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FACE THE NATION

- 09/06/20 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (1); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (2); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA Commissioner (3); Mohamed El-Erian, Chief Economic Adviser, Allianz (4); Wesley Lowery, correspondent, *60 in 6* (5); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (6); Ed O’Keefe, CBS News political correspondent (7); David Rubenstein, Co-Founder & Co-Executive Chairman, The Carlyle Group, author, "How to Lead: Wisdom from the World’s Greatest CEOs, Founders, and Game Changers" (8)
- Guest Moderator:** John Dickerson, correspondent, 60 MINUTES
- 1) a report from Atlanta on potential coronavirus spikes from Labor Day activities and impending school reopenings.
 - 2) a report from London on the second wave of coronavirus infections in Australia and France.
 - 3) Topics include: potential for more aggressive coronavirus transmission in fall and winter months / potential timeline for inoculation of at-risk groups with coronavirus vaccine / importance of continuing mask-wearing and social distancing
 - 4) Topics include: slow rate of economic improvement since the start of the pandemic / longer recovery for industries that require physical presence, exacerbating inequality / balancing the ability to reopen the economy with workers’ willingness to participate / balancing the need to provide economic support with expanding the federal deficit / the Federal Reserve’s role in maintaining economic momentum
 - 5) Topics include: protests against police violence in Kenosha, WI and the greater southeast Wisconsin area / racial tensions exacerbated by economic tensions / mental state of Raysean White for recording and releasing footage of the Jacob Blake shooting
 - 6) CBS News Battleground Tracker topics include: Joe Biden’s lead over President Trump in several states / potential focus on voter turnout due to lack of swing voters / President Trump’s reelection being hampered by his coronavirus response / President Trump’s attempt to shift attention to violent protests
 - 7) Topics include: article in *The Atlantic* about President Trump disparaging the military / Joe Biden’s focus on violent protestors in Kenosha, WI / importance of sending Senator Kamala Harris to Kenosha to campaign
 - 8) Topics include: preferred characteristics of a Presidential candidate, especially humility / importance of persuasion for successful leaders / lifetime experiences that mold a person to be a successful leader / difference between the Presidency and other leadership roles
- 09/13/20 **Guests:** Governor Kate Brown (D-OR) (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (2); Albert Bourla, Chairman & CEO, Pfizer (3); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA Commissioner (4) (6); Sue Gordon, former Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence (7); Scott Kirby, CEO, United Airlines (8); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8)
- Guest Interviewer:** Scott Pelley, correspondent, 60 MINUTES (5)
- 1) Topics include: potential high number of fatalities from Oregon wildfires / the role of climate change in exacerbating wildfires / land management’s role in mitigating wildfire conditions / absentee voting for residents who have been displaced from their homes
 - 2) a report from Atlanta on how the West Coast is coping with wildfires and the coronavirus pandemic.
 - 3) Topics include: likelihood of vaccine effectiveness results in October / parameters for vaccine testing / concerns over FDA potentially approving unsafe vaccines / Pfizer’s risk in not accepting government funds for vaccine development
 - 4) Topics include: likelihood of vaccine availability before 2021 / concerns over rushed vaccine approval due to political pressure
 - 5) a brief videotaped excerpt of tonight’s 60 MINUTES interview with Bob Woodward about his new book, “*Rage*”
 - 6) Topics include: lack of clear and consistent public messaging from all levels of government regarding COVID-19
 - 7) Topics include: the threat of foreign interference in the 2020 election / President Trump’s using his influence to spread doubt about fair elections / Russia’s interest in interfering with elections / strengths of the overall electoral system / precautions for voters to avoid being personally manipulated
 - 8) Topics include: expected layoffs in the airlines industry / necessity for government assistance to support the airline industry / inability for the travel industry to recover before a vaccine is available / attempts to coordinate testing with other nations and reopen borders / airline precautions that have made flights safe
 - 9) CBS News Battleground Tracker topics include: Joe Biden’s lead over President Trump due to coronavirus concerns / President Trump’s advantage on economic issues / voters choosing Joe Biden as a vote against President Trump / opposing views over protests in Minnesota

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- 09/20/20 **Ruth Bader Ginsburg | 1933-2020**
Guests: Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (1); Nancy Cordes, CBS news chief congressional correspondent (2); former President Bill Clinton (3); Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) (4); Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) (5); Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (6); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA Commissioner (8)
1) Topics include: potential Supreme Court candidates for President Trump to nominate / upcoming Supreme Court hearing on the Affordable Care Act / potential for a contested election case similar to Bush v. Gore
2) Topics include: Republicans desire to confirm a new Justice before the Presidential election / lack of tools for Democrats to slow a nomination
3) Topics include: qualities that made Ruth Bader Ginsburg a good Supreme Court candidate / Republicans refusal to vote on Merrick Garland during President Obama's last term / potential of a Supreme Court pick to influence voters
4) Topics include: President Trump ignoring Justice Ginsburg's final wish to delay nominating a replacement / accusations of Republican hypocrisy due to the rush for a new nominee / potential nominees such as Amy Coney Barrett and Barbara Lagoa
5) Topics include: potential tactics available to Democrats to slow a Supreme Court nomination / the damage done to the Senate's reputation by refusing to hold a vote on Merrick Garland in 2016 / Joe Biden's potential Supreme Court nominees / potential addition of more Justices to the Supreme Court
6) a report from Atlanta on the number of coronavirus deaths, especially in Texas, and its effects on the Presidential election.
7) a report from London on surging coronavirus infections in Europe.
8) Topics include: potential for an addition coronavirus surge in the fall or winter / coronavirus infections spiking in the South and Midwest / disagreement between President Trump and the CDC about the timeline for a vaccine / potential for President Trump to influence FDA vaccine approval protocols
9) Margaret Brennan's look back at the life and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday at the age of 87
- 09/27/20 **Guests:** Mark Meadows, White House chief of staff (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Jeh Johnson, former Secretary of Homeland Security (3); Don McGahn, former White House counsel (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA Commissioner (5); Doug Parker, CEO, American Airlines (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News national correspondent (7); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8)
1) Topics include: Republican efforts to appoint a new Supreme Court Justice before Election Day / coronavirus infection rates going into cold weather months / effects of coronavirus on voter turnout / Trump administration challenges to stricter vaccine protocols proposed by the FDA / FBI Director Wray's comments denying evidence of voter fraud / President Trump's comments denigrating mail-in voting
2) Topics include: objections to President Trump appointing a new Supreme Court Justice so close to Election Day / the Trump administration's upcoming Supreme Court case over the Affordable Care Act / President Trump attempting to stack the Court in the event of losing re-election / concerns over Amy Coney Barrett's partisan positions / concerns of anti-Catholic bigotry in Judge Barrett's confirmation hearings
3) Topics include: President Trump casting doubt on the security of mail-in voting / concerns about election interference from Russia / Hillary Clinton's comments that Joe Biden should not concede on Election Night / the charges against officers involved in the shooting of Breonna Taylor
4) Topics include: reasons why Brett Kavanaugh was chosen over Judge Barrett for the last Supreme Court nomination / the inaccurate perception that Judge Barrett's nomination is being rushed / the record number of Federal Appeals Court judges appointed by President Trump
5) Topics include: uncertainty over whether coronavirus infection increases are temporary or the start of a new rise / FDA protocols regarding vaccine production / potential effectiveness of a coronavirus vaccine / long-term effects of coronavirus infection following recovery
6) Topics include: airlines furloughing or laying off staff despite receiving government assistance loans / attempts to push for additional payroll protection funding / gradual return of customers to air travel
7) a report from Atlanta on Georgia's shift away from being a reliable Republican state in the election.
8) Topics include: importance of filling the Supreme Court to voters / Senator Lindsey Graham's tight race with Democrat Jaime Harrison / increase in the amount of early voting

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60 MINUTES

- 09/06/20 **“The Ranger and the Serial Killer”** – an interview with Texas Ranger James Holland. Over the last year and a half, Holland coaxed serial killer Samuel Little to confess to ninety-three murders. Undetected for nearly half a century, Little was a drifter from Ohio who the FBI are now calling the most prolific serial killer in U.S. history. Little preyed on those at the fringes of society, allowing him to go unnoticed. After a suspicious cold case prompted his further inquiry into Little, Holland enabled judges and prosecutors across the country to close long-standing cases by speaking to Little over the course of seven hundred hours of interviews. By making Little comfortable, Holland was rewarded with detailed stories and drawings of the victims, all of whom Little says he still remembers vividly. Includes interviews with Damien, victim Denise Brother’s son; Christie Palazzolo of the FBI and Angela Williamson of Department of Justice, violent crimes analysts; District Attorney Bobby Bland; and a phone interview with Little. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Draggan Mihailovich, Jacqueline Williams, Claire St. Amant) (OAD: 10/06/19. This rebroadcast includes an update.)
- “Mind Reading”** – a report on new research and technologies allowing scientists to observe the physical action that takes place inside the brain when we think. Functional MRI scanning can observe neuron activity in the brain, and scientists have begun to study that activity – finding patterns in human brains related to different emotions. Research showed that those patterns remained consistent across language divides. Scientists wonder if these patterns can be recoded, and have been researching how the discovered patterns may differ in people with autism or those contemplating suicide. Includes interviews with Marcel Just, a neuroscientist; Jamie Woods, 60 MINUTES associate producer; David Brent, a psychiatrist at the University of Pittsburgh; Matt Nock, a Harvard Professor; and Dan Toski, a former patient of Brent’s clinic. (See also: “Mind Reading”, OAD: 01/04/09) (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) (OAD: 11/24/19. This rebroadcast includes an update.)
- “The Resurrection of St. Nicholas”** – a report on the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas in New York City, which is still under construction after being destroyed on 9/11. The church plans to reopen next year, on the twentieth anniversary. Includes interviews with Bill Tarazonas, the last caretaker of St. Nicholas; Regina Katopodis, whose father was president of the church; Anthoula Katsimatides, whose brother died in the church on 9/11; Father Jeremiah, of the Xenophontos Monastery; Father Lukas, master iconographer; Santiago Calatrava, designer of the church at ground zero; and Archbishop Demetrios, former elder archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. (See also: “The People Behind The Mosque”, OAD: 09/26/10; and “Mount Athos”, OAD: 04/24/11) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Ashley Velie, Dina Zingaro) (OAD: 04/12/20. This rebroadcast includes an update.)
- 09/13/20 **“Mr. Woodward? The President”** – an interview with Bob Woodward. He discusses his interviews with President Trump, conducted for his new book *Rage*. Woodward reflects on topics from their conversations, including Trump’s initial response to the coronavirus in January when he was first made aware of the impending outbreak. He also discusses other important moments in Trump’s presidency, including his responses to North Korea and the Black Lives Matter movement. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz)
- “Spilling Across The Border”** – a report on the presence of raw sewage in Southern California’s oceans that has spread from nearby Tijuana, Mexico. Communities on both sides of the border are at risk due to the contaminated water, though few precautions have been taken to assure safety. Includes interviews with Amber Craig, a border patrol agent; Fay Crevoshay, an environmentalist with Wildcoast; Mark West, retired Naval Officer; Alex Lopez, Kyle Buckett, Bill Lyman, and Steve Viola, retired SEALs; and Serge Dedina, mayor of Imperial Beach, California and executive director of Wildcoast. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On, Natalie Jimenez Peel) (OAD: 05/31/20. This rebroadcast includes an update.)
- “Joaquin Phoenix”** – a profile of actor Joaquin Phoenix. The enigmatic star earned critical acclaim for playing dark, intense characters. Shying away from fame, Phoenix abstains from social media and is notoriously tough to interview. Though widely considered one of the most talented actors of his generation, he says he deals with performance anxiety and also dislikes rehearsing. Phoenix remains close with his family, who he says has helped him stay grounded throughout his unconventional career. Includes interviews with Rain Phoenix, his brother; and Heart Phoenix, his mother. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Nichole Marks, David M. Levine) (OAD: 01/12/20. This rebroadcast includes an update.)

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- 09/20/20 53rd Season Premiere
- “The Battle for the Ballot”** – a report on the high volume of mail-in ballots expected during the 2020 election as a result of coronavirus concerns. Election boards face logistical and legislative barriers that have increased the pressure for them to establish strong voting protocols and ensure a partisan election process. Includes interviews with Al Schmidt, City Commissioner of Philadelphia; Angelique Hinton, voting advocate; Josh Shapiro, Pennsylvania attorney general; Senator Jake Corman (R-PA); and Representative Malcolm Kenyatta (D-PA). (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman, Ali Rawaf)
- “H.R. McMaster”** – an interview with former national security advisor H.R. McMaster. He discusses the need for American unity in the face of challenges that stem from foreign policy, including America’s relationships with China, Russia, and Afghanistan. McMaster also considers his former job in light of both new and ongoing threats to America, like climate change and coronavirus response. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)
- “Coach O and the Sideways Season”** – a profile of Ed Orgeron, head coach of the Louisiana State University football team and a Louisiana native himself. Following a 2019 National Championship, Orgeron and his team face unique challenges with a new season beginning in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Orgeron encouraged the NCAA to proceed with the 2020 football season during the pandemic while he has accepted the risks that his organization and players face. Includes interviews with Tyler Shelvin, an LSU football player and Coco Orgeron, Ed’s mother. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer)
- “Ender”** – Ruth Bader Ginsburg 1933-2020 – remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday.
- 09/27/20 **“Florida’s Amendment”** – a report on Florida's Amendment 4, which allows many ex-felons the right to vote. Earlier this year a law was passed which restricted the voting rights of citizens who had previously been allowed under Amendment 4. The law, called SB 7066, restricts anyone with financial debt from voting under the amendment. Though many see the law as biased and over-restrictive, with many ex-felons unable to even find out how much money they do owe, efforts to fight the law have been resisted by Florida lawmakers. Includes interviews with Desmond Meade, voting rights activist and Executive Director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition; Pastor Clifford Tyson, who sued after being unable to vote; Senator Jeff Brandes (R-FL); and Chaz, a voting rights activist. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)
- “The Wall”** – a report on the obstacles facing Fisher Sand and Gravel, a construction company contracted a deal to build a large section of the wall along the U.S. - Mexico border. The owner of the company, Tommy Fisher, has faced criticism for the methods through which he obtained the deal, and for the quality of the barriers that have been erected so far. Includes interviews with Javier Pena, an attorney who represents neighboring landowners; Father Roy Snipes, a local priest who opposed the Trump wall; Marianna Trevino-Wright, Executive Director of the National Butterfly Center; Rudy Karisch, recently retired station chief for the Border Patrol in the Rio Grande Valley; and Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-MS). (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Oriana Zill de Granados)
- “Sir David”** – an interview with the prominent naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough. Attenborough has dedicated his life's work to environmental advocacy in the face of impending environmental destruction. His latest documentary explores climate change. (See also: “Sir David Attenborough”, OAD: 11/10/02 and “Spy On The Ice”, OAD: 03/06/11) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon)

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09/05/20 **48 HOURS: “Dead Ringer”** - a report about former pro boxer Ramon Sosa, the potential victim in a murder-for-hire scheme, who with the help of law enforcement agents, managed to survive -- all the while setting up a sting operation to catch those responsible. Sosa owned the popular Woodlands Boxing and Fitness in Montgomery County, Texas. He had a family and a beautiful second wife who helped him run their booming business. After six years together, things began to sour between Sosa and his wife -- he learned of a divorce attorney and missing money from the business. And then someone wanted him dead. A friend of Sosa’s named Mundo, who worked out at the gym, overheard Sosa’s wife Lulu and was sure she had murder on her mind. They came up with a sting operation to protect the boxer, in which Mundo posed as a hit man. When they had evidence, they contacted the police, who then took over the case. Mundo still played along, agreeing to kill Sosa, and provided photographic proof of the death. Police staged the death scene, with Sosa’s “dead body” photographed in a ditch with a bullet hole in the head. Lulu Sosa was arrested, and claimed she was innocent. She was charged with solicitation of capital murder. After 15 months, she gave up the fight and agreed to a plea deal to reduced charges and twenty years in prison. Original on-screen text graphic: Lulu Sosa comes up for parole once a year. This past Tuesday, she was denied parole for a second time. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/20/19 and 09/05/20 rebroadcasts:** Lulu Sosa comes up for parole once a year. Her next hearing is scheduled for later this month. Ramon Sosa published his story in a book called “I Walked on My Own Grave.” Interviewed: Ramon Sosa; “Mundo”; Beth Blair (friend of the Sosa’s); Raul Marquez (former Olympic boxer/friend of Ramon’s); Natasha Flores (friend of Lulu’s); Julio Joglar (Lulu’s divorce attorney); Mike Atkins (Lieutenant, Precinct Three Constable’s Office, Montgomery, County, Texas). (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Susan Mallie, Jennifer Terker, Claire St. Amant) (OAD: 10/13/18; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/20/19)

09/09/20 **48 HOURS SUSPICION: “The Tiger King Mystery”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the disappearance of Don Lewis, whose body has never been found. A self-made millionaire, he was married to Carole Lewis. Together they ran “Wildlife on Easy Street” in Tampa, Florida -- billed as an exhibit space for big cats. In August 1997, Don vanished while supposedly traveling to Costa Rica. Though Carole was not an official suspect, his ex-wife, daughters, and other friends and associates were suspicious and claimed that Carole and Don’s marriage was troubled. Carole had Don declared legally dead in 2002. In 2004, Carole Lewis became Carole Baskin when she married attorney and businessman Howard Baskin. With his help, Carole changed the name and mission of the animal exhibit; now called “Big Cat Rescue”, it is a sanctuary focusing on animal rights. Interest was renewed in Don’s disappearance due to the Netflix series “Tiger King”, which chronicles an Oklahoma-based, eccentric big-cat owner named Joseph Schreiber, better known as Joe Exotic, and his battle with Carole who sought to shut him down. Throughout the series and on his own YouTube channel, Joe, the self-proclaimed Tiger King, alleged Carole had murdered Don in 1997 and fed him to their tigers. In 2019, Joe was convicted and sent to prison for, among other things, hiring a hitman to kill Carole. Currently, there are no suspects in the disappearance of Don Lewis. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have any information, please call the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office at (813) 247-8200. Joe Exotic’s lawyer says he plans to ask President Trump for a pardon. Interviewed: Julie Miller, senior feature writer, *Vanity Fair*; Gladys Lewis Cross, Don’s ex-wife; Anne McQueen, Don’s employee; Lynda Sanchez, Donna Pettis, and Gale Rathbone – Don and Gladys’ daughters; Joseph Fritz, Don’s former lawyer; Joe Solan, pilot; Leonora LaPeter Anton, reporter, CBS News consultant; Trish Farr-Payne, ex-wife of Kenny Farr, who claims Kenny, a handyman for the Lewis’, may have been connected to Don’s disappearance; and John Phillips, attorney representing Doris’ daughters and Anne McQueen. (C: Richard Schlesinger – P: Chuck Stevenson, Stephanie Slifer)

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09/12/20 **48 HOURS: “Home Renovation Homicide”** - a report on the murder of Shanti Cooper in Orlando, FL, for which her husband Dave Tronnes is suspected, allegedly over the ownership of a house undergoing years of renovations. In 2013, Shanti Cooper began an online relationship with Dave Tronnes that quickly blossomed. After just a few months, Dave moved from Minneapolis, MN to Orlando, FL to be with her. In 2015 the pair would move to a new home and begin renovations, which Shanti paid for. Keith Ori, host of a house-flipping television show, had difficulty getting the two to appear on camera together. According to prosecutor Ryan Vescio, the animosity came from Dave’s refusal to make Shanti a beneficiary to the trust that owned that house, effectively making him the sole owner. On April 24th, Dave called 911 after returning home in the afternoon and finding Shanti dead in the bathtub. In the lengthy police interview that followed, detectives questioned inconsistencies in his story: Shanti had numerous injuries on her person inconsistent with falling; there was no water on her or around the tub; and there was blood on the bed, which Dave dismissed as being from Shanti’s period. An autopsy would later find strangulation as the cause of death. Dave agreed to a polygraph, but due to the late hours, police could not find anyone to administer one and released him. Searching for a motive, police received a tip that Dave was a member at a local bathhouse and interviewed an employee who claimed to have seen Dave having sex with another patron. Dave maintained that Shanti was killed in a robbery and cited her missing diamond engagement ring as proof. In August 2018, Dave was arrested for Shanti’s murder. A search of the home he was staying at produced the missing ring. In November 2018, police interviewed Dave’s ex-wife, Carole, about her health conditions, which her loved one suspected was from Dave poisoning her. Carole denied this. A surveillance camera that police had set up at the couple’s property captured footage of investigators hired by Dave’s original defense team. Those lawyers eventually revealed to Vescio that they had two pieces of evidence that had been removed from the house: bedsheets with Shanti’s blood on them and a green cord. Tests could not determine if the cord was used to strangle Shanti. Police would also interview Edward Gismondi, who met Dave in a jail housing unit. Gismondi stated that Dave told him how certain hallucinogens could be used to poison a person’s food. He also told police Dave confessed to killing Shanti after she found messages on his phone pointing to an affair. However, police were unable to corroborate Gismondi’s claims. In 2019 Ryan Vescio left his position as a prosecutor and became counsel for Shanti’s estate in order to make sure her assets went to her son. Dave is awaiting trial. **On-screen text graphic:** Shanti's son Jackson lives with her ex-husband Jim Cooper. Dave Tronnes still owns the house. Interviewed: Tara Stevens, realtor; Ryan Vescio, former prosecutor, Orlando State Attorney’s office; Cindy Dow, Shanti’s relative; Keith Ori, home renovator and TV host; Richard Zaleski, Dave’s attorney; Dan Dow, Shanti’s relative; Edward Grismondi, informant. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Paul La Rosa, Dena Goldstein)

09/19/20 **48 HOURS: “The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi”** - a report on the murder of a Trinity College student Cayley Mandadi, allegedly by one of the two men she was involved with. In October 2017, Cayley Mandadi was rushed to the emergency room by Mark Howerton, a man she had been having a relationship with. After leaving a music festival and having sex, Mark claimed she stopped breathing. Medical staff were unable to revive Cayley. Three months later, an autopsy concluded she had died from blunt force trauma to the face and head, leading to Mark’s arrest for murder and sexual assault. At trial, the prosecution presented witnesses from the night at the emergency room that noted bruises on Cayley’s legs and redness on Mark’s hands, and cited the fact that Mark had changed his story about where he and Cayley had sex. Friends of Cayley and a Trinity College security officer testified about Mark’s violent outbursts, including an incident that led to him being barred from campus. Jett Birchum, the other man Cayley had been involved with, testified that Cayley had agreed to break up with Mark at the music festival and that he witnessed Mark forcing her to leave with him. Mark’s attorney, John Hunter, questioned Jett’s credibility as he had given different testimony in court than he had to police and the grand jury. He also pressed Jett on the immunity deal he made with prosecutors over Jett’s alleged involvement in dealing drugs. Defense witnesses rebuked the autopsy: a forensic pathologist stated a skull fracture was consistent with a fall and a pharmacology expert testified that the large amount of MDMA in Cayley’s system could have led to hemorrhages and bruising. After 10 hours of deliberation over two days, a mistrial was declared. However, the prosecution plans to retry the case. Alison Steele, Cayley’s mother, worked to pass the CLEAR alert bill in Texas, which allows for emergency texts for missing persons between 18 and 64. **On-screen text graphic:** Mark Howerton's retrial is scheduled for January 2021. Interviewed: Lawrence Baitland, Cayley’s stepfather; Alison Steele, Cayley’s mother; Taylor Clement, Cayley’s friend; John Hunter, Mark’s attorney; Daniel Conrad, Courthouse News reporter. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris Young Ritzen, Ted Gesing)

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- 09/23/20 **48 HOURS SUSPICION: “The Case Against Mary Katherine Higdon”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the case against Mary Katherine Higdon, who killed her boyfriend Steven Freeman at their home in Griffin, Georgia. On August 1, 2018, Mary Katherine called 911 and told first responders she shot Steven by accident – saying that when she handed him the gun, it went off. At the police station, Mary Katherine allegedly changed her story and confessed to murder. However, there were problems with the police investigation: the audio on the tape was impossible to hear due to a feedback hum and first responders moved the gun found next to Steven. Nevertheless, the prosecution believed they had a strong case based on the forensic evidence. The trial began in June 2019; both the prosecution and defense claimed abuse. Ultimately, the jury sided with the defense and Mary Katherine was found not guilty on all charges. **On-screen text graphic:** Mary Katherine Higdon has moved to another state. To honor Steven, Jennifer Freeman volunteers to raise awareness about domestic violence. Interviewed: Mary Katherine Higdon; Jennifer Freeman, Steven’s mother; Tom Higdon, Mary Katherine’s father; Sarah Higdon, Mary Katherine’s sister; Thomas Skinner, Andrew McRee, and Chase Pruitt, Steven’s friends; Detective Adam Trammel; Lieutenant Chris Wilson; Kate Lenhard, prosecutor; Jorge Carabajal and Michael Granims, Mary Katherine’s public defenders; Victor, juror; and Chris, juror. (C: David Begnaud – P: Clare Friedland)
- 09/26/20 **48 HOURS: “The Corn Rake Murder”** - a report on the death of Amy Mullis from a farming accident for which her husband is suspected, though he maintains it was a freak accident. In November 2018, Amy Mullis was found dead by her son, Trysten, in a shed on the family farm. She had apparently been killed by a corn rake used on the farm. After an investigation her husband, Todd Mullis, was arrested for Amy’s murder. The autopsy showed a pattern of puncture wounds that indicated Amy had been struck with the corn rake multiple times. Other injuries she had also indicated she had been in a struggle. Police investigations turned up an affair that Amy had in the past. The couple reconciled, but Amy agree to leave her job and work on the farm, allegedly so Todd could keep an eye on her. Friends testified that Amy was unhappy. Eventually she would begin another affair with the farm’s manager, Jerry Frasher, which Todd found out about. Todd’s alibi was that he had been working in a barn with Trysten before his son found Amy’s body. However, Trysten would amend his story, adding that he went to the office at the front of the barn a few times. At trial, the prosecution maintained this allowed opportunity for Todd to commit the murder. They also cited that surveillance cameras around the property were not working the day of Amy’s death and suspicious internet searches related to infidelity and murder. Todd countered that there had been no surveillance footage for weeks before the murder, possible due to animals damaging it, and that the device the searches were made on was accessible to the entire family. After jury deliberations, Todd was found guilty. He filed a motion for a new trial based on the fact that his original attorneys did not focus on presenting Amy’s death as an accident as he pushed for. In September 2020, his motion was denied and he was sentenced to life in prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Todd and Amy Mullis’ three children--Trysten, Taylor, and Wyatt--are now with Amy's family. Interviewed: Daniel Nesheiwat, legal expert; Matthew Troiano, legal expert; Dina Nesheiwat, legal expert; Woman #1, alternate juror; Woman #2, juror. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Betsy Shuller, Lisa Freed, Lauren Clark)
- 09/30/20 **48 HOURS SUSPICION: “The Ambush of Kevin Harris”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on hip-hop artist and producer Kevin Robert Harris II, who was gunned down outside of a music studio in Los Angeles, California on September 20, 2009. He was 21-years-old. Six years after Kevin’s murder, local police brought in the FBI to work the case. Detectives eventually ruled out the possibility of mistaken identity and are now convinced Kevin was the intended target. They have narrowed down the list of suspects and believe that Desmond Carter, an aspiring rapper and jealous rival who was supposed to meet Kevin at the studio that night, may be connected to the murder. Arrested in 2017, he was never charged and denies any involvement. Detectives feel that they are very close, but need information and -- along with Kevin’s family -- remain convinced Kevin’s murder will be solved. **On-screen text graphic:** The FBI is asking for information from the public. The tip line is (310) 477-6565. Interviewed: Kevin Harris Sr., Kevin’s father; Katheryn Harris, Kevin’s mother; Cameron Woods, childhood friend; Jasmine Tanner, friend; Sonya Teclai, poet and singer; Karan Staden, aunt; Rahman Dukes, music journalist; Pastor Winford Bell; Voviette Morgan, FBI; Sean Sterle, special agent, FBI; John Skaggs, former Los Angeles detective; Randy Thomas, studio owner; and Gizzle, hip-hop poet and rapper. (C: Michelle Miller – P: Chuck Stevenson, Lauren A. White)

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CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS

CBS NEWS: REMEMBERING RUTH BADER GINSBURG 1933-2020 - From September 18 through September 25, CBS News provided live coverage of the ceremonies related to the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday, September 18. In addition to the coverage on the regularly scheduled news programs, this live coverage included:

- 09/18/20 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT (7:49 – 8:00p)** - *chyron ID: Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Dies At 87* – Ruth Bader Ginsburg has died from complications of metastatic pancreatic cancer. According to a statement from the Supreme Court, she died this evening, surrounded by her family, at her home in Washington, DC. Appointed by President Bill Clinton, she was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, Washington, DC); Jan Crawford (CBS News chief legal correspondent, on the phone).
- 09/23/20 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: REMEMBERING RUTH BADER GINSBURG (9:28 – 10:00a)** – *initial chyron ID: Soon: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Casket Arrives At Supreme Court* - live coverage of the arrival of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's casket at the Supreme Court and ceremony inside, where she served for 27 years. Justice Ginsburg died on Friday -- she was 87-years-old. After the ceremony, Mrs. Ginsburg will lie in repose under the Portico at the top of the front steps of the Supreme Court Building, on a platform originally built for the casket of Abraham Lincoln. Ceremony speakers: Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt and Chief Justice John Roberts. Correspondents: Gayle King (co-anchor, CBS Broadcast center, NY); Anthony Mason (co-anchor, CBS Broadcast center, NY); Tony Dokoupil (co-anchor, CBS Broadcast Center, NY); Jan Crawford (CBS News chief legal correspondent, Supreme Court).
- 09/25/20 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: REMEMBERING RUTH BADER GINSBURG (9:30 – 10:34a)** – *initial chyron ID: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Casket Arrives At Capitol Hill* - live coverage of the arrival of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's casket at the Capitol and the ceremony held in Statuary Hall. Justice Ginsburg is the first woman and the first Jewish person in U.S. history to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol. Coverage includes: (1) House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's brief remarks; (2) Operatic soprano Denyce Graves' performance of "Deep River"; (3) Reflection delivered by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt; and (4) Ms. Graves' performance of "American Anthem." Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, Washington, DC); Jan Crawford (CBS News chief legal correspondent, Washington, DC); Nancy Cordes (CBS News chief congressional correspondent, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC). Also includes commentary from: Jeffrey Rosen (George Washington University law professor, author, "Conversations with RBG", via remote); and Margo Schlanger (professor, University of Michigan Law School, Justice Ginsburg's former law clerk, via remote).

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- 09/29/20 **CBS News Presidential Debate (9:00 – 11:00p)** - live coverage (from the Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio) of the first of three presidential debates between former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic nominee, and President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, safety precautions are in place. The six topics of tonight's debate: "Candidates' Records", "Supreme Court", "Coronavirus", "Economy", "Race & Violence", and "Election Integrity". The debate moderator: Chris Wallace (anchor, Fox News Sunday). The debate itself concluded at 10:39p. Included in CBS News coverage before the debate was commentary by CBS News Correspondents Norah O'Donnell (co-anchor, Washington, DC); Gayle King (co-anchor, Washington, DC); John Dickerson (co-anchor, Washington, DC); Ben Tracy (White House); Ed O'Keefe (Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic). After the debate, CBS News coverage included debate analysis and commentary by Norah O'Donnell; Gayle King; John Dickerson; Major Garrett; and Anthony Salvanto. Also included in the post-debate coverage: (1) a live interview (at Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic) with Donald Trump Jr. (by Norah O'Donnell and Gayle King); and (2) a live interview (via remote from Howard University, Washington, DC) with California Senator Kamala Harris, Democratic vice presidential nominee (by Norah O'Donnell and John Dickerson).

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