aspects of the crime scene didn’t sit right with investigators; police believe it was staged to look like a burglary to cover up the real crime – the intentional murder of Cathy by her husband, who left town shortly after speaking with police. The case sat for decades until 2019, when authorities in Monroe County, NY hired forensic pathologist Michael Baden to investigate. Baden believed Cathy was killed around 3:30 am; for prosecutors that meant Jim would have been home at the time. Jim was indicted on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019; he voluntarily surrendered to authorities a week later. The case went to trial in 2022; Jim was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years-to-life behind bars. Jim intends to appeal his conviction. Cathy’s father would like to move her remains from Jim’s family plot but needs her daughter Sara’s permission to do so. **On-screen text graphic:** Cathy’s family and Sara haven’t spoken since the trial. Sara has moved out of the country. Interviewed: Sharon Krauseneck, Jim’s current wife; Mark Libertore, retired detective; Detective Bill Flood; Gary Craig, reporter, *Democrat & Chronicle*, Rochester, NY; Detective Steve Hunt; Susie Jackimowicz, Cathy’s cousin; Bob Schlosser, Cathy’s father; Cathy Behe, Cathy’s friend; Sandra Doorley, district attorney, Monroe County, NY; Bill Easton, Jim’s defense attorney; Michael Wolford, Jim’s defense attorney; Rachel Rear, author, “Catch the Sparrow”, stepsister of Stephanie Kupchynsky, who was murdered by Ed Laraby, whom the defense named as a suspect in Cathy’s murder; Dr. Katherine Maloney, forensic pathologist, testified for the defense; Patrick Gallagher, prosecutor; Constance Patterson, prosecutor; and jurors Jane, Helen and Ivan (no last names given). (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Josh Yager, James Stolz)

#### **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT**

02/07/23

**CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: State of the Union and the Republican Response** (9:00 – 11:04p) – live coverage of President Joseph Biden’s second State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Includes: (1) President Biden’s State of the Union address; and (2) Republican response by Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, from Little Rock, AR. President Biden’s State of the Union address and Republican response were preceded and followed by correspondents’ commentary and analysis. Origination: House Chamber, Capitol Hill. Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, Washington, D.C. studio); Nancy Cordes (Washington, D.C. studio); Margaret Brennan (Washington, D.C. studio); John Dickerson (Washington, D.C. studio); Robert Costa (Washington, D.C. studio); Nikole Killian (Washington, D.C. Studio); Scott MacFarlane (from inside the Chamber); Ed O’Keefe (Capitol Hill); and Major Garrett (Capitol Hill). Political analyst: Leslie Sanchez. Political contributor: Ashley Etienne.

**CBS TELEVISION NETWORK  
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MARCH 2023**

**FACE THE NATION**

03/05/23     **Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (2); Governor J.B. Pritzker (D-IL) (3); Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (2)

1) Topics include: proposed bipartisan rail safety legislation in the wake of the train derailment that was carrying toxic chemicals in Ohio; U.S. debt and spending / capping discretionary spending / need to be energy-independent, energy-secured; his refusal to make any political decisions regarding endorsing Joe Biden for re-election or whether he is going to run for re-election or the presidency until December

2) a brief discussion with Mr. Costa and extended recorded excerpts from his Friday interview with former Governor Hogan on his decision not to run for the Republican presidential nomination in the 2024 election, divisions within the Republican Party, the candidacy of former President Trump, his hope that Trump is not successful, the Dominion lawsuit against Fox News and the potential candidacy of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

3) Topics include: intention to serve out his term as governor / support for President Biden's re-election; Republican message regarding education on a local and national scale / Governor DeSantis' attempt to edit Black history in an AP college course; women's health and reproductive rights / Walgreens pharmacy announcement that they won't sell abortion pills in states that have threatened legal action / Chicago's race for mayor

4) Topics include: lack of consensus on Covid-19's origins / work of the newly created House subcommittee on the coronavirus pandemic / subcommittee members who traffic in misleading information about COVID; second train derailment in Ohio

5) Topics include: possible origins of Covid-19 / putting the focus on 'taking the steps' to ensure that a lab leak never happens; President Biden's skin cancer diagnosis

6) Flashback: SELMA ANNIVERSARY / Bob Schieffer visited Selma with John Lewis in 2015 and crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge - President Biden will travel to Selma, AL later Sunday to commemorate the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, a landmark event for the civil rights movement – and for the late Rep. John Lewis.

03/12/23     **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury secretary (2); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and

Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (6)

1) a report from Atlanta on America's economic crossroads exacerbated by Friday's collapse of California's Silicon Valley Bank

2) Topics include: collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) / no bailout for SVB / impact on the tech sector / missed signals about the bank's problems / plans to contain the fallout from the bank's failure

3) Topics include: collapse of SVB / need to protect all depositors, even those in excess of \$250,000 / call for 'decisive action' from the Biden administration / investigating possible mismanagement at SVB / potential impact on the tech sector

4) Topics include: last night's remarks from former Vice President Mike Pence, condemning Donald Trump and his role in the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack / House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's deal with FOX News, giving them hours of surveillance video, which they used to whitewash the events of January 6<sup>th</sup>; details of this past week's open hearing on Afghanistan / outstanding documents request with the State Department

5) Topics include: data breach at a D.C. health insurance provider, impacting some members of Congress / SVB collapse / impact on the tech sector

6) Topics include: support for President Biden's re-election; collapse of SVB; Florida Governor DeSantis' dismissal of the College Board's AP African American studies course; preparing for the possible undoing of government approval of an abortion bill by a Texas judge

7) "Power of Women" - as we mark Women's History Month, the resilience and strength of women around the world are cause for celebration. But despite the strides made in the last century, the reversal in women's rights is now officially a global emergency.

03/19/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1); Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) (2); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (3); Gary Cohn, former director, National Economic Council, vice chairman, IBM (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (5); Scott Galloway, professor, New York University, co-host, "Pivot" (5); General H.R. McMaster (retired), former national security adviser, Trump administration (6)

1) a report on what Mr. Trump's legal team is planning if he is charged in the Stormy Daniels hush money investigation and what could happen with the former president's 2024 campaign

2) Topics include: anxiety in the banking sector / calling for Congress to introduce more regulation for the banking industry after the two banks failed earlier this month / lifting the FDIC insurance cap / her lack of confidence in Mary Daly of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Jerome Powell of the Federal Reserve Bank

3) Topics include: House Speaker McCarthy's directive to Congress, to investigate whether federal funds are being used by the Manhattan district attorney to investigate the 45<sup>th</sup> president; allowing all options to fix the banking crisis / FDIC deposit level / investigating the underlying causes of the collapse of the two banks / conservatives who are blaming "woke banking" for the failures / President Biden's proposal regarding salaries for banking executives

4) Topics include: Mr. Trump's call for protests, should he be indicted; banking crisis / contagion risk for other banks / possible absorption of regional banks by larger banks / his op-ed, calling for common sense regulation / expanding deposit insurance; possible interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve

5) Topics include: the "two Americas in Silicon Valley", revealed by the banking failure; this week's TikTok hearing / risk level associated with using TikTok; Mr. Trump's use of social media and lack of oversight, as he calls for more protests

6) Topics include: Mr. Trump's call for protests, should he be indicted; Vladimir Putin's trip to Ukraine and visit to children centers / indictment by the International Criminal Court for kidnapping children / Xi Jinping's trip to Russia / China's supply of weapons, munitions and other support to Russia / change in foreign policy from some Republicans, who diminish the importance of supporting Ukraine

03/26/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1) (5); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence (3); John Kirby, NSC Coordinator for Strategic Communications (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (5); Bill Bratton, former New York City police commissioner (5); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (6)

1) the latest as the special counsel is "tightening" investigation into former President Trump, as he held his first official 2024 campaign rally in Waco, TX Saturday night

2) Topics include: Mr. Trump's rally in Waco and his use of a recording made by people who are being prosecuted for the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the Capitol; solutions focusing on securing the border and legal immigration

3) Topics include: past week's questioning of TikTok's CEO / White House support of a bipartisan bill that could potentially ban technology seen as a credible threat / political costs of banning TikTok; possible additional regulation for midsize banks / his political donations from SVB; classified materials improperly held by President Biden and former President Trump

4) Topics include: full cooperation with the Justice Department in the ongoing classified materials investigation; national security concerns about TikTok / the RESTRICT Act - Senator Warner's bill targeting TikTok endorsed by the NSC; attacks on U.S. positions by Iran-backed groups / President Biden's commitment to keeping U.S. troops in Syria; monitoring the Russian rhetoric regarding nuclear weaponry; Taiwan's President Tsai's visit to the United States

5) a discussion on the New York grand jury investigation into Mr. Trump and what could happen if the former President is indicted and arrested in New York

6) Topics include: 'resilient' and 'sound' U.S. banking system, despite the failed banks / potential impact on the economy / Americans' low confidence in the Federal Reserve / failure of Silicon Valley Bank / Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco President Mary Daly / revamping the regulatory system for midsize banks

## 60 MINUTES

03/05/23 60 MINUTES (7:06 – 8:06p)

**“Please Let Me Die”** – a report on the thousands of Ukrainian prisoners of war being held captive by Russia. Three women soldiers who served in Mariupol and were recently released discuss their time as POWs in camps that the U.N. condemned for torture. Includes interviews with Sergeant Iryna Stogniy, Captain Mariana Mamonova, and Sergeant Anastasia Chornenka, recently released prisoners of war; and Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

**“Who is minding the chatbots?”** – a report on AI chatbots and Microsoft’s new AI search feature, Bing. While the new technology boasts many benefits, some fear its inaccuracies may promote propaganda and racist ideas. Includes interviews with Brad Smith, President of Microsoft; Yusuf Mehdi, Corporate Vice President of Search at Microsoft; Ellie Pavlick, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Brown University; Gary Marcus, cognitive scientist and AI researcher; and Timnit Gebru, computer scientist and AI researcher. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

**“David Byrne”** – a profile of David Byrne. The artist and musician discusses creativity, his band Talking Heads, and translating his art into theater. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “Dominion”, OAD: 10/23/22. (C: Anderson Cooper)

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**“Survival Of The Friendliest”** – a report on the links between the evolution of dogs and humans. Includes interviews with Brian Hare, an evolutionary biologist and author at Duke University; Peggy and Meg Callahan, who run the Wildlife Science Center in Minnesota; Bridgett vonHoldt, a geneticist at Princeton; Ben Monkaba, who has Williams Syndrome and met Morley Safer in 1997, while he was doing a story for 60 MINUTES; and Terry Monkaba, Ben’s mom. (See also: "A Very Special Brain", OAD: 10/19/97) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 11/27/22)

**“Comparative Oncology”** – a report on Comparative Oncology. The growing field boasts promising genetic cancer research with dogs and humans. Includes interviews with Elaine Ostrander, a senior geneticist at the NIH; Nicola Mason, University of Pennsylvania professor and veterinarian who oversees a national network of comparative oncology trials funded by the White House's Cancer Moonshot Initiative; Krystie Gomes, who was



diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in 2020; Kathy Feder, Krystie's mom; Dr. Elyssa Rubin, Krystie's oncologist; Matt Olson, owner of Sandy the golden retriever; Dan Heffron, owner of Otto the boxer; Julie Hinseth, who was diagnosed with glioblastoma in 2020; and Doug Hinseth, Julie's husband. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 11/27/22)

**“Wild Horses”** – a report on the Wyoming Honor Farm. The state operated minimum security prison aims to tame the wild horse population through a program where inmates train the animals. Includes interviews with Jess Oldham, who runs the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary outside Lander, WY with her family; Holle Waddell, division chief of the program that oversees wild horses for the Bureau of Land Management; Curtis Moffat, warden of the Wyoming Honor Farm; Travis Shoopman, manager of the farm; and Peytonn Suchor and Michael Davis, inmates. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis, Katie Kerbstat) (OAD: 11/20/22)

**The Last Minute** - A four-legged friend helps ease some aches and pains in the aging and helps us lead better lives. (C: Anderson Cooper)

03/19/23

60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)

**“The State of the Navy”** – a report from aboard the USS Nimitz, a United States Navy aircraft carrier operating southeast of Taiwan and China in the Western Pacific, along with a report from the Pentagon. Members of the U.S. Navy discuss the possible Chinese invasion of Taiwan, new long-range missile systems and the general state and power of the Navy. Includes interviews with Admiral Samuel Paparo, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet; Lt. Cmdr. David Ash, who flies an F/A-18; Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Representative Elaine Luria (D-VA), who served together on the House Armed Services Committee in the last Congress; Admiral Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations; and Toshi Yoshihara, Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. (C: Norah O'Donnell – Producer for Part I: Keith Sharman; Producers for Part II: Keith Sharman, Roxanne Feitel) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

**“Only in America”** – a profile of billionaire businessman Rocco Commisso. He discusses moving to the Bronx from southern Italy in his youth, his cable TV empire and Fiorentina, the Florence-based Italian professional soccer team he purchased. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

**The Last Minute** – an update on “Your Bank Has Failed”, OAD: 03/08/09. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

03/26/23

60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)

**“Feeling of Feeling”** – a report on the newest artificial prosthetics technology. Experimental research has led to the development of a revolutionary technology which is able to restore a sense of touch. Includes interviews with Brandon Prestwood, who volunteered for the experimental surgery; Amy Prestwood, Brandon's wife; Dustin Tyler, a biomedical engineer who leads this research at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland V.A.; Sliman Bensmaia, a leading expert on the neuroscience of touch at the University of Chicago; Scott Imbrie, Austin Beggin, and Danny Werner, who

volunteered for the research; and Bolu Ajiboye, lead researcher and biomedical engineer at Case Western Reserve University. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz, Ian Flickinger)

**“Silicon Valley Scandal”** – an interview with Ina and David Steiner. As creators of a newsletter reporting on e-commerce businesses, they discuss the many attempts made to thwart their reports, including violent threats made against them by eBay senior managers. Includes interviews with Natick, MA Detective John Haswell and Sergeant Jason Sutherland, who worked on the case; Andrew Lelling, former federal prosecutor; and Jillise McDonough and Rosemary Scapicchio, representatives of the Steiners in a civil case against eBay. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Rey)

**“Charles Barkley”** – a profile of Charles Barkley. The NBA Hall of famer and basketball commentator discusses growing up in Alabama, his time in the NBA and his current broadcast career. Includes interviews with Ernie Johnson, host of “Inside the NBA”; and Kenneth Venue, childhood friend of Barkley. (C: Jon Wertheim - P: Draggan Mihailovich)

**The Last Minute** – Despite the uncertainty of athletic upsets, politics and economics, there’s one solid glimmer of certainty: Spring began this week. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

## 48 HOURS

03/04/23

**48 HOURS: “The Poisonous Wife”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 murder of Ben Renick, found dead at his snake breeding facility about 80 miles west of St. Louis, MO. Discovered by his wife Lynlee Renick, investigators originally believed Ben had been the victim of an attack by one of his reptiles. The coroner discovered he had been shot eight times, once at close range. Lynlee eventually admitted to investigators she had been having an affair with Brandon Blackwell and been in contact with Michael Humphrey, an ex-boyfriend just released from prison. Investigators also discovered that Lynlee’s spa business was losing money and that she had lied to Ben about it. With just circumstantial evidence, the case went cold for nearly three years. In January 2020, a jailhouse tip from Brandon Blackwell provided enough information for investigators to arrest Lynlee Renick and Michael Humphrey, as well as Lynlee’s former employee Ashley Shaw, who turned on her one-time boss in exchange for leniency. In late 2021, Michael went on trial and was convicted of first-degree murder; he then agreed to cooperate with the state. During Lynlee’s trial, she claimed that Ben was abusive, Michael shot Ben, and also apologized for her attempts to implicate her former brother-in-law. Lynlee was found guilty of murder in the second degree and armed criminal action; she was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Ben was honored with a new breed of snake, the Renick Ghost. **On-screen text graphic:** The stalking and related charges against Brandon Blackwell were dropped. Lynlee Renick will be eligible for parole by 2035. Interviewed: Sam Renick, Ben’s brother; Dav Kaufman, snake breeder, documentary filmmaker; Dave Colbert, coroner; Katherine Berger, defense attorney; Tim Hesemann, defense attorney; Beth Mayberry, Columbia, MO resident; Dave McKenna, journalist, Defector Media. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris O’Connell, James Stolz, Alicia Tejada) (OAD: 03/12/22)

03/04/23

**48 HOURS: “The Trial of Alex Murdaugh”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update to “The Murdaugh Mysteries”, which was a report on the investigation into Alex Murdaugh, a wealthy and once prominent attorney in the South Carolina Lowcountry, for the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 murder of his wife Maggie and son Paul at the family’s hunting lodge in Colleton County, as well as the many other crimes connected to his family. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, a jury in South Carolina deliberated for just under three hours before they returned with a guilty verdict for the murders of Alex’s wife and son; he was sentenced the next day to two consecutive life terms in prison. This broadcast contains details of the trial, including the evidence used to prosecute Alex, which included an incriminating video found on Paul’s phone; the work of the defense, including their claim that Maggie and Paul were murdered as retribution for the February 2019 boat crash that killed 19-year-old Mallory Beach; and the potential impact of ‘retribution murders’ on the other investigations and cases against the family. **On-screen text graphic:** Alex Murdaugh has been transported to Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He’ll be assessed there before being assigned permanently to a maximum-security prison. Interviewed: Pilar Melendez, senior national reporter, *The Daily Beast*; Caroline Price, Maggie’s friend; Shellie West, Maggie’s friend; Creighton Waters, lead prosecutor (his first one-on-one interview after the sentencing of Alex Murdaugh). This broadcast also includes extended excerpts and prior interviews from 48 HOURS: “The Murdaugh Mysteries”: Michael DeWitt, Jr., managing editor, *The Hampton County Guardian*; Stephen Domino, former deputy sheriff, Beaufort County; Seth Stoughton, law professor, University of South Carolina; Lynn Reavis, Mallory Beach’s aunt; Curtis Smith, distant cousin of Alex Murdaugh, whom Alex allegedly hired to kill him for insurance money, but Curtis refused; Ronnie Richter, Gloria Satterfield family attorney, the long-time housekeeper who died suspiciously at the Murdaugh home and the resulting insurance fraud committed by Alex, related to her death; and Dick Harpootlian, Murdaugh family attorney (questioned at hearing). (See also: 48 HOURS: “The Murdaugh Mysteries”, OAD: 10/30/21; Rebroadcast: 07/16/22) (C: Nikki Battiste. No producers listed for this broadcast.)

03/11/23

**48 HOURS: “What Angelina Saw”** (10:36 – 11:36p) – a report on the death of Andrew “Andy” Wagner and the arrest and trial of his fiancée, Stephanie Fernandes, for his murder. Police were called to the Worcester, MA home of Andy and Stephanie on the night of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, after Andy sustained a knife wound to his neck; he later died in hospital. Stephanie had a complicated and volatile relationship with Andy and claimed he, with a gun in hand, attacked her. Forced to defend herself, Stephanie picked up the knife and as Andy went to headbutt her, he was accidentally stabbed with the knife. Delayed by procedural arguments and then the COVID pandemic, the trial began in June 2022. Charged with first-degree murder, Stephanie was found guilty of a lesser charge, voluntary manslaughter; the judge sentenced her to a term of not more than 10 years and not less than eight years in prison. Angelina is studying to become a forensic psychologist. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is a victim of intimate partner violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Stephanie Fernandes’ trial lawyers say she may be eligible for parole as early as 2026. Interviewed: Stephanie Fernandes; Angelina Fernandes; Danielle Lord, Stephanie’s

friend; Maura Tansley, defense attorney; Peter Ettenberg, lead defense attorney; Shane Bernard, juror; and Gayla Bieksha, juror. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chuck Stevenson)

03/18/23

**48 HOURS: “Remembering the Chowchilla Kidnapping”** (10:23 – 11:23p) - a retitled, reedited and updated rebroadcast of 48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: “The Chowchilla Kidnapping”, originally aired on 10/12/19, rebroadcasted on 07/11/20. After 46 years, Fred Woods, the last of three men convicted of kidnapping 26 children and their bus driver, was paroled from a prison in California. For the first time, 48 HOURS reveals a powerful and emotional interview with Jodi Heffington, one of the survivors from that event, believed to be the largest kidnapping in American history. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1976, 26 children and their bus driver, Ed Ray, were kidnapped as they headed home from Dairyland Elementary School in Chowchilla, CA. The three masked kidnapers, one armed, were later identified as: Fred Woods, and brothers James and Richard Schoenfeld. The kidnapers drove the bus to a wooded area where they proceeded to unload the bus driver and children into a van that was set up as a makeshift prison. After driving for 12 hours, the van stopped 100 miles away from Chowchilla, at a rock quarry owned by Fred Wood’s father in Livermore, CA. The victims were removed one by one from the van and instructed to climb down a ladder to a truck trailer, buried 12 feet underground. The children and Ed escaped from the ground after 16 hours. The motive for the kidnapping was money, despite all three men hailing from wealthy families. All three pleaded guilty to 27 counts of kidnapping for robbery and ransom but each refused to plead guilty to eight counts of bodily harm. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1978, the kidnapers were sentenced to life in prison without parole. Four years after the crime, lawyers appealed the finding of bodily harm and the appellate court overturned it, throwing out the sentence. In 2012, 36 years after the kidnapping, Richard Schoenfeld was the first to be granted parole. Three years later James Schoenfeld was paroled. Fred Woods, who has repeatedly been caught with pornography and cell phones, remains in prison, but was up for parole the week of this broadcast. Original on-screen text graphic for the 10/12/19 broadcast: On Tuesday, kidnapper Fred Woods was denied parole. He is eligible for parole again in five years. On-screen text graphic for the 07/11/20 rebroadcast: In 2019, kidnapper Fred Woods was denied parole. He is eligible for parole again in 2024. **On-screen text graphic for the 03/18/23 broadcast:** In January 2021, Jodi Heffington passed away. She was 55 years old. Fourteen months after Jodi's death, Fred Woods went before the parole board for the 18th time. He was granted parole. Interviewed: Jennifer Brown Hyde, Larry Park, Michael Marshall and Jodi Heffington (Jodi’s interview is new to the 03/18/23 edition), survivors; Joan Brown, Jennifer’s mother; Sheriff Ed Bates, Madera County, CA; and Prosecutor Jill Klinge, assistant district attorney, Alameda County. (See also: 48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: “The Chowchilla Kidnapping”, OAD: 10/12/19; Rebroadcast: 07/11/20) (Contributor / Narrator: David Begnaud - Producers: Chris Young Ritzen, George Osterkamp)

03/25/23

**48 HOURS: “The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford”** – 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. In November 2022, Jason went on trial for Tiffiney's murder; he was found guilty on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Under Alabama law, Jason will be eligible for parole in 15 years. **On-screen text graphic:** Tiffiney's children currently live with Jason's parents. 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)