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### KNXV-TV's most significant issue-responsive programming during the first quarter 2024 include:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Length</u>
Health	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:38

New numbers from drive research show nearly 40 percent of New Year's resolutions are related to fitness here in Arizona, some of you are getting a jump start New Year's Day getting a guided tour from park rangers at our state parks, teaching hikers about our ecosystem, history and more.

Health	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:11
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A warning now from the CDC, respiratory illnesses are on the rise. Arizona is one of 31 states experiencing high levels of infection.



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Health                      1/9/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :50

A Valley optometrist is uplifting Arizona and a group of women focusing on a brighter future. Doctor Torrence Watkins with Laveen Lasik and Total Eyecare conducted free eye exams for more than forty women at the Phoenix Rescue Mission's "Changing Lives Center." the non-profit provides shelter and programs for those recovering from addiction experiencing homelessness or escaping domestic violence. Along with the eye exams each woman was also given a free pair of prescription glasses.

Health                      1/9/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :17

Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema is now backing a Senate resolution supporting the FDA approval of mifepristone. It's a widely used abortion and miscarriage drug. The resolution follows news last month that the Supreme Court will review a lower court ruling that would limit access to the drug.

Health                      1/19/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :19

If you or your loved ones are dealing with a stuffy nose or sore throat right now, you aren't alone. Flu and RSV cases in our state remain above the 5-season average, despite activity continuing to drop as of last week. According to the Arizona Department of Health Services, cases remain stable and below the 3-season average.

Health                      2/1/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :19

New steps to lower the cost of prescription medicine. Medicare now telling drug manufacturers, what the cost of ten commonly used drugs should be. It's part of a negotiating authority signed into law in 2022.



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Health                      2/6/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :14

Valley officials working to spread awareness about the fentanyl crisis. Tonight at 6 - the Maricopa County Attorney's office is hosting a community forum entirely in Spanish at the Salvation Army KROC center near 16th street and Broadway Road.

Health                      2/6/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :24

A health alert for Arizona, after nearly 2-thousand flu cases were reported in January. Arizona is also adding more than 900 cases of RSV. The numbers are falling but still remain above the 5-season average this time of year.

Health                      2/16/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :28

Now to the latest on the nursing shortage Here in Arizona. One school is working to keep up with demand. Pima Community College announcing a partnership with "Arizona Complete Health". It will provide 500 thousand dollars for a scholarship fund and 100 thousand for program development all of this to help to fill a huge gap for nursing hires. There are expected be about 28 thousand fewer registered nurses in Arizona next year.

Health                      3/5/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :44

It's a worry for so many and now hundreds of thousands of Arizonans will soon be getting some relief when it comes to their medical debt. It's all thanks to a new partnership outlined by Governor Katie Hobbs. She plans to erase medical debt for up to a million people in our state using thirty million dollars in federal covid relief money to buy back unpaid medical debt at a reduced rate. To qualify, people have to be under 400-percent of the poverty level. The debt payouts will take place over the next two years.



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Health                      3/5/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :43

Addressing your concerns about the fentanyl crisis in Arizona. Maricopa County leaders hosting a fentanyl forum -- for parents and kids. The goal: to educate families about the dangers of the drug. Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell says more drug dealers are now selling fentanyl on social media. Fentanyl deaths in Maricopa County have skyrocketed by five thousand percent in the last decade. For context here more than three people die every day on average here in Maricopa County because of fentanyl.

Health                      3/7/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      1:05

Phoenix is now putting more full-time ambulances on the street in an effort to improve response times. The Phoenix City Council approved the plan converting ten part-time ambulances to six full-time. The city will add fifty fire department jobs to staff the vehicles with the department saying it can make the changes without a budget increase. The Phoenix Fire Department says they are still working out the details on where those new full-time emergency vehicles will be based. The city needed more emergency service vehicles after transporting nearly sixteen percent more people to the hospital last year. That came on the heels of a new state law that prevents paramedics and EMTs from dissuading people from taking an ambulance to the hospital.

Health                      3/12/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :40

If you've noticed your allergies kicking up recently, you're not alone. It's going around thanks to spring blooms in the mountains. Symptoms include itchy eyes, sneezing, coughing and congestion our health insider has this recommendation to fight them: you can also change the filters in your house and close your windows especially with the wind picking up starting tomorrow.



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Transportation	1/16/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:50
<p>New details about that a deadly hot air balloon crash in Eloy. The NTSB says their investigation should be complete in a few weeks, but it does appear there was an issue with the vertical side of the balloon. Releasing the names of all four people killed including the pilot. We talked with a professional balloonist who says he met the pilot for a stunt years ago.</p>			
Transportation	1/16/2024	ABC15 News at 10pm	:39
<p>A major transportation project is set to open two years ahead of schedule. The light rail's north-west extension will start taking riders January 27th. The 400-million-dollar project is adding three more stops: going from 19th avenue and Dunlap over I-17 and up to the former Metro-Center Mall site. It also includes a brand-new transit center connecting the rail with buses across the West Valley.</p>			
Transportation	1/18/2024	ABC15 News at 10pm	1:00
<p>In tonight's Operation Safe Roads report pothole problems on Arizona freeways. ABC15 is taking your concerns to ADOT. Officials say they're aware of the trouble drivers are experiencing. Adding: it's common this time of year. ADOT says they work as quickly as possible to make short-term repairs while waiting for warmer weather to complete long-term solutions. ADOT encourages drivers to slow down on highways with potholes.</p>			
Transportation	1/23/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:26
<p>Heads up Buckeye-area drivers, today ADOT wants to update you on plans to improve the I-10 interchange at Jackrabbit Trail. A virtual meeting is happening tonight at 6. If you want to go, be sure to sign-up on ADOT's website.</p>			



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Transportation                      2/16/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :32

Now to an all-new Operations Safe Road report and the new effort by Mesa police to keep drivers safe by writing less tickets for broken taillights! The Department is partnering with "Lights On" for the initiative. The vouchers can be taken to designated auto repair shops for a free bulb replacement.

Transportation                      2/29/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :20

The State Department also is warning potential travelers heading to Mexico they're exercising caution, highlighting the dangers of crime, drugs, sexual assault, and drug trafficking. Popular destinations such as Cancun and Tulum are specifically mentioned as areas of concern.

Transportation                      2/29/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :25

In tonight's Operation Safe Roads: if you feel like the drivers are extra dangerous here in Arizona, you're not making it up! A new report out from Forbes shows Arizona has some of the worst drivers in the nation. Albuquerque, New Mexico took the top spot but not that much farther down at fourth place was Tucson. Phoenix was a bit farther down the list in eighth place.

Transportation                      3/7/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :19

During a two-day crackdown 15 people were arrested and 14 vehicles were towed. This is all part of Tempe's Operation Slow Down efforts. Police have arrested more than a dozen people for street racing last weekend. This video shows a driver doing burnouts in a crowded parking lot and crashing right by pedestrians!

Transportation                      3/7/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      1:47

Now with the latest from Southwest Airlines. The company recently debuted a new look for their cabins and seats and it's getting attention online.



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Transportation                      3/14/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :40

ABC15 launched operation safe roads to find solutions for problems on our streets. Now police say speed is becoming a theme in crashes prompting agencies in the West Valley to team up to launch the "safe speeds save lives campaign". The campaign combines resources to target roads seeing the most issues police say the increase in traffic problems is connected to an increase in population officials say this is a zero-tolerance campaign and police are asking drivers to not just slow down but also put down your phone.

Transportation                      3/19/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :25

In an all-new Operation Safe Roads concerns over self-driving cars are growing. According to a new study by AAA 66- percent of people are afraid of the technology that's up 11- percent compared with 2022 results. Nine percent of people surveyed say: they trust a car driving itself. The study was done as Waymo announces it will expand its service outside of the Valley to Austin and Los Angeles.

Transportation                      3/21/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      3:47

Now to an all-new Operation Safe Roads report. Today we're looking into crash test dummies. They've been used for decades but they're not designed to accurately reflect the female body. One study finds women are 73-percent more likely to be seriously hurt in a crash than men.



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Employment/Economy	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:31
<p>A new plan from the city of Phoenix to address homelessness in the new year. The office of homeless solutions says it will be adding nearly eight-hundred new permanent shelter beds. They're also focusing their resources on prevention strategies and housing strategies in 2024. Meantime, hundreds of volunteers are needed for the annual homeless count in Maricopa County later this month. Volunteers will scan different parts of the county in an effort to count the number of people on the streets.</p>			
Employment/Economy	1/4/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:32
<p>Members from Arizona's Affordable Housing Coalition unveiling new legislation to help with the state's housing crisis. It includes changes to tenant's rights and affordable housing projects. This comes as mortgage rates are pricing people out of the housing market just take a look at this graph. They started at three point four percent at the start of 2022 and doubled to six point nine percent by the end of 2023. But experts say there is a little-known way to secure a much lower rate.</p>			
Employment/Economy	1/9/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:32
<p>Turning now to the housing crisis in the Valley, we're learning that there were more than 80-thousand Valley eviction filings in 2023, approaching record territory. It is the second highest number of filings since 2000 and one of only five years with eviction filings over 80 thousand. Something to consider, one of the responses to covid-19 was to put a stop to most evictions nationwide as a consequence Valley eviction filings plummeted from 68 thousand in 2019 to 36 thousand in 2020.</p>			





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Employment/Economy      1/9/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :46

Around 30 congregations of all different faith are coming together to fight for affordable housing in Chandler. Developers want to build a 250-unit affordable housing complex for seniors and veterans - the number of units significantly smaller after neighborhood pushback. Chandler resident Susan Davis is a member of the Valley Interfaith Project, and she says she's been having to pick between paying rent or buying groceries. We spoke to some residents living nearby the proposed affordable housing project they say they're concerned about what more housing will do to traffic in the area and their home values.

Employment/Economy      1/11/2024      ABC15 News at 10pm      :50

Covering Tempe tonight and the effort to tackle homelessness in the city. New data from their 'Hope Team' a homeless outreach group showing a decline in homelessness in the last year. Tonight, the city council discussing solutions with their annual 5 million dollars. Based on a community survey Mayor Corey Woods says homelessness is their top priority. The city of Tempe recently acquiring the Roadway Inn as a bridge shelter that will accommodate 80 people experiencing homelessness. The city is now looking to add another motel that will have 140 beds.

Employment/Economy      1/11/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      1:08

Phoenix Rescue Mission is calling on your help caring for people experiencing homelessness during these frigid winter nights. Every winter the mission puts together these hope totes and their staff members hand them out to people on the streets. They have supplies in them to help people get through a cold winter's night like hand warmers, socks, gloves, and ChapStick. You can actually even put together hope totes of your own by adding these items to a gallon sized bag. A rescue mission case manager says - these items really do make a difference; they make people feel like someone cares - like they're not alone.



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Employment/Economy      1/16/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :22

Now to an update on the proposed 25-billion-dollar Albertsons Kroger merger. Washington's Attorney General now blocking the merger saying the move would eliminate a rivalry which helps keep food prices in check. Kroger is the parent company of Fry's Food Stores. Albertsons also operates Safeway stores. Officials with the FTC are still reviewing the possible deal.

Employment/Economy      1/23/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :13

Calling for volunteers, St. Mary's Food Bank facing a significant drop in those helping after the holidays. If you would like to give back and help keep up with the daily demand for those in need several shifts are available online.

Employment/Economy      1/23/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :15

Hundreds of volunteers are hitting the streets helping get a snapshot of what homelessness looks like in the Valley. Cities across Maricopa County are taking part in the "point in time count" every year trying to get a look at how many people are living without a home.

Employment/Economy      1/25/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :50

Phoenix Fire will host a meeting tonight as they face a staffing shortage in their Community Assistance Program. You can learn about opportunities tonight. The Community Assistance Program was expanded in 2021 to take a load off police and firefighters but more than 2 years later the program is still under 60 percent of its ideal staffing numbers. Out of 130 positions available, only 74 are filled. The teams provide resources to victims of house fires involving people with substance abuse or mental health concerns.

Employment/Economy      1/30/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :22

UPS announcing today it will cut 12-thousand jobs in an effort to save one-billion-dollars in costs. Managers and contractor positions making up most of the layoffs. The job cuts coming as the UPS issues a disappointing sales outlook for the year saying it expects global revenue to be between 92 and 94-point-5 billion. However, they were a billion dollars short of that in 2023.



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Employment/Economy      1/30/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :35

Officially approved! Iconic country gas station "Bucee's" is now one step closer to opening its first location in Arizona! The city of Goodyear approving the re-zoning plan on a proposed location right near the I-10 and Bullard.

Employment/Economy      2/8/2024      ABC15 News at 10pm      :20

The city of Phoenix has lost its place as a first tier "best performing city." Phoenix fell 10 spots from 8th to 18th on the Milken Institute ranking dropping the city to a "tier two." the institute ranks cities based on 13 categories including job growth and housing affordability. Phoenix saw dips in nearly every category.

Employment/Economy      2/20/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :25

In two days, State Regulators are expected to vote on a rate hike for Arizona Public Service customers. This comes as temperatures get ready to warm up after a summer of record-breaking heat that caused record energy usage from APS customers.

Employment/Economy      2/29/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :50

Priced out of renting, now the Arizona Attorney General taking action suing multiple local landlords. They're accused of raising rent for thousands of families illegally by sharing pricing information and eliminating competition. Kris Mayes says: the problems may have started as far back as 2016. She accuses a software company of working with at least 9 property managers to increase rents.

Employment/Economy      3/12/2024      ABC15 News at 11am      :34

Finding solutions to Arizona's housing crisis. Leaders are in the Arizona house and senate holding a news conference where they will reportedly urge Governor Katie Hobbs to sign the "Arizona Starter Homes Act" into law. The goal is to create more inventory and allow homes to be built on smaller lots. This comes as a new report shows Arizona is now among the top ten most expensive places to live. Governor Hobbs hasn't said if she'll sign the starter homes act adding the bill is opposed by many cities concerned with changes to certain controls they have when it comes to new development.



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Education	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:13
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A new trend in travel impacting kids' education. Many families are taking their kids out of school to go on vacation. ABC's Stephanie Ramos has the benefits of off-season trips and what educators are saying about it.

Education	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:28
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In the state of education, the Phoenix Union High School District will vote next week on their "student bill of rights". This comes after school resource officers were added back to campus after the district initially got rid of them in 2020. One of the stipulations of bringing them back included a student bill of rights. It will focus on the 9 key areas listed on your screen including: student choice, protection of privacy, fairness, safety and support. They will vote on it next Thursday.

Education	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 10pm	:53
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The second half of the school year off to a snowy start in Flagstaff. That's something students there are used to riding the city bus to school is not. That's the new reality for about 600 middle and high school students. The district had to make changes after the department of public safety received a report of overcrowding on buses which is a trickledown effect from the bus driver shortage. Student must now be driven to school or take the "mountain line" city bus something not every parent is comfortable with. A district committee is meeting every month to figure out new transportation alternatives for the new school year.



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Education                      1/9/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :26

College isn't everyone's thing and Tempe Diablos Charities is giving a boost for those who want to attend a trade school with a new scholarship. This is for students not interested in attending a four-year university or community college. A 2023 survey found: 45- percent of US companies plan to eliminate bachelor's degree requirements 2024 and 55-percent already eliminated the requirements. Applications for the 2 thousand dollar scholarship close on January 14.

Education                      1/9/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      1:51

In the state of education, more than a thousand Paradise Valley students are closer to finding out if their schools will close later this year. ABC15's Eleneo Dao speaks with parents about their uncertain future and what's next in this process.

Education                      1/11/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :21

Student safety front and center today at Phoenix Union High School District. The Board will vote on their "student bill of rights". This comes after school resource officers were added back to campus. The district initially got rid of them in 2020. One of the stipulations of bringing them back included creating a student bill of rights.

Education                      1/11/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      4:40

As Arizona's dual language debate heads to the courtroom. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne is suing the Creighton School District in Phoenix claiming one of the ways they're teaching English to students is breaking Arizona law.

Education                      1/16/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      2:24

Governor Hobbs announcing her plan on Tuesday to extend Prop 123 for another 10 years beyond its 2025 expiration and expand funding without raising taxes on Arizonans. Part of that funding would go toward increasing pay for teachers and support staff something many agree is needed. Prop 123 is funded by the state land trust.



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Education                      1/16/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      2:24

Now to our state of education. A new year and new ways to save money if you're paying off student loans. Millions of borrowers can now expect big changes in 2024.

Education                      1/18/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :20

The city of Phoenix officially opened their brand-new community center near 16th St. and McKinley. "The Hive" will offer free access to computers, 3-D printers and more to help bridge the digital divide for people struggling to gain access.

Education                      1/23/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :20

Happening today in the state of education. The Paradise Valley Unified School District will hold a public hearing to talk about potentially closing four schools and boundary changes for several others. Tonight's meeting will start at six at Paradise Valley High School. The final vote is scheduled February 8th. If approved, the changes would start this fall.

Education                      1/23/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :59

Arizona's largest public school district just hit a milestone. Tuesday marked the 100th day of school for Mesa Public Schools. Students celebrating their accomplishments as they look toward the future. The superintendent tells us a majority of their schools have either 'a' or 'b' ratings. They're planning to introduce a 'graduation plus' model hoping to provide more experience--- academically and workwise for students to have more than just a diploma when they leave.



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Education

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ABC15 News at 10pm

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In the state of education an East Valley school district made it a mission to improve math scores with a newer learning model and they're seeing it all add up. The Chandler Unified School District started what's called 'enhanced math practices' where they use the five e's engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate. With the implementation of enhanced math practices district-wide they're seeing about a five to seven percent increase in math test scores.

Education

2/1/2024

ABC15 News at 11am

1:03

In the state of education supporters say it's providing an important voice in the classroom, but opponents argue some of the lessons aren't accurate and could be mis-leading. Arizona welcoming a conservative non-profit program into classroom curriculums. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne says schools can decide if they want to use videos and other resources from Prager-U in their classes. Prager-U is not a university but an organization that says it is dedicated to combating left-leaning ideas with conservative ones. But today a number of teacher groups are expressing concern.

Education

2/6/2024

ABC15 News at 11am

:30

Are you an artist of color looking to expand your horizons? Maybe bring in extra income? Or hone your skills? The Phoenix Center for the Arts need you! They're hosting their annual Bi-Poc Arts Experience. Bi-Poc stands for black indigenous and people of color. It's a ten-week course that organizers say will also lead to paid teaching opportunities right here in our community.



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Education                      2/6/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :47

New developments on a story we've reported on extensively. The Phoenix Union High School District has overhauled its student travel and field trip protocols following the death of 15-year-old Christopher Hampton. Hampton, a Cesar Chavez high football player drowned in Show Lake over the summer during training camp. Last week, the board approved to change its policy to change the student to adult ratio and what activities are prohibited including swimming.

Education                      2/8/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      2:00

The Paradise Valley Unified District says the Attorney General looks into that the school board still voted four to one to close down three of its schools: Vista Verde Middle, Sunset Canyon and Desert Springs Preparatory Elementary Schools. The district says these decisions were made because of declining enrollment and it's anticipated it'll continue. From the aging population in paradise valley to a lack of affordable housing as well as Arizona's universal school choice with ESAs. The district says closing the schools will save them 600 thousand dollars per building, but some parents say their students are worth more than that.

Education                      2/13/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :55

Turning now to the state of education starting tomorrow a Valley school district committee will meet and look at possibly bringing back sex education and human growth and development lessons. The Scottsdale Unified School Board voted unanimously to start a committee that will look into the new curriculum. The district stopped teaching sex ed about four years ago because of outdated curriculum and changes in laws. Arizona does not require schools to teach sex ed, but it is allowed. Parents have to opt in, and it cannot be taught before fifth grade.





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Education                      2/15/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :50

In the state of education tonight there are very few black male educators in Arizona and across the country, but one organization is working to change that. According to the Arizona Department of Education: only a quarter of teachers this school year are men. The number of black teachers is even fewer at nearly four percent. The 'Leading Men Fellowship' a program under 'the literacy lab' is working to get more black male teachers into classrooms. They help train male educators while also helping students. Research shows: an increase in diversity in the classroom also helps kids. The Institute of Education Sciences says: black students perform better when they have diverse teachers.

Education                      2/22/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :25

It's official! ASU is getting a medical school in downtown Phoenix. The Arizona Board of Regents approved the creation of the school today. It will open its doors to future doctors in the fall of 2026. NAU is also opening a medical school and the University of Arizona plans to double the size of its medical school graduates. The moves are all in an effort to combat Arizona's health care worker shortage.

Education                      3/5/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :52

In the state of education: Arizona's teacher shortage crisis continues as districts start hiring for next year. And now lawmakers are looking at options to help keep teachers. As of the most recent report in September there are more than 22-hundred vacant teaching positions in our state. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle are pushing to have the State Board of Education do a study on teacher retention. Educators and schools continue to say it's a funding issue some districts are offering hiring incentives to help recruit and retain teachers, others are moving to four-day weeks as another incentive.



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Education                      3/12/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :30

Arizona school's chief is sounding the alarm on the on-going teacher shortage. Superintendent Tom Horne delivered his state of education address encouraging lawmakers to pass bills to allow teachers to get raises. Arizona's largest teachers' union will be holding a press conference tomorrow afternoon in response to the state of the education address.

Education                      3/21/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :30

So, with all this cutting-edge technology advancing Arizona how can you get started in the chip industry? We took your questions to an expert at ASU to find out! ASU is offering courses on the technology. The Maricopa Community College District is also offering a 10-day semiconductor boot camp that could help you get hired at some of the local chip factories.



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Environment	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 10pm	:52

In the heart of ASU's Polytechnic Campus, a garden has taken root blossoming into a hub for both sustainability education and providing free produce for students. Since 2019 student volunteers have planted, pruned and harvested fresh fruits and vegetables at garden commons. The garden has become a living classroom where students learn hands-on about eco-friendly cultivation methods composting and the importance of locally sourced produce. Once a week the garden is harvested for a pop-up farm stand. The bounty given away to students across the campus for free.

Environment	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:22
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The Bureau of Land Management is planning to relocate about a thousand wild burros in our state. The animals will be moved from the Kingman area and to either Florence, Arizona or Ridgecrest, California. This process is meant to help manage over-population in the area. Crews will use helicopters to move the animals.

Environment	1/2/2024	ABC15 News at 11am	:56
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Addressing concerns over water pressure it's a story we've been covering for months. Neighbors in Litchfield Park and parts of Goodyear are demanding better performance from their local utility company after a summer full of issues. Liberty Utilities is back on the Arizona Corporation Commission's January ninth agenda. The company requesting to expand their service area. Liberty filing the request before major water pressure issues this summer. The Litchfield Park mayor asking the ACC to reject the request saying "issues of public health and safety should be addressed and corrected" first.



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Environment                      1/2/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :42

A Phoenix man and his dog are thankful to be alive after being stranded for 4 days in the California wilderness. 65-year-old Brent Lendriet telling us he was on a camping trip with his girlfriend in the Los Padres National Forest on December 23rd when he decided to venture out alone to look for gold. It had been raining the days prior making the drive difficult. Eventually, Brent drove around a gate the forest service had closed for public safety and his truck got stuck. Brent's warning to others no matter your skill level or what you're driving nature can still get the best of you.

Environment                      1/9/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      1:01

An update tonight on a story we've reported on \*extensively for months. A Valley water provider plagued with issues and investigations now wants to take on even more customers. Liberty utilities pleading their case in front of the Arizona Corporation Commission to expand their service area into the rapidly growing West Valley. But some commissioners want to see more especially after the company failed to adequately supply water over the summer to residents in Litchfield Park.

Environment                      1/23/2024                      ABC15 News at 10pm                      :45

To bring a recycling center back to the Northeast Valley is complete. And this one is high-tech. The Salt River facility operated by Republic Services was lost to a fire in 2019. This newly built center will use artificial intelligence called "samurai" that will sift and sort through recycled items making this facility the first of its kind in the Valley.

Environment                      2/1/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :54

We are just four days away from the greatest show on grass. Thousands of people are on the way to the Valley for the Waste Management Phoenix Open! There will be plenty of fun this year including lots of new attractions! The W-M Phoenix Open is also being described as the largest zero emissions sporting event in the world!



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Environment                      2/8/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :21

The Rockin River Ranch State Park in Camp Verde, Arizona's newest state park has opened its gates. It features six hiking trails, picnic areas, and fishing access along the Verde River. The park will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from nine to five Admission will cost seven dollars per vehicle but entry is free today to celebrate the grand opening.

Environment                      2/8/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :48

Running dry, a unique solution to an age-old problem finding water in the desert. The Phoenix City Council voted to approve up to 300 million dollars in order to renovate and bring back online its Cave Creek Water Reclamation Plant. But this time with a twist. The goal now is to turn that wastewater into drinking water. The plant will first need a permit from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, but the aim is to have the plant up and running by 2026 and to start purifying the wastewater for drinking in the following year or two.

Environment                      2/22/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :40

And looking for ways to sustain our water supply in Arizona. The water treatment facility in Scottsdale features three different systems but one is the only of its kind in our state. It takes potable water a-k-a toilet water and purifies it to the standards of drinking water. Although current state rules don't yet allow this to be used for drinking it is used for golf courses and parks and more. The facility can process up to 20 million gallons of water per day.

Environment                      2/27/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :39

Running dry, a bill introduced in the state capitol could set up a framework to regulate most of our state's groundwater supply. SB1221 would establish "basin management areas" or b-m-as giving voters in rural Arizona the power to decide how they'd want their water to be managed.



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Environment                      3/7/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :42

A battle brewing over the Colorado river the lifeblood of the west. Two dueling plans have now been submitted over how to split up the water in the future. The first was drafted by the "upper basin states" of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. The second released by Arizona, California and Nevada. These two plans are split on where future water cuts should come from. The four-state plan puts mandatory cuts on the three lower basin states if Lake Mead falls below a certain level. While the 4 upper states would see voluntary reductions. The lower basin plan sent in by Arizona proposes monitoring seven different reservoirs to determine what and who should see cuts. Officials have two-years to come up with a solution

Environment                      3/7/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :30

To combat our extreme summer heat Arizona's new Chief Heat Officer, Doctor Eugene Livar, was introduced on Wednesday. Governor Katie Hobbs created the first of its kind position to help implement her new heat plan. It coordinates cooling centers adds six new shipping container shelters and calls for more federal funding. The state also hired a cooling center coordinator.

Environment                      3/12/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :30

Trying to prevent our state from running dry. New rules for any business using more water in Phoenix. The city approving more regulations for businesses expected to use more than a quarter million gallons of water a day. They now have to get a water conservation plan approved by the city before setting up shop. If you're a business that's using twice that amount or more, you also have to promise to recycle thirty percent of your water. This ordinance only applies to new projects not existing companies.

Environment                      3/14/2024                      ABC15 News at 11am                      :28

645 - that's the number of lives lost in our community from the heat last year across Maricopa County. That's up 52 percent from 2022 and nearly 750 percent from the decade before. The county's chief medical director says economic changes the housing crisis and hotter weather are all factors in the rise. The county has plans this summer to help this growing issue by increasing cooling shelter hours and creating a hotline for people to get connected to resources.



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