



KKCO-TV

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**QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

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DAYBREAK	Monday thru Friday	5:00-7:00a
MIDDAY LIVE - LIVE AT NOON	Monday thru Friday	12:00 – 1:00p
KKCO 11 NEWS AT 5– LIVE AT 5 P.M.	Monday thru Sunday	5:00-5:30p
KKCO 11 NEWS AT 6:00 - LIVE AT SIX	Monday thru Friday	6:00-6:30p
KKCO 11 NEWS AT 10:00 – LIVE AT TEN	Monday thru Sunday	10:00-10:30p

All the above programs are locally produced News programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature stories. Issue-responsive program segments are usually one to two minutes in duration unless otherwise indicated.

Webchannel Feature: Grand Junction and the Western Slope of Colorado have a place on the Internet to go for local news and information. As more people turn to the Internet daily, people can count on KKCO to be the local news and information leader on the web. KKCO's website is an important source of local news stories of all kinds, community information and other Internet Resources, often listed on Quick Click Feature. KKCO's home page offers links to topics, which include news, weather, sports, health, family, education, government, and community. It also includes up-to-the minute video streaming of news stories; weather forecasts and includes special features such as Six Online Live Chat or watching live press conferences through web streaming. While stories are continually posted and eventually drop off the top 30 or so visually displayed, they never actually leave the Web Channel Feature server making these accessible for viewers to conduct a search to retrieve each of these in the future. Video segments stay within the server approximately 1-2 weeks, as space is available.

Regular Network News Programs Carried by KKCO:

EARLY TODAY	Monday thru Thursday	4:30-5am
EARLY TODAY	Sundays	2:30-3:30am
THE TODAY SHOW	Monday thru Friday	7-11am
NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	Monday thru Friday	5:30-6pm
SATURDAY TODAY	Saturdays	6-7:30am
SUNDAY TODAY	Sundays	7-8 am
MEET THE PRESS	Sundays	8-9 am
DATeline NBC	Varied Days	Varied Times

All the above programs are network news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature stories. **Dateline NBC** airs throughout the week in prime time and often for expanded hours during times of breaking news events ... news magazine format with in-depth Features on current issues and news headlines.

Meet the Press, a public affair program, airs every Sunday morning featuring exclusive interviews with politicians, etc. as well as roundtable discussions on topics affecting the American people. Guests this quarter include Dr. Anthony Fauci, Sec. of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain, Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Joshua Johnson, Brandy Zadrozny, Yamiche Alcindor, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.

All KKCO Newscasts are closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning began on KKCO Newscasts in January 1991. Station conducts all weekly random EAS tests as well as monthly scheduled tests in preparation of needed emergency announcements.

US Farm Report - Sun 6-7a is America's #1 Agri-business and rural lifestyle program. The host John Phipps and meteorologist Mike Hoffman provide America's farmers, ranchers, investors and brokers with the latest global and national Agri-Business information, weather and commodity reports. Topics this quarter include: Tar spots, drought conditions, crop yields, the increasing soybean demand, supply chain issues, and fluctuating farm values and subsidies.

ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE/PET HEALTH & LAWS

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story B Block

Dogs in Hot Weather

July 6, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:33

The recent streak...of warm weather...wasn't just felt by people...but also their pets. Jeremy Chen...spoke with dog owners...in Connecticut...about how they're coping...with the heat. They love running around here, chasing, and playing with other dogs. the place is great." Fred Greene loves bringing his three dogs to candlewood dog park in New Milford. S/ Fred Greene, dog owner, "I think they're very happy. we've got a 13-year-old Shi-tzu poodle, a four-year-old dalmatian, and a little under two-year-old ridgeback." this, despite the dogs' days of summer bringing the heat to town with the high reaching about 90 degrees. It's a little warm this time of year. It's a little like August weather. it's usually a little bit cooler." Greene says close to sunset is the ideal time to let his pups loose at the park. we try to get out early in the morning, probably around six or so, and then come down here about this time." The Connecticut humane society says during the summer heat dogs need plenty of cold, fresh water to stay hydrated. dog owners at the park bringing gallons of water to quench their pet's thirst. S/Rich Andres, dog owner they dehydrate faster, and they feel the heat a lot more than we do." The Humane Society also warns leaving dogs in cars is a no-no. as just ten minutes inside in 90-degree heat is 109 degrees inside. Dog owners say they haven't seen much of that around town to their relief. There's more people aware of what's going on in the parking lots." The Humane Society also says...make sure your dog...is properly groomed...to avoid trapping...any excess heat.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Woman Trains Service Dog

July 7, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:40

July is disability pride month -- but an organization near Denver celebrates it all year. It helps people train their own service dogs. Danny new...looks at...how it's lending a helping hand...to those who need...a helping paw. Nats: "Good boy! It's no secret that service dogs rock. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: (off camera: "how much do you love kai?") "More than anything." But not everyone knows how hard it can be to train on your own. Nats: "Do a U-turn." Or, used to be, before domino service dogs opened in Lakewood. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "service dogs are amazing ... Nats: "there you go!" Barbara henry first got the idea when her daughter Caitlin, who had acquired a spinal cord injury at a young age, made a request. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "she said, 'mom, you know, I need a service dog. That's what I need to make my life better.' I thought I'd make a few phone calls. You know, she's kind of cute. Anybody would want to help her, and that's not the way that worked out." Turned out - for many reasons, Caitlin didn't qualify to receive a service dog from national nonprofits, and adopting your own can get expensive. So that's when Caitlin started training their dog, badger, all by herself. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "she gave Caitlin her independence." Nats: "Get it." And in that process, Barbara and her daughter started hearing from other folks that were encountering the same issue, and it became apparent the community needed an organization to step in and offer an affordable two-year curriculum for anyone to just train their own service dog. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "it was her dream that people with disabilities would have access to service dogs, even if they couldn't afford to pay." // "when Caitlin passed away, they retired the flag." Sadly, Caitlin passed away in 2017 at age 18, but she earned the respect of Colorado's highest officials just before passing. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "she worked on a bill that specifically made it illegal to represent misrepresent yourself as a person with a disability." All eight of her bills passed. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "I'm sure she was excited, but i don't think she was overly excited. She was like this has to be done." Nats: "get excited! There you go!" Caitlin's legacy may live in those bills, but more so in the hundreds of dogs that come through the doors of dominos service dogs, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary this august. Nats: "and go forward." Of course, it can get hard for Barbara to still go there every day. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: "it's meaningful, and, and some days it breaks my heart." But she's proud to carry out her daughter's dream. Barbara henry/owner of domino service dogs: (off camera: "every day you're doing something that makes her happy.") "Yes. Definitely doing that." Badger spends six years by Caitlin's side before transitioning to retirement.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story A Block

Bear Relocated

August 5, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:45

A bear believed to be responsible for breaking into more than 20 homes in California has been captured. Wildlife officials say the bear is now set to be relocated to Colorado. This bear and her cubs are known to the south lake community as one of the bears referred to as hank the tank. But to fish and wildlife she's officially known as 64-f. And for the past two years using DNA testing she and her cubs have been linked to more than 20 break-ins deeming her problematic. Jordan traverso, California Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesperson: "The 21 break-ins is really pretty significant and it's a very much learned behavior and it does not look like it can be rehabilitated." That usually means the bear would have to be put down. But based on the interest of the public the department of fish and wildlife worked out a deal with an animal sanctuary in Colorado where she will live for the rest of her life. But her cubs have a different fate. Jordan traverso, California dept. A fish and wildlife spokesperson: "there's no hope that we would be able to rehabilitate that sow, while there is hope we will be able to re-release those cubs into the wild." While the bear family will split-up the cubs will be sent to a rehab center in Sonoma County where they will learn how to live in the wild. Jordan traverso, California dept. Of fish and wildlife spokesperson: "sanctuary life is not ideal either. Getting them back into the wild is the best plan." And beats the alternative. Ann Bryant, bear league: "this rarely happens, bears are not relocated, they usually killed when they're designated as problem bears." Executive director for Bear League says this alternative is a gift. Ann Bryant, Bear League: "This is not going to happen every day." And Tahoe residents must learn from it. Ann Bryant, Bear League: "They need to step up and keep bears out of trouble, lock their doors, lock their windows, don't let them in, don't put bird feeders out, don't leave your garbage out or there's going to be bears that are going to die."

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story A Block

Livestock West Nile

August 16, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:36

The first *Horse with West Nile virus in Colorado was euthanized late last month. Since then, 10 more horses were diagnosed...and 3 of them are now dead. Reporter Jaleesa Irizarry tells us what one horse rescue, in Weld County, is doing to keep their herd safe. Under a cloudless sky, I really don't like the summer, it's hard to escape anything. Add manure into the mix. Yea...it's impossible to get away. The flies are bad this year, but the wasps have not been as bad as last year, they were terrible. Emerald works at Allegiance Horse Rescue. Libby in particular loves your camera, a place for animal lovers... and those tolerable to things with wings. The extremely wet and long spring {laughs} that went into the first month of what is usually summer um yea it's been a crazy one. Gloria Timmons runs the place. She knows all about the flies that come with horses and hot summer days... and the mosquitos that make their way at night. It's almost like maybe 30-60 minutes after dusk when it's really getting dark is when I notice them. Mosquitoes have been topping of mind for those with horses this summer. Eleven have been diagnosed with West Nile virus in Colorado so far. Four of them have either died or were euthanized. Yea I have never luckily had a case here or in any of the other horse places I've been where a horse has passed away from that and it's scary certainly. Timmons says her horses are vaccinated for West Nile ever spring. They also use bug spray to try and deter any bites. But it's the constant clean-up and care that really helps...and shows. Alright girly there's no escaping. What did you do? ...their love for these animals. Jaleesa Irizarry 9News while there is a West Nile vaccination for horses there is NOT one for humans. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment says so far there have been 36 human cases in the state including one death.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Pet of the Week (Adoption)

September 8, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:25

Izzy was surrendered to MCAS after her owner passed away. She is a very friendly dog with a calm demeanor. Although she is heartworm-positive, she is currently undergoing treatment and is responding well. The rest of her treatment will be paid for by GRHS, so all you need to provide is love and care. Izzy also had mast cell cancer, which was successfully removed through surgery. According to our vet, there is a low chance of it recurring. She gets along well with other dogs, children, and just about anyone who will give her attention. She is already housebroken and does not have separation anxiety, so you can leave her home alone without a crate and not worry about her causing any damage. In short, Izzy is a near-perfect companion. Adoptable NOW and at our event:

Chow Down Pet Supplies, 2500 Broadway St, Unit H, Grand Junction, CO, Sat 9/9/23 from 10am-12:30pm, Dog adoption fee: \$160 CASH only please. Seriously interested in adopting a Grand Rivers Humane cat or dog. Complete adoption application at <https://granddrivershumane.org/adoption-application/> or Call 970-644-0575. URGENT need CAT and DOG FOSTERS! Grand Rivers Humane invites you to be a cat or dog foster - fostering saves lives. Nationally & locally, the number of adoptable dogs is up, and adoptions are down. Mesa County Animal Services is currently over capacity! We will provide supplies if needed, food etc. and any needed medical care. Please complete our foster application and we will contact you! <https://granddrivershumane.org/foster-application/>

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

September 15, 2023

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 1:15

CPW also warning Coloradans to stay clear of wildlife. This after an incident between two hikers, their dogs and a defensive cow moose with her calf on a Teller County trail. CPW says the hikers and their three dogs came across the moose on the trail. All three dogs were reportedly on a leash. As the moose approached, one of the dogs began to bark and the moose came at them and trampled one of the hikers. The moose chased the hikers down the trail for some time before giving up. Fortunately the hiker had only minor injuries.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story A Block

Holiday Gun Violence

July 5, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:48

As the country celebrate America's indigence this July 4th holiday, a uniquely American problem continued to rear its ugly head. Mass shootings happened in areas ranging from Philadelphia to Texas and the nation's capital, where 9 people were shot at a holiday gathering. all expected to survive. NBC's Brie Jackson is in Washington. Brie - what is President Biden saying about this latest string of gun violence. A violent and deadly fourth weekend across America. "Everyone uses caution we still got somebody out there firing shots //22:40 gun shots gun shots." Five people were killed, two children injured in Philadelphia Monday night. Police are using this surveillance video as part of their investigation. Authorities say the 40-year-old suspect, wearing body armor, walked down the street with an AR 15 style rifle and a handgun - firing randomly. "It's just mayhem. you can't explain it, the way there's blood all around." "I heard a young man, screaming help, help, help please help - people walking by." mayor Jim Kenney / D-Philadelphia "It's disgraceful, but all too common situation in America." In a separate deadly shooting, police in Fort Worth, Texas say 3 people were killed, 8 others injured during a fourth of July celebration. Mattie Parker / Fort Worth mayor "It's senseless man, you know you when you have people come into a family environment with guns and start shooting randomly." Delivering remarks to the national education association, President Biden called for improved gun laws including, a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. s/ President Joe Biden / no super "Congress needs to step up pass common sense gun safety laws to protect our kids and educators and by the way, arming teachers is not the answer. Arming teachers is not the answer. "Nationwide communities are searching for solutions to gun violence. Brie Jackson, NBC news, Washington President Biden is also renewing his call for lawmakers to enact universal background checks and end gun manufacturers' immunity from liability. I'm Brie Jackson, now back to you. President Biden is also renewing his call for lawmakers to enact universal background checks and end gun manufacturers' immunity from liability.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 1st Story A Block

Pipe Bomber

July 11, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 1:39

We're following up after a Mesa County Judge ruled to give the 1991 Grand Junction pipe bomber a new trial this comes after evidence used to convict was later determined to be unreliable. our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer spoke with District Attorney Dan Rubinstein to learn more about the retrial... James Genrich maintained his innocence throughout life behind bars.... now backed by the innocence project... his conviction of two counts of first-degree murder might be vacated. Genrich's attorneys argued that the expert witnesses' opinions on tool markings found on an unexploded pipe bomb was the only physical evidence used to convict Genrich in 1993. Judge Richard gurlly agreed... saying the expert would be inadmissible during a new trial... adding there were no scientific principles that

would support the testimony. Mesa County DAV Dan Rubinstein says he plans on appealing the case which would keep Genrich behind bars until the appeal is dealt with... but if the appeal is denied... the DA's office might take the case to the Colorado Supreme Court. It's not something we're going to follow up on until we hear from the court of appeals. If they do agree with us and reverse the conviction, the defense will very likely petition the Colorado supreme court to hear the case. If the court of appeals agrees with the trial judge about getting a new trial, we haven't made any decisions about whether we would petition the supreme court. A 12-year-old girl and 43-year-old man died in the two separate bombings in 1991. Genrich has been in prison since 1993 and has maintained his innocence all along. There is a hearing on July 28 in which Judge Gurley may throw out the conviction.

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 1st Story A Block

Chiropractor Behind Bars

August 15, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 4:05

A Grand Junction chiropractor is behind bars... after allegedly.... recording patients with a hidden camera... in his chiropractic care office. The ten's reporter Kyrsten McBrayer has been this story since it broke out this afternoon. Kyrsten, what can you tell us about this case? Thank you, Bernie. The affidavit was sealed from us since early august when we first heard reports about this arrest... now that it's unsealed... we've been able to learn new details. in the afternoon of august 4th... a young woman called her chiropractor to schedule an appointment... upon her initial call... the voice message system said they were closed... the doctor... Todd Mitchell... later called her back to have her come in that day. she and another woman went to their appointments with Mitchell together. according to the affidavit Mitchell led them to the exam room together and handed them hospital gowns... asking them to undress down to their socks and underwear... one complied... and the other decided to keep pants on. the document went on to say that Mitchell had the woman who kept her pants on leave the room so he could work with the other woman... she claims when they were alone... the doctor had her sit on a stool.... she claims when she first sat down, she faced the door... Mitchell had her turn to face the desk in the room. he then allegedly began touching her lower back and exposing the top area of her backside by moving her underwear... the affidavit says she told police Mitchell had her open and close her legs... and she noticed those actions were exposing her under garments. Mitchell later left the room.... the affidavit says the woman noticed a small camera like a go pro hiding on the desk... upon further examination... she claims the screen of the camera said it had been recording for roughly 16 minutes... she estimated that to be her stay thus far.... she texted the other woman she came with, and they claim they confronted Mitchell... and when they did... he destroyed the sim card. the two women told police Mitchell apologized and said what happened was not okay. "The most important job that I have is really to ensure that all of Mr. Mitchell's rights are upheld" Jeremy savage is with the district attorney's office. he says Mitchell is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven otherwise... Mitchell is scheduled to be in court on august 22 at 8:30 am... for a formal filing of charges brought against him. "we'll also ensure that at that point that he's represented by an attorney, and kind of go from there." savage says to always contact law enforcement if someone has broken the law and you are victim. currently Mitchell is facing charges of unlawful sexual contact.... criminal invasion of privacy... and tampering with physical evidence. Kyrsten McBrayer reporting. Mitchell is currently being held at Mesa County Detention Center and no bond has been granted.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story B Block

Mothers Jail Bail

August 15, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:02

Pregnant women who face time in jail may not have to be behind bars a new law...that went into effect earlier this month. Encourages judges to find alternatives in sentencing. Jaleesa Irizarry reports supers: Mari Newman, Attorney outside the Denver County jail... is a story of what happened on the inside. The video of Diana giving birth in her cell all alone just feet away from the toilet is horrifying. and I wish it were an isolated incident but it's not. This kind of thing has happened over and repeatedly. {end} Mari Newman is Diana Sanchez's attorney. Diana is the woman in this video giving birth inside the Denver County jail in 2018. Sanchez had been in jail for a couple of weeks for what Newman called a non-violent crime. she was provided no medical care whatsoever for hours and hours and hours laboring by herself it illustrates just why it's so important why women and people who are postpartum should not be incarcerated. The video started a lawsuit that has since been settled and inspired a bill that is now a law. HB23-1187 encourages courts to offer alternative sentencing and bond amounts for defendants who are pregnant and pose no risk to the public. It went into effect this month. I have no doubt that if this law were in place Diana and her child would not

have experienced this and it really illustrates why the law is so necessary people that are pregnant should not be in jails or prisons. While the law does not mandate judges it does provide them options in sentencing. Newman hopes they consider... because she says while Diana was not the first to experience this, she hopes she is the last. No mother and child or parent and child should have to suffer the same kind of terror and indignity as Diana did and as other parents have. The new law wouldn't only apply to pregnant women facing jail time but also, women experiencing post-partum.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Nursing Facility Settlement

September 22, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:51

Attorney General Phil Weiser announcing a settlement with Broomfield Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation center over a 2021 data breach. According to the Attorney Generals office in March 2021 the facility found tow employee email accounts were compromised. Those emails contained thousand of emails, some of which contained sensitive information going back a far as 2016. Despite state law, the Attorney Generals office said that the company had no written data disposal policy and waited two months before notifications were sent out. The company is expected to pay a fine between 35 and 65 thousand dollars.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story A Block

Elijah McClain Trial

September 22, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:29

Aurora police officer Randy Roe-Dema and former officer Jason Rosen-Blatt appeared at the Adams County Justice Center in bright orange last week. This comes after the death of Elijah McClain, who was a 23 year old black man, was placed in a chokehold by police and injected with a powerful sedative on the night of August 24, 2019. One of which appeared to be administering a chokehold near a memorial for McClain. Roe-Dema has been placed on administrative leave without pay. Both are charged with criminally negligent homicide, manslaughter and assault. They both have pleaded not guilty.

ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Spring Creek Update

July 3, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:51

Despite red flag conditions the Spring Creek fire has not seen significant growth and fire fighters are working to secure the Fireline in prep for the red flag warnings on July 4th. Krysten McBrayer....explains. Though conditions predicted an increase in fire activity this past week.... a total of 521 crew members are an active part in keeping the spread to a minimum... currently the fire consumed 2,925 acres of land... with a 25 percent containment.... division Zulu is focused on taking a direct approach.... using handlines... directly spraying on the western areas of the fires. "They're doing what we call mop up where they seek and destroy some of the hotspots within the fire." division papa implemented a containment line ahead of where the fire is currently located... igniting parts of the terrain that has a lot of fuel.... but hasn't been burned yet. This eats up the fire's potential fuel leaving only bare soil... that allows fighters to safely contain the fire is it moves. "When we can't go directly with a fire, right on the line with crews or equipment because the terrain is very rugged, we get ahead of the fire." fire camps are set up around parachute... that way crews are nearby in case the fire were to pick up. Cache Creek...Battlement Creek and Wallace Creek are part of restricted areas with the white river national forest... the Bureau of Land Management also has restricted parts of the area due to the fire. "Today is national wildland firefighter day. and so we just want to give a shout out to all the firefighters that are out doing this good work. oh, wow. thank you so much. I didn't know that. I appreciate that." By Tuesday the weather will increase to warmer and windier conditions creating critical fire conditions... and may produce smoke that could affect air quality.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Late Fire Season

July 14, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:23

Fire potential ...is rising on the Western Slope especially...in South-West Colorado. Experts believe.... the late monsoon season...is playing a big part in that. Cory Reppenhagen...with more. The Colorado mountains had near average to near record snowpack over the winter. That has kept large wildfires at a minimum through the early part of summer. "We are starting to see any of that benefit that we did have starting to quickly get eaten away" Wildland fire meteorologist Nickolai Reimer says the weather in the mountains has turned in a completely different direction. They did not get the big spring rain that hit the Front Range and eastern plains. This map shows the rainfall over the last 60 days. The green shaded areas show well above average rain on the eastern half of the state, while the yellow, orange, and red colors on the western half represent well below average rain. Reimer says even the large fuels like pine tree forests are drying out. "It's something we are watching; we are monitoring closely but right now we're not deeply concerned about it" Reimer says something he is a little more concerned about is the fact that the summer monsoon has not shown up yet. The monsoon is a weather pattern that usually brings moisture up to the Colorado mountains between mid-June to mid-September. It's important for keeping wildfire potential down after the winter snowpack melts away. The last time the summer monsoon was a no-show was in 2020. That was a big factor in a record active wildfire season. But Reimer says he is encouraged by a faint signal now showing up for the next 14 days. That could extend into southwest Colorado where wildland fire potential is expected to be above normal in August. "So hopefully this is a sign that at least things are changing enough that it would be a complete no-show of the monsoon."

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Hawaii Fire

August 10, 2023

Reporter: Zack Webster

Duration: 2:02

We turn to developing stories out of Maui wildfires are continuing to burn out of control already destroying nearly 300 buildings. At this hour the death toll is rising. Officials confirming at least 36 people have died. The historic town of Lahaina (pronounced: la-heena) is now nearly destroyed. Melissa Adan is with the latest. The widespread devastation from the deadly wildfires in Maui continues today as at least three wildfires are still burning out of control. The wind-whipped infernos moving fast across the island. Nearly 300 structures were destroyed. Including Amanda Cassidy's home. And both of her places of work. Amanda Cassidy: "most of Lahaina is gone."

Thousands evacuating. Like Claire Kent. Claire Kent: "There's guys on bicycles mopeds screaming on streets saying the fire is coming you got to go you got to go. We were dodging branches and things flying through the air." There are reports of more than a dozen people jumping into the ocean at Lahaina harbor to escape the flames. The historic town that was the original capital of the Hawaiian kingdom and home to 12 thousand people. Now destroyed. Aerials show widespread damage. Cherished landmarks incinerated. Families separated. Steve Scott says he's still searching for his wife. Steve Scott: "I know she's safe I think she was? Safe but I haven't found her yet." Meanwhile the death toll rose dramatically overnight. Authorities have confirmed more than 30 deaths so far. Adam Weintraub: "we do fear that there may be additional casualties. We're hoping for the best but prepared for the worst." Evacuation efforts are difficult. With only one road in and one way out. Tourists are trying to get back home to safety. Tourist: "the drive is normally 45 minutes. It took us 3 hours. Many people are now stranded at Maui airport. Will Carr: "so many people rushed to this airport only to find out flights cancelled. You have families camping out sleeping on the ground here." Some are told by airlines they may have to wait days before a flight becomes available.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

Giant Hailstorm

August 14, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:06

Colorado has a new record for largest hail stone. Last Tuesday hail fell in Yuma County as part of the same powerful storm that produced a tornado. New Yuma. Meteorologist Cory Reppenhagen with more. "There it is." This big hailstone spent six days in a freezer at the national weather service in Goodland, Kansas after falling near Idalia, Colorado last Tuesday. "This is just to keep it cold, so it doesn't melt" a special 3-d scan might confirm a new state record. "About 4.6025 inches" that's just a little short of the 4.83-inch hailstone that fell near Bethune, Colorado in 2019. as you might imagine, this stone has melted a bit since it was first collected on august 8th.

but the guy who found that chunk of ice was able to get a high-quality measurement and photo before transporting to the national weather service. Colorado state climatologist Russ Schumaker says the records committee was impressed. "He measured it in the best way you could measure it and took photographic evidence. so, everyone felt comfortable about using that photo as the record" so it will be a new state record at 5.25 inches and the mechanics behind the supercell thunderstorm that created it is impressive. Science isn't precise just yet, but it's estimated that the air rising into that storm, known as the updraft, had to of been 70 to 100 mph or faster. The hail had to be suspended for about 40 minutes until it reached the size and weight which allowed gravity to pull it down to earth at 85 to 100 miles per hour.

KKCO 11 News @ 6P 1st Story A Block

Hurricane Lee

September 8, 2023

Reporter: Stephen Bowers

Duration: 2:41

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KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story A Block

Lightning Man

September 15, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 4:05

A Virginia man is recovering after reportedly being struck by lightning while riding his motorcycle on Saturday. Walter Morris reports. s/ Noah Fowler / survived lightning strike. "It could have been a lot worse, seeing this small

little section, that could have been my whole body...the lightning came out right here after it hit me on my right side of my head." They're relatively small marks... that come with big lessons. s/ Noah Fowler / survived lightning strike you shouldn't really judge people for who they are, but what they do." You could say this homecoming... was heaven sent. Watching Noah Fowler with his family and friends, it's hard to believe just days ago he was lying in a hospital bed. s/ Noah Fowler / survived lightning strike I had no idea what was going on. It all happened just like that" Saturday, Fowler was riding his Harley on 66... when he was struck by lightning. s/ Noah Fowler / survived lightning strike I was like two miles from my house so I was like ah I can make it home; I know where I'm going. and uh next thing I know I wake up on the ground with like 20 people or so around me." that lightning bolt traveling through his helmet and down his body... burning his silver chain necklace into his skin, setting his bike on fire, and sending Fowler flying. s/ Erica Sutherland / good Samaritan I was going toward skyline he was coming from. as luck would have it... Erica Sutherland and her fiancé who works in the medical field, were heading the other direction on 66 and passing by right as Fowler was hit. s/ Erica Sutherland / good Samaritan "he flipped and flipped, and he smacked the pavement and smacked and smacked and then just slid like a slip and slide. The first thing I did was put my hand in his neck for a pulse, there was none, none. so, I looked at my watch and I said Hey Siri I need to start CPR." another good Samaritan covering them in this blanket as Sutherland did chest compressions... four minutes and 12 seconds later he regained consciousness s/ Erica Sutherland / good Samaritan when I was able to bring him back, the first thing he said was can you call my mom?' I hope, that's a feeling I never have to feel... and I hope it's something I never have to hear on the other end of a phone line." s/ Noelle Fowler / Noah's mother. I answered and I just heard this panicked voice on the other end. I'm with your son, he's been in a motorcycle accident, and I honestly couldn't even remember what she said after that." Noelle Fowler and his sister Lauren rushed to the scene as EMT's were taking him to the hospital. Doctors told them, it's a miracle he didn't break any bones or seriously hurt his head, just a ruptured ear drum, burns and bruises s/ Noelle fowler / Noah's mother. "The only explanation is God, there's... it wasn't coincidence." Now this mother of five, says her family has expanded by two in just a few days. And give them all a reminder about what's important. s/ Noelle Fowler / Noah's mother. We need to be open to helping everybody, stop judging...she restored my faith in humanity, she really restored my faith in humanity."

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

KKCO 11 News @ 5A 2nd Story A Block

July 4

July 4, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:38

Fireworks sales...are expected to reach record levels this holiday season.... according to the American pyro-technics association. Safety experts urge caution....as the explosive devices can be extremely dangerous...even deadly. In today's health minute...Mandy Gaither...has more on what you need to know about fireworks...to stay safe on Independence Day. From bottle rockets to aerial fireworks fun can turn dangerous in an instant. If the explosive devices aren't properly used Alexander Hoehn-Saric, chair, US Consumer Product Safety Commission/"last year, we had at least 11 deaths associated with it and over 10,000 trips to the emergency room with fireworks-related injuries." The Consumer Product Safety Commission says many of those hurt by fireworks in the month around the July 4th last year -- were children with sparklers accounting for about 600 of e-r visits --38-percent of the injuries were burns -- with hands, fingers, head, face, and ears most often hurt. Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chair, US Consumer Product Safety Commission/ "fireworks aren't toys and they're not for children...they're burning at 2,000 degrees so they're like blowtorch." If you plan to set off your own fireworks. Experts say to first make sure that they're legal in your area -- keep a bucket of water or hose handy in case of a fire -- light fireworks one at a time -- then, move back quickly never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that haven't fully ignited -- and never use fireworks when under the influence -- Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chair, US Consumer Product Safety Commission/"That's actually where we see a lot of the injuries and deaths associated with fireworks." Experts say the safest way to enjoy fireworks -- is to leave them to the professionals. The Consumer Product Safety Commission also says to beware of illegal fireworks. The agency says...last year -- about 43-percent...of fireworks tested by their researchers --were found to contain illegal parts which could severely hurt people. Some of the parts included fuses that don't comply with the law... prohibited chemicals, and an overload of pyro-technic materials.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Amazon Prime

July 11, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:09

It's Amazon Prime Day! The annual sales event runs through tomorrow. It offers deep discounts on thousands of products in the Amazon marketplace. But if you read the reviews to decide whether to buy something ... Lynda Baquero has some advice to help sort out the legit ones! Amazon Prime Day scored \$12 billion in sales last year for the online retail giant shoppers often relying on reviews, but are they all reliable? Pat Scutero, White Plains, "If I see there are very few reviews, five or 10 reviews, I'll look at them cautiously." Behnam Ashjari, White Plains, "I look for how many people have reviewed and what is the star?" Gregory Weiss, "Safety in numbers. trust when many people are saying something." Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal says as many as 40% of online reviews are fake!! Amazon says it uses AI Technology to hunt for fake reviews and tells us it blocked two hundred million last year alone. Lynda Baquero The Federal Trade Commission is now proposing a rule to stop marketers from paying for positive reviews. If they do, they could face civil penalties. in the meantime, there are free tools consumers can use to spot fake reviews. Review meta combs through Amazon and fake spot analyzes billions of reviews across several retail sites. Saoud Khalifah is founder and CEO of Fakespot Saoud Khalifah, Fakespot "We provide a grading system. It's an a to f kind of grading system. A grade means there's many trustworthy reviews. F means that there's a majority of reviews that you should look at with a closer eye." He says certain products tend to be targets... "Things like USB cables have a very high preponderance of fake reviews. and last I checked; it was about 45% of the reviews in that category would be unreliable." So, what can you do to spot a potentially fake review? The FTC says: look for information on a product from a variety of sources. Watch watch out if there's a sudden burst of reviews on a particular item and keep in mind that a negative review could also be fake- to harm a competitor. When reviews are mostly positive, Fakespot has this suggestion. "Take a look at the negative reviews or even the 3-star mid-level reviews and try to see what the problems are with the product. the price may be really good, but if it breaks within one week, you're not going to be really satisfied with that." if you spot a fake review on a product, you can use the report" link on Amazon.

KKCO 11 News @ 5A 1st Story B Block**National WYW****August 10, 2023****Reporter: Hannah Hickman****Duration: 1:47**

Employers are finding new ways...to entice workers. This includes... Helping to pay for student debt. And paying into a 401k. Consumer investigator...Rachel Depompa...talks to the CEO of a new business...built on helping people...pay down their debt. Rachel Depompa/reporter: there's a new site seeing a lot of activity lately considering student loans re-starting. We wanted to find out more, so I caught up with the CEO of Doir Naveed Iqbal. He says Dolr helps people earn extra cash toward their student loans. The company works with a lot of employers around the US Creating incentive programs for employees in two ways. Naveed Iqbal: "the first is the employer just makes a payment to your student loans every month on your behalf. So, imagine you get \$100 from work toward your student loan every month. And the second is more recent, thanks to the secure act 2.0 employers can now match student loan payments to a 401k. Depompa: that way you pay into your 401k and an employer match with a payment to your student loan. Dolr also offers a way for you to sign up for cashback offers. It's partnered with more than 100 retail brands, so your purchases send money to your student loan debt. Naveed Iqbal: "imagine going to your favorite grocery store or you go buy your favorite shoes and you earn cashback paid directly to your student loans. That's making a big difference. We try to partner with folks or with brands that people shop at often, right? So that's why I mentioned grocery stores or gas stations, places like that, where you're going to be spending money on a on a regular basis." Depompa: relatives can also sign up for Dolr, so their cash back from shopping helps a person they? Nominate pay down their debt. The company is launching an app version-- soon. But for now, you can check it out at getdolr.com With this watching your wallet, I'm Rachel Depompa.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story B Block**CMU Safety****August 17, 2023****Reporter: Chris Guevara****Duration: 1:28**

As CMU students get ready for another semester start, safety is always the number one priority. Our reporter Chris Guevara had a chance to talk to one of the campus police about college safety. Another year is about to start up. And as the university prepares for the fall semester to start, the safety of students is the number one priority. The most influence over themselves for safety would be something as simple as crossing the street.

CMU has numerous crosswalks with flashing lights letting motorists know there are pedestrian crossings. Still, even then, you will always have a distracted or speeding driver, so police will be actively monitoring that area as school begins. you'll see us parked out here, monitoring the traffic speeds, we'll be watching the crosswalks making sure that cars are stopping for students and for cyclists, Holtz mentions that the most significant number of crashes a motorist has with a pedestrian is someone on a bike because of blindsight a driver encounters. And for students on campus grounds, it's still crucial for them to be vigilant. Campus police do different types of training to prepare for any situation that will arise at the university. We regularly patrol throughout the day, just to have a good law enforcement presence to try to deter crime. The state requires you to yield to all pedestrians, and the speed limit is 30 miles per hour on 12th Street by CMU.

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 2nd Story A Block

Narcan

September 7, 2023

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 1:51

The US Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of Narcan over the counter back in March, the antidote to opioid overdose is starting to appear on retail shelves and online in the u-s this week. Ivan Rodriguez explains why some health experts say everyone should keep this medication in their first aid kits at home. There have been more than a million drug overdose deaths in the u-s since 1999. Glenn Dolezal/Northern Nevada hopes: the chances are, somebody you know, and love does drugs. The widespread use of synthetic opioids-- exacerbating the crisis. Dr. Scott Hadland/chief of adolescent & young adult medicine; mass general hospital for children: "we need every tool available now." one key tool-- the Narcan-branded naloxone nasal spray -- is now available over the counter following approval by the f-d-a earlier this year. Dr. Scott Hadland/chief of adolescent & young adult medicine; mass general hospital for children: "Narcan, and i have some here, is a medication that is so easily sprayed up the nose and can reverse an opioid overdose within minutes." dr. Scott Hadland says this can be a new avenue for families of young adults struggling with addiction Dr. Scott Hadland/Chief of Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine; mass general hospital for children: "we are at a point in the crisis where each week the equivalent to a high school classroom of teenagers dies from overdoses//most of those overdoses are actually happening in people's home. There is a potential for parents or other loved one to be able to respond." but at a suggested retail price of \$44.99 for two doses, some advocates worry the price point is too high--however, emergent BioSolutions, Narcan's manufacturer, says the company is lowering the cost for community groups, first responders, as well as state and local governments. While some insurance and state Medicaid programs also cover the full cost of the life-saving medication. Though not a solution to the opioid epidemic-- advocates are hopeful this is a big step in the right direction. Dr. Scott Hadland/chief of adolescent & young adult medicine; mass general hospital for children: "the more we can normalize rescuing people who experienced an overdose, the more we're going to help this crisis."

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story B Block

Bike Recall

September 15, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:15

If you own an electric bike, there's a recall you should know about. 45 thousand E-bikes are being recalled over an issue with the mechanical brakes. That tops our look at consumer news. The brand is Lectric ebikes. The company says the e-bike's mechanical disk brake calipers can cause riders to lose control. It's a crash and injury hazard. So far, there have been four reports of riders losing brake power-- including two injuries that involved cuts, scrapes and a broken bone. Certain Lectric e-bike models purchased between November of last year and and may of this year are included in the recall. The bike's model name is printed on the rear rack. Lectric ebikes is contacting consumers directly-- however, you can go to Lectric bike dot com and click on the recall button to find out if your bike model is part of the recall...and to get a free repair kit.

POLITICS AND LAWMAKING

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Short-Term Rental

July 12, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 1:46

In a 5 to 2 vote last week Grand Junction City Council members approved a cap on short term rentals within city limits. The city says this is a proactive solution to a problem for many communities. Like Aspen, Vail and Telluride encounter our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer spoke with city officials to learn more about the cap. With the recent vote only 7% of units are allowed to be converted to a primary short-term rental in downtown Grand Junction. Think of Air B&Bs or other residencies marketed for a stay shorter than 30 days. Outside of that area but still within Grand Junction city limits. It's a 3% cap. "7% is twice the number of short-term rentals we have now. Herman currently estimates about 220 units inside city limits are currently being used as a short term stay which is nowhere near the 7% cap. Meaning for now no short-term rental owners will be affected by the vote. As more and more units are set up for short term it limits the number of rental properties locals could use causing prices for long term rentals to increase. "A lot of communities are seeing it being really impactful their communities where, you know, even half of their units are being used in that way, driving prices really high." In the Vail area...residents are forced to find units outside of town due to the skyrocketing rental and housing markets... Herman says short term rentals are also competing with local lodging and hotels... Hotels pay commercial property taxes at a much higher rate than residential property taxes which is something short term rentals pay.... Air BNBs get the best of both worlds... "They're paying a residential property tax while operating as a commercial business." Herman adds that it's contentious and makes it harder for traditional lodging to compete. He also adds the quality-of-life aspect... Saying there's a big difference between living next to a long-term rental and incorporating them as part of the neighborhood and community versus living next to a house with a rotating door of residents. "If you're living in a single-family home and all of a sudden your neighbor turns it into a short-term rental, all of a sudden you're living next to a hotel without having any choice in the matter." The two council members opposing the cap had very different reasons... Cody Kennedy was not in support of a cap at all.... And Scott Belfius wanted a tighter cap than what was proposed.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story A Block

Presidents

July 17, 2023

Reporter: Gabe Gonzalez

Duration: 1:41

Six months before the Iowa Caucus -- we're getting a look at the financial health of the Presidential candidates. While the frontrunners show off their second quarter hauls -- lesser-known candidates are getting creative to meet fundraising requirements for the first republican debate next month. Alice Barr has the details. With the Iowa Caucus now just six months away -- new fundraising numbers are offering a critical look at how the candidates are performing. Second quarter fundraising totals show President Biden raking in 72 million dollars -- the first quarterly look since he announced his reelection campaign. Compare that to 35 million for former President Trump -- and 20 million for Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. Over the weekend, the former President taking aim at DeSantis. Former President Donald Trump - no super "He's dropping so quickly; he's probably not going to be in second place much longer." Governor DeSantis -- looking quietly concerned that he's not gaining enough traction -- pointing to feedback from Iowa voters. Gov. Ron DeSantis / R-FL / GOP presidential candidate "Now that I've seen you, I'm for VA. that's going to be what we're going to do over the next six months." lesser-known candidates are focused on meeting requirements to join the first GOP debate next month. Entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy letting supporters who raise money for him keep a 10% commission of what they bring in. North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum is offering \$20 gift cards -- in exchange for donations of a dollar or more. While Miami Mayor Francis Suarez is raffling off a front row seat to donors -- to see soccer legend Lionel Messi's Miami debut. Mayor Francis Suarez / R-Miami/ GOP presidential candidate "I'm not going to have an opportunity to keep having this conversation unless I have your support in the form of that contribution." GOP frontrunner former President Trump threatening to skip the first debate -- already looking ahead to taking on President Biden.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

City Council Raises

August 2, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:20

The city of Grand Junction is considering a charter amendment to boost the pay of city council members. It approved it would be the first bump in over 24 years. Our reporter Cristian Sida spoke to a city council member about the ballot measure to increase council pay. Cristian, what can you tell us? ---the city council says the increase in pay could encourage people to run for city council who might not be able to afford the commitment now. "As Grand Junction has grown, the demands on city council have grown as well." Scott Belfius district at-large council member says to keep up with those expectations, it requires more time and more dedication to the role. "It is 20 to 30 hours a week at least, you know, just on meetings and doing the work a lot of people realize that we get the means or every two weeks, we have a workshop in a city council meeting. And we get packets on Friday the

week before. And those packets are all the information where to go over typically those packets are anywhere from 200 to 1000 pages long." So, city council members are expressing support for a November ballot measure that would increase their pay. "The pay is not good for people that also carry a job." Many details remain to be determined but what we do know is city council members make 500 dollars per month. But if the measure passes council members will see a one-thousand-dollar increase. "it's not uncommon, you know, some of the cities pay a lot more than we do. And so, you know, it's as simple as to the community. And I, you know, I think they'll support it." At the workshop on Monday mayor anna stout said the increase would put Grand Junction in line with our communities our size. We looked at other communities with about the same population size to compare numbers. Castle rock's population is 76 thousand. Their council members are paid 650 dollars per month. Loveland's population is 77 thousand. Their council members are paid 600 dollars per month. "it's very minimal cost, you know, as far as to the taxpayers go, and it just comes out of general funds. So, there aren't any tax increases or sales tax or any of that stuff." Belfius is hopeful the potential increase in pay will attract a diverse pool of candidates. "You pretty much can't run unless you're retired or self-employed. And it doesn't bring a lot of diversity to the, to the council. So, we're trying to give the opportunity for people that, you know, are from different economic backgrounds to look at it and say, hey, I can do that, you know, because it'll pay me a little bit more." If passed... The changes would go into effect in May 2024, after the current members have completed their terms. Thank you for that report, Cristian. The ordinance would also allow council members to be on the city's health insurance plan during their terms at the same rate paid by city employees starting in 2024.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story B Block

Gun Law

August 8, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:50

Trouble in the capital.... Colorado democrats produced a bill earlier this year to increase the legal purchase age for firearms to 21 in the state. Governor polis signed it into act back in April... But on Monday... The day before the law was to go into effect... A federal judge blocked it...our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer wanted to learn more about the new law... And the effort to block it. Gun cock. Guns over top..."When is the age of an adult start, then does it start at 21?" You're hearing from a local gun shop owner... And his grievances with Colorado's new state law. As of Tuesday... August 8th.... The legal age to purchase a firearm raised to 21... With exceptions for police officers or military personnel... Senate bill 169 also made the selling of firearms to that underage, a misdemeanor offense. Adding to that... Come October... It will take three days to officially have your gun in hand... Due to house bill 1219.... Which imposes a waiting period on all Colorado gun purchases. The owner of jerry's outdoor sports says the new bills makes it harder on his business... And keeps young adults from local hunting in the valley. He says he wishes the sponsors of the bill would have added sunset clauses in the bill. "f while right, we're going to support this bill for 18 to 21, we'll vote for it. But if crime does not decrease in two years, it goes away." Holt says Colorado officials are pushing for the second amendment... And a Colorado gun rights nonprofit agrees.... Today a federal judge temporarily blocked the enforcement of the new laws.... Judge Philip brimmer said rocky mountain gun owner's quote.... have shown success on the merits on the question of whether the second amendment applies to 18- to 20-year-olds. The state countered those arguments with statements from experts... Citing those 18-20-year-olds were monitored by fathers, guardians, or militia officers when they touched guns....and said there were no unconditional right to firearms and they ***did have restrictions. City councilman Scott Belfius says while he understands part of the intent with the age restriction was to tackle the high suicide rate in young men.... He doesn't think this law will change much of anything... He believes a mental health approach is a better solution. "When we talk about gun issues, it usually comes back to, it's not a gun issue, it's a mental health issue. You know, and none of us can deny that." He feels that mental health used to be a large focus for legislation... But now not so much.... He wants more trained professionals and more funding to target mental health issues and gun violence. There are no current hearings in place set to decide whether the new law will stay in effect or not. Judge Brimmer rejected the request to block house bill 12-90... Citing a lack of stance in the case... The bill will go into effect October 1st.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story A Block

United Auto Workers

September 15, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:35

For the first time in history, Union workers are on strike against all big three automakers. The united auto workers union failed to reach an agreement with Ford, General Motors, and Stellantis. Now workers are joining the picket lines. "a standup strike is here underway at this ford manufacturing plant. One of three locations where workers have walked off the job. This happened after the union and automakers were unable to reach a deal after midnight. Now they say they are willing to strike as long as possible until their demands are met." "We are the union. We are the union." strikes underway as the clock ticked past the midnight deadline to close a deal. "I could be at home, I could be with my family, I could even have another job if I wanted to but instead, I'm out here with my brothers and sisters to get what we need to survive" of the union's 145-thousand members.... nearly 13 thousand are on strike Friday...part of targeted action at three select plants in Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio. (Shawn Fain, UAW President) "this strategy will keep the companies guessing. It will give our national negotiators maximum leverage and flexibility in bargaining." The Union is asking for ambitious raises in wages, benefits, and job protections for members. Ford CEO Jim Farley said Thursday, the company can't afford those demands. (Shawn Fain, UAW President) "they could double our wages and they could not raise the price of vehicles and they could still make billions of dollars." company CEO's defending their proposals. (Mary Barra, GM CEO) "we have a very compelling offer on the table. I'm very frustrated because I think we had an offer that resonates with the people. It's a historic offer. Gross wage increases of 20% that compound to 21%." (Jim Farley, ford CEO) "I have to say we've never seen what we've seen in 80 years of working with the UAW. We put 4 great offers on the table, and we get little pieces of paper about one aspect or the other, but we've never gotten a serious counteroffer" and Stellantis saying 'we are extremely disappointed by the UAW leadership's refusal to engage in a responsible manner to reach a fair agreement in the best interest of our employees, their families and our customers.' (Gloria Pazmino, reporting) "and this standup is very much a specific plan by the union. They said they believe it puts them at an advantage when they return to the negotiating table. And it's not clear just yet when that will happen. The union has said it will not negotiate on Friday. Instead, they'll be joining their fellow workers at the picket line. In Wayne, Michigan. I'm gloria Pazmino. Back to you." president joe Biden issued a strong statement of support for UAW workers in brief remarks from the white house but stopped short of explicitly endorsing their decision to strike. Biden, who frequently refers to himself as the most pro-union president in history, called on the big three auto companies to fairly share record profits with their employees.

KKCO 11 News @ 4P 2nd Story B Block

Abortion

September 15, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:02

Abortion services are about to resume in Wisconsin - after having been halted for more than a year since the supreme court overturned roe versus wade. planned parenthood plans to start offering the procedure next week. Tyler Peters reports. Tanya Atkinson: "This is essential for the, for the health of the state of Wisconsin. it was devastating when, when, you know, we were forced to suspend those services." Planned Parenthood is just days away from offering abortion services in Wisconsin. The announcement comes after a judge ruled the state's 18 49 law does not actually apply to voluntary abortions. Tanya Atkinson: "the attorney general has filed a lawsuit around the enforceability of that statute. and so the, so the court case isn't done, but through the court process twice, the judge has had to issue rulings and in those rulings that is when she has reiterated that the statute doesn't apply to voluntary abortion." The ruling adds the statute only applies when a fetus dies due to violence against a pregnant mother or person. Julene Appling with Wisconsin family action a prolife organization says she disagrees and believes the statute does apply. Julene Appling / Wisconsin family action: "that's where we are right now on this, i believe that 1940 04 refers to abortion in general and in specific as it relates to consensual." Abortions in Wisconsin stopped last June when roe versus wade was overturned. Appling says prolife organizations will now plan their next steps. Julene Appling: "I suspect that we'll be talking with all the prolife groups, the state. I think that's, that's probably a given, and everybody is going to have a response to this. whether there will be a concerted effort or legal action, it's kind of premature to say." Planned Parenthood will be offering abortion procedures in Madison and Milwaukee. The organization won't start performing the services until Monday, but they will begin taking appointments immediately.

KKCO 11 News @ 4P 2nd Story B Block

Younger Voters

September 16, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 1:34

The Biden campaign is ramping up its push to attract younger voters. vice president Kamala Harris...launching a college tour even as the campaign deals with mounting questions...about the president's age. Gabe Gutierrez

reports. pressure to court young voters. kicking off a month-long college tour across eight states. vice president Kamala Harris...courting young voters....in Virginia. and today...in North Carolina. s/ Kamala Harris/ Vice President of the united states "when you vote, you have the ability to determine the future of our country in a way that might challenge a lot of people's notions about what is possible and who could possibly do it." the Biden administration...focusing on issues such as abortion rights...gun safety...and climate change...as it prepares for a grueling general election fight. according to a recent NBC news poll...just 41 percent of registered voters...ages 18-34...had a favorable view of the president. just 35 percent had a positive view of the vice president. still.... young voters do say they'd vote for President Biden over g-o-p frontrunner Donald Trump...by a wide margin. Biden or trump? but with more than three-fourths of Americans thinking there should be a maximum age limit for elected officials. The issue is looming large in this campaign.

VOLUNTEERISM/COMMUNITY AID/COMMUNITY EFFORTS

KKCO 11 News @ 6A 2nd Story A Block

County Fair Painter

July 13, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:01

The Mesa County Fair is here. Reporter Kyrsten McBrayer snagged an exclusive interview with one of the main attractions this year. A world-famous speed painter. The Mesa County Fair is a place for everyone... of all walks of life to come together for some summer fun... this year... the county got a hold of a Thailand based painter who creates stunning works of art... in minutes. Many gathered around bewildered by the landscapes that came alive before their eyes... it's a sight to see. Born in Hollywood... Atom.... declares himself as the world's fastest painter... and this isn't his first time in Grand Junction. "I remember the last time I was here, when you're in this town you hold the door open for other people... even if it takes them a long time... and that's what I remembered about your town!" prior to becoming the world's fastest painter... he owned a 99-cent store.... a snowboard shop... and a ticket agency... all which he says was unfulfilling.... he decided to travel around the world and wound up in Mexico... where he saw a street artist practicing speed painting... and the rest is history but once upon a time atom... was just Adam..." I was friends with a rock star on tour one day and he said change your name to atom. So now I'm Atom. the world's fastest painter.... uses different techniques to bring his paintings to life. using card stock... credit cards... and spray paint... he creates out of this world designs.... he'll place caps on parts of the painting... shielding bright colors underneath... which later reveal to be planets. scraps of magazines are used to carve into the paint... creating drawings of mountains and cities. and he finishes out every design with a thumb print as a signature. here is the personalized masterpiece he created for me... equipped with Saturn... the moon... and glowing pyramids. now... he travels the world... sharing his love of art... and proving that with even the simplest tools... anyone can be an artist.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 1st Story B Block

UCHealth Correspondent

July 17, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 2:10

Police are calling in help from a hospital system before mental health emergencies happen. Marc Sallinger explains how this could help law enforcement...expand co-responder programs. Each college campus is unique. But at CSU, there's something at the police department you can't find nearly anywhere else. Jay Callaghan, Colorado State University Chief of Police- We're not always the best tool to solve the problem. Jay Callaghan is the Chief at CSUPD. His department runs one of the only co-responder programs on a college campus in the nation. When a call involving mental health comes to 911, his officers respond alongside a clinician. Each engagement that we have with our students doesn't necessarily have to be enforcement. The clinicians are contracted through a partnership with UCHealth. And now that's expanding, giving more departments across the state access to mental health resources. Jennifer Fierberg, Clinical Supervisor, UCHealth Co-response Team with Aurora Police. I would like to see the co-responder teams grow. I know our goal here for the UCHealth team is that it possibly doubles in the next couple of years. Jennifer Fierberg is a clinical supervisor with UCHealth working with the co-responder team at the Aurora Police Department. At this time last year, the department was struggling to hire clinicians and hardly had enough to sustain a team. They've now responded to more than 1,300 calls so far this year. Every day. Every day. We respond to calls all day long. People in need of resources, in need of coping skills, in need of knowing where to go when they're in crisis. UCHealth now has clinicians in six departments across Colorado. They've responded to 5,000 calls this year, giving small departments access to a mental health clinician. Manitou

Springs Police has only 10 patrol officers. But as the co-responder program at UCHHealth expands, it now also has a clinician. Jennifer -We all know that Colorado is one of the lowest in the nation for providing mental health services and for access to those services. We feel it is clear to have co-responders with police statewide to be able to respond to behavioral health calls. From there, they connect people with services instead of just taking them to jail. At the end of the day, this job is about service and we're here to serve our students. Money is of course always a factor in this.... especially for small police departments. Chief Callaghan points to a solution by sharing resources.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story B Block

Unstuff the Bus

August 1, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:00

A twenty-year tradition continuing this morning at Mesa Mall with D-51's un-stuff the bus. D-51superintendent Dr. Brain Hill, volunteers, and some students helped organize all the supplies you see here. Going through the Mesa Mall you've probably seen this bus... Residents were encouraged to drop off supplies that would then be donated to schools throughout district 51. Everything from notebooks, scissors, pens, and even backpacks were donated to this event helps with the burden of buying school supplies not only for parents but teachers as well. As a former teacher myself any support you can get in the classroom is much appreciated so we know our teachers spend a lot of their own money in the classroom so anytime we can have our community step up like they did today to help our teachers that a great thing... For our students there is nothing better than a fresh new box of crayons we really appreciate the support. If you would still like to donate school supplies, you can do so at the Grand Junction Jackalopes game this Friday at 7:35pm.

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Marillac Clinic

August 7, 2023

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:02

Today starts a week-long celebration for National Community Health Center Week. Marillac Health is proud to celebrate this week with residents after more than 35 years in the community. This week raises awareness about America's Health Centers mission's and accomplishments...specifically, Marillac sees about 12-thousand patients every year with services ranging from medical, dental, and behavioral health... according to Marillac, community health centers lower health care costs by around \$24 billion annually. Most importantly, those in our community who are classified as lower income can find care at Marillac to just remind our community that we are here we provide very valuable services in our community, it's another way to increase access to primary care in our community especially those who are lower income that think they have any options for their health care. If you visit a clinic this week you will be given a first aid kit, made for your car or purse, with items like sunscreen and band aids.

KKCO 11 News @ 5A 1st Story A Block

Grand Valley Resettlement Program

September 6, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:34

The Grand Valley Resettlement Program is continuing to celebrate the milestones that began with the first Afghan refugee family arriving in Mesa County in February 2022. Now the city is honoring the achievements of the program. Our reporter Cristian Sida...reports. This is where it all began "It's just been, it's a wonderful thing." A community effort to welcome resettling refugees. "There are over 350 volunteers in our community who've stepped up." the grand valley resettlement program formed to accommodate families escaping the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan. "Because that for them a certain death, and not a painless one." since the launch of the program in 2021...sixty-six resettling refugees have already settled in the grand valley. "Almost all of them are employed. And that was, you know, that's the first thing they want is to help me to find a job because they want to give back their volunteers in their community." the hard work not going unnoticed. The city of grand junction issuing a proclamation on behalf of the grand valley resettlement program. "It honors the Afghans who have chosen to move here and become part of our community. It honors the hundreds of volunteers who've taken time to drive and teach English and furnish homes and do all of that." the volunteers committed to making sure our new neighbors feel at home. "i think our community has been so good about embracing people, and just really bringing in that cultural

diversity to our community and being welcoming of people who are different from us with different language, different skin tones, different dress, and different customs." A year ago, the resettling refugees had no idea the love and support they would be shown with open arms. "Don't be afraid to talk to them, engage with them, you know, offer support when you can, and just really enjoy the diversity that we have in mesa county." The program is expecting ten more refugees. If you would like to donate you can visit our website for more information. The city council will make the proclamation today during the city council meeting.

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School Supply Grant

September 14, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:03

This year teachers are eligible to receive up to 1-thousand dollars to purchase classroom learning materials.... thanks to a post covid grant. "Whenever you put special on the name of something, it triples or quadruples the price of the item." for 25 years... Laura Coulter has taught with district 51.... four of those years so far... were spent at Wingate Elementary School.... working with students with significant support needs... including emotional and behavioral disorders. "It makes it really hard for us to be able to support the students the way they need to be supported." CDE and donors-choose awarded coulter \$900 for classroom support materials... she was able purchase.... headphones that connect to computers and speech to text... she says... access to technology like this removes the blockages some students face when learning. these students now see themselves as part of the classroom.... which keeps them engaged "they can produce and share their writing with their friends, just like everyone else is doing." items like tactile letters for students with visual impairments.... calm strips to help students focus during learning hours... and feelings books to teach emotional learning and assist learners with processing their feelings. Coulter says neuro diverse classrooms like hers have a budget to follow... and without the grant... those funds would wind up going to paper towels... wipes... and other necessities. "Many of our parents have communicated to me that, you know, so and so is happy to come to school every day. it's great." coulter agrees that this one-time grant is a step in the right direction... but more funds should be allocated towards education... especially with the mandated services... special education teachers provide, "We are mandated by law to provide these services. but the government has never matched funding for that mandate." coulter explained how proud she was.... not only of the learners she teaches this year... but the acceptance and inclusionary practices.... Wingate elementary school has adapted to empower students to be meaningful members of society.

YOUTH/CHILDREN AT RISK – YOUTH VIOLENCE/SUPPORT

KKCO 11 News @ 10P 2nd Story B Block

Teens Targeted

July 18, 2023

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 4:24

It's a crime affecting our teens. Law enforcement calls it sextortion and these crimes are on the rise. But the lack of funding and resources often keeps criminals ahead of investigators, who are already stretched thin. Investigative reporter Caresse Jackman spoke with the father of a sextortion victim who wants you to hear his child's story - but we do want to warn you there is a discussion of suicide in this story. (Caresse Jackman/reporter): a star athlete, with a constant smile on his face. (Brian Montgomery/walker Montgomery's father): "he was always rough and tough, but he was always polite." (Jackman): is the best way Brian Montgomery remembers his son, walker. Walker shined on and off the field, but the special light in walker's 16-year-old life was dimmed because of what happened online. (Montgomery): "Walker died as a result from suicide, as a result from the pressures brought on by sextortion." (jackman): Montgomery says walker was approached online by someone pretending to be a teenage girl. Eventually the pretend teen got him to participate in a sexual act using video chat. (Montgomery): "all the time, walker didn't know it, but he was being recorded. And um, at the end of that episode, they come back and said, 'you're going to give us a \$1,000 or we're going to send this to everybody that you know. And walker tells them, 'I'm going to kill myself,' and these people respond with, 'go ahead, cause you're already dead anyway.'" (Jackman): according to the FBI and homeland security investigations there's been a rise of incidents like walkers, where children and teens are being coerced into sending sexually explicit images or videos online and then extorted for money. A crime known as "financial sextortion." Law enforcement received over 7-thousand reports over the past year of online financial

sextortion of minors, with at least 3-thousand victims, most of them boys. (Mike Prado/homeland security investigations, cybercrime center): "I mean, sadly, we know of numerous instances where children have taken their own life because of the pressure and the fear of embarrassment and exposure is so great that they have seen no other alternative other than suicide, which is extremely tragic." (Jackman): Mike Prado is deputy assistant director of the homeland security investigations cybercrime center. In the United States, HIS partners with 61 internet crimes against children task forces from coast to coast. The task force agencies say they receive thousands of cyber tips a year, but when it comes to tracking which cases are sextortion by number, we've uncovered most agencies don't have those statistics. While a handful of states do provide sextortion state statutes, there's no national law specifically for sextortion. On top of under-reported numbers, funding and resources continue to remain a big obstacle for task force agencies. (Sgt Brandon James/ICAC Task Force, Seattle): "While we do get federal funding through that, we also are extremely thankful that we also get state funding here in Washington State." (Jackman): Sgt. Brandon James is head of the ICAC task force in Seattle, Washington. He took us exclusively inside their task force facility. Like many other agencies, the Seattle task force noticed a sharp increase over the last year tied to online crimes targeting children. Sgt. James also says they're probably only getting a fraction of what's occurring because most people don't know where to turn when sextortion hits their home. (James): "because maybe someone doesn't know that ICAC task forces exist in their area. And they don't know, either I should call 911, or I should call ICAC task force or what should I do with this information." (Jackman): Montgomery uses his son's tragedy to alert people across the country. (Montgomery): "if one person sees this, ten people see this, and the things we're doing and it changes somebody else, that's a win." If you or someone you know is struggling – call or text the crisis hotline at 9-8-8. And -- if you are a teen or parent and feel like you have encountered a sextortion scheme...you can call the f-b-i's tipline at "1-800-call-FBI". You can also go to the national center for missing and exploited children's website and file a report.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Disability Skating

July 30, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 1:53

A new wave of hockey is ...beginning... in the Grand Valley. This comes after a decade long resident...took initiative. and --- started a new club sport...in town for those with disabilities. Our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer...went to the first open house... at the River City Sports Complex ...last Friday. Keegan Riley...grew up in Alaska... where he skated frequently.... before an injury landed him...in a wheelchair. He moved to the Denver area... and spent two years...learning and playing sled hockey. but --- after moving to Grand Junction. He said that he felt like club sports aside...from skiing was lacking. That's when inspiration struck. He reached out to...Colorado discover ability... with an idea to start a sled hockey team...in grand junction. The foundation offered 15 thousand...to get the club started...and buy the gear. River City Complex decided to give the new club.... free ice time...for anyone wanting to try the sport. So, in the month of August, we'll just practice on Thursday nights, and this is just the get everybody familiar with the ice skates playing around with the hockey sticks and the pucks a little bit. this isn't really a physical thing yet. We the future next season. Next year we'll move in towards full padding, trying to start a team and compete with other states and the Denver area at all practices...during August...there will be volunteers helping players...get strapped into the sleds...and teaching everyone. How to play. athletes who choose to play...may have...leg amputations...spinal cord injuries... cerebral palsy...and any impairments...that keep them...from a standard ice skate. grand junction...is considered a desert...for disability sports like sled hockey. We have skiing opportunities...but the closest facility...for hockey is 200 miles away. Riley says...next year... if the team is up for it...there are several Denver teams...that would travel to Grand Junction to compete in a tournament...at River City Sports Complex.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story A Block

Teacher Shortage

August 5, 2023

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:21

Some schools across the country are welcoming students back to school. The problem is there may not be enough teachers to greet them. Em Nguyen with more for millions of students it's back to school time, and many educators worry students are heading *back* into another school year of less teachers. Randi Weingarten // president, American Federation of teachers: fewer and fewer people going into the teaching profession, which is making the teaching shortage much, much worse. the American Federation of Teachers estimates ten percent of the us teaching force, roughly 300,000, have left their role for two years in a row. at least 40 states and US territories including the district of Columbia have reported ongoing teacher shortages with many vacancies in highly

specialized stem subjects. 5th grade science teacher Jonte lee telling us he and many others have had to take on extra roles in the classroom just to fill in the gaps Jonte Lee, 5th grade science teacher: a Spanish teacher was telling me that she now must teach French. and so, the students are not receiving that gold standard of education because the teacher must now teach a class that they are not certified in because of the teacher shortage. among the top reasons for those departures: pandemic burnout, school safety, and low pay, according to the labor union but this year, states and school districts are getting creative in keeping their classrooms staffed. In Houston, Texas, the school district is now seeking to waive teacher certifications for certain roles to quickly hire more people. The state of Michigan raising wages, and reportedly accepting out-of-state teacher certifications if they meet certain criteria and now a Maryland school district, Prince George's County Public Schools, even thinking about implementing artificial intelligence in classrooms. Superintendent Millard House // PGCPs: this allows them to create a community of practice for our teachers and really incubate lessons and teaching practices to build long term capacity in our district. The goal? to excite and inspire students about ai and empower teachers to use it their classrooms, which experts say could relieve some of the burden off teachers for time-consuming tasks, like lesson planning. Alex Kotran / co-founder and CEO ai education project: this can be a game changer for some of the most marginalized students out there. It can improve accessibility, but there are serious safety and risks around use and equity risks. One of the risks can include more exposure to misinformation for students. So, experts say it's important for teachers to keep an eye on their students.

KKCO 11 News @ 5P 2nd Story B Block

Mesa County Red Cross

August 10, 2023

Reporter: Melissa Wright

Duration: 1:05

Today Mesa County Public Health stopped by to talk to us about International Awareness Day coming up. Substance abuse resources are available right here in Mesa County. Mesa county opioid response group facilitates naloxone training throughout the community. Glenda Young from Western Colorado Area Health Education Center does those trainings. And they are awesome. She gives education about opioids, what naloxone is and how to use it. And then at the end of the training, she disperses it for free. If you are interested in the training... You can reach out to Mesa County Public Health or the Colorado Area Education Center. Mesa County Public Health encourages anyone struggling with substance abuse...to go to their website. And contact their...Mesa County opioid response group. International Overdose Awareness Day will take place on August 31. Mesa County will be hosting their event at Lincoln Park from 8-11am then CMU from 1-3 pm...and then back to Lincoln part from 5-8pm.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story A Block

Youth Suicide

September 7, 2023

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:12

Suicide....is the leading cause of death for youth and young adults in Colorado. Recent data from the Colorado Department of Public Health indicates that within one school year....1 in 5 Colorado high school students reported seriously considering suicide. This is why two local high schoolers undertook a creative approach to raise awareness. Lauren Hardin and Claire Elise Rasmussen, two seniors at Palisade High School partnered with The Second Wind Fund, a suicide prevention organization emphasizing innovative mental health care. Claire-Elise created and sold coloring books to raise funds resulting in 1,000-dollars in donations to second wind. The students are appreciative of the organization's impact on mental health and want to give back to their effort. And the impact they have on our local community. Being a teenager is very hard. So, we see a lot of firsthand experiences of people struggling with suicidal thoughts and with all kinds of ideation and things like that. So really having a resource that's not only local, but in the community where I grew up, which is Denver is something that's so incredibly impactful to me that I'm able to not only help where I'm from originally, but also where I now live and where I know, deeply rooted. The pair is thinking of expanding the fundraiser through social media.

KKCO 11 News @ 12P 2nd Story B Block

Colorado West Pride Festival

September 7, 2023

Reporter: Kyrsten McBrayer

Duration: 2:24

The 12th Annual Colorado West Pride Festival kicked off Wednesday afternoon after city council members announced their pride proclamation. But the celebrations do not begin...until today. Our reporter Kyrsten McBrayer explains "it's changed a lot in the last 13 years" Heidi Hess. The Founder of Colorado West Pride... Has dedicated nearly 40 years to LGBTQ activism and work. Colorado West Pride began thirteen years ago.... But quickly snowballed into one of the largest LGBTQ organizations on the western slope. After city council announced their grand junction pride proclamation.... Hess says she believes having pride in rural communities helps further acceptance. "Folks no longer say, I don't know anyone who's gay or lesbian," she says the grand valley has changed over the years in a good way... Hess thinks knowing someone or being exposed to others with differences can make a difference. This year's pride slogan is called loud and proud.... It means a sense of belonging to Hess and others in the community "just existing as I want to exist, and we're alive just as much as anybody else" Taylor Corpier says it was a culture shock when he first moved to grand junction from a large city but over the years he says the community has become more and more accepting... "you have to really be optimistic to find the small things." He cites the local LGBTQ plus bar... Good Judy's as a great step in the right direction.... And highlights local events and clubs popping up for LGBTQ members of all ages. "Coffee of queers, and loving beyond understanding, just all these people that are just popping up and creating safe spaces for everybody" Corpier started his own safe space.... Coffee with queers... As a place for others with similar interests and experiences throughout life to come together and be yourself in a de-escalated safe zone. While he's happy with the progress he's witnessed.... He does believe there is plenty of room for progress in the future. Corpier believes having a health clinic attached to schools.... creates a space where children can talk about things they're experiencing safely. Especially....when kids don't feel comfortable.... talking with parents. If you're curious as to why Grand Junction is celebrating pride in September... Rather June like it is normally. Hess says moving the festival to September.... Made it so they weren't in competition.... with country jam and Juneteenth celebrations.

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Partners Red Shoes	13
Origin Sports	0
Pests Without Borders	13
Pets and People Together	4
Pharmacy: Buying Safely	12
Play Catch With Her	7
Preventing Auto Theft	8
Protect Our Families	0
Real Deal Anthem	5
Rec Boating and Fishing	15
Red Cross The Great Escape	9
Rivers Edge West One 2019	2
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