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# KNXV-TV's most significant issue-responsive programming during the fourth quarter 2023 include:

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Health	10/9/2023	ABC15 News at 11am	:16

Research shows teens recently released from inpatient psychiatric care are at a higher risk of suicide. These teens need more support while transitioning back into their daily lives, that's why a new program was created to support those at-risk.



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Health 10/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :50

Medical bills are one of the biggest forms of debt Americans owe. Experts estimate that 100 million people are carrying some medical debt with them that's 40-percent of the US population. And as of 2021, there's 88 billion dollars in medical debt on consumer credit records. Now, the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau is coming up with rules to no longer have medical debt count against credit scores. Under a current proposal, medical bills would be removed from credit reports. That would mean creditors would have to stop relying on them for underwriting decisions and coercive billing practices.

Health 10/18/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :15

Healthcare and prescription costs just keep rising and some days it may feel like you can't afford your own healthcare but there are a still a few ways you can save at the pharmacy.

Health 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :20

CVS Pharmacy is pulling some of the most popular cold meds from store shelves after FDA advisers said a common ingredient in the medicines doesn't actually work! CVS will no longer sell products that only contain phenylephrine as an active ingredient that means medicines like Dayquil and Thera-flu will no longer be on CVS shelves.

Health 10/24/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :26

Mohave County health officials are working with the state to investigate a suspected case of a brain-eating amoeba. They tell us specimens were sent to the CDC for testing today. They are also looking into possible exposures and where the suspected case might have originated. we're told the last confirmed case in Arizona was last year in September a Nevada resident died after being exposed in a Kingman wash.



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Health 10/27/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :12

The city of Tempe is raising the age for buying tobacco to 21. Under the new ordinance Tempe will establish a city-wide tobacco license registry and stores could be fined if they break this rule.

Health 11/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :25

In your health report -- some soda companies may soon have to change their formulas. The FDA is considering a ban on a common additive "brominated vegetable oil" it's used to prevent flavoring from separating and floating at the top of your drink. Studies show the chemical can damage your thyroid, liver, heart, and brain. Coca-Cola and Pepsi have already stopped using the ingredient, but it can still be found in some store brands.

Health 11/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :20

A new study shows fewer high school students are now vaping. The FDA's national youth tobacco survey found e-cigarette use dropped 10 percent among high schoolers in the past year. In recent years, the agency has cracked down on vaping products that target young people.

Health 11/7/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :22

Walmart is bringing back its sensory-friendly shopping hours to make shopping in stores more inclusive for those with sensory disabilities. Starting Friday stores will have sensory-friendly hours every day from 8 am to 10 am during that time, every Walmart store will lower the store lights, turn off the radio, and set in-store tv walls to a static image.



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Health 11/16/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :12

Now to a health alert not for us but for our pets. A new mystery illness is affecting dogs with cases being reported nationwide. ABC's Eva Pilgrim has more about it and what veterinarians are recommending.

Health 11/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :45

With the holiday season within arm's reach daily schedules can fill up with shopping, cooking and friends and family time. For some all of this can be overwhelming. According to a study by the National Alliance on Mental Illness about 68-percent of people with mental illness report holidays make their conditions worse. Experts say although everyone's holiday situation is unique it could be beneficial to break from a traditional family gathering maintain realistic expectations and prioritize self-care.

Health 11/22/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :58

Pet owners and veterinarians are worried about a danger for dogs. A new illness is spreading across the country and scientists have no idea what's causing normal everyday panting to turn into a disturbing cough. Scientists may have found the source of the mysterious dog illness a unique pathogen. Researchers at the University of New Hampshire say the germ is good at evading the canine immune system. Thousands have gotten sick from it, and some have even died. Researchers hope this potential discovery can help veterinarians treat the illness until an official diagnosis is detected as of now it has not been reported in Arizona.

Health 11/29/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :40

In just about two weeks the Arizona Supreme Court will hear a case to decide which abortion law Arizona will use -- a recently passed 15-week ban or a near total abortion ban passed when Arizona was a territory. But now, a new campaign to put the issue on the ballot. Governor Katie Hobbs becoming the first to sign a petition aiming to enshrine a woman's right to an abortion in Arizona's constitution.



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Health 12/5/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :58

CVS is making headlines tonight with their plan to change the way they price drugs, and it could impact how much your prescriptions cost. It's called CVS cost-vantage a pricing formula that will include the cost of the drug, a set markup and a fee instead of relying on its current complex system. CVS says this approach will make drug pricing simpler and more transparent so consumers can see the actual drug price upfront.

Health 12/6/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:54

Confusion right now over covid-19 booster shots and kids. Should your child be getting one? Larissa Scott from Scripps News is taking that question to pediatricians.

Health 12/8/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :12

More than a thousand volunteer dentists are on a mission to make sure all Arizonans can get the dental work they need for free! ABC15 is at the fairground's coliseum with more on this life changing event.

Health 12/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 2:13

The decision to overturn Roe v Wade came down more than a year and a half ago, a move leaving abortion laws up to states sparking confusion and challenges for women and courts to navigate. This week four state supreme courts are navigating abortion cases including right here in Arizona.



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Health 12/17/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :22

The White House has announced more doses of an RSV vaccine for infants will be available in January. Now the CDC is advising doctors use the medicine they have instead of keeping some for later. Vaccine companies say they'll release 230-thousand more doses next month. Infants under eight-months-old and some at-risk kids younger than two are approved for the vaccine.

Health 12/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :41

We're seeing a rise in RSV cases across the US right now. Here in Arizona cases are up more than 100-percent compared to a typical season. Doctor Frank Esper with Cleveland Clinic says it's typical for this time of year.

Health 12/20/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :55

A health alert tonight as more kids nationwide and here in Arizona are ingesting THC products that are being packaged to look just like candy and could be found at your nearby smoke shop. If ingested by kids these products can be dangerous. Calls to poison control for reports of cannabis-related ingestion jumped to more than 3-thousand this year, 30-percent of them were children under 6. Here in Arizona the Banner Poison and Drug Information Center tells ABC15 cases are up 10-percent from last year for kids 5 and under.

Health 12/20/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :50

Another health alert as many prepare for those holiday gatherings RSV cases continue to rise. The Arizona Health Department is reporting more than double the number of cases compared with the five-season average. This is typically the time of year when more respiratory illnesses like RSV, flu and covid all hit.



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Transportation	10/3/2023	ABC15 News at 11am	:25

ADOT is working to make your commute during rush hour quicker by adding new technology to improve how ramp meters operate. Tech allows each ramp meter to respond to traffic conditions from farther away which will improve the meter's timing for red and green lights. Approximately 75 percent of the more than 250 ramp meters along Valley freeways now operate using the upgraded system.

Transportation 10/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :21 Today is your last day to give input on three miles of bike and pedestrian improvements in Tempe. The city plans to add the improvements along Kyrene Road, Roosevelt Street, and Farmer Avenue, between University Drive and Baseline Road. You can give your input on the city's website.

Transportation 10/5/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:00

The City of Phoenix is working to fix cracks on neighborhood streets, but some say it's just causing more issues. Neighbors tells us the drive along the street used to be filled with cracks and is now left with bumps. Two years ago, the City of Phoenix filled the cracks up with a rubberized sealant then this past August a seal coat was put on the street, but some say it only made it worse.

Transportation 10/16/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :18

Good news Arizona! Gas prices are falling! The average price in the Valley is now 4.50. That's down around 13 cents from last week and 32 cents from last month! However, prices are still nearly a dollar more than the national average. And now lawmakers are taking action.



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Transportation 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :50

Federal investigators are opening a probe into recent robo-taxi crashes involving pedestrians. The company "Cruise" which operates in San Francisco recently reporting several incidents to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Waymo which operates here in Arizona is not part of the probe. An ASU professor weighing in on the pros and cons of these self-driving cars as states and cities have worked through regulations for these driverless taxis there hasn't been too much action on capitol hill in terms of legislation.

Transportation 10/23/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :13

It's a common occurrence in Arizona, a rock flies up cracking your windshield. The replacement can cost you hundreds. But as our Let Joe Know team is finding out it can cost you even more than that in insurance premiums.

Transportation 10/26/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm 1:08

Phoenix is now the first place where Uber has partnered with the autonomous vehicle company, Waymo. Riders now have the option to turn their Uber request into a driverless Waymo pickup. The company tells us if you're not ready to get in one of their driverless cars you can request a human driver. But this ride-sharing evolution is not going over well with drivers for Uber and Lyft. The head of their west coast association says they fear they will lose their jobs. They're even calling for a tax on autonomous vehicle rides. Waymo says for now, they look to strike a balance between automated rides and human drivers.

Transportation 11/1/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :15

Heads up if you live in Tempe parts of Rural Road will be narrowed to one lane in each direction starting Monday for the next nine weeks. Delays are expected on Rural Road from Southern Avenue to Baseline Road. But you will still be able to access the US 60 from Rural Road.



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Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport is soaring to new heights! This month they've reached their 20 millionth passenger. The airport first began commercial air-service back in 2007 and has since expanded. They now offer non-stop flights to more than forty-five popular destinations across the US. That number keeps growing.

Transportation

11/15/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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Some good news if you're getting ready to hit the road next week for the holiday prices are plummeting at the pump. Our Amelia Fabiano is taking a closer look at prices here in Arizona and sharing why we're paying less to fill up not that anyone is complaining.'

Transportation

11/17/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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Honoring a longtime public servant in the Valley today, the new transit center at Metro Center mall will be dedicated to former city of Phoenix councilwoman and interim Mayor Thelda Williams just days after she passed away at the age of 82.

Transportation

11/22/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

:25

And on top of holiday travelers at the airport, some Sky Harbor food and concessions employees are once again going on strike today. They're protesting what they call "numbers alleged labor law violations". We brought you live to the picket lines Tuesday morning outside of terminal three. Keep this in mind if you're planning on getting food at the airport today, you'll need some extra time because of potential staffing shortages.

Transportation

11/27/2023

ABC15 News at 10pm

1:03

Tucson is considering adding new technology to put a stop to street racing. They're looking at adding a mobile speed enforcement van license plate readers and more gunshot detectors. It would cost nearly a million dollars, but the city manager still has to figure out where the money would come from.



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Transportation 11/29/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :30

Now to this morning's operation safe roads report our team looking into new data showing the most dangerous intersections in the Valley. This map is from ADOT and the Maricopa Association of Governments. The intersections marked in red saw the most crashes between 2018 and 2022. Many of those problem spots are in West Phoenix along 67th or 59th avenues north of the I-10. There are also a few in north and south Phoenix along 19th avenue. The riskiest intersection in the East Valley is at Queen Creek Road and Dobson.

Transportation 12/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :25

Recall alert for Tesla owners. The company is recalling nearly 2 million of its cars to limit the use of its autopilot feature. This comes after a review of nearly one-thousand crashes in which the feature was engaged. In a letter to Tesla, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the company had agreed to an over-the-air software update that will limit the use of the autosteer feature.

Transportation 12/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :45

As another battle picks up at our state capitol over red light cameras, State Senator Wendy Rogers from Flagstaff is introducing a bill to ban photo-enforcement cameras in our state. You may remember a similar bill was also introduced last year making it all the way to Governor Hobbs' desk. She vetoed it calling the cameras an 'important tool' for law enforcement.

Transportation 12/27/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :25

Repaved and restored. ADOT announcing they've completed 24 projects repairing damaged pavement on more than 300 miles of state highways. Work will continue once the warm weather returns. If you take a close look at the map the yellow lines show which projects are coming up multiple happening in the high country. ADOT recently announcing they've reallocated another 40 million dollars in highway pavement repairs for fiscal year 2024.



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Transportation 12/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :24

A unique way to ease the stress of holiday travel! Portland International Airport has employed the services of therapy llamas! Benny and Prince visited the airport this week posing with travelers for pictures. Meantime Sky Harbor is taking a more traditional approach to this now through Saturday. Charming Charlie the therapy dog will be moving between terminals three and four to help ease your stress.

Transportation 12/22/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :50

We're tracking the potential impact of an air traffic controller shortage. Representative Ruben Gallego pointing out air traffic control staffing at Sky Harbor is at 78-percent. A letter sent to congressional leadership points out many concerns such as mandatory overtime leading to increased stress and fatigue in the profession. One traveler we spoke to says his biggest concern is safety.

Transportation 12/22/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :21

New light rail tracks are set to open next month the extension in northwest Phoenix will add service west on Dunlap from 19th avenue north on 25th avenue then west on Mountain View Road crossing I-17 to the Metro Center area. The stretch at the 17 will feature the Valley's first elevated rail-only bridge over the freeway. It will also include three new light rail stations.



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Employment/Economy	10/11/2023	ABC15 News at 11am	:42

The state's Labor Department is looking into allegations from Southwest employees that the airline retaliated against workers for taking paid sick leave they had already earned. So far this year Southwest has been fined hundreds of thousands of dollars. More than a dozen complaints have gone before Arizona's Industrial Commission. ASU law professor Michael Selmi tells ABC15 these types of complaints will likely become more common against companies.

Employment/Economy 10/11/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :38

Airlines have a problem on their hands, there's nearly 17-thousand job openings for commercial pilots every year but not enough qualified applicants to fill them. At historic Ryan Airfield in Tucson, they're teaching the next generation how to take flight. Many students are young trainees hoping to work for a commercial airline. And with pilot demand rising, so are wages.

Employment/Economy 10/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :43

Arizona's Department of Education is working to combine forces between the private sector and governments of Switzerland, Taiwan and the Navajo Nation to address workforce shortages in key businesses throughout the state. Many of the available jobs don't require a college degree. There are jobs like computer and chip technology where the Taiwan semiconductor manufacturing company is already warning of worker shortages and its massive valley facility is still under construction.



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10/16/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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A Valley coffee shop continues to serve our community in more ways than one. "Spencer's Place" held a grand opening Saturday for their second location in Surprise. You may remember Karin York -- we shared her story last fall. She's a former special education teacher who noticed many of her students would graduate and end up unemployed. That's why she created a coffee shop where they could work continue to learn new skills and thrive. Spencer's place was also the recipient of the SJ Dilenschneider community award from the Scripps Howard fund and received ten thousand dollars.

Employment/Economy

10/19/2021

ABC15 News at 10pm

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More than one million dollars has been set aside to help ensure Guadalupe residents aren't priced out of their community. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the town have funds for at least 50 homeowners to get help with things like roofing and electrical repairs, windows, pests and security. The town is also contributing 200 thousand dollars to the program.

Employment/Economy

10/23/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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A new report now showing home sales are down 14 percent this year in the Valley. Despite that realtors tell us this is still a seller's market. With such low inventory homes are still selling for record prices here locally. The average price for a home here is 5-hundred-50 thousand dollars. If you're searching, experts say take things slow before locking yourself into a high interest rate which is at nearly eight percent.



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Employment/Economy 11/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :25

If you're looking for a job ahead of the holiday season UPS is holding a nationwide hiring event today. The company looking to hire more than 15-hundred seasonal employees in Phoenix from drivers to warehouse workers.

Employment/Economy 11/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :38

Evictions are surging in the Valley. New data shows landlords filed more than 79 hundred notices last month breaking the previous record set in September 2005. The department of housing says Arizona does have a severe housing shortage fueled by a massive population boom which, in turn is driving prices up.

Employment/Economy 11/8/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :18

Last October, Kroger announced plans to buy Albertsons for more than 24 billion dollars but more than a year later so many of you still have a lot of questions as that deadline gets closer and closer. ABC15's diving deeper into the concerns and the potential impact on shoppers.

Employment/Economy 11/10/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :43

As we mark Veterans Day "hiring our heroes" and Indeed teaming up to help vets find jobs. Every year, nearly 250-thousand service members transition out of the military and into civilian life. More than 75-percent of them want full-time employment but don't know where to start that's why "hiring our heroes" began. Services are available and free 24/7.

Employment/Economy 11/27/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :37

Priced out of the housing market the Arizona regional market listing service revealing home sales are down over 7 percent month over month in October. We talked with a Valley real estate agent who says this is typical for the holiday season but compared to the last few years some buyers finding it easier to get a home because interest rates fell marginally the Amy Jones Real Estate group tells us they have seen more people looking.



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12/1/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

1:03

The grocery store chain -- Kroger -- is now one step closer to securing its almost 25 billion dollar merger with Albertsons certifying to the Federal Trade Commission. The merger does comply with antitrust rules. Now the FTC has 30 days to accept the deal or sue to block it.

Employment/Economy

12/6/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

:45

Due to the mass numbers of illegal border crossers the Lukeville Port in Arizona is closed until further notice and local businesses near the port are taking a big hit. Some gas stations rely on travelers going back and forth from Rocky Point in Mexico now they expect sales to be cut in half.

Employment/Economy

12/9/2023

ABC15 News at 10pm

:22

New funding for affordable housing for seniors in the West Valley to keep people from being priced out. According to the Daily Independent Glendale is putting 61-million dollars toward adding 148 apartments for people 62 years and older. It is a partnership with "mercy housing" which is a nonprofit working to eliminate homelessness and housing insecurity.

Employment/Economy

12/13/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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Some of your favorite foods may be falling victim to "skimpflation." This is the trend where food companies tinker with recipes to cut costs. Some recent examples: Wishbone salad dressings, replacing some of the oil with more water and salt. Last year, Smart Balance Margarine slashed vegetable oil content again replacing the rest with water.



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Education	10/3/2023	ABC15 News at 11am	:16

The Museum of Illusions in Scottsdale is offering a free day just for you! Teachers can get in free on Tuesdays. All you need to do if show your teacher ID and enjoy more than 60 exhibits to have fun and even find some inspiration to bring back to the classroom!

Education 10/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 2:41

Ski passes, pianos, and trampoline parks. The ABC 15 investigators are finding these are just some of the things taxpayers are footing the bill for kids enrolled in the state's ESA or voucher program. ABC15 talked to a member of the parent advisory board for Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account program about what he thinks the state government leaders should do to improve accountability.

Education 10/3/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :39

In the state of education a few Arizona schools are receiving a prestigious national honor this year. Fireside Elementary in North Phoenix is one of four in Arizona being recognized as a blue ribbon school. The US Department of Education says: these schools are raising the bar in education. Schools are chosen on one of two performing categories based on student test scores and graduation rates.

Education 10/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:34

As we recognize Hispanic Heritage Month. A Valley high school football coach is breaking barriers on the field. ABC15's Nick Ciletti is taking us to Perry High School where the Pumas' head coach is making history as the first Hispanic head football coach in the Chandler School District.



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Education 10/9/2023 ABC15 News at 11am

Giving young girls the opportunity to learn more about forensics. Meeting with Phoenix police officers and forensic scientists over the weekend. Gathering for an up-close look at how technology is being used to solve crimes. Organizers call this a way to expose young ladies to more career opportunities in law enforcement. The event is a first but because of the positive response they'd like to do it again next year!

Education 10/10/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm 1:08

Governor Katie Hobbs is taking notice. Now calling this voucher program unaccountable and unsustainable. This coming just days after ABC15's big investigation into how hundreds of millions of dollars in ESA money is being spent. ESAs provide funding to families that opt out of the public school system and instead, enroll their kids in private schools or home educate them. The governor citing our findings questioning how some families are using their education money on ski passes, luxury car driving lessons and pianos. She says the overbudget voucher program threatens funding for public safety vulnerable children and veterans. Tuesday, she called on the State Superintendent, the State House Speaker, and Senate President to quote "join with bipartisan leaders to pass accountability measures and bring an end to this wasteful, runaway spending."

Education 10/10/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :41

A 40-million-dollar tutoring program meant to help students improve their academics has yet to get off the ground. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne announced the tutoring program last month. The funds were supposed to go out to schools on October second. A week later, parents tell us they haven't heard anything and school districts say they're still waiting for more information from the state.



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ABC15 News at 11am

2:15

From free classes where you learn about technology, and spotting scams, to help with home repairs that maybe you can't do you your own anymore. Nohelani Graf shows us how the golden neighbor's program in Chandler is helping our more seasoned community members stretch their dollars and stay connected.

Education

10/16/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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Helping Valley kids succeed in school, right now you can donate a book to a child in need ABC15, the Scripps Howard fund and Credit Union West are teaming up for our "if you give a child a book" drive you can scan our QR code on your screen to donate. Text ABC15 all one word to 50155 or go to abc15 dot com slash give a book.

Education

10/18/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

:43

Desert View High School in Tucson has a precision manufacturing program that's taking on a major project having high school students build prosthetic legs! The school - partnering with the Sky Youth Organization's life changer prosthetics program which sends a group students to Guatemala to give out 50 prosthetic legs. Desert View is in charge of making the knee and foot portion.

Education

10/18/2023

ABC15 News at 11am

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We're seeing some improvement this year in the number of students passing statewide assessments. This is major data that school districts hang their hats on. There's some good and some bad. ABC15 data analyst Garrett Archer takes you inside the numbers.



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Education 10/18/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :16

No more late fees starting tomorrow the Buckeye Public Library will transition to a 'fine-free' policy on all library materials. The library will also waive existing fines excluding lost or damaged items. Officials hope this move encourages more people to use their services.

Education 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :19

The Arizona Science Center is officially a world record holder! breaking the Guinness world record for the largest "object drop inertia experiment." The experiment at the state fairgrounds yesterday. Science Center employees along with some Valley students effectively dropped 155 eggs safely in the water-filled cups.

Education 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :20

Helping us reach underserved children in our community ABC15, the Scripps Howard fund and Credit Union West are teaming up to provide access to books to those who don't have them through our "if you give a child a book" drive. You can scan our QR code on your screen to donate.

Education 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:10

Phoenix Pride is this weekend and organizers say this is about giving back to the community. Since 2005. Phoenix Pride has been providing scholarships to high school seniors, college students and those attending a post-secondary school. In that time the organization has given out nearly 500-thousand dollars.

Education 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:42

Free money for a price. It's a lesson a lot of people are learning the hard way. Government grant scams are spiking preying on people struggling financially.



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Education 10/23/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :53

Elementary school teachers in Arizona are working on a requirement to get more training on a program now gaining popularity across the country to help our kids read better. It's called the science of reading where teachers make sure kindergartners through 5th graders understand the sounds and phonics as opposed to just learning words and using context clues. The Kyrene Elementary School District is working with a science of reading curriculum for years and say they've seen a difference. The district says: beginning with the class of 2024 the goal is to have at least 85-percent of the district's kindergarteners meet the end-of-year reading benchmark measured by one skill-measuring test.

Education 11/1/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :17

GCU has just over two weeks to appeal a fine of nearly 38-million dollars. The US Education Department handing down that fine Tuesday. The Department says the school deceived thousands of students by misleading them about the costs of its doctoral programs. GCU says the accusations are false.

Education 11/10/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :16

The University of Arizona is bleeding money. That's according to the Arizona Board of Regents. The school's president says the University of Arizona has about 240-million dollars, less than what officials calculated this past summer.

Education 11/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :14

Recess is not required in all schools, but should it be? It's a time to get out of the classroom play tag, jump rope, or have a go at the monkey bars. ABC's Morgan Norwood is taking a look at recess and the important role it plays into the school day.



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Education 11/14/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :49

Valley schools doing what they can to keep kids engaged and learning. Choice Learning Academy in Phoenix is combining sports and science, technology, engineering and math. For instance, in a sixth-grade science class, students were out on the basketball court measuring the bounce of a basketball.

Education 11/15/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :31

The Arizona Board of Regents will be looking for a solution to what's being called a financial crisis at the University of Arizona. The school reportedly only has ninety six days of cash left. The board is considering ending financial aid programs, but Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs says she does not support that solution. The university is also considering cuts to specific colleges or sports programs salary cuts could also be possible. The university has started a new fundraising goal to help with financial aid and research projects.

Education 11/17/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :45

It is National Apprenticeship Week and there's a Valley program that's working to solve a work force shortage and in return help boost our state's economy. DP Electric has an apprenticeship program that lets employees work, get paid, and go to school for free at the same time meaning you can get national credentials to work as an electrician or construction engineer and graduate debt free. Apprenticeship programs are becoming a popular alternative to college with the number of people choosing trade schools over a traditional Bachelor's degree up 64 percent within the last decade.



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Education 11/27/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :59

More than 70-thousand kids of 'all abilities' now use Arizona's empowerment scholarship accounts but thousands of kids with disabilities have been in the ESA system for years. The ABC15 investigators going in depth looking at how one school serving special students is financially struggling and blaming the now-universal voucher system. They say kids with special needs now have to wait too long for answers and reimbursement making it difficult to pay for the educational services and therapies they need.

Education 11/29/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :50

A program meant to help recruit and retain valley teachers is going strong in its second year. The Arizona teacher residency program is going through its second group right now. The program is aimed to be like a medical residency giving teachers hands-on experience throughout a whole school year. The first group of educators started last year observing in the classroom and helping out. Now, they have their own classroom and are employees in the school district they started the program with moving forward teachers will have a mentor for the next few years as they continue teaching some are also finishing their Master's degree at NAU while in the classroom.

Education 11/29/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :40

Mesa Public School Board tackling school safety voting to approve a new safety plan which includes testing a weapons detection system next semester. The system will be installed at Skyline High School with plans to expand the program in the future. The district will also expand the use of vape detectors in schools.

Education 12/6/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:00

Turning now to a new proposal that could forever change D1 college sports. The NCAA president sending out a proposal this week that would allow schools to pay their division one athletes for the first time.



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Education 12/6/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :25

As the fall semester wraps up hundreds of students at Eisenhower Center for Innovations in Mesa are ringing the holidays early. Arizona Cardinals offensive tackle Kelvin Beachum surprising the k-through-eighth grade students with new backpacks and school supplies! It's part of his work with World Vision a faith-based humanitarian non-profit.

Education 12/6/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :55

Governor Katie Hobbs is working with a task force to create a strategy to keep educators in the Educator Retention Task Force includes educators, administrators, parents and experts from across the state. Yesterday the group discussed their recommendations being made to the governor's office including raising pay for educators and support staff which means a lot to teachers like Lisa Somers who has been teaching for 22 years.

Education 12/7/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm 1:00

Also developing tonight in the state of education Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne and the school safety task force releasing recommendations to keep kids safe. They included removing barriers to allow retired cops to serve as school resource officers. Earlier this year the department created a grant program so schools and school districts could hire SROs and school counselors in an effort to increase campus security.

Education 12/8/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :34

Parents and teachers are voicing their concerns as the Paradise Valley Unified School District considers closing four schools. The district is saying this is due to declining enrollment. The four schools include Desert Ridge Prep, Hidden Hills, Sunset Canyon and Vista Verde Middle School. The board voting to take the next step at their meeting Thursday with this plan the district says there would be no layoffs.



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Education 12/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :30

Bridging the digital divide some families in Mesa will be able to get a free laptop today. It's part of ATT's connected learning' initiative. They'll be working with Mesa Public Schools to give 500 refurbished laptops to low-income students from Lowell, Longfellow, and Holmes Elementary Schools. This will be at the Eagles Community Center near University and Mesa drive at 4 pm. In Arizona, over 200-thousand students lack digital basics at home, including access to the internet and computers.

Education 12/16/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :20

Mesa Public Schools is announcing it is bringing three new tuition-free preschools to the Mesa area through the Bezos Academy. Each school will include three classrooms, bringing full-day, year-round preschool for 180 children.

Education 12/19/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :48

One West Valley school district is getting rid of social workers next year. The governing board for Dysart Unified has determined they didn't have enough funding. The district used one-time covid-era money to pay for the budgeted 24 social workers this year. But those funds are running out next fall and an alternative funding source wasn't found. The district says they do have other support systems in place such as psychologists and behavior teams, but some parents and social workers say those employees aren't equipped to help kids like social workers can.

Education 12/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :51

A federal investigation is now launching into a Valley school district. The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is looking into six more educational institutions across the nation including the Chandler Unified School District. They have not released specific details on what is being investigated.



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Environment	10/3/2023	ABC15 News at 11am	4:02

As the threat of wildfires increases for Americans around the country, we're learning what your house is made of and small changes to your property can have a big impact on how vulnerable you and your home are. More on the latest fire safety research.

Environment 10/3/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :41

In the effort to keep Arizona from running dry, she is terminating a water deal with Fondomonte after a state investigation found the Saudi-run company has been in default since 2016. The problems include repeated failures to add additional containment structures to fuel containers on land in the Butler Valley. Hobbs says three other deals with Fondomonte will not be renewed once they expire in February of next year. Fondomonte has come under heavy criticism recently for its use of Arizona groundwater to grow alfalfa for its livestock.

Environment 10/5/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :13

New information from the Maricopa County Health Department, there have been thirty-six more heat-related deaths compared to last week, bringing up the total to 331 confirmed cases in 2023. More than 270 are still under investigation.

Environment 10/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :46

The state of Arizona is set to pay more than two-million dollars to help pay for environmental damages caused by building a shipping container wall on US forest land. Forest service rangers say native plants were ripped out for the project but they're hopeful they'll be able to fully restore the eco-system.



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Environment 10/13/2023 ABC15 News at 11am 1:05

A rare occurrence will dazzle the sky tomorrow morning. It's called an annular solar eclipse and in parts of the country it'll look like a ring of fire! The moon will almost completely cover the sun creating a fiery orange ring around the moon's shadow like a ring of fire. Here in Arizona, we will also be able to see it partially.

Environment 10/17/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :22

An Arizona wildlife habitat is getting three-point-seven million dollars in funding. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is receiving the money to enhance nearly five-thousand acres of territory across the state by improving access to natural food and water sources for wildlife. It will also relocate wild horses currently on the land that the forest service considers unauthorized.

Environment 10/20/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :25

It's mid-October and triple digit heat is still here. Now Maricopa County is on track to set a new record for heat-associated deaths after the hottest summer ever. So far in 2023 there have been 425 heat-related deaths confirmed. This matches the number of heat deaths confirmed in 2022 which was a new record itself. There are still 199 deaths under investigation this year.

Environment 10/25/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :19

A new recreation area is coming the East Valley. The Bureau of Land Management is finalizing the plan. They say more than one-thousand acres along state route 88 near Hackamore Road will be transformed into a non-motorized area designated for hikers, equestrian and mountain biking. No word on when construction will begin.



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Environment 10/25/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :40

Did you know 9-point-5 billion dollars' worth of food is sent to our landfills in Arizona every year? That makes Arizona number one for wasting food across the nation. Local chef Jason Dwight makes sustainability a top priority in his own kitchen using everything to make great meals and now wants to show Arizonans how to stop wasting food and save money by using every part of everything in your pantry.

Environment 11/1/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :17

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management has been awarded nearly 8-million-dollars in grants to help reduce the risk of wildfires in Arizona some of the money will be used to remove invasive plants like buffel-grass and fountain grass. The Department says they can be a big catalyst for wildfires.

Environment 11/1/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :19

Researchers at ASU are looking for your input to help create a state-wide extreme heat preparedness plan. Governor Katie Hobb's office is tapping the university to help create the plan set to serve as a blueprint during historic heat waves like we saw this past summer. You can take part in the survey at resilience.asu.edu.

Environment 11/3/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :17

The city of Tucson making a major announcement when it comes to saving water. The old pueblo was just awarded a grant worth one-point-five million dollars. We're told that money will be used to remove grass from city parks and replace it with more desert-friendly landscaping that uses less water.



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Environment 11/6/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :43

A new program could make recycling more efficient here in Arizona so fewer items end up in landfills. The industry continues to face a lack of consistency often what is recyclable varies from town to town. That's why "recycle check" is now putting QR codes on products allowing you to scan something to see if it can be recycled. If you don't see the code on a product you can also check for more information on their website.

Environment 11/8/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :25

Another alarming report about climate change. Europe's climate monitor found October was the warmest month on record. Scientists say the average temperature last month was three-point-one degrees Fahrenheit higher compared to a period in the late 1800s before the start of the industrial revolution. October is now the fifth straight month that global temperatures have hit record highs and that means 2023 is on track to be the warmest year ever.

Environment 11/8/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :51

They're an important component to our food chain but could cows also provide solutions to climate change? An ASU professor along with his team of scientists have been investigating cattle grazing as a regenerative farming method to help tackle climate change. Looking deep into the roots of the problem. Peter Byck, traveled across the US working with farmers and scientists on the project that he has turned into an independent film. The hope is to educate communities and get more farmers to switch their way of farming to help reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.



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Environment 11/15/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :50

To an impact earth report and a way to dispose of all that holiday wrapping paper in a positive way. You can feed it to worms! The folks at Arizona worm farm encouraging people to take a more sustainable approach to gift wrapping this year by using recycled paper, bags and natural fibers to wrap up all of those gifts and then when you are done breaking down those items they can go into a worm compost!

Environment 11/22/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :25

There could be almost 40 miles of new trails added to Sedona, Oak Creek and Cornville. Right now, the Coconino National Forest is proposing a plan to adopt some user-created trails and build some new ones in the Verde Valley. This after several popular trailheads in the Sedona area have gotten overwhelmed by visitors.

Environment 12/6/2023 ABC15 News at 11am :20

Dismissed - that's the status of a lawsuit filed to limit the wild horse population in the Tonto National Forest. According to the Salt River Wild Horse Management group the suit was filed back in April by the Center for Biological Diversity claiming the horses have a negative environmental impact. The roughly 400 horses living along the salt river are protected by state law.

Environment 12/15/2023 ABC15 News at 10pm :47

An impact earth report tonight and a simple way to help the planet this holiday season. Before wrapping presents try to find minimally-treated paper products. The best non-toxic material is craft paper which could be paper bags found at your local grocery store or decorate gifts with natural materials like hemp, burlap, and cotton. Most importantly, recycle materials when you can.



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Members of one Glendale church heading to South Mountain today to clean up all the leftover trash there. Volunteers with World Mission Society Church of God partnered with park rangers picking up glass, plastics and other garbage. Rangers tell us there can be dozens of garbage bags filled after a clean up. sometimes they find things like suitcases, tires and even water heaters. But even if things get dirty again these volunteers say they don't mind doing the work. This was the last park clean up of the year. But there will be plenty more next year.