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PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

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.

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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.

KKCO 11 News at 6P 1st Story in A Block**Renewed Calls to Bear Aware after Cub is Killed in Clifton Home****Including: Web Channel Feature****September 28, 2022****Reporter: Adam Woodbrey****Duration: 2:46**

One Clifton family is urging others to be more bear aware after coming home to find a bear cub inside their house. Joel and Misty Cody said on Monday, Sept. 26 they found the bear wandering through their Clifton home, just off 33 Road, north of I-70. Misty left for work that morning, Joel was just about to return from a two-week hunting trip on the Grand Mesa. The couple planned to meet back up at their home that morning. "My wife pulled in about the same time I did, and she kind of sat in the car and waited for me to do what I was doing," said Joel Cody. "Then I pulled in the driveway, and for some reason, I just had a feeling that there's something wasn't right."

Unbeknownst to Joel, Misty said all week long there were signs that something was afoot in on the property, but she wasn't sure what to make of it. "I found trash laid out around the house and didn't know what exactly was into it thought maybe it was a raccoon or something," said Misty Cody. "And in the chicken coop, a five-gallon bucket of feed was dumped over. So, I thought for sure it was a raccoon again." But it wasn't a racoon at all. Instead, a young black bear cub. The Cody's said the bear got into the house through the dog door. The day the bear was discovered the couple estimates it had been in the house for about three hours before they spotted it. The house itself had traces of bear scat and the dog door itself had visible signs of paws on it. Joel said the ironic thing about the whole situation is the fact he'd spent the last two weeks bear hunting. Then he came home to find a bear right in front of him. "Shock was the first thing," said Joel. "It took my brain a second to comprehend that there was a bear in the house. Then of course, my second thought was the family, are they okay? Get them out of harm's way." "I was terrified, it was one of my biggest fears, and I actually was living it," said Misty. "So, it was scary. But I was just glad that everything worked out." The couple was able to get a couple of pictures and record video of the bear in their kitchen before they called Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "They did say that they were going to euthanize it if they had to," said Joel. "So, I asked him, I said I have a bear tag, can I just put it down? And he's like, if you have an opportunity to put it down, go ahead and do that." At that point, Joel took out his 9mm pistol and shot and killed the cub. Colorado Parks and Wildlife said it isn't unusual to see more bears out this time of year as they are foraging for more food, trying to pack on the pounds before going into hibernation. In the last four weeks, nine bears have been killed by drivers in CPW's region seven. Which essentially encompasses the I-70 corridor from the Utah state line up to Silt. The agency said despite the fact that the bear in Cody's home was just a cub, it's considered a dangerous bear once it's found its way into a home. "It's figured out a way to get into a home, and there's no bears in a home," said Kirk Oldham, area wildlife manager for CPW's Grand Junction region. "It doesn't matter whether it's an aggressive bear or not an aggressive bear. It's in a home, it can be dangerous, and it is dangerous. Bears don't belong in homes." According to the Cody's the bear cub wasn't acting aggressively toward them. But even still, CPW said just because nobody was hurt by the bear, that doesn't mean it couldn't happen in the future, should the bear have been relocated instead of euthanized. "Bears are creative, and they have learned behaviors, they can become habituated, which is a concern," said Oldham. "That learned behavior can become dangerous at some point. It may not be dangerous at the beginning. If this was a bear that just simply got into your trash in your backyard, our response likely wouldn't be immediately to come and trap it and euthanize it." Oldham and the Cody's both agreed though, this situation serves as a great reminder about being educated about bears and their attractants. "Be bear aware you guys I mean, you know, cover your trash at night," said Joel. "Don't leave your dog food out." "They're very active right now, and they're searching for food," said Oldham. "They are attracted to those food items. And, you know, it's just keeping those away from them. So, using a bear proof or bear resistant dumpster, not taking your trash out until the day of trash service and securing your bird feeders. Those are just simple.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 1st Story in A Block**Bear Attack****Including: Web Channel Feature****October 3, 2022****Reporter: Bernie Lange****Duration: 1:09**

Another violent bear attack in Western Colorado. This one in New Castle. Colorado Parks and Wildlife said on Saturday night, a man heard a noise in his backyard and went out to investigate. In doing so, he startled the bear, which then knocked the man over and then attacked him. During the attack he managed to fire three shots, scaring the bear away...but officials aren't sure if the bear was hit by the gunfire. CPW tell us the man was taken to the hospital, with minor injuries on his hand, arm, and chest. He's expected to be okay...but wildlife officials still

haven't been able to find the bear in question. That's, you know, why we encourage people right now, if they are seeing bears, you know, around their homes, let them know that they're not welcome. make noise. pots and pans are great. You know, there's something that's easily accessible in the home. Throwing things at them, again, just anything that kind of provides that nuisance to them so that they don't want to come back or stick around. This is the second time someone in New Castle has been attacked by a bear this year. Back on August 31, a woman was attacked in the early morning hours as she noticed her hot tub lid was partially removed and she went out to

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in A Block

Avian Flu's Impact on Poultry Farms

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 6, 2022

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:00

Here's a typical morning at Sunshine Mesa Farm. The owner Michelle Livingston is up by 8 a.m., tending to her 500 chickens. "I go to our barn area, and I open basic biosecurity precautions; we do keep a close flock," said Livingston. A staggering 4.7 million domestic poultry were killed in the state due to the flu. "Usually, the virus does not cause mortality or sickness in wild birds, but that is different with the strain we're seeing this year. We're seeing mortality rates in wild birds," said Dr. Maggie Baldwin, the State Veterinarian. She says this virus strain has never been seen in the state until this spring. "This is now the largest outbreak we've seen in our country." Poultry can get sick if infected wild birds encounter their feed. "We are anticipating that we're kind of in the upswing of what we're going to see this fall for cases across the country; what that looks like exactly here in Colorado, we don't know," said Baldwin. The bird flu is impacting producers tremendously, says Baldwin. Farms have euthanized their entire flocks. "They lose all of their production for months at a time, and it takes them a long time to get to a period of restocking." Consumers, you can see it in the egg prices and potential low supply of turkeys for Thanksgiving. "Egg prices have gone up both due to inflation and due to the, you know, a lot of chickens have died in Colorado, so we are affected a little bit by the economics of it all, and just demand is really, really high," said Livingston. "The turkey farms have been affected across the United States, more than 70% of the premises," said Baldwin.

KKCO 11 News at 10P 2nd Story in B Block

Squad of Women Reunite Dogs with Owners

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 28, 2022

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 3:08

If your dog or cat ever went missing...would you really know what to do...aside from putting up some flyers? reporter Nelson Garcia and photojournalist Tom Cole introduce us to a group who claim they will stop at nothing...to reunite owner and pet.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 1st Story in A Block

Wolf Reintroduction

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 17, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez and Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:50

New information tonight... about the draft plan Colorado Parks and Wildlife released to reintroduce gray wolves to the state. We told you about how local ranchers aren't too thrilled about the potential impacts it could have on their livestock. But how will this reintroduction impact wildlife? Reporter Cristian Sida talked to CPW. Cristian, what did they tell you? Gabe, 30 to 50 wolves will be brought to Colorado in the next five years... but the questions is, what long-lasting effects will that have on Colorado's wildlife. The wolves are coming... and some aren't happy about it. "Is introducing wolves a good idea. I don't think we've really looked at the impacts to the other wildlife." "Wolf populations will need to be established for an extended period before we'll really fully understand the extent of their impact on these populations in Colorado." Travis Duncan works with Colorado Wildlife and Parks; he says there's no clear indication of the change wildlife could experience. "It's tough to say whether the effects on the ecosystem have been claimed in some studies that apply in Colorado." Duncan knows the population of localized prey like deer, elk and moose could be affected. But CPW will be working actively to address conflicts between wolves, people, livestock, and other wildlife species. "Colorado Parks and Wildlife area wildlife managers in our district wildlife managers will conserve and manage wolves in concert with the rest of our state's native wildlife. That's going to involve active management." That's what Duncan calls one of the positives

of the reintroduction--- it's going to recreate a unique opportunity for doing research. "On how wolves might navigate more populated areas. How the species adapts to the effects of a changing climate, and they may also play potential roles in disease control or have ecological impacts on the Colorado landscape. The benefit is going to be able to study these animals in the Colorado landscape." Yet, we are still left to see what kind of mark the gray wolves will leave. This is still a developing story, and I will keep following up as more information becomes available. Plus, don't forget, we will have the full draft plan on our webpage. Gabe, "Alright Cristian, thanks for that report tonight."

KKCO 11 News at 10P 2nd Story in B Block

Pets As Gifts

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 19, 2022

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:51

The Better Business Bureau and Animal Rescue Groups are warning of scammers trying to take advantage of people looking to give pets as holiday gifts. Jenn Sullivan has 5 things to consider if a furry new companion is on your wish list think twice before you buy a pet for your loved one this holiday season. The Better Business Bureau and Animal Rescue Groups are issuing warnings about pet scams. According to the BBB --- financial losses from pet scams are expected to approach 2 million dollars this year. Holly Sizemore, Chief Mission Officer, best friends Animal Society: "Unscrupulous breeders have gotten pretty good at trying to dupe the public into thinking that they're adopting an animal when they're in actuality buying from a puppy mill." Holly Sizemore from Best Friends Animal Society has these 5 things to consider before purchasing a new furry addition to your family. 1) avoid online fraud. Many listings could be fake, and you could be paying for a pet that doesn't exist. Meet your new pet in person before exchanging any money. 2) know the years-long commitment -- both with time and the costs of owning a pet. Holly Sizemore, Chief Mission Officer, Best Friends Animal Society: "Basic costs such as food, toys, enrichment, those are all important necessities for pets, pets can be affordable, but it is a cost that you need to anticipate and budget for." 3) get the animal's health checked. Sizemore says dogs sold online often come from puppy mills and suffer from health issues due to poor living conditions and inbreeding. 4) make the sustainable choice. Consider saving a life by adopting from a local shelter or rescue group. And finally, consider giving the experience of picking out a pet, instead of picking it out yourself. Holly Sizemore, Chief Mission Officer, Best Friends Animal Society, "That is a great way to bring the joy of a new pet into the house during the holidays and allow the pet parent to choose the pet that best meets their lifestyle."

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

KKCO 11 News at 9P 1st Story in B Block

Fentanyl Bust

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 8, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 3:20

It was touted as a record bust, agents seizing more than 100 pounds of fentanyl on I-70, but how did the alleged drug mule who was transporting it manage to escape from federal authorities? NBC's Stephanie Gosk reports. This is what 114 pounds of fentanyl looks like... enough, the DEA says, to kill 25 million Americans. Seized back in June, DEA Press Conference. DEA agents touted the bust and their fight against the deadliest drug on the streets. DEA agent Besser: behind the scenes there is aggressive tenacious police work being done and prosecution being done to save lives and to bring people to justice. We are not asleep at the wheel. It was the single largest fentanyl seizure ever on an American highway ... and it happened here on I-70 in Colorado. One of the main drug trafficking routes across the country. State Police stopped a driver weaving in and out of traffic dangerously, and a quick-thinking trooper realized something wasn't right. This state arrest affidavit obtained by NBC news lays out the details of the entire bust. The driver -David Maldonado-seemed nervous ...said he had to go the bathroom "really bad." At a nearby exit, the Colorado State Patrol discovered what was really behind those nerves... (highway shots) bags and bags of fentanyl stashed under the car's floor boards. State law enforcement told us what happened next was a debacle." According to the affidavit, once he was in custody, a DEA agent struck a deal with Maldonado. He would continue to South Bend, Indiana where he said he was headed and lead them to the drug dealers. Maldonado hit the highway, he then promptly ditched a tracking device *and* the DEA vanished. Frank Figluzzi clearly there's been a failure of operational planning and execution. The DEA did not respond to *our* request for comment, but in a July statement to a Denver newspaper, the agency confirmed

Maldonado is a fugitive. Saying "the defendant was offered the opportunity to work with the DEA to further the investigation. Subsequently after agreeing, he changed his mind and was able to (elude) law enforcement." Frank Figluzzi: we've got a record amount of fentanyl involved here, in fact, enough fentanyl to kill everyone in the State of Colorado, the individual who was delivering that amount of fentanyl is now in the wind. US Marshals is now leading the manhunt. There's no way to know for sure if the drugs were headed here to South Bend, but we decided to come and see if the fentanyl problem was an issue, and like so many cities and towns in this country, fentanyl is killing people. How bad is the problem right now in South Bend? How bad is it? It's everywhere. Recently, 7 overdose deaths in a single week all suspected to be from fentanyl. The story of the deadly drug told in South Bend's death certificates. Suddenly in July, of 2021, I noticed almost all of my death certificates had some form of fentanyl listed on it. Robin Vida works for the country's department of health. If there was a big bust, if someone was arrested who was dealing fentanyl in this city, would it help you guys? Yes. hands down. We first must prevent overdose death. How do we do that? We need to stop dangerous drugs from entering our community. The DEA says fentanyl is their top priority, letting a suspect like David Maldonado slip away isn't going to help. Stephanie Gosk, NBC News, South Bend, Indiana.

KKCO 11 News at 12P 2nd Story in A Block

San Antonio Police Department

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 19, 2022

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 1:55

According to the Police. Brennan was responding to another call at this McDonald's last Sunday. But then turned his attention to this maroon car. Before believing he recognizes the teen's maroon car as a potentially stolen vehicle. Officer: "I got a vehicle here that fled from me the other day." Brennan approached the car, before opening the door. Officer: "Get out of the car!" Cantu: "What for?" Cantu attempting to get away. Sounds of shots fired. Police say they found Cantu a block away with multiple gunshot wounds, placing him in their car - but not before placing him in handcuffs - arresting him for evasion and aggravated assault. The San Antonio Police Department saying Brennan was in violation of department training, tactics and procedures. George Ramos, friend: "It's very hard to think about the fear he had in him when it happened. You know, the state and condition he's in right now, it just it breaks all of our hearts. He had no weapon. He had a burger in his hand, you know?" Because Brennan had not finished his 1-year probationary period for new officers. the San Antonio Police Officers' Association has declined to represent him...saying in a statement: "We understand the San Antonio Police Department's decision to terminate officer James Brennan but will refrain from further comment until a full investigation is completed."

KKCO 11 News at 6P 1st Story in A Block

Affidavit

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 2, 2022

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 1:39

You're looking at Christopher Lambros... he's a career nurse... now behind bars accused of sexually assault patients at their most vulnerable. Here's what we found in the arrest affidavit. July 9th, Grand Junction Police report a Saint Mary's employee claimed they caught Lambros in ICU... taking pictures of an unconscious patient. Police got Lambros' cell phone. They found 168 photos and videos on it... images of patients claim could not consent... the dates on some if it? April 30th to July 9th of 2022. Police say in one of the videos Lambros is seen with one victim and could be heard whispering to the camera saying, "don't ever get rid of these videos...you need to keep them forever...this is your Dexter moment." That's a likely reference to a television series focused on a serial killer. St. Mary's said it put Lambros on administrative leave when the complaint came in in July... and then fired him October 25 when police arrested him. He goes on to say...the safety of their patients is a priority.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 2nd Story in A Block

Colorado Springs Shooting Local Response

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 22, 2022

Reporter: Bernie Lange

Duration: 2:45

Colorado Springs is approximately five hours away from the Western Slope, but community members in Grand Junction are mourning in the wake of that horrific shooting. The President of Colorado West Pride, Heidi Hess,

shared that it's a heavy day - November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance. A day that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Heidi Hess says that the mass shooting strikes at the heart of the LGBTQ+ community because gay clubs are supposed to be safe spaces of acceptance, not hate. "I would love to say that this tragedy will impact change. I don't know that I have that faith anymore," said Hess. "What I can say is, is that the community, One Colorado, Colorado West Pride, we see the community and we are going to continue to work tirelessly to make Colorado a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community." Hess shared that the tragedy makes the LGBTQ community feel unsafe in a world that is already feeling unsafe. PBS reports that at least 32 transgender people were killed in 2022 and now they will be remembering those who lost their lives just days ago in the mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs. The LGBTQ+ Caucus Chair released a statement expressing devastation for the lives lost and the sense of safety that is shattering due to the act of violence which impacts the entire LGBTQ+ community. "On behalf of the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Department of Justice, we offer our deepest condolences to the victims and their families, and our sorrow for the tragedy that has unfolded here. We will work closely with District Attorney Michael Allen, with local law enforcement, Mayor Suthers, and the Colorado Springs community to ensure the person who did this is brought to justice," said U.S. Attorney Cole Finegan. Yesterday, a Candlelight Vigil to honor the memory of transgender people and those who have lost their lives at the nightclub took place in Grand Junction.

KKCO 11 News at 4P 1st Story in B Block

Porch Pirates

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 11, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:23

Porch pirates are known to strike throughout the year, but experts urged extra caution as holiday shopping leads to an increase in online purchases. a study by LendingTree found that 35% of people surveyed had packages or deliveries stolen from their doorstep or mailbox, with most of these acts happening at single family homes. Divya Sangameshwar with Lending Tree not only informs consumers about the threat of porch pirates, but she was a victim herself. "They came right below the line of sight of my camera, and they just took it off the stairs," Sangameshwar said. Her experience underscored another finding of the study: security cameras don't seem to deter porch pirates as 60% of people in the study who reported theft had security cameras. There are ways to protect yourself. Lending Tree suggests:

- if possible, have purchases delivered to a brick-and-mortar store, where you must show id or a receipt at pick up
- if allowed, consider having items shipped to your workplace
- research retailers' lost or stolen items policy before you buy
- check your credit card's policy on lost, stolen, or non-delivered items

If you have been a victim of porch piracy, lending tree has a step-by-step guide for how to seek recourse.

KKCO 11 News at 6A 1st Story in A Block

Inmate Wife 10

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 16, 2022

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 2:21

Let's catch you up to speed...December 5th... agents arrested 28-year-old Sergio Villalobos on a federal warrant for distributing drugs containing fentanyl. Seven days later, he died in Mesa County's Detention Facility. Turns out Mesa County contracts with Naphcare...a national inmate health provider. We're told the company only employs licensed and credentialed workers. The sheriff's office says all medically managed withdrawal protocols are compliant with the national commission on correctional health care. The most recent commission policy we found was written in 2014... and updated this year. But Villalobos' friends and family still have questions...a Grand Jury indicted Villalobos for distributing a controlled substance that contained fentanyl. Documents show he was arrested... and booked in the Mesa County jail. What happened next is under investigation. On Monday, he died in his cell after he was under medical watch undergoing a detox. "If he was detoxing, why would he be always in the bedroom with a nurse? They know that people who detox could die. The cause and manner of his death are still under investigation.

KKCO 11 News at 6A 2nd Story in A Block**Leaf Peeping****Including: Web Channel Feature****October 11, 2022****Reporter: Hannah Hickman****Duration: 1:55**

Fall in Colorado brings out the best colors of the year. The leaf peeping season also brings massive crowds to places where people usually escape to get away from everyone else. For these couple weeks of fall, some parts of nature can feel more like a parking lot at an amusement park. Reporter Marc Sallinger takes us to the top of Kenosha pass where the crowds are all searching for the same thing. This time of year is just really special. I think it's insanely beautiful and you can see the little pockets of trees in different places. As the temperature drops, fall paints Colorado's mountains yellow. It's like the mountain is on fire in the way that you want it. A beautiful calm filled with Aspens, clean mountain air, and for these extra special weeks... a whole lot of people. I don't want to be in a crowd to go look at a beautiful view. This is too busy, so you drive an extra hour, and you see all of Colorado. Leaf peeping in Colorado has become an exercise in braving traffic jams and getting lucky finding a place to park. A beautiful place like this becomes a hot spot. Sometimes the crowds can really stink. Kenosha pass might just be the most popular location for peepers, where for a couple weekends every year the massive trailhead parking lots are nowhere near big enough to handle the crowds. In some places it's just become so overrun with people that it's just become mostly an amusement park vibe in nature. Finding beauty in Colorado isn't hard. Over here it's calm, but in the parking lot it's something else. It gets crowded. It's a lot of people. An expedition into the mountains where escaping the crowds is its own challenge this time of year. Colorado is a big enough state. You must get out far away. This weekend and next might just be the last days to go up to the mountains and see the leaves before they all fall off. Just a couple more weeks to brave the leaf-peeping traffic before we can start looking forward to skiing traffic coming soon.

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in A Block**Camp Hale****Including: Web Channel Feature****October 12, 2022****Reporter: Hannah Hickman****Duration: 2.0**

While the President visited Camp Hale. He delivered remarks on protecting and conserving American's iconic outdoor spaces. The President delivered the remarks at Camp Hale, a World War II Army Facility. The remarks come as part of the President's 4-day swing through Western States less than a month before election day. President Biden's travel plans also include stops in California and Oregon. While speaking, the President announced that Camp Hale is now a National Historic site under the antiquities act and added that his administration is also announcing steps to conserve the Thompson divide which consist of 225-thousand acres. "I'm honored to sign this proclamation to preserve the special part of our military history. in addition, Secretary Vilsack just explained today my administration is announcing steps to conserve the Thompson Divide, another 225,000 acres, 60 miles from here. Biden's last trip out west was in June, when he was in California for the Summit of the Americas.

KKCO 11 News at 6P 1st Story in B Block**Hurricane Nicole 2****Including: Web Channel Feature****November 10, 2022****Reporter: Bernie Lange****Duration: 2:01**

Today the State of Florida is assessing the damage after the rare late season tropical system that slammed the state, Atlantic Coast. Overnight, Nicole made landfall just South of Vero Beach, as a category 1 hurricane. The storm caused epic beach erosion all along the shore. In Volusia County, several homes lost their oceanfront patios and yards others were left teetering in the wind. as gusts topped 75 miles per hour with a storm surge up to 6 feet. Massive waves ripped apart this pier in Deerfield Beach and wreaked havoc in Daytona Beach, already hit by hurricane Ian 6 weeks ago. "These homes right here -barely hanging on. Hey Kerry, come down here take a look. You can see this is starting to crumble little by little... underneath this house." Erosion is so extensive. Police forced the evacuation of more than a half dozen high rise condos amid fears they could fall in.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 1st Story in B Block
US Airlines Are Cutting Flights Ahead of the 2022 Holiday Season
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Reporter: Bernie Lange
Duration: 2:0

When the world shut down during the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, travel largely shut down with it. Many airlines received significant bailouts and assistance from the United States government to stay afloat while almost everyone remained grounded at home. Now as countries shift into COVID-19 recovery and travel has returned to something close to its pre-pandemic status—with many people embarking on what has been referred to in the industry as “revenge travel”—the airline industry is struggling to catch up and adjust to current conditions. Airlines have had widespread staffing shortages since the pandemic began—which, when coupled with this surge in demand, resulted in lengthy delays and flight cancellations. Many airlines are attempting to avoid these potential disruptions and delays by canceling flights and dropping routes ahead of time. Canceled flights can be temporary, but dropped routes tend to be permanent. Bounce reviewed recent announcements from top U.S. airlines and looked at how different regions may be impacted as a result of dropped routes and canceled flights. Keep reading to learn how airlines are adjusting holiday schedules, along with some of the possible factors behind their decisions—from regional shifts in post-pandemic travel to pilot shortages. American Airlines scrapping nearly 30,000 flights in November. Although Thanksgiving is typically one of the busiest travel days of the year, American Airlines announced on Aug. 30 plans to cancel a significant number of flights this fall: nearly 16% of the airline’s total flights. Many of the cuts are coming out of hubs such as Chicago and Dallas, reducing the frequency of flights between these airports and connecting cities. Other, less popular routes are being cut entirely. These cuts are an attempt to reduce delayed and canceled flights throughout the busy season, as fewer flights total means fewer opportunities for cascading scheduling problems. Frontier drops 43 routes from winter schedule Frontier cut a big chunk of routes and took things a step further by also announcing these flights will be permanently removed. The 43 flights in question comprise 32 domestic and 11 international routes. Eighty-four percent of those domestic flights originated or ended in Florida, which is a particularly sought-after destination in the winter. All 11 of the cut international flights involved Cancún. While the pandemic saw an influx of travelers to both Florida and Cancún, demand may be subsiding now as more countries open for international travelers again. Delta is cutting more than 4,000 November flights Delta is cutting a significant number of fall flights for staffing reasons. The airline cited an unexpected number of employees calling in sick as the reason for its reduced service. Some of those unexpected illnesses may be due to the ongoing pandemic, as another wave of COVID-19 cases has been confirmed in the United States in the last month. Delta’s recent cancellations are an attempt to anticipate and forestall some of those last-minute resource shortages. JetBlue removes 37 routes from schedule JetBlue removed several flights from its schedule, some of which are permanent cuts to suspended routes and some of which are new. Cities like Newark and San Francisco have seen fewer originating and departing flights. But another city is bearing the brunt of these cuts. Fort Lauderdale was one of JetBlue’s most important airports during the pandemic, proving relatively resistant to the drop in demand that colored much of the pandemic. But now demand for travel to Florida has dropped and JetBlue’s new travel cuts may partially be in response to this demand shift. Dropped flights hit regional airports the hardest regional airports are enduring much of the impact of all the flight cuts and cancellations across the United States. Pilot shortages pose a serious problem for regional airports. Many airlines offered pilots early buyouts during the pandemic and consequently have had trouble hiring them back as travel rebounded due in part to the long training time needed to train new pilots. Some smaller cities have now been left without any airline service at all. Cities like Dubuque, Iowa, are operating with no air carrier.

KKCO 11 News at 5A 1st Story in A Block
Avalanche Warning
Including: Web Channel Feature
December 5, 2022
Reporter: Hannah Hickman
Duration: 1.0

An avalanche watch focused on nearly all the big ski resorts along I-70 and north.... here’s the area we are talking about... you can see them on the map... Aspen to Vail and Eagle...Copper Mountain to Loveland...Winter Park to Steamboat Springs. Observers grabbed pictures of slides... and dangerous conditions. One person writes the snowpack amounts to a 12-inch slab over some of the weakest snow bases he’s seen. Experts say several people triggered or ended up caught in slides over the weekend. We’re told those conditions will just get worse over the next two days. You know, half of our mountainous terrain has gotten dangerous avalanche conditions. There’s a good chunk in the northern mountains, which is in an avalanche war. turning, which is high

danger or level four or five that means that it is really easy to trigger avalanches big enough to kill or bury a person and some of those avalanches are going to run naturally and spontaneously so in those places with the avalanches warning in place travel and back country travel is not recommended because it is so dangerous. A danger that high means it's easy for people to trigger a slide large enough to bury or kill a person. and something to keep in mind...in some of the lower danger areas. like level three... the snow is right on the edge... and doesn't need much to avalanche downhill.

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in A Block

Freezing Temperatures

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 25, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:19

New information after we told you yesterday four people on the front range died in the frigid temperatures. In Colorado Springs one man was found dead near a transformer -- likely trying to get warm. The other was found alive near a homeless camp. He was taken to the hospital but died. Grace Krae-Mer reports. Michael Janisky is just one of the more than 470 people who stayed at Springs Rescue Mission last night. He says he has had to bear temperatures like this in the past. "There were times when I thought I was going to freeze to death, three or four times." I spoke with the Director of the Springs Rescue Mission. He says the number of people they've ever had stay at the shelter was 475 during the bomb cyclone... 5 fewer than last night. Travis Williams- Springs Rescue Mission, "When these temperatures drop, it is life or death for many folks." Memorial Hospital says since Wednesday, they've treated 5 cases of frostbite. Dr. Arek Wiktor, Director, UCHealth Burn & Frostbite Center. "It's quite unfortunate because a vast majority of our patients who have frostbite are also unhoused or are homeless." Last year, El Paso County Coroner's Office said 12 people died from hypothermia. Janisky says it's one of the most brutal things you can imagine. Michael Janisky "I wouldn't put that on my worst enemy, sleeping out there."

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

KKCO 11 News at 12P 2nd Story in A Block

Gas Prices

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 19, 2022

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 2:02

The White House is preparing to unveil its plan today to lower gas prices - including releasing *another* 15-million barrels of oil from the nation's stockpile. President Biden is expected to announce that along with a series of steps aimed at bringing Americans some relief at the pump. Justin Finch has more with the details. Though Americans are now paying *less* on average to fill up their gas tanks. Today, the White House is expected to roll out its plan to bring even more relief to US households. Karine Jean Pierre / White House Press Secretary, "Should the President not do everything that he can to lower prices?" // "Should he not continue to keep his promise to give American people a little bit of breathing room?" President Biden is expected to authorize releasing 15-million oil barrels from the US's strategic petroleum reserve. The "final" dispersal of the 180-million barrels the President pledged in March from the Nation's stockpile, but critics say the 15-million barrels isn't enough. Considering the US consumes about 20-million barrels a day. That last round of reserve oil is due for release in December after the November midterm elections. Jared Bernstein / White House Council of Economic Advisers. I think the key story is that is this administration doing as much as we can to help increase the energy supply. And I think the answer is unequivocally, yes. Chris Christie / R-former New Jersey Governor. They should be talking about how things ---how much things cost at the supermarket, at the gas pump, how people feel unsafe on the streets. Republicans fine-tuning their midterm messaging around inflation and the economy - with early voting underway in some states that as gas prices have dropped 5-cents in the last week but the national average for a gallon of gas is now 20 cents higher than one month ago. The President is also expected to go after oil companies who have seen record profits this year. The White House plan also comes weeks after OPEC-plus announced it is cutting oil production by 2 million barrels a day starting in November

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in A Block

Diapers

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 22, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:08

Diapers are a large expense for families... and due to inflation ...prices have increased. In response, Governor Jared Polis signed into law a sales tax exemption for diapers and feminine hygiene products. It went into effect August 10. Now, a food shelter in the Valley... wants to provide even more relief for families. Cristian Sida explains. Just a few hours ago, right here, at the Clifton church... the Food Bank of the Rockies handed out diapers to families in need. The food bank is the first diaper bank in the Western Slope. Hundreds of cars lined up at the Clifton Christian church this morning for an everyday necessity. "We've been seeing four to 500 families every month at this distribution, and this is our largest across the Western Slope." This drive-thru pantry is held every month, with the help of the Food Bank of the Rockies to fight against food insecurity and now, diaper insecurity. "There are a lot of families with little ones, or they care for little ones and so many of these families are receiving diapers today." The Food Bank of the Rockies is the first and only diaper bank on the Western Slope. They partnered with Weecycle, a nonprofit organization that collects diapers. Sue Ellen, with the Food Bank says families are struggling to afford diapers. "Just like so many other items that have increased dramatically due to inflation, diapers are right among that, and they are a high-priced item. We're able to help us offset that cost for families." Currently, there's no public assistance program that helps families with diapers. safety net programs don't recognize diapers as a basic need. According to the National Diaper Bank Network, 5 million babies and toddlers under the age of 3 live in poor and low-income families. Infants require up to 12 diapers per day at a cost of \$70 to \$80 per month. Sue Ellen says this high-priced essential item is a necessity, and knows what families are going through. "For me as a mom, and I've been through that stage of wondering how I'm going to make ends meet, figuring out how to get the cheapest costs on diapers. I know what that means. It really makes me happy that I'm able to make a difference in people's lives or distress." The Food Bank will permanently distribute diapers and wet wipes at the Mobile pantry food distributions. We will have more information on our webpage.

KKCO 11 News at 6P 1st Story in A Block

Opioid Settlement

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 15, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:02

The numbers are staggering... the Centers for Disease Control estimates 45 people die every day from a prescription drug overdose. That's why Colorado's Attorney General is celebrating this latest victory. Here's how it will work... 43 states must sign off on the deal by the end of the year. Walmart also must launch a new way of monitoring opioid prescriptions in 2023. Colorado's 40-million dollars will be dispersed to individual grassroots programs all aimed at stopping addiction by creating connections. In some areas... that's as simple as building the very first treatment center. Part of what we as a society need to do is provide more forms of connection and support that can include sober living arrangements. For example, so people feel a part of a community that really is what we need to help recover from this addiction crisis that we know is taking too many lives from us.

KKCO 11 News at 4P 1st Story in A Block

Small Business Saturday

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 27, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez and Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:05

On the corner of sixth and main street...there's a treasure chest and it is full of antiques. "Where definitely have more if you want a unique gift, you come here if you want something there, or else as you go to a different place." It's called Robin's Nest of Antiques & Treasures. Over the past 12 years, they've shared their treasure with the community. Shane Allerheiligen relies on Small Business Saturday to get his business through the winter months. "It's one of the top five days of the year, but two days before Christmas, it's crazy." On Saturday Shane says the nest had lots of visitors. "We had at one point that a headcount we had 100 people in here." Supporting Small Businesses not only support the family behind the product but you're supporting the community. "I mean, despite the idea that you have personal relationships with the people that are working at the smaller businesses, you also are keeping your money local, it rotates through the population, if you buy more local, as opposed to you know, shipping your money off to internet company or big box store." The dedicated day putting the local shops on the

radar. Local businesses owners are hoping it will encourage local shopping not just on Small Business Saturday but every day. "The nest is stronger now than it ever has been. Thanks to people switching more to in-person shopping to interesting stores, locally owned, I think it's a big deal."

KKCO 11 News at 4P 1st Story in A Block

Colorado Pay Back

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 11, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida and Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:13

You may have some unclaimed property or misplaced money and you don't even know it. The Colorado Department of Treasury is reuniting Coloradans with their lost assets. reporter Cristian Sida spoke with one resident... Cristian how can people find those lost assets. Well Gabe, it's called the Colorado Payback Program. It has reunited over 600-million dollars to its rightful owners since it first began. In Mesa County residents have 17 million in unclaimed cash, 1 million unclaimed company shares, and 153 available tangibles. That's according to the state. Residents like Sam Miller ... were surprised at what she found when she got word of an unclaimed property database. "When I came in this morning, Elisa told me that she saw an article in the newspaper talking about it, and she was like, here, let me just share this with you. She shared the link with me, and I got on and had a lot of stuff on there that I wasn't expecting." Sam will be receiving over 5 hundred dollars. all thanks to the great Colorado Payback Program. "It's the holiday season, it's very useful right now." The payback program reunites Coloradans with unclaimed funds anything from unpaid wages, refunds from utility companies, gift cards, tax refunds, insurance payouts, property, or inheritances. "There from like, an old pay pal account that I had stuff from, like taxes from the Colorado like revenue department, bank accounts, bills, stuff like that. Yeah, there was a lot of stuff on there." Miller says, "It's simple to check if you have unclaimed property just visit colorado.findyourunclaimedproperty.com. You just click whatever ones you want to claim and then the paperwork is just your basic information, first, last name, social mailing address, and then you submit proof of all of that. and then they'll say accepted, and they'll send you a check essentially, is at least that's the process that I'm going through." We will provide the link to the database on our webpage. Alright thanks Cristian for that report.

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in B Block

Social Security Pay Increases

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 17, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:17

People who receive social security are about to see a bigger number on their checks. Washington News Bureau reporter Jamie Bittner explains the pay bump coming next year as lawmakers debate the future of the program. (Jamie Bittner, Washington News Bureau). For many seniors, the bump in social security couldn't come fast enough. The 8-point, 7% increase, is the largest in 40 years. But it's a short-term solution for a long-term problem. Most seniors are living on under 30-thousand dollars a year- says AARP. So next year's cost of living adjustment--- otherwise known as COLA- is a sigh of relief. (David Certner, AARP) It's super important that we have this COLA over time. You can imagine what the impact of one year of high inflation is, but you can see what happens over a period of years. You fall further and further behind each year. Democratic Rep. John Larson says Congress needs to do more. Officials have warned the program is in danger of running short on money in the next 15 years. (Rep. John Larson D-Connecticut) They're going to get a big bump because of the pandemic this year but that formula needs to be fixed. And everybody needs an across-the-board increase because there hasn't been one in 51 years. Plus, he wants to get rid of a tax cap that he says protects the rich from paying into the program all year round. (Rep. John Larson D-Connecticut) Who are they? People making over 400,000 dollars. Who for many stops paying into social security only January 2nd. (Sen. Rick Scott R-Florida) The easiest thing always for democrats is to raise taxes and raise fees and all that does is reduce, you know hurt the economy Republican Senator Rick Scott has called for social security to be re-evaluated every 5 years. But he says that DOESN'T mean, he wants to cut the program. I will not cut Medicare benefits or social security benefits. He blames too much government spending for putting it at risk. We ought to make sure those programs are preserved and the way you make sure those programs are preserved is you go through them every year. Other Republicans have suggested raising the retirement age from 67 to 70 or updating the payment formula.

KKCO 11 News at 9P 1st Story in B Block

Midterms Getting Closer

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 9, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:25

Now to the latest on the economy and the fight to tame inflation. According to the latest jobs report released today-US employers added 263 thousand jobs in September with the employment rate falling from 3.7 percent to 3.5 percent. But is this a sign of an improving economy? ABC's Morgan Norwood has more. Despite sky high inflation and fears of a recession, jobs have been a bright spot in our economy--and wall street. New numbers show the economy added to 263 thousand jobs in September--slightly more than economists have estimated but it does mark the second month of falling totals. Still, President Biden praising the progress while touring a Volvo Facility in Hagerstown, Maryland. President Biden: "Our job market continues to show resilience as we navigate through this economic transition, we're in." According to the September jobs report the unemployment rate ticked down to 3.5 percent with jobs added mostly in leisure, hospitality, and health care. Though more Americans have jobs--it's still not enough to keep the fed from raising interest rates this year---nor slow the onslaught of what many fear could be an approaching recession. Alexis Cristoforo's, ABC news: "It's not where the feds want to see it, at this really doesn't give the Feds any reason to pull back on its planned aggressive interest rate hikes moving forward." For now--Americans are bearing the weight of record inflation--and rising cost. Travis Poteet, Los Angeles: "I work hard, I keep a rigid budget and I try to engage in activities that produce the maximum amount of income." but some budgets are no match for the climbing gas prices. In California--the average is \$6.43 --one gas station topping \$8 a gallon. "It's crazy!" and Thursday, we'll get inflation rate figures--we're expecting to see high rates again, but economists will certainly be watching for any sign of retreat from recent sky-high levels.

KKCO 11 News at 4P 1st Story in A Block

Short Term Rental Tax Increase

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 16, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 2:26

This week we told you about the City of Grand Junction's proposed solution to solve the city's current housing crisis.... a one percent increase in lodging tax and an 8 percent short-term rental tax. We talked to members of the local hotel industry, business owners, and the mayor. Now the Air BNB owners join the conversations. The owner of an Air BNB in Grand Junction says measure 2b, that calls for an additional 8 percent short-term rental tax, could affect her business. In November, voters will have the chance to vote for a one percent lodging tax and an eight percent short-term rental tax. "If the voters approved these measures, and essentially give the city the ability to collect these taxes, we will begin to be able to really focus on the housing goals that we've set." Theresa Bloom, owner of a shortage-term rental, says she's all for Affordable Housing, and is for the one percent lodging tax increase... but her concern is the eight percent short-term tax isn't very welcoming to tourist. "We unfairly burden people who want to stay in short term rentals. It's going to make our taxes on short term rentals 23.52% to our guests." Let's break that down. According to the city's website, county, city, and state taxes currently equal 8.52 percent... now, add on the proposed taxes and that brings Theresa's total tax percent to 23.52 percent. "That's almost, you know, that's almost 25%, that's almost a quarter of what they're paying, on top of all the fees they already pay and, that just doesn't seem right to me." "When we're talking about a difference of a matter of dollars, we genuinely don't believe that that is going to be a deterrent for somebody who wants to come spend time in Grand Junction." Mayor Stout says the city isn't against hotels or short-term rentals. "This is a question that we've given to the residents to weigh in on. and ultimately, it's the decision of our taxpayers." Bloom says she's heard the tax won't cost the citizen... but if a tourist sees tax is too high...and decides to go elsewhere... it could cost Theresa her business. You can have your voice heard on election day...November 8th.... plus let us know what you think on our Facebook and Twitter page.

KKCO 11 News at 6P 1st Story in B Block
Colorado Receives a Grant for Pediatricians
Including: Web Channel Feature
November 17, 2022
Reporter: Christopher Guevara
Duration: 2:06

No Kid Hungry, in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), recently granted \$20,000 to the Colorado chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics. These grant funds will allow the Colorado chapter of AAP to improve food insecurity screenings and connect families to federally funded programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and other resources. According to No Kid Hungry, during the first five years of a child's life, they and their families visit pediatricians up to twenty times so that pediatricians can play a crucial role in the fight against food insecurity. "We know that well-nourished kids are better able to learn, thrive, and grow into their full potential. Addressing food insecurity in the early years is critical, and the role pediatricians can play in doing so cannot be understated," said Caron Gremont, Director of No Kid Hungry. "This collaboration between No Kid Hungry, AAP, and grantee AAP chapters will help further their crucial work and connect more families with the tools they need." This work alone, however, won't end food insecurity. Another incredible tool to combat childhood food insecurity is school meals, and the newly passed Proposition FF, which appeared on the midterm ballots, looks to do just that. Proposition FF is state funded to help schools receive lunches for kids for free. "Coloradans are not paying for all kids for every kid to get a free meal. It's a gap funding bill," said Dan Sharp, Director of Nutrition Services for District 51 (D51). He also mentions that one out of four pack their lunch, and two out of four will receive federal reimbursement for any money spent on lunches. The remainder, one of four, will be covered by Proposition FF. Before COVID, Mesa County fed about 45% of kids using funds provided by the state, but it was not accessible to all kids. When the pandemic hit in 2020, and Mesa County was able to feed all kids, that number jumped to 63%. Sharp states that when the proposition becomes effective next year, it will only be used by some. Schools using the National School Lunch Program can request funding through proposition FF. The Colorado Department of Education continues to determine if there will be a school registration deadline. Proposition FF becomes effective in 2023 and will continue for as long as it can before there are changes that could put an expiration date on it.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 2nd Story in B Block
Biden Pledges New Commitments, Respect for Tribal Nations
Including: Web Channel Feature
November 30, 2022
Reporter: Adam Woodbrey
Duration: 1:14

President Joe Biden on Wednesday pledged to give Native Americans a stronger voice in federal affairs, promising at the first in-person summit on tribal affairs in six years that he will bolster tribal consultations, inclusion of Indigenous knowledge in decision-making and funding for communities struggling with the impacts of climate change. Biden spoke on the opening day of the two-day White House Tribal Nations Summit to representatives from hundreds of Native American and Alaska Native tribes, reiterating and announcing a series of new commitments. The summit coincides with National Native American Heritage Month, which is celebrated in November. The Biden administration said its goal is to build on previous progress and create opportunities for lasting change in Indian Country, which isn't guaranteed without codified laws and regulations. "Administrations can bring in their priorities, but they shouldn't be telling us who have lived here since the beginning of time how to manage our resources, which resources we can even access," said Richard Peterson, President of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. "These are things that are inherent in our sovereignty." Among the pledges from the Biden administration is to establish uniform standards for federal agencies to consult with tribes and go beyond a "check the box" exercise, finalize a 10-year plan to revitalize Native languages and strengthen tribal rights like hunting and fishing that are outlined in existing treaties. Biden also said he intends to designate Avi Kwa Ame, a desert mountain near Laughlin, Nevada, that's considered sacred to Native Americans, as a new national monument. Last year, he restored the boundaries for Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. On climate change, Biden said \$135 million in federal money is going to 11 tribal communities in Alaska, Arizona, California, Louisiana, Maine, and Washington to help plan for and relocate to safe ground because of climate-related environmental threats. "There are tribal communities at risk of being washed away," he told summit participants. "It's devastating." A 2020 study from the Interior Department found that \$5 billion would be needed over the next 50 years to relocate tribal communities and Alaska Native villages at risk of severe infrastructure damage due to coastal erosion and extreme weather events. On health care, Biden reiterated a commitment to push for \$9.1 billion for the Indian Health Service, which provides health care for federally recognized tribes.

KKCO 11 News at 6P 2nd Story in B Block**Brittney Griner Release****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 8, 2022****Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez****Duration: 1:30**

WNBA star Brittney Griner is free today (Thursday) after the Biden Administration negotiated her release from a Russian Penal Colony in exchange for an arms dealer. President Joe Biden signed off on the trade, which took place in the United Arab Emirates, even though it meant leaving behind Paul Whelan, a former marine who remains jailed in Russia. This marks one of the most high-profile prisoner swaps between Moscow and Washington since the cold war, with the Kremlin seeing the return of Viktor Bout {boot}, who Russian President Vladimir Putin has been wanting to get back and who had served 11 years of a 25-year sentence in the United States. Griner's return to the United States will cap a months-long saga that began in February when she was detained.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 1st Story in A Block**Denver Migrants****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 22, 2022****Reporter: Bernie Lange****Duration: 2:10**

The Colorado National Guard is on hand today...handing out blankets and supplies at the Denver Coliseum. The Governor activated the troops to assist during this cold wave. That arctic blast isn't the only challenge Denver is facing.... more than 14-hundred migrants, who recently came to the city...hundreds of them living in shelters. Patrik Perez has the details. Mayor Michael B. Hancock/Denver: "We need help, cities are taking the brunt of the crisis, and we're all at a breaking point." Mayor Michael Hancock did not hold back his words Wednesday afternoon... as his city faces a life-threatening weather event ... and an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. Mayor Michael B. Hancock/Denver: "I implore congress and the administration to act and to act quickly. we need bold interim steps today, but we also need a long-term strategy and plan and policy around immigration." Since the beginning of the month ... more than 13-hundred migrants have arrived in Denver. About 660 of them are currently in shelters throughout the city. Hancock says the city could soon reach a point ... where it may no longer be able to help those coming in. Mayor Michael B. Hancock/Denver: "We will just simply have to be honest with ourselves about how much more we can do without compromising the viability and well-being of everyone in the city." As a city works to make sure any migrants who arrive these next few days have somewhere warm to go ... the National Guard and Red Cross were busy Wednesday...prepping the Denver Coliseum. It's serving as a 24-hour warming center until Saturday morning. Britta Fisher/Denver's Chief Housing Officer: "The Department of Housing Stability's Outreach Team and our partners have three dozen staff members working extended hours until 9:00 pm daily, putting all their efforts to getting people inside safe from this incoming storm so we can save lives." The coliseum's concourse houses 250 people on a first-come, first-served basis. They will receive hygiene kits when they step in ... and three meals a day. Once all spots are full ... staff will work to find space at other shelters. Mayor Michael B. Hancock/Denver: "I encourage everyone to stay inside to seek shelter and to limit time outdoors." The Denver coliseum opened Wednesday to anyone seeking shelter -- it will be open 24-7 over the next few days. Denver's Parks and Recreation Centers and Public Libraries will remain open during their normal operating hours for people to warm up.

VOLUNTEERISM/COMMUNITY AID/COMMUNITY EFFORTS**KKCO 11 News at 6A 1st Story in A Block****Firefighter****Including: Web Channel Feature****October 15, 2022****Reporter: Cristian Sida and Gabriel Gonzalez****Duration: 2:24**

It's fire prevention week... a time used by the Fire Department to educate the community on how to stay safe in case of a fire. Now, a homeowner is sharing her experience...to warn the public about why it's important to have a fire emergency plan. Cristian Sida explains.... gratitude is what Jaime Dunn is feeling.... for the swift response from the Grand Junction Fire Department.... after lightning struck her home. "And so, a lot of things could have gone differently that day. and fortunately, we were we were on the better end of it." On September 30th scattered

thunderstorms made their way into the Grand Valley. "That day was just really strange. everything was amplified. It was like it rained harder. It was like that deluge. You know, it was just a strange day and that the thunder was louder, the lightning was more intense. I guess it was just our day." Jaime says she and her husband were on high alert since they saw a lightning strike close to their home. but nothing prepared them for what came next. "It was just an unreal sound. I've never heard anything like it. I can't even explain it." Jaime says she knew the lightning hit their home. "And within minutes, I could smell kind of an electrical burning smell. and then just minutes after that, we started seeing smoke coming out of our under-cabinet lighting." She dialed 9-1-1 and... Jaimee says firefighters were at their door within minutes. "We did not have a plan. you know, we were kind of naive and thinking." "Lightning strike is an interesting phenomenon of house sometimes that you don't see very much." Chief Watkins says it's important to have a fire escape plan. "We want them to exercise their escape plan, be able to get nowhere to get out of the house have a meeting place that they would meet at, also make sure that your smoke detectors are operating." And that is Jaimie's piece of advice... to have a plan because she says no one is exempt from emergency situations. "I will say for us from that day. stay away from your windows, your electrical outlets, anything that can be a conductor of electricity. We were very fortunate we were standing in the middle of our home. but yeah, I've always respected lightning, and I don't want to say that I have a fear of it, but we look at it very, very differently."

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in A Block
Colorado Mesa University Homecoming
Including: Web Channel Feature
October 29, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:47

Colorado Mesa University's Homecoming is the time of the year when students, alumni, families, and the community come together to display their school spirit with a parade and football game. Music and floats filled the streets of Downtown Grand Junction to celebrate the unity of the alumni and students before the big game. Over 50 student floats took over Main Street that showcased sports teams, clubs, organizations, and much more. "We came out here to represent our proud veterans," said Nicholas Williams with the Student Veterans Association. Williams says the group represents over 400 veterans on campus. "We try to do a couple of socials every month. We just get together with all the veterans and do different projects." Another CMU student, Vicente Trevino, with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, says the group participated in the parade to encourage the young to pursue a STEM career. "We said, yeah, let's do it. Let's get our name out there," said Trevino. "Let's see some familiar faces, hopefully inspire some kids, give them some candy, give them a smile on their face and say, maybe I just want to be just like them."

KKCO 11 News at 4P 1st Story in A Block
Native American Heritage Month
Including: Web Channel Feature
November 13, 2022
Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez and Cristian Sida
Duration: 2:10

It's Native American Heritage Month, and this weekend, the Grand Valley held a colorful celebration, the Western Colorado Native American Market Days. Native American tribes came together in a celebration of unity and culture. "Where we bring people from different tribes to sell their products here, and it gives them a chance to get together and visit, compare notes and as well as bringing dancers here for entertainment, that brings different tribes together, to where they can compare and talk with each other and interact with one another," said Roland McCook. Traditionally, markets were meeting places where friendships formed, weddings happened, and music and dancing were exchanged. "And we're proponents of unity and friendship, reach across the aisle type thing, you know, and that's what this is about, is to bring about a celebration of freedom, togetherness, and unity," said McCook. The celebration provided an insight into the rich Native American culture displayed through dances, artifacts, and jewelry. "We come out here and share our art jewelry. These are all traditional styles, and they represent some peace and harmony and protection," said Tom Canyon. Canyon is from New Mexico. He and his wife made the 5-hour trip to Grand Junction to share their creations and to educate. This way, they can keep the culture alive. "I believe that it's good then to share our culture and to keep our culture going and for people to recognize who we are, where we come from and how far we're going to be going through and in the past this day and then into the future," said Canyon.

KKCO 11 News at 6P 2nd Story in A Block**Orchard Mesa Pool****Including: Web Channel Feature****November 15, 2022****Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez****Duration: 2:04**

We told you yesterday about Orchard Mesa Community Center Pool being closed because of a broken boiler... now outrage from community members who say this pool is essential for students, older folks, and veterans... I spoke with one resident who said more needs to be done by District 51. This is an important issue for all of us and we all need to be concerned and we all need to be involved. The fun dried up at Orchard Mesa Middle School on Monday, word got out that the pool was closed due to low water temperature. Now, a retired schoolteacher who knows first-hand how important this pool is to the community is speaking out. The largest impact I believe is on children because children learn to swim and as we know drowning is one of the largest ways children are lost and that impacts families and communities. She said her kids, and now grandkids use this pool weekly. She showed me pictures of her grandkids during those important family times and explained it's a great way to exercise during the winter months. Not only will her loved ones, but the elderly, veterans, and disabled children who would frequently visit the pool. I see a lot of people that are handicapped. Children, physically handicapped people. That gives them freedom from their wheelchairs and from their beds so they can move again. The whole community benefits from a swimming pool. Now, the parking lot is empty, and the slide is dry and an echo in the air leaving residents like Pam wanting answers. Children benefit not just from what goes on in the classroom but everything that goes on outside of it. Children need this pool, families need this pool, our community needs this pool, our elderly population needs this pool. No word yet on when or if the pool will reopen. District 51 who owns the pool is holding a meeting tonight with this being one of the items on the agenda. As always, we will update you when any new information becomes available.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 2nd Story in A Block**Parade of Lights****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 3, 2022****Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez and Cristian Sida****Duration: 1:25**

The 39th Annual Parade of Lights took place on Saturday, presented by Bank of Colorado, after its absence last year due to the pandemic. The parade ran from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There were a variety of floats. The last float featured Santa Claus.

KKCO 11 News at 10P 2nd Story in A Block**Masonic Craft Fair****Including: Web Channel Feature****December 10, 2022****Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez and Cristian Sida****Duration: 1:05**

Christmas is only a few weeks away, and the Grand Valley is beginning to see the holiday cheer. The Grand Junction Masonic Center opened its doors to the public for the First Annual Craft Fair. Twenty-nine vendors highlighted their products like jewelry, food, crafts, and more. The organizer says they decided to host the fair since, over the years, the masonry membership has been in decline. "Mainly because we're not as involved in the community as we have been in the past. So, this year, it was decided that we want to start regaining the community and more events, as we thought Christmas is coming up. Let's host a craft fair."

YOUTH/CHILDREN AT RISK- YOUTH VIOLENCE/SUPPORT

KKCO 11 News at 6A 2nd Story in A Block

Self Defense

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 3, 2022

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 1:38

Back here in Colorado, there are groups training families for situations involving children being attacked. 9News Reporter Luis De Leon introduces us to one of those groups. Krista Hanley, Program Director, Impact Personal Safety of Colorado. "This section of work is my photography." The intersection between art and safety. Krista Hanley knows, "I think you can't have one without the other." An understanding she gained after going through dark times. "I'm actually a survivor of the Columbine High School shooting. I was a junior at the time and so soon after I went to college; I lived with a lot of fear." She found direction through self-defense. She joined 'Impact Personal Safety of Colorado' - and is now a Program Director. They've been around since 2007. A few times a month, the organization holds self-defense classes for people and families. Instructors simulate attacks - in sessions at different locations around the Denver Metro area. They teach as young as 6 years old...and she says now - they're seeing more families showing up.) "I think after the pandemic, when everyone is maybe staying home together a little more often and they felt sort of safer at home now that people are starting to do things alone and they're going back to school and stuff, people are feeling like, 'Oh, we need more skills to keep ourselves safe.'" "We've had parents who have children who may be trans or who may be bullied in school, and they're coming, and they really want to give their kids some great tools." In the case of a 10-year-old fighting off an attempted abduction outside of a school in Thornton – Hanley says they did the right thing. "They knew that they had a voice and that they could scare someone away. So that's something we teach as well." Using empowerment - to defend. "My message is that everyone has the skills to defend themselves." In Lakewood, I'm Luis DeLeon for 9News.

KKCO 11 News at 10P 1st Story in A Block

Anti-Bullying Group Sues D51

Including: Web Channel Feature

October 11, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 1:41

A student attack at Orchard Mesa Middle School is what's behind a lawsuit leveled against District 51. A special needs student was beaten and is said to have suffered permanent injuries. The lawsuit is aimed at staff at the school. The ten's Kacie Sinton spoke with attorneys involved in the case. A Denver based anti-bullying group filed this lawsuit against District 51 earlier today. A quick note, some of this story may be disturbing to some viewers and feature themes of violence. It accuses Orchard Mesa Middle School staff of negligence after students assaulted a disabled student in 2020. (Back then... we showed you video of the attack) now we're told the victim never returned to school... suffers from PTSD ... Partial paralysis... disfigurement. Now two years later... anti-bullying advocates Igor Raykin and Tom Ahlborg claim District 51 does very little to protect disabled students. According to Raykin and Ahlborg, almost every step has been met with resistance from the school district. We reached out for comments, but it's unlikely the district has been served yet. This is just the second suit of its kind in Colorado. A new law, called the Claire Davis school safety act, means schools can be held responsible for some kids' injuries. That's one reason why Raykin and Ahlborg gave us an exclusive interview. The bottom line is Raykin and Ahlborg want financial reparations for the student, and to make sure what happened in 2020 doesn't happen again.

KKCO 11 News at 12P 1st Story in A Block

Baseball History

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 22, 2022

Reporter: Hannah Hickman

Duration: 1:36

Now to the college baseball player doing something no woman has ever done before. Will Ganaa has the story. When it comes to baseball Olivia Pichardo has been in the swing of things for a long time Olivia Pichardo: I started playing baseball when I was around five years old at Forest Hills Little League in Queens New York in her

hometown, Olivia played varsity high school baseball at as both a seventh and eighth grader. She eventually became Student Body President of that high school and graduated with a 5.2 GPA --- all while playing as on the USA Baseball Women's National Team and Club teams. As well, she enrolled in Brown University this past fall... and now she's making history there too. The freshman becoming the first female in history to be on an active NCAA Division Baseball Varsity roster. Olivia Pichardo: I think it's cool that we're having more and more female players at the collegiate level no matter what division it is it's just good to see that progression. I think that the drive for her to excel and be successful is something that she's got in her core. Now heading into the spring semester, Olivia officially joins the 2023 roster as one of 31 baseball players selected to represent Brown University on the Diamond. Olivia Pichardo: I think it's really paving the way for other girls in the next generation to also have these goals that they want to achieve and dream big.

KKCO 11 News at 5A 1st Story in B Block

RSV

Including: Web Channel Feature

November 25, 2022

Reporter: Gabriel Gonzalez

Duration: 2:28

Now, Gabriel Gonzalez is working for you to find out which groups are affected and how you can stay safe... Gabe? That's right, Adam, RSV is a common respiratory virus like a common cold. What's not common is how early doctors see the virus and how many people are getting sick. RSV is a respiratory virus that causes cold symptoms its generally mild for most but can be very severe for those that are very young or those that are very old. A virus came early this year, respiratory syncytial virus is spreading across the country quicker this year causing doctors to raise alarms. It's two, three times the volume we're seeing, just in my patient panel alone. I'm admitting one to two kids or more per week, which is not typical. Here on the Western Slope, Mesa County Public Health is putting out a warning for the upcoming winter months. Here on the Western Slope, Mesa County Public Health is putting out a warning for the upcoming winter months. We do see respiratory viruses spearing more easily in colder months and most likely that becomes the changes in our behaviors...We are inside more often closer together and that's really part of the reason we see spreading of cold and flu and RSV during that time of year. According to the CDC 14,000 deaths among adults happen each year. Rachel says one important aspect is transmission, especially now that children are back in school. So, you're bringing together all these kids that have been doing different things during the summer and they all come in to one place and that can cause transmission of illness in those groups and since there is no vaccine, your best bet is to treat it like a normal cold. Stay at home and stay away from other people to prevent that spread. She goes on to mention safe practices like washing your hands, covering your mouth when you sneeze, and general hygiene are some of the best ways to stay safe. Adam? Thanks, Gabe, now what are some of the symptoms that people can look out for? Runny nose, coughing and wheezing, sneezing, and fever are the most common symptoms, but they can vary between cases. Alright, thanks Gabe for that report.

KKCO 11 News at 5P 1st Story in A Block

40th Annual Toy Run

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 3, 2022

Reporter: Cristian Sida

Duration: 1:22

Bikers picked up toys from Rim Rock Elementary today for the 40th Annual Harley Davidson toy run. Students, parents, and teachers all pitched in to fill Rim Rock's toy bin. Motorcyclists partnered with the Salvation Army to distribute the toys to underprivileged children in the valley. Folks at Rim Rock said that there will be several dozen families receiving gifts from this collection alone. "We want everybody, as many kids as possible, to have Christmas and be able to feel that joy. It would be very disappointing to wake up Christmas morning and not have something under the tree," says Deb Watters of the Western Slope Harley Owners' Group. They are collecting the toys and stuffed animals for the actual ride which takes place Saturday morning, beginning at the Harley Davidson dealership.

KKCO 11 News AT 10P 1ST Story in B Block

Journey Through Music

Including: Web Channel Feature

December 18, 2022

Reporter: Adam Woodbrey

Duration: 3:10

A Colorado Mesa University student is sharing her journey through music; a path that many thought would be unlikely. Izzy Burns grew up in Moscow, Idaho. As a newborn, she aspirated from pneumonia and ended up getting a tracheostomy. Throughout her childhood, she had multiple surgeries to clear out the scar tissue in her throat to give her the best chance of breathing freely. "They didn't really think I'd be into singing or volleyball because they didn't really think I'd be able to do both," says Burns. "But I worked really hard with my big support system to be able to do the things I wanted to do." Now in her sophomore year, Burns came to Grand Junction to study music business and play volleyball. She even got a volleyball scholarship. Burns said her family has always been her biggest support system. Her parents encouraged her all along the way, and eventually connected her with a voice coach. "I met her, and she thought it was going to be more of like vocal therapy, because my voice was really raspy. It still is, but it was worse then," said Burns. "And so, once we started working together, I kind of just took off and fell in love with getting better at singing and music." And that desire to sing got her performing in front of live audiences when she was just 11 years old. "I had really bad stage fright as most people do when they start and I think my mom encouraged me to start going to some open mics where I could connect with other people doing the same thing," said Burns. "And I think creating that community really helped me feel more comfortable when I perform." But for Burns, just learning to sing wasn't enough. She wanted to write her own music. While in middle school, she began writing her own original songs. It got to the point she had a catalogue of songs in her repertoire but hadn't done anything with them. "I feel like songwriting is like my type of diary, like someone has their different form of expression. It's how I get my thoughts out and how I understand them," said Burns. "I love music, and it's my favorite thing to do." Burns said she got to where she's at thanks to a great support system and meeting the right people at the right time. One of those chance meetings happened while she was still in high school. "I was on a plane to a volleyball tournament actually, and I sat by a producer when I was a sophomore in high school," said Burns. "We had this conversation, and he was like, you should try recording some of these originals." Burns said with her producer's help, she was able to refine her songs and by the end of that summer, they recorded an entire album of original songs. Her music is online at various streaming platforms. Though her journey through music hasn't been an easy one, she said it's her hard work and determination that got her there. "I would hope that people who maybe feel like they have some disadvantages or hurdles ahead of them, that if they keep working hard, good things will happen," said Burns.

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Angel Tree	2
Arnie	1
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ATM Final Expense	9
ATM Herbal Max	2
ATM Low-Cost Air	9
ATM Medguard Alert	5
ATM My Health	1
ATM Sell My Home	3
ATM Smart Fares	5
ATM Taxman	5
ATM US Med CGM	5
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Partners Bike Club	1
Partners Red Shoes	17
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Pass It On Three Pointer	2
Pests Without Borders	20
Pharmacy: Buying Safely	18
Premier League	3
Press Freedom 22	2
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Rec Boating and Fishing	16
Red Cross The Great Escape	9
Rivers Edge West One 2019	1
Rivers Edge West RICA 22	9
Rivers Edge West Two 2019	2
Saving For Retirement	15
SE Guide Dogs Never Alone	9
SE Guide Dogs Puppies	11
See What You'd Miss	9
Selective Service	6
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USDAVA Innovation	1
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WC Conservation Corps	4
Veterans Crisis Prevention	8
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