KGO-TV/ABC7
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND RELATED PROGRAMMING
FOURTH QUARTER October 1-December 31, 2021
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

During the fourth quarter of 2021, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as “ABC 7 News” with a total cumulative average of approximately 140 hours per month:

**Monday - Friday**  5:00AM-7:00AM
ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Reggie Agui, Kumasi Aaron, Meteorologist Mike Nicco, Traffic anchor Jobina Fortson.
This morning news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, traffic, health, financial and consumer news.

**Monday – Friday**  11:00AM-12:00PM
ABC7 News Midday Live- Anchored by Reggie Agui, Kristen Sze, Meteorologist Mike Nicco.
This late morning news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, health and consumer news. Anchors conduct live or taped interviews with local newsmakers and discuss hot topics in the news of the day.

**Monday – Friday**  3:00-3:30PM
ABC7 News Getting Answers- Anchored by Kristen Sze.
This news program is a live interactive interview program in which viewers can submit questions to live newsmaker guests. Topics include Covid health, local politicians and community leaders.

**Monday - Friday**  4:00-5:00PM
ABC7 News at 4pm- Anchored by Larry Beil, Kristen Sze, Weather-Spencer Christian, Seven on Your Side Consumer Reporter Michael Finney
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, health, technology and consumer news. Anchors conduct live interviews with local newsmakers on topics of daily interest.

**Monday - Friday**  5:00-5:30PM
ABC7 News at 5pm- Anchored by Dan Ashley, Ama Daetz, Meteorologist Sandhya Patel
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, health, technology and consumer news.
Monday - Friday       6:00-7:00PM
ABC7 News at 6pm- Anchored by Dan Ashley, Ama Daetz, Weather Spencer Christian, Sports Larry Beil. Seven on Your Side Consumer Reporter Michael Finney.
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, health, climate change, consumer news and sports.

Monday - Friday       11:00-11:35PM
ABC7 News at 11pm- Anchored by Dan Ashley, Ama Daetz, Meteorologist Sandhya Patel, Sports Larry Beil.
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

Saturday & Sunday     11:00PM-12:00AM
ABC7 News at 11pm- Anchored by Dion Lim, Meteorologist Drew Tuma, Sports Chris Alvarez
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

Saturday & Sunday     5:00-6:00AM / 6:00-7:00AM
ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Liz Kreutz, Meteorologist Lisa Argen
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

Saturday               9:00AM-10:00AM
ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Liz Kreutz, Meteorologist Lisa Argen
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

Sunday                  9:00-10:00AM
ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Liz Kreutz, Meteorologist Lisa Argen
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

Sunday      5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM
ABC7 News at 5pm & 6pm- Anchored by Dion Lim, Meteorologist Drew Tuma, Sports Chris Alvarez
This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

*Titled- “Midday Live”
**Titled- “Getting Answers”
THE LOCALISH NETWORK- KGO-TV / 7.2 HD

KGO-TV’s D2 sub-channel aired the “Localish Network” which broadcasts numerous half-hour programs covering a variety of topics featuring locally sourced yet nationally relevant stories such as Glam Lab, Bit Sized, Secretly Awesome, and Worth the Wait to name a few. The network also airs MORE IN COMMON a program featuring inspiring stories of Americans who come together despite their differences and ALL GOOD a program highlighting the people making positive differences in their communities.

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE

Michael Finney headed ABC7 consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 4:00PM and newscasts, and provided investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts. Seven on Your Side consumer counselors answered letters, email and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. The unit received over 4000 e-mails during the fourth quarter of 2021.
Community Outreach Events-4th Quarter 2021:

Food Bank Volunteer Activities: Various Dates
KGO Employees Volunteered To Help Sort And Pack Food On October 1, October 30 And November 20. The Food Banks Supported Were: Alameda County Community Food Bank And San Francisco-Marin Food Bank.

Dan Ashley’s Friends Of Camp Concord Golf Tournament: October 4
KGO’s Dan Ashley Hosted And MC’d The Annual Charity Golf Tournament At Crow Canyon Country Club In Danville (Contra Costa County). Since 1997, This Tournament Has Raised Money To Send More Than 500 Underserved Kids Annually To Experience Summer Camp For One Week At Camp Concord In Lake Tahoe.

Kapor Center SMASH: October 7
"Without SMASH, I Wouldn’t Have Had The Initial Confidence Like To Pursue STEM" Says SMASH Alum Semhar Teklu. KGO’s Kumasi Aaron Hosted A "Women In Stem" Panel With Clothing Brand Athleta And The Nonprofit SMASH AImed At Empowering Young Women To Pursue Careers In STEM. SMASH Is A Bay Area Organization On A Mission To Bring Diversity To The Tech Workforce.

Santa Clara County Parks “Day On The Bay”: October 16
KGO’s David Louie MC’d The “Day On The Bay” Multicultural Festival, Which Included A Resource Fair Focused On Health And Environmental Sustainability. The Fair Also Featured A COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, Flu Shots, Entertainment And Activities For The Entire Family.

Welcome Home Project’s “Home Sweet Home”: October 22

Walk To End Alzheimer’s: October 23
KGO’s Mike Nicco MC’d The East Bay Walk At Bishop Ranch In San Ramon (Contra Costa County). The Alzheimer’s Association Walk To End Alzheimer’s® Is The World’s Largest Fundraiser For Alzheimer’s Care, Support And Research.

Bay Area Chuseok Festival (Virtual): October 26
KGO’s Dion Lim Moderated “Farm To Table: A Conversation With Korean Female Artisan Entrepreneurs” For The Virtual Bay Area Chuseok Festival, The Region’s Largest Event Celebrating The Diverse Aspects Of Korean
And Korean American Culture. The Multi-Day Festival, Hosted By Korean Center, Inc., Also Featured Music, Crafts, Cuisine And A Youth Art Contest.

Golden State Warriors LGBTQ+ Night: October 28
KGO’s Reggie Moderated A Pride Panel Prior To The Warriors Game That Evening. It Was A Gathering Of Thought Leaders Across The Bay Area To Engage In Meaningful Conversations That Drive Change For The LGBTQ+ Community. The Panel Focused On Personal Stories, Advancing Acceptance And Awareness, Intersectionality, Mental Health/Well-Being, And Inclusion And Belonging In Our Societies, Workplaces, And Beyond.

Allies In Action: Tiana Day October 29
KGO Honors Activist Tiana Day, Who Inspires Youth To Stand Up, Take Charge, And Be The Positive Change They’d Like To See In The World. Her Nonprofit Organization, Youth Advocates For Change, Hosts Fundraising Events, Organizes Rallies, And Records Podcasts—All With Youth Voices At The Forefront. Tiana Is Based In San Ramon (Contra Costa County).

Self-Help For The Elderly: October 31

Alzheimer’s Association “Pop-Up Promise Garden”: November 2

Performing Stars Of Marin’s “Little John Crow”: November 4
KGO’s Jobina Fortson MC’d A Virtual Book Reading By Ziggy Marley And His Wife Orly. Kindergarteners From Sausalito-Marin City School District Joined The Zoom To Hear And Ask Questions Of The Fascinating Tale Of "Little John Crow," Which Was Inspired By Ziggy’s Own Upbringing In Jamaica. The Book Teaches About The Power Of Perception, The Importance Of Self-Pride And Pride In One’s People And The Vital Roles We All Must Play To Help Maintain The Balance Of Our Planet. The Public Was Also Invited To Tune In To The Live Event.

Plate By Plate: November 6
KGO's Dion Lim Was Keynote Speaker For The Plate By Plate Fundraiser To Benefit The Florence Fang Community Garden (FFCG). Dion Spoke About Her Work Advocating For AAPI Communities In The Effort To Fight Hate And Discrimination. More Than 40 Restaurant, Dessert And Beverage Purveyors Offered Tastings At This Celebration Of AAPI And Restaurant Industry Resiliency. FFCG Is San Francisco’s Largest Community Farm And Second Most-Productive Urban Farm – It’s Mission: To Improve Food Security, Healthy Living Habits And Social Connectedness Within And Between Communities Of Color.

Walk To End Alzheimer’s: November 6
KGO’s Reggie Aqui MC’d The San Francisco Walk At Pier 27 On The Embarcadero (San Francisco County). The Alzheimer’s Association Walk To End Alzheimer’s® Is The World’s Largest Fundraiser For Alzheimer’s Care, Support And Research.

R.O.C.K. Connect 27: November 9
KGO’s David Louie MC’d The Annual Fundraiser For Real Options For City Kids (R.O.C.K.) To Celebrate Its 27 Years Of Supporting Underserved Children And Youth In San Francisco. The Nonprofit Program Serves 900 Kids Year Round With Academic Support, Fitness Activities, Outdoor Adventures, Community Service And Leadership Training.

Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) Gala: November 18
KGO’s Luz Pena MC’d The ¡Viva MEDA! Annual Gala, Celebrating 48 Years Of Service To The Mission District And The Community’s Spirit Of Resilience Amid The Recovery Efforts Of The COVID-19 Pandemic. MEDA Offers Free Services To Low And Moderate Income Families In The San Francisco Bay Area, By Building Latino Prosperity, Community Ownership And Civic Power.

Allies In Action: Khafre Jay November 30
KGO Honors Khafre Jay, A Man Setting The Stage For Community Empowerment Through Hip Hop Culture, And He’s Passing The Mic To Youth In The Bay Area. Musical Artist And Community Organizer Khafre Jay Merged Activism And Expressive Arts To Found Hiphopforchange. The Nonprofit Organization, Based In Oakland (Alameda County), Uses Hip Hop Culture As A Vehicle For Education And Storytelling, Uplifting Voices Through Performance.

Allies In Action: Canine Companions December 27
KGO Is Proud To Honor Canine Companions, A National Organization That Was Founded In Santa Rosa (Sonoma County). Leading The Service Dog Industry, "Canine Companions" Expertly Trains Puppies To Become Skilled Assistants For Adults, Children, And Veterans With Disabilities. The Furry Helpers Are Paired Up With Clients For Unique Support That's Free Of Charge.
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- American Red Cross: Disaster Relief Day Of Giving
- Choose Kindness
- Disney Ultimate Toy Drive, Marine Toys For Tots Foundation
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness
- Partnership To End Addiction
- Project Roadblock
- Stand Up To Cancer
- Starlight Children’s Foundation
- Walk To End Alzheimer’s
KGO-TV also airs syndicated programming on its main D1 channel that includes Children’s Core Programming as described in the Children’s 398 Report which is filed separately in the Public Inspection File.

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In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as “Network Programming.”

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KGO-TV applies feedback from the community in determining the key local issues, problems, and needs. Some of the station’s most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages:

CONSUMER PROTECTION

EDUCATION

HEALTH

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES

ECONOMY AND CHANGING WORKPLACE

RACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE
CONSUMER PROTECTION

9/7/21  ABC7 News 6pm
Imposters Demand Pay Or Power Goes Out

Bay Area Residents Are Being Targeted By Pg&E Impostors Who Demand Payment In Moneypak Cards, Or Else They'll Pull The Plug. An Urgent Warning Was Issued From Pg&E That Scammers Are Out In Force And Targeting Bay Area Residents. Officials Say Imposters Claiming To Be From Pg&E Are Calling Victims’ Homes Saying Their Power Will Be Shut Off Unless They Pay Cash Immediately. The Scam Is Old But The Threat Is New. Imposters Call, Claiming Pg&E Is Owed $500 On A Customer's Pg&E Bill Threatening A Power Shut Off Within Half An Hour. When Told That It Must Be A Mistake, The Imposter Replies With That It Must Be An Error On Pge’s Part But The Customer Must Still Pay Us First And Wait For A Reimbursement.

The Scam Seems Plausible As There Could Be A Mix-Up On An Account. But The Scammer Encourages Customers To Not Use A Credit Card To Pay, But Payments Must Be Made With A $500 Moneypak Cards From A Safeway Store. If Someone Calls Claiming It's Pg&E About To Turn Off Your Power, It's Almost Certainly A Scam. Also Pg&E Would Never Ask You To Run To Safeway And Buy Moneypaks. And Pg&E Would Never Shut Off Your Power With Less Than An Hour's Notice.

10/14/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Victim Of Bank Of America, Zelle Need To Know Rights

A Growing Scam Targeting Zelle And Bank Of America Shows How Easy It Is For Hackers To Steal Consumer’s Money Using Those Quick Payment Apps, Like Zelle.

Imposters Claiming To Be From The Bank Are Tricking Victims Into Sending Them Cash Through Zelle. Quick-Pay Apps Like Zelle Don't Offer Any Of The Fraud Protections Consumers Get With Credit Cards. The Zelle User Agreement Says If A Consumer Sends Someone Money And It Turns Out To Be A Scammer, Too Bad. There Are No Refunds. However, With This Latest Scam, A Little-Known Federal Law Says Consumers Should Get Their Money Back. Reports Of The Scam Are Spreading Fast. Imposters Claiming To Be From Bank Of America Call Random Victims, Saying Someone Is Trying To Hack Their Accounts.

The Bank Of America Identification Come Up On A Smart Phone. The Consumer Thinks They Didn't Authorize A Cash Transfer Through Zelle. And Within 15 Seconds, The Phone Ringswith The Scammer Trying To Get Cash.

Bank Of America Often Denies Claims For A Refund, Saying The Victims Were The Ones Who Authorized The Transactions. The Zelle User Agreement On The Bank Of America Website Says: "Neither We Nor Zelle Offer Protection For Authorized Payments... For Example, If You Do Not Receive The Goods You Paid For..." And Even Though It Was A Scam, The Victims 'Did' Authorize A Payment For Goods They Didn't Get - Namely, Their Own Money Back!


10/18/21 ABC7 News 6pm
San Leandro Company Accused Of Sending Customers Products They Didn’t Order

A Company That Lists A San Leandro Address Is Being Accused By Dozens Of People Of Sending And Billing Many Of Them For Products They Didn't Order. Accusations Against Nutritional Inc. Have Surged In The Last Few Months. A Label For One Nutritional Supplement Product Says “Nutritional Youth Miracle Repair” Promising A Health Benefit. Consumers Say They Don’t Want To Pay For Products They Didn’t Order Even though They Are Finding Charges To Their Credit Cards. Fortunately Federal Regulators Say If You Receive Something You Didn't Order, There's No Obligation To Pay For It. The Question Is How Did Account Information Get into The Wrong Hands to Begin With?

The Better Business Bureau Has Identified The Company As Nutritional Inc. It's Received More Than 80 Complaints About The Company -- More Than Half Since August. Nutritional Inc. Lists Its Address As In San Leandro. The Company Appears To Be Renting A Private Mailbox From The Ups Store There.

It's Not Known How Nutritional Inc. Chooses Who To Send Its Products To.
Efforts To Reach Out To Nutritional Inc. Go Unanswered. The Federal Trade Commission Says It's Seen Companies Send Out Products Just To Get Tracking Codes. Those Tracking Codes Can Then Be Used To Publish "Verified," But Still Fake Reviews On Sites Such As Ebay And Amazon. Those Caught In The Middle Want To Stay Clear Of This Whether They're Getting Earbuds Or Nutritional Supplements.

10/27/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Bay Area Drivers Don't Have The Right Insurance To Cover Their Car In A Flood


An Important Note For Owners Is To Get Their Car To The Shop And Get Their Claim In Quickly, As Damage To The Car Might Not Show Up For Weeks, As Water Seeps Into The Guts Of The Car. That Can Cause Corrosion And Rust. Some Drivers Find Their Cars Seem To Be Running Perfectly After They Get Out Of The Flood, Only To Find It Won't Start Weeks Later.

10/27/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Shoppers And Supply Chain Issues This Holiday

The Expert Are Warning Consumers That They Need To Shop Early To Avoid Supply Chain Delays Of Their Purchases. Container Ships Are Stuck In Harbors Waiting To Unload And Truckers Are Delayed Too Due To The Supply Chain Issue All Of Which Will Trickle Down To The Consumer. Certain Goods Just Out Of Stock And Once That Initial Supply Sells Through, There Is No Guarantee A Restock Will Make It To Shelves In Time For The Holiday Season.

The Solution Is To Shop Early. Also Checking Price Comparison Apps Such As
Price Grabber And Honey Which Will Also Have Inventory Information.

However, Once A Customer Finds The Desired Item They May Have To Pay More For It As Discounts Are Going To Be Much Fewer And Far Between This Holiday Shopping Season. Consumers Are Being Warned Not To Expect Huge Price Drops The Last Week Of Christmas. And That Free Shipping Offers Will Be Less Frequent.

Items Expected To Be In Short Supply May Include Name Brand Electronics Such As Smart Phones, Televisions And Laptops. Clothing Items May Be Hard To Find Including Holiday Formal Wear. Sporting Goods May Be In Short Supply Along With Baby, Toddler Products And Toys.

11/1/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Leased Housing In San Francisco Will Increase

The Return Of City Employees In San Francisco Could Have An Immediate Impact On Rents In The City. Rents Dropped 12% Year Over Year During The Summer Of 2020 As Workers No Longer Chained To The Office Fled Their High Rises In Downtown San Francisco.

Renters Planning To Return To The City Should Lock In A Long-Term Lease Sooner Than Later. One-Bedroom Apartments In San Francisco Are Going To Cost About $3300, Up 14% From The Same Time Last Year. The Cheapest Big City Bay Area Rents Right Now Are In San Jose Where Rents Are About $1,000 Cheaper Than San Francisco And Oakland.

11/11/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Consumer Advocacy Groups Warn About Fakes Of Hot Toys

The Supply Chain Problems Leading To Shortages Of Many Products Experts Say It Could Bring More Counterfeits To The Marketplace And Counterfeit Toys May Be Poorly Made And Don't Adhere To Strict Toy Safety Standards. They May Break Or Contain Small Parts That Present A Choking Hazard, Or They May Contain Toxic Chemicals And Lead. Consumer Groups Offer Some Ways To Spot A Fakes Suggesting To Look At Who's Selling The Toys On Internet Marketplaces, Check Their Websites And Reviews, Be Wary Of Ads On Social Media Platforms, Look For Misspellings And Bad Grammar On Their Ads, Avoid Toys Priced Far Cheaper Than The Toymaker's Prices And Try To Buy Directly From The Toymaker's Website, Just To Be Sure.

Parents Are Also Advised To Check And Follow The Age-Grading On Toy Packaging. Toys Labeled 3+ May Contain Small Parts That Can Be A Choking
Hazard For Children Under Three. Parents Should Use A Federally-Approved Small Parts Tester (Available Online) To Test Small Objects Found Around The Home. And If There Is No Age Label On The Packaging Or In The Online Description, It Is Not A Legitimate Toy (Or It Is Not A Product Intended For Children Under 12) And It Should Not Be Given To A Child.

12/1/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Internal Revenue Service Cautions To Donate Safely

Americans Are Demonstrating Their Generosity This Giving Tuesday, But The Internal Revenue Service Wants Givers To Use Caution When Opening Their Wallets. The IRS Issued A Consumer Alert Warning Taxpayers To Be "Wary Of Fake Charities Used By Scammers To Get Money As Well As Sensitive Financial And Personal Information From Victims." IRS Warns Donors To Be On The Lookout For Fake Charities This Giving Tuesday

The IRS Noted That Unsolicited Calls Asking For Donations Are A Common Scam Tactic, And That Consumers Should Not Pay For Donations By Reading Off Numbers From A Gift Card Or By Wiring Money -- Two Methods Often Used By Scammers. Consumers Are Urged To Research A Charity Before Donating. The IRS Offers A Searchable Database Of Tax-Exempt Organizations On Their Website. Sites Like Givewell And Charity Navigator Are Also Good Places To Check Up On Charities Before Giving. Lots Of Charities Are Offering To Match Donations Made Today On Giving Tuesday.

12/7/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Feds Warn It Could Take Months To Get A Passport

Americans Are Planning Winter And Summer Trips Ahead. Not Only Are There New Travel Restrictions To Think About, But Now The State Department Reports A Surge Of Applications For Passports, And A Backlog Of 800,000 People Waiting For Them.

There Was A Large Backlog Of About 2 Million Applications Over The Summer But Through Lots Of Overtime And Getting Folks Back Into The Office. As People Waited Or Did Not Apply For Passports During Covid Because They Weren't Traveling, A Buildup In Applications As Vaccines Have Rolled Out Grew. Passport Bureaus That Closed During The Pandemic Are Ramping Back Up. Still, Officials Say You Should Apply Up To Six Months Ahead Of A Trip. That Allows Time To Gather Documents, Mail Them In And Wait For Review. Processing Takes Up To 11 Weeks For Regular Service, Or Up To 7 Weeks For Expedited Service.

And Officials Warn That Mistakes Cause Delays. The Most Common Problems
Include An Unacceptable Passport Photo, Or A Missing Signature. If Your Application Seems Stuck In Limbo, You Can Go To The State Department's Online Passport Tracker And Look Up The Status. If You Still Don't Receive It, There Is A Number To Call For Information. Main Website For Information About U.S. Passports: www.travel.state.gov National Passport Information Center: 1-877-487-2778 (Press 3) Passport Tracker: www.passportstatus.state.gov

Education

9/9/21 ABC7 News 5pm
Public Schools Still Do Not Feel Safe Against Covid.

A Rally Held By Members Of The Chinese Community Just Days Before The Beginning Of The School Year, Asking That The District Allow Some Of Their Children To Return To Online Learning. Nearly Four Weeks Into The School Year, The Health Department Reports That Schools Are Low-Risk Settings When The Proper Safety Protocols Are Followed. Still For Many, Those Fears Have Not Gone Away.

The Chinatown Community Development Center, CDC, Surveyed Nearly 300 Chinatown Families Living In Communal Housing And Found That 70 Percent Of Them Did Not Want Their Kids To Return To In-Person Learning. Because They Are In Close Proximity, The Concern, They Say, Is That Every Time They Interact With Other Students At School, They Are Risking The Well-Being Of Their Own Children And Others Who Live In That Communal Setting. The School District Met With The Chinatown CDC To Hear Their Concerns. Already, SF Unified Has Expanded Its Online Learning Options For Those Who Think Learning From Home Is Safer.

11/1/21 ABC7 News 5pm
San Francisco Unified School District

Schools Are Funded By The State Based On The Number Of Students Enrolled. San Francisco Unified, A Year Before The Covid Pandemic, The District Had About 60 Thousand Students. During The Pandemic It Saw 35-Hundred Students Leave The District, A Loss Of Six Percent. Some Families Moved To Other Cities Because Of San Francisco's High Cost Of Living. That Six Percent Decline, Translates Into A Potential Loss Of 35 Million Dollars In State Funding. The District's Educational Placement Director Is Working To Change How Parents Pick Their Schools. It Would Be Called A Zone-Based Process. The Roll Out Of This Zone-Based Process Is Expected To Begin In 2024. In The
Meantime, Right Now The District Will Have In-Person Workshops For Parents. They Will Also Do Outreach On Social Media And Will Start Knocking On Doors.

11/6/21 ABC7 News 5pm
Outrage Over Incidents Of Intimidation And Sexual Assault

Students From Oakland Tech Have Rallied In Front Of District Headquarters To Voice Their Outrage Over Incidents Of Intimidation And Sexual Assault. School Board Member Alison Collins Posted, "Students Have Consistently Said That Policies Addressing Sexual Harassment And Assault Are Inadequate In Making Students Feel Safe." Students At Lincoln And Lowell High Schools Are Now Also Complaining. The School District Says While They Actively Investigate These Incidents That Happen On Campus, They Are Limited In What They Can Do When Something Occurs Outside Of The School. The Issue Has Been Brought Up Before At A School Board Meeting Ten Months Ago.

Students Say They Lack The Tools To Address These Incidents. In Response, A Student-Led Group Called SotastandsupAllies Has Been Formed To Help Support Those Who Have Gone Through This Trauma.

11/13/21 ABC7 News 6:00pm
Students File Claims Over Handling Of Violent And Racist Bullying

Six Students At Gunn High School And Their Parents Have Filed Personal Injury Claims Against Palo Alto Unified School District (Pausd) After Reporting On-Campus Attacks And More. Court Documents Detail Incidents Of Violent And Racist Bullying, Including The Use Of The N-Word And Some In The Group Being Targeted Beyond School Grounds. Documents Explain One Of The Boys Is Black, And Others Are Of European Or Middle Eastern Descent.

The Claim Chronicles Incidents Since The Start Of The School Year, And Has Since Been Sent To The School District. Santa Clara Police Were Called To Wilcox High School After Allegations That Student Athletes Used Homophobic Slurs To Bully A Male Cheerleader. The Behavior Was Recorded Beyond School Grounds.

11/16 /21 ABC7 News 5pm
School District Did Not Follow The Brown Act For Academic Admissions

The Lowell School District Conduct Open And Public Meetings Regarding The School Board's Actions And Provide The Proper Information When It Came To Discussions Regarding Their Academic Admissions. The Judge Did Not Order The District To Reinstate The Merit-Based Admissions Policy. Instead The
Judge Left The Door Open For The Board To Now Follow The Brown Act. The Board Had Voted To Change The Process To A Lottery-Based System To Increase Diversity Citing "Pervasive Systemic Racism." In Recent Years, African American Students Made Up Nearly 2 Percent Of The Student Body. Asian Students Have Been In The Majority.

11/16/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Hayward School Closure Impacts The Children Most

The Hayward Unified School Board Voted To Close Both Bowman And Strobridge Elementary Schools. Getting Used To Different Faculty Members, Different Staff Members Is Touch For The Students. A Decision To Hayward School Is A Part Of A Multi-Phased, Multi-Year Approach That Will Also Examine If Other Schools Have To Close Moving Forward. The School Board Will Try To Avoid Closings Whenever Possible, And Will Be Taken With Community Input.

12/8/21 ABC7 News 11:30am
Junior Achievement Of Northern California Prepares Today's Students For Lifelong Career Success

Finance, Work Readiness, And Entrepreneurship Aren't Typically Incorporated Into School Curriculums Until College. Junior Achievement (Ja) Of Northern California Saw A Need For Youth Career Enrichment And Responded With Free Remote Learning Experiences To Inspire And Prepare Students For Success In A Global Economy.


12/3/21 ABC7 News 3pm
Documentary 'Try Harder' On Lowell High School Debuts

San Francisco's High-Achieving Lowell High School Has Been In The News Over The School District's Revision Of Its Admissions Process. But While Stories About Lowell Often Treat The Students Like Faceless Numbers, A New Documentary That Opens On Friday In Big Cities Including San Francisco,
Sheds Light On The Kids As Individuals, With Their Own Dreams And Challenges.

"Try Harder" Is A New York Times Critics Pick, And Has Won Awards At Numerous Film Festivals After Premiering At Sundance. The San Francisco Examiner Calls It "Engaging, Enlightening And Sometimes Alarming."

The Film Follows Five Students Of Different Races In Their Senior Year At Lowell, As They Navigated Their College Applications Process. There Are A Wide Range Of Challenges Students Face At A High Pressure Academic Schools. The Film Shows Asian-Americans Students As Real, Multi-Dimensional People. A Coalition Of Asian-American Groups Is Promoting "Try Harder"'s Opening Weekend, Including Gold House And Asians Are Strong.

12/8/21 ABC7 News 11:00pm
Oakland Unified School Districts Phasing Out D, F Grades For High School Students

Some Of California's Largest School Districts Are Trying An Unconventional Tactic To Help Students Re-Engage In School After Distance Learning And Boost Their Chances Of Acceptance Into The State's Public Colleges: By Dropping D And F Grades. Los Angeles Unified, Oakland Unified, Sacramento City Unified, San Diego Unified And Other Districts Are Phasing Out Grades Below C For High School Students. If A Student Fails A Test Or Doesn't Complete Their Homework, They'll Be Able To Retake The Test And Get More Time To Turn In Assignments. The Idea Is To Encourage Students To Learn The Course Material And Not Be Derailed By A Low Grade That Could Potentially Disqualify Them From Admission To The University Of California And California State University. Students Who Don't Learn The Material, Pass The Final Exam Or Finish Homework By The End Of The Semester Would Earn An "Incomplete."

Although Education Reform Advocates Have Been Pushing For This For Years, The Pandemic Offered An Opportunity For Districts To Put It Into Action. With So Many Students Languishing Academically After A Year Of Distance Learning, Districts See Dropping D's And F's As A Way To Help Students Who Had Been Most Impacted By The Pandemic, Especially Black, Latino And Low-Income Students.

But The Move Is Also, Potentially, A Step Toward An Entirely Different Learning System, In Which Students Are Assessed By What They've Learned, Not How Well They Perform On Tests On A Given Day Or Whether They Turn In Their Homework On Time. Known As Competency -- Or Mastery-Based Learning -- The Style Has Been A Staple Of Some Private And Charter Schools For Years, And A Goal For Education Reformers Trying To Overhaul The Traditional High School System.
In Oakland, High Schools Are Moving Gradually Toward A New System Of Assessment That Doesn't Include D's And F's. Baez, Assistant Principal At Fremont High, Said The Change Will Not Happen Overnight. Parents, Students And Especially Teachers Need Time To Understand What's Expected Of Them, And They Must "Buy In" To The Change, She Said.

"It Has To Be A Cultural Shift At The School. You Have To Build Trust Because We're Really Rebuilding An Entire System," Baez Said. "It Will Be A Lot Of Work, But It's Important We Do This Because Traditional Grades Benefit Some Kids, But They Don't Help Everyone."

12/10/21 ABC7 News 3pm
From The Classroom To Activism

Nearly 500 Students Protest In San Francisco Against Sexual Harassment At Some Campuses To Denounce What They Say Is The School District's Lack Of Response To A Number Of Sexual Assaults And Harassment Cases On Different Campuses. Students Presented The School District With A List Of Demands

These Students From Different Public High Schools In San Francisco Say They Feel Ignored By A School District, They Claim, Is Doing Very Little To Address Sexual Assaults And Harassment On Their Campuses Citing A Lack Of Accountability A Lack Of Transparency And A Lack Of Real Activism Surrounding This Issue.

Students Presented The School District With A List Of Demands Among Them, Create A Support System For Survivors And Teach Students Starting In Elementary School The Meaning Of Consent And Survivors Should Not Be Subjected To Interacting With Their Abusers.

12/15/21 ABC7 News 3pm
Impact Of Sfusd Budget Vote

The San Francisco Unified School District's Faced The Tough Task Of Having To Approve A Budget For The Coming Year That Addresses A Projected $125 Million Deficit. Had It Failed To Provide An Outline For The Reductions, The District Would Have Faced A State Takeover. The Board Voted 6-1 In Favor Of A Staff Budget Proposal That Cuts $50 Million From Schools And $40 Million From Headquarters Staff. The Remaining $35 Million In Cuts Will Be Identified Later. Board President Gabriela Lopez Was The Lone No Vote, Saying None Of The Cuts Should Have Come From The Classrooms. But The Majority Pointed Out It's Impossible To
Meet The Amount That Needed To Be Cut Without Touching The School Sites.

The District Now Has More Opportunities To Make Changes To The Plan As It Gets More Information Next Month In Governor Newsom’s Budget About School Funding. His May Revision Will Also Help Clarify How Deep The Cuts Will Need To Be. The Sfusd Ended Up In Such A Precarious Financial Predicament Because School Funding In California Is Tied To Enrollment, And Enrollment Has Dropped Precipitously In San Francisco Public Schools During The Pandemic. There Are Many Factors, But Critics Say The District Keeping Schools Closed For Most Of Last Year Drove Many Families To Leave.

The District Is Also Embroiled In Other Distractions Including The Renaming Of Schools, The Changes And Court Battles Over Admissions At Its High-Achieving Lowell High School, And The Upcoming Recall Election Involving Three Board Members.

Health

9/9/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Long-Covid Risks


The Largest Risks Were In People That Had Been Ill In The I-C-U Or Hospitalized With Covid, But Highlighted The Fact Even People *Who Hadn't Been Hospitalized* Showed Abnormal Kidney Functions.

Since The Study Is Based On Research Of Patients Up To A Year... Dr. Anand Made It Clear It's Possible Some Of These Cases Could Show Some Recovery In Kidney Function That Has Yet To Be Discovered.

9/28/21 ABC7 News 11am
Pregnant Women Need To Get Vaccinated.
Health Officials Issued An Urgent Warning For Pregnant Women To Get Vaccinated As Community Transmission Remains High In Most U-S Counties. Some Doctors Are Sounding The Alarm About Increasing Pediatric Cases. CDC Officials Warn Expecting Moms Are Twice As Likely To End Up In The ICU And 70% More Likely To Die. The Urgent Plea Comes As New Vaccine Mandates Go Into Effect Across The Country. Experts Say More Vaccinated Americans Means More Protection For Our Nation's Most Vulnerable Like Children.

A New Study Out From The University Of Oxford Finds More Than 1/3 Of Covid 19 Patients Had At Least One Symptom Three To 6 Months Later. Some Of The Most Common Include Breathlessness Fatigue Abdominal Pain Depression And Anxiety.

10/5/21 ABC7 News 6pm

Vaccine Pediatric Trials

Pediatric Trials Have Been Underway For Months, And Now An Fda Advisory Panel Will Go Over The Data That Could Lead To 28 Million Children Getting The Pfizer Vaccine. That's The Immediate Benefit Marin County Sees, While Others Welcome Extending Protection Within Families In Which Youngsters Were Left Vulnerable While Older Siblings And Parents Were Vaccinated. However, Public Health Officials May Run Into Another Wall Of Resistance To Vaccines. A Survey Released Last Week By Kaiser Family Foundation Indicates One-Third Of Parents Will Get Their Five To 11 Year Olds Vaccinated Right Away. Another Third Will Wait And See. And 24 Percent, Or One In Four, Won't Vaccinate Their Child.

Doctors See Themselves In A Key Position To Advise Worried Parents. Final Fda Approval Could Take A Month. Marin County And Others Are Planning Both Large Scale And Mobile Vaccination Events In Conjunction With Schools. The Vaccine Dosage Will Be About One-Third Of What Adults Receive.

10/18/21 ABC7 News 4pm

Flu Concerns

Whether You're Coughing...Sneezing... Or Just Feel Under The Weather, It's A Dreary Reminder Flu Season Is Not Only Here But Coming In Fast. Ucsf Infectious Disease Physician Dr. Peter Chin-Hong Expects We Will See Far More Flu Cases This Winter Than Covid Cases. Two New Studies Recently Published In A Medical Preprint Database Not Yet Peer Reviewed -- Shared A Similar Sentiment. One Study Predicted There Could Be An Additional 100-Thousand To 400-Thousand More Flu-Related Hospitalizations This Fall And Winter Season Compared To An Average Year.
How Much Worse? That Part Is Unclear. Dr. Chin-Hong Explains Since We Don't Have Population Immunity From The Flu Last Year... It Leaves Us More Vulnerable. Usually Scientists Will Look At The Flu Prevalence In The Southern Hemisphere Where The Winter Season Just Finished To Help Predict What Will Happen In The U-S. But Adds We Can't Be Too Safe.

**10/26/21 ABC7 News 4pm**

**Pregnant Mothers And The Covid-19 Vaccination**


Nearly All The Cases Of Severe Disease, Hospitalization, And Death Continue To Occur Among The Unvaccinated. Covid-19 Vaccinations Are The Best Way To Protect Yourself, Your Loved Ones, And Your Community.


**11/14/21 ABC7 News 11pm**

**Booster Roadblock**

"Do Not Turn A Patient Away Who Is Requesting A Booster" That's What California's Public Health Officer Wrote Last Week, Saying "All Adults In The State Should Be Allowed To Determine Their Own Risk Of Exposure. But Online Vaccine Scheduling Systems Have Yet To Catch Up With California's More Liberal Booster Policy - Which Is Now Open To Anyone 18 And Older, Six Months After Full Vaccination With Pfizer Or Moderna, Or Two Months After A J&J Shot. A Santa Clara Mom, Tru Love, Tried To Make An Appointment Online At Walgreens. But That Led To Booster Screening Questions, Based On CDC Guidelines, Which Ruled Her Out. She's Not 65 Or Older, No Underlying Medical Conditions, Doesn't Live In A Long Term Care Facility, And Isn't At Increased Risk At Work."
The Director For Stanford's Center For Biomedical Ethics Said That While Some People Don't Meet Any Of The Initial Criteria, They Don't Need A Booster, They Should Be Patient And Wait, And There's Really No Reason For Them To Lie On The Form To Get The Booster. People Should Double Check Their Eligibility Based On Their Work Environment And Health Conditions:

11/17/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Sf Mayor Introduces Legislation For Supervised Drug-Use Site


The Acknowledged That When It Comes To The Homeless Population In The City There Are A Lot Of Mental Health Challenges, A Lot Of Drug Addiction And Other Issues That Are Impacting San Francisco Residents. There Were 700 Deaths On Sf Streets Due To Drug Overdoses.

This Is A Controversial Move Though Because Technically A Supervised Drug Use Or Safe Injection Site Is Illegal. State Senator Scott Wiener Has Authored A Bill That Would Make Safe Injection Sites Legal On A State Level In San Francisco, Oakland, And Los Angeles. He Is In Support Of Making The San Francisco Location A Safe Drug Use Site.

11/30/21 ABC7 News 4pm
HIV Still Disproportionately Affecting Black And Latinx Gay And Bisexuals


The New Findings Released By The Cdc Ahead Of World Aids Day Show Newly Diagnosed Hiv Infections Declined In White Gay And Bisexual Men From 2010 To 2019, But Remained Steady For Black And Latinx Gay And Bisexual Men. It Is In Alignment In Terms Of What Is Being Seen In Person In Local Clinics In
Terms Of Diagnosing People.


12/9/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Peninsula Surgeon Achieves Milestone In Robotic Surgery

Silicon Valley Is Raising The Bar For Robotic Surgery And Setting Milestones As The Technology Looks To Incorporate Augmented Reality And Artificial Intelligence To Help Surgeons. Redwood City Resident Gail Mcalavey Is Helping Her Surgeon Mark A Special Milestone At Sequoia Hospital. She's Having Her Gall Bladder Removed With Robotic Surgery. The Surgeon Sits At What Resembles A Gaming Console With Hand And Foot Controls That Manipulate The Robotic Arms Using 3d Visualization To Help With Depth Perception And A Wider Field Of View.


This Robotic System Cost Sequoia Over $2 Million. A Volunteer Group, Operation Access, Helps Provide Access To The Robotic System To Uninsured Patients.
Triple Threat With Influenza, Plus Omicron, Plus Delta

There's Nothing Stopping A Person From Getting Influenza, Plus Omicron, Plus Delta As Doctors Fear The Highly-Contagious Delta And Omicron Variants Circulating With The Flu Will Pose A Triple Threat This Winter. In The Same Hospital Where The First U.S. Case Of The Omicron Variant Was Detected, Researchers Are Now Working To Understand The Impact Of Contracting Multiple Covid Infections And The Flu All At Once.

Doctors Say That Interaction May Make People Sicker And Anticipate The Symptoms To Be More Severe And Might Occur More Rapidly So The Patients Might Become Sicker More Rapidly With Both. Doctors Think Infection With Both Viruses Will Likely Result In More Severe Symptoms Of A Cold, Fever, Sore Throat, And Upper Respiratory Issues. If Untreated, The Two Viruses Could Lead To Difficulty Breathing And Pneumonia Even Faster.

The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention Is Working To Determine How Common It Is To Contract Multiple Infections All At Once. But, Despite Not Having An Abundance Of Local Cases, Experts Caution The Risk May Be More Likely Than We Think Over The Holidays.

Surgeon General Raises Alarm Over Youth Mental Health

The Country's Top Physician Is Putting Focus On The Mental Health Of Young People, Especially During The On-Going Pandemic Saying Too Many Children Are Struggling, Citing A Rise In Suicide Rates And Much More- The Reason Behind A Rare Public Advisory On Youth Mental Health. The 53-Page Report, Out On Tuesday, Detailed A List Of Devastating Mental Health Effects Linked To The Covid-19 Pandemic And Other Challenges Experienced By The Younger Generation.

For Many Kids During The Pandemic, Feelings Of Anxiety And Depression Worsened, And Loneliness As Well. Doctors Pinned Part Of The Blame On Social Media, Saying It Increases A Sense Of Isolation And Adds To A Culture Of Comparison. Mental Health Experts And Agencies Across The Bay Area Admit The Issue Is Even More Complex.

Kids Who Have Grown Up Every 20 Minutes There's A New Crisis That Splashed Over Media And Elsewhere And They're Traumatize And They Suffer From Anxiety, Depression, Suicidality, Substance Abuse, Alcohol, And The Rest. The Report Also Pointed To A Significant Rise In Self-Reports Of Depression, Anxiety And Er Visits For Mental Health Challenges. Specific To The U.S., Emergency
Room Visits For Suicide Attempts Went Up 51% For "Adolescent Girls" In Early 2021, Compared To The Same Period In 2019. Those Numbers Were Up 4% For Boys.

**12/10/21 ABC7 News 4pm**

**Variant Uncertainty - Health Officials Pause Easing Covid Mandates**

High Vaccination Rates Help, But The Known Threat Of Delta And Uncertainty Of Omicron Have Officials Keeping Mandates In Place. Despite Omicron Dominating Coronavirus Headlines Lately, There Is Some Good News In The South Bay. Santa Clara County Is Reporting A 79% Vaccination Rate Of The Eligible Population, Ages 5 And Older, And Is On Track To Reach 80% Countywide Soon.

The Protection Is Important, But 80% Vaccination Rate Has Another Meaning - It's One Criteria Needed To Lift The Indoor Mask Mandate In The County.

The Counties Of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma And The City Of Berkeley Will Lift The Indoor Masking Requirement In Public Spaces Not Subject To State And Federal Masking Rules When All The Following Occur:

The Jurisdiction Reaches The Moderate (Yellow) Covid-19 Transmission Tier, As Defined By The Centers For Disease Control & Prevention (Cdc), And Remains There For At Least Three Weeks. Covid-19 Hospitalizations In The Jurisdiction Are Low And Stable. Last Year, The Holiday Season Brought Along The Biggest Spike In Covid-19 Cases. The County Is Seeing Low Hospitalization Rates, But A Rise In Transmission So The 80% Threshold Shouldn't Lead To Letting Our Guard Down

**12/10/21 ABC7 News 4pm**

**Breakthrough For Future Eye Treatment**

New Eye Drops Can Limit The Use For Reading Glasses. Vuity Has Just Been Approved By The Food And Drug Administration, And Local Ophthalmologists Say It Can Be A Life-Changer. The Drops Are Meant For People Dealing With Presbyopia, An Age-Related Eye Issue That Causes Blurry Vision. The Drops Target The Focusing Mechanism In The Eye. The Drops Shrink The Pupils And Increase Focus On The Eye. It Can Help People Like Who Have To Spend Looking At A Screen To Work. People Who Want The Drops Will Have To Consult An Eye Doctor, Because They Are Only Available Through A Prescription.
Climate & Environment

9/8/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Protecting The Shore With Sand

Us Army Corps Of Engineers Plans To Protect A Section Of San Francisco From Climate Change With Sand, Pumped In From The Ocean Floor To Ocean Beach. The Engineers Are Putting Roughly 270k Cubic Yards Of Material Along 3k Yards Of Beachway. A Dredge Ship Brings The Sand From The Ocean Floor And Funnels It To The Beach To Make Sure The Western Side Of The City Isn't Overtaken By The Ocean.

The Sea Level Is Expected To Rise Sf Including On The Ocean Side Of The City Where Chronic Erosion Is Threatening Critical Wastewater Infrastructure Which Protects Water Quality. Officials Say The Effects Of Climate Change Here Would Be Catastrophic.

9/23/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Drought Experts Are Worried


In July Governor Newsom Asked Californians To Save 15% Of The Water They Used In 2020. But According To The State Water Resources Control Board.. Californians Saved Just 1.8%. Southern California Saved Less Than A Percent.. And The Bay Area Saved 8.4% Percent. Scientists Are Urging People To Watch Their Water Usage.

Right Now Californians Are Only Asked To Cut Down On Water Voluntarily. Part Of The Reason The Numbers Are Different Statewide Is Because There Is No Statewide Mandate For People To Conserve Water. A Mandate From The State Could Force People To Save Water. Especially If Some Areas Of The State Are Not Saving As Much As Others.

9/27/21 ABC7 News 5pm
Helping To Keep Salmon In The Drought.
As California Faces Extreme Drought, High School Students In Petaluma Are Making A Difference To Offset The Negative Impacts On Our Ecosystem Helping Keep Coho Salmon Alive Amid The Drought.

Typically, Students Care For Steelhead Trout From The Russian River, But Because Of Extreme Drought Conditions This Year, They Are Taking In Thousands Of Coho Salmon That Are At Risk Of Extinction Because Water Temperatures Are So Hot Students From Casa Grande High Needed To Find The Fish A New Home. The Hope Is For The Salmon To Return Sometime This Fall To The Hatchery At Lake Sonoma With This Impactful Short-Term Solution.

9/30/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Biochar In Fight Against Climate Change

There's A Growing Movement In California And Across The West To Use A Substance That's Readily Available From Sources That Often Go To Waste To Help In The Fight Against Climate Change. A Specially Controlled Unit Known As A Pyrolyzer Is Helping To Turn Agricultural By-Products Into A Versatile Substance Known As Biochar. It Can Come From Tree Waste, Pistachio Shells, Or Almond Shells For Example.


In An Effort To Save The Giant Sequoias, Crews Have Applied A Special Fire-Resistant Wrap To The Trees To Save Them From Knp Complex Fire. Methane From Manure Is A Big Deal In California, And Accounts For A Quarter Or 25% Of All Of Our Methane Emissions Across The Whole State.

Early Results Already Show Major Reductions In Methane Levels During The Composting Process, Which Is Aided By Properties In The Biochar. A Huge Difference Can Be Seen In Methane Emissions Resulting From Just A Small Addition Of Biochar To These Piles. As Promising As Biochar May Be For The Environment In California, A Group In Washington State Is Looking For Another Kind Of Benefit. Their Goal Is Not Just To Improve Farming, Or Capture Greenhouse Gasses, But To Help Prevent Devastating Wildfires.

Water Lapping Over San Francisco's Embarcadero May Be A Familiar Sight -- But Now A New Study By Our Partners At The Non-Profit Research Group Climate Central Is Painting A Much More Drastic Picture. Projections Of Widespread Flooding In Coastal Cities, Based On Temperature Rise As There Many Things In The Bay Area That Could Be Affected With Only One And A Half Degrees Celsius Of Warming. The Study Compares Scenarios Of Peak Temperature Rise Above Pre-Industrial Levels.

With A Relatively Optimistic Rise Of 1.5 Degrees Celsius, Downtown San Francisco Still Looks Familiar And Dry. But Double That To 3 Degrees Celsius In Coming Decades, And A Large Area South Of Market Could Swamped At High Tide, Along With Iconic Destinations Like The Museum Of Modern Art. The Picture Isn't Much Brighter In The Lush Parkside Around Lake Merritt In Oakland, Which Could Also Succumb To Tides.

While Some Of The Worst Case Scenarios Might Take Many Decades Or Centuries To Play Out, Researchers Say Coastal Cities Around The World Will Likely Have To Build Defenses, Like Higher Sea Walls, To Survive.

People Will Have To Decide How Deep A Bowl They Want To Live In, Or Put Their City In. The Consequences Of Failure Of Defenses Will Be Quite Large, If The Sea Level Is, You Know, 10 Or 20 Feet Above You. But That's The Potential
Future Situation If We Don’t Get Our Climate Pollution Under, Under Control. And Very Quickly.

Global Climate Pollution Would Have To Be Cut In Half By The End Of This Decade To Maintain The More Optimistic 1.5 Degree Celsius Peak And Head Off The Worst Effects. But With A Major Climate Summit Set To Begin Next Month In Scotland, Strauss Believes There Is Still Hope, If We Take Quick Action.

10/16/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Second Driest Year In California History

The State Department Of Water Resources Says 2021 Is The Second Driest Year In State History. Drought Experts Do Not Expect This Week's Rain To Make Any Big Changes To The State's Current Drought Condition. That Report From The State Says 2020 Was A Dry Year.. And Not Much Changed This Year. Drought Experts Say More Rain Needs To Come Or Else 2022 Will Have To A Big Year For Water Conservation.

According To The California Department Of Water Resources.. 2021 Is The Second Driest Year In State History… The Driest Year Happened All The Back In 1924. Very Little Rainfall Has Left The State In A Significant Drought. State Reservoirs Have Stored Enough Water, But If More Rain Doesn't Arrive In The Next Few Months.. There Are Fears The Drought Will Get Much Worse. As Those Stocks Will Be Depleted And There Will Be Much Greater Use Of Water Conservation.

10/27/21 ABC7 News 5pm
Global Warming Protests In The Bay Area

Protests Were Held In Major Cities Around The World Including In San Francisco As Part Of A Global Day Of Action To Bring Awareness About Global Warming Ahead Of The Un Climate Summit In Scotland. Activists Used Ash From California Wildfires To Create A Mural In Front Of Blackrock's Downtown Office Demanding The World's Biggest Banks Defund Fossil Fuels.

The California Delegation Talked About California’s Policies On Phasing Out Gas-Powered Cars And Limiting Oil Drilling And Highlighted How The State Has Taken Action On Climate While Still Boosting The Economy.

10/27/21 ABC7 News 5pm
Restoring The Watershed
Attention was focused on a project two decades in the making to re-open the Pacheco Marsh near Martinez, a key Bay Area marsh that’s been dormant for nearly 100 years. Within a matter of minutes, a pair of giant excavators cleared away tons of dirt, and breached the levee, allowing tens of thousands of gallons of Bay water to rush in.

The breach allows the salt water of Suisun Bay to flow back into the 232 acres Pacheco Marsh, a giant step in restoring not just the marsh, but the Lower Walnut Creek watershed which is part of a larger effort to restore the San Francisco Bay shoreline.

The revitalized marsh is also designed to be resilient to the sea level rise expected with climate change. The plan includes nearly three miles of walking trails and a visitor’s center, all set for completion in 2023.

11/3/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Fighting Climate Change At Home

Climate issues are front and center in Glasgow, Scotland for the Cop26 climate conference, but what can individuals do? The impacts of climate change are happening all around us: life-threatening storms and wildfires are occurring more frequently and having a huge negative impact on the economy and the health of Americans. Climate change can seem like a scary and overwhelming problem, almost too big for an individual to make a difference.

The fight against climate change can start right in people’s homes. Heating and air conditioning account for almost half of the energy you use in your home, so sealing drafts and improving your insulation can cut power use. Residents can invest in LED light bulbs and smart appliances which use less energy and, over time, save money as well. Unplugging appliances when not using or charging them. Electronic devices that are plugged in use energy even when they’re fully charged.

Another impactful thing people can do is cut down on food waste. Americans throw away up to 40 percent of the food they buy. So buy less food, eat leftovers, compost food scraps and donate extra food to soup kitchens or food banks. Outside the home, use public transportation when you can. When you do drive, use less gas by keeping your tires properly inflated and driving at a steady pace to improve your gas mileage.

Experts say talking with your family and friends about fighting climate change can help, as well. The more people who join the fight, the bigger the impact will be.
**11/8/21 ABC7 News 4pm**
**Americans Experiencing Climate Change Anxiety And Depression**

A New Survey From Yale Shows That 70% Of Americans Are Now Very Or Somewhat Worried About Global Warming As More And More Of Them Show Signs Of Anxiety Or Depression As A Result Of That Worry.

Psychologists Say While We May Have Heard Of Ptsd- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder A Psychiatrist Came Up With Pre-Ptsd Because It's Not A Trauma That's Already Occurred. It's A Fear Of A Future Trauma So It's This New Idea. And It Involves Anxiety And Depression.

More And More People Are Bringing Up The Subject Of Global Warming In Therapy Citing Feelings Of Sadness And Despair Especially In California Where The Wildfires And Smoke Are A Trigger And The Stakes Are High.

50% Of Survey Responders Said They Were Planning To Have Fewer Children And One Of The Reasons Stated Was Their Fear Around Climate Change. It's Very New And The Field Of Psychology Is Not Prepared For It. Some Therapists Are Connecting On The Website Climate Psychology Alliance. The New Field Is Often Dubbed Climate Anxiety, Climate Grief Or Eco-Anxiety. Climate-Aware Psychologists Are Pushing For New Training, New Education For Clinicians.

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**11/10/21 ABC7 News 6pm**
**Students “Tree-Schoolers” Help Bring Back Giant Redwoods**

The San Francisco Bay Area Is Home To Many Tech Giants. Twitter, Facebook, Google, To Name Just A Few. 500 Years Ago The Bay Area Was Ruled By Giants Of A Different Kind, Redwoods. Since They Are An All-Too-Rare Tourist Attraction Today, It Can Be Hard To Believe That Giant Redwoods Used To Line Hundreds Of Miles Of The Northern California Coast, Living For More Than 2,000 Years As The Tallest Organisms On Earth.

Now, The Archangel Ancient Tree Archive Is Trying To Plant A New Generation Of Giants By Taking Clippings From The Tops Of The Oldest And Largest, Some 400 Feet Tall, Back To A Lab In Copemish, Michigan Where Specialists Use A Technique Called Micropropagation To Grow Them Into Saplings And He Says From A Single Tree Sample, The Team Of Scientists Can Grow An Unlimited Number Of Clones.

The Problem? How To Get Them All In The Ground. That Is Where These Little Soldiers Come In. They Are Tree-Schoolers At The Cow Hollow School In San Francisco. You Heard Right, Not Pre, But Tree-Schoolers Who Attend Outdoor Classes To Learn About Ecology And Sustainability At An Early Age By Getting
Little Hands Dirty. Keeping Their Focus Is Sometimes Tough But When It Is Finally Time To Get Down To It These Budding Foresters Couldn't Wait To Dig In.

According To Save The Redwoods, More Than 95% Of The Natural Redwood Forests Have Been Lost Due To Deforestation, Wildfires, And Climate Change. And These Plantings Are Just A Start With Hopes Someday To Replant Millions Of Redwoods All Around The World, Using The Littlest Citizens Even The Tiniest Of Hands Can Make A Huge Difference To Help Sow The Seeds For The Biggest Forms Of Life And A Healthier Planet.

12/15/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Carbon Tracking System Could Expand To Space

Scientists Are Trying To Track Destructive Climate Pollution From The Skies Above California, And They Need To Be Able To See It. With Technology Developed At The Nasa Jet Propulsion Lab In Pasadena, The Images Are The Closest Thing To Environmental Technicolor -- Plumes Of Escaping Methane Gas, Captured During Aerial Surveys, Done In Partnership With The California Air Resources Board. A California Methane Survey Conducted With Nasa Aircraft Back In 2016, In 2017, Was Expanded.


Recently, State Regulators Pushed The Envelope Further, Letting Industries Know They Were Launching A New Aerial Survey With The Help Of Collaborators At Arizona State University, And Asking Them To Follow Up From The Ground. About 60% Of All The Plumes Was Something That They Could, They Could Fix Right There On The Spot When They Went Out And Found It. The Flights Were A Groundbreaking Turn In The Fight Against Greenhouse Gasses, But The Work Of Keeping Them Going Is Challenging. Now Researchers Have Begun An Equally Ambitious Project Known As Carbon Mapper, Which Will Expand The System Into Space.

The Project Includes Plans For A Satellite Launch In Roughly Two Years. The Goal Is A Space-Based Imaging System That Would Track Methane And Co2, Similar To The Way Nasa-Jpl Uses Satellites Like The Sentinel-6 To Track Sea
Surface Height And Ocean Temperatures. Riley Duren Is Leading Carbon Mapper As A Non-Profit To Fund The First Initial Satellites.

Port Of Oakland Offers To Help Ease Cargo Ship Backlog

While the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach experience a backlog of ships and cargo, the Port of Oakland has room to spare. The Port of Oakland says it's part of the solution to stabilize the supply chain, so it's talking to ocean carriers to offer relief from the other ports. The Port experienced some congestion earlier this year, but rebounded by increasing its workforce by 16% and training employees to do more. The dock workers are actually very eager and ready to handle additional volume.

With an increase in e-commerce during the pandemic, consumers have felt the impact of port backlogs with empty shelves and increased prices. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are now looking to 24/7 operations to help ease congestion.

Meat Prices Fueling Inflation

In the past year, the American economy has weathered the pandemic, then layoffs and furloughs as the country locked down or overhauled how businesses operate. Now there's a new blow: inflation. The consumer price index rose 5.4% in September. A key factor for the sharp increase in inflation is food prices. Beef and chicken especially have created distress for consumers at meat markets and grocery stores.

Bob Strupeni, who has been a butcher for 44 years, said he's never seen it like this in all the years he's been doing this. The meat manager at Piazza's in San Mateo, he has seen beef prices jump $3 to $4 per pound recently. Nationally, meat prices have gone up 12% in the past year. Chicken used to be a good budget stretcher, but not anymore as a package of chicken in Marin County was priced at over $20 or $11.79 per pound. Chicken used to be a #1 seller, but as prices inched up, customers have switched to beef. However, his beef prices have also soared, doubling from $200 to $400 to make a pot birria. Consumers are shocked how grocery bills have skyrocketed. Shipping costs are part of the reason. Concerns have also been raised about consolidation in processing plants in other parts of the country, reducing price competition.
11/11/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Self-Employed Required To Prove They Deserved Edd Benefits


11/23/21 ABC7 News 6pm
How The Infrastructure Bill Will Impact Bay Area

Four Members Of Congress Joined Speaker Nancy Pelosi In San Francisco's Bay Point Neighborhood To Celebrate The Passage Of The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. They Described How Those Funds Will Specifically Impact The Bay Area. Apprentice Welders Showed Off Their Skills As Pelosi And The Members Of Congress Toured Their Training Center. It Was Designed To Be A Victory Lap For The Politicians After The Passage Of Infrastructure Legislation That Will Generate Thousands Of Union Jobs In The Bay Area In The Next Five Years.

California Is Expected To Receive $47.2 Billion In Funding From The Law, Which Lee And Other Officials Noted Will Help Modernize Historically Unsupported And Polluted Areas Of The State By Expanding Access To Electric Vehicle Charging Ports And Low- Or Zero-Emission Buses. California's Share Of The Funds Will Include $25 Billion To Repair The State's Highways, $384 Million To Expand Access To Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, $100 Million To Expand Broadband Internet Access, $1.5 Billion For The State's Major Airports And $25 Million To Protect Wetlands In The Bay Area. Congressional Democrats Also Expect The Infrastructure Improvements And Repairs To Create 1 Million Jobs Over The Next Decade.

11/28/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Small Business Saturday Gives Boost To Bay Area Retail Economy

Small Businesses In The Bay Area Are Hoping For A Merry And Bright Holiday Shopping Season, After A Difficult Struggle With The Pandemic. On This Small Business Saturday, Store Owners Are Hoping The Community Will Come Through And Support Them.

12/5/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Sf Businesses Struggle To Stay Afloat Amid Labor Shortage

Walk Up To French Tulip Flowers In San Francisco's Noe Valley Neighborhood, And You'll Be Greeted By A Sign That Reads 'We Are Hiring Anyone That Shows Up'. The Store's Owner, Andrei Abramov Says Right Now He'll Take Anyone Who Is Willing To Learn And Stay With Them. Abramov Says, Right Now, He And His Girlfriend Are The Only Two People Working At The Shop- Working All Day, Every Day. A Few Weeks Ago, Abramov Put The Sign In The Store's Front Window To Try And Attract Anyone Willing To Help Out. They Had Two Employees And One Of Their Employees Retired, And One Employee Just Opened His Own Shop. But French Tulip Flowers Isn't The Only Shop Having Difficulties Getting Employees.

Several In Noe Valley Say It's A Persistent Problem. Just A Few Feet Down The Road At Casa Mexicana, Jose Rodriguez Says His Team Has Been Short Staffed For Months. Something He Fears Could Potentially Get Worse With The Emergence Of The New Omicron Variant. They Are Worried About It As There Are A Lot Of People Who Don't Want To Get The Vaccine. Issues Like These Have Been Popping Up For Business All Around The Country, Says Julia Pollak, The Chief Economist For Ziprecruiter. She Says The Pandemic's Effects On The Labor Force Are Still Being Widely Felt, But Are Especially Pronounced For Small And Medium-Sized Businesses. They Just Don't Have The Financial Cushion To Compete On Pay And Benefits To The Same Degree. And, Two, You Know, They Don't Have Entire Departments Devoted To Human Resources Analytics According To Pollak.

12/8/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Life Changing Program Offer A Better Future

The Extra Time At Home During The Pandemic Is Inspiring Many To Reevaluate Where They Are In Life. The Analytics Firm Visier Found At Least One In Four Workers Quit Their Jobs This Year. A Record 4.4 Million Resigned In September Alone. Npower, Is A Program Targeting Underrepresented Youth And Veterans
In Search Of Better Jobs And A Better Life. Most Enrollees Came From Low Wage Jobs And They See That's Not A Long Term Option For Them They Take The Opportunity To Do Something Different. The Five-Month Program Is Totally Free For Low-Income Youth Ages 18-25 And For Veterans. The Program Can Be Life Changing As Aside From Just A Better Paycheck, There Are Better Health Benefits, Dental, And Vision Too. Npower Also Provides Financial Assistance For Basic Needs Such As Rent. It's A National Program With Local Offices In Both San Francisco And San Jose.

12/9/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Chase Bank Opens Community-Inspired Branch In Oakland

Wednesday, A Major U.S. Bank Is Making A Big Investment In Downtown Oakland, With A New Branch Like No Other, Which Helps Provide New Opportunities For Entrepreneurs Of Color. There Was A Big Ribbon Cutting In Oakland Wednesday. It's Unusual To See So Much Excitement At The Opening Of A Bank, But This Is No Ordinary Branch.

"You've Created A Place That's Going To Create Community, Not Compromise It," Said Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf Was At The Dedication Of Chase's New Community Center Branch At The Corner Of 30th Street And Broadway, Built By Local Contractors And Artists. It's A Place To Help Entrepreneurs Of Color, Start And Grow Businesses. The Center Will Be Focused On Financial Education, Helping People Do Budgeting And Building Their Credit. As The Community Adapts To Another Shelter-In-Place Order, Some Brave People Are Actually Opening New Restaurants In The East Bay As An Opportunity To Provide Not Just Takeout Food, But Jobs.

Chase Cites That Sixty Percent Of All The Income That African Americans In Oakland Make Is Spent On Rent, Sixty Percent. The Bank Says That's Opportunity To Help And That A Bank Needs To Be Part Of The Community To Lift Up Parts Of The Society. Chase Plans To Build Six More Branches Like This One Across The Country In The Future.

12/10/21 ABC7 News 11am
Hotels Seeing Higher Occupancy Rate Near Sf's Union Square

During This Holiday Season, There Are Signs Everywhere That The Hotel Industry Near San Francisco's Union Square Is Coming Back. While The Hotels Are Not Fully Booked, The Increase In Occupancy Is Having An Impact On Jobs And On The Local Economy. After A 21-Month Travel Ban, International Tourists Are Weeks Away From Being Allowed Back In The U.S. According To The Hotel
Council, Prior To The Pandemic, The Hotel Occupancy Rate During The Holidays Was Close To 85 Percent. Today, There Are Nowhere Near That Number But They Are Optimistic. Forty Percent Is Much Higher Than Last December.

The Heavy Police Presence Is Reassuring To The Hotels, Their Guests And Even Their Employees. The Hotel Industry Hopes That Won't Go Away Once The Holidays Are Over. Hotels Hope In The Upcoming Months The Travel Forecast Improves As International Travel Begins To Pick Up.

12/15/21 ABC7 News 11am
San Francisco To Require Sick Leave For Nannies, Gardeners

Nannies, House Cleaners, Gardeners And Other San Francisco Domestic Workers Must Be Given Paid Sick Leave Under A Groundbreaking Law Approved By City Leaders This Week. The City’s Board Of Supervisors On Tuesday Unanimously Passed The Legislation, Which The San Francisco Chronicle Said Is The First Of Its Kind In The U.S. The Measure Would Affect 10,000 People In The City Who Work In Private Homes Cleaning, Cooking, Tending Children, Garden Or Providing Non-Medical Care For Seniors Or Disabled Residents.


To Take Effect, The Measure Needs A Second Vote By The Supervisors And Must Be Signed By Mayor London Breed. It Would Then Take Several Months For The City To Hire A Private Company To Administer The Benefits Program, According To The Chronicle.

12/16/21 ABC7 News 4pm
30,000 Jobs Coming To Oakland With Coliseum Development

The African American Sports And Entertainment Group Released Its Economic Development Plans For Oakland Coliseum Thursday Following The Expiration Of The Oakland A’s Lease In 2024. Top Of The List Is Creating Tens Of Thousands Of Permanent New Jobs For Oakland Residents. The African American Sports & Entertainment Group (Aaseg) Announced "30k 4 O-A-K" Thursday; 30,000
Permanent Living Wage Jobs In Oakland Through The Oakland Coliseum Development Project. As Aaseg Evaluates What To Develop At The Site, They Plan To Provide Meaningful Occupations And Gainful Wages For Oakland Residents, Including The Most Disenfranchised Members Of The Community.

9/25/21 ABC7 Mews 11pm
Black And Vaxxed

Black And Vaxxed - The Black Women Organized For Political Action Or Bwopa
Launched A Statewide Campaign To Boost Vaccination Rates In California's
Black Communities. In Alameda County, Just 58 Percent Of Black People 12
And Older Are Fully Vaccinated... Compared To 63 Percent Of Latino People, 68
Percent Of White People, And 79 Percent Of Asian People. Health Officials Are
Working At A Neighborhood Level Going Door-To-Door, Working To Dispel
Myths, And Connect Patients With Health Care Providers And To Identify Those
Locations Where People Remain Unvaccinated.

9/29/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Air Pollution Disproportionately Affects Minority Residents Of West
Oakland

ABC Owned Television Stations Launched The Equity Report This Week To
Track And Measure Racial Equity In Neighborhoods Across 100 Of The Largest
U.S. Cities. The Results Reveal Grave Inequities In Air Quality In The Bay Area,
With West Oakland Residents Facing Worse Health Outcomes Than Almost All
Other Alameda County Residents. According To An Analysis From Our ABC7
Data Team Using 2014 Epa Numbers Part Of The Equity Report, Residents
Living Within 10 Miles Of I-880 Have, On Average, Twice The Cancer Risk And
Are Almost Twice As Likely To Develop Respiratory Illnesses Than Those Living
The Same Distance From I-580 Where Trucks Are Banned.

The Pollution Levels In West Oakland Over The Last 50 Years Have Really
Devastated This Community. Children Younger Than Five In West Oakland Are
One And A Half Times More Likely To Be Sent To The Emergency Room With
Severe Asthma Than Other Parts Of Alameda County, According To A 2016
Report From The Alameda County Public Health Department. Kids In East
Oakland, Emeryville, And West Berkeley Also Saw Higher Rates Of Asthma Hospitalizations. These Areas Are Situated Along Parts Of The I-880 Corridor.

America Is Segregated And So Is Pollution According To Dr. Robert Bullard, Distinguished Professor Of Urban Planning And Environmental Policy At Texas Southern University In Houston, Texas. Bullard Is Known As The 'Father Of Environmental Justice' For His Groundbreaking Work Studying The Inequities In Environmental Influences On Health. His Work Dating Back To The 1970s Reveals Race And Class Still Matter And Map Closely With Pollution And Vulnerability.

In West Oakland, Life Expectancy Is Seven And A Half Years Lower Than The Alameda County Average, According To County Health Data. Comparing Two East Bay Freeways -- I-880 And I-580 -- Shows Why. I-880 Is Dotted With Big Rig Trucks Carrying Goods Most Hours Of The Day To And From The Port Of Oakland, One Of The Ten Busiest Ports In The Country. The Route Takes The Trucks Through The Flatlands, Where They Exit Near 7th Street In West Oakland. The Neighborhood Is Home To More Black And Latino Residents With Lower Household Incomes Than Neighborhoods Along I-580, According To 2020 Census Numbers.

Diesel Particulate Matter Or Dpm From This Heavy-Duty Truck Traffic Is Associated With Almost Half Of The Cancer Risk For West Oakland Residents, According To The 2019 "Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan" Report Published By The Bay Area Air Quality Management District And The West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.


The Neighborhoods That Surround I-580 Experience Substantially Less Pollution From Trucks. That Truck Ban Has Led To A Displacement Of Pollution Into Communities Of Color. The West Oakland Health Council Has Been Serving The Community For More Than 50 Years. Dr. Adrian James Has Been Caring For Patients There For The Last 26 Years And Sees The Health Impacts Firsthand. That History Of Regional Segregation Of Housing Is One Of The Big Things That Drives The Disparities In Air Pollution That Seen In The Bay Area. This Is Especially True For Historically Redlined Communities Like West Oakland, Where Government Maps Made In The 1930s Determined Where Racial And
Ethnic Groups Could Purchase Homes Based On Who Banks Would Loan To And Who They Didn’t.

The Legacy Is Still Alive Today. On Average, Black And Hispanic People Experience Air Pollutant Concentrations That Can Be Up To 30%, Higher Than Average. Meanwhile, White People Experienced Levels That Are About 15% Lower Than Average.

9/29/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Data Shows Growing Health Insurance Gap Across The Bay Area

When It Comes To Accessing Health Insurance, There Are Large Disparities Across The Bay Area. ABC7’s Data Analysis Of U.S. Census Bureau Records Found In The San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley Metro Area, The Percentage Of Uninsured Hispanic/Latinos Is Nearly Four Times More Than That Of White People. Out Of All Nine Bay Area Counties, 4.5% Of People Are Uninsured (This Doesn't Include People In Prisons, Jails, Or Mental Hospitals).

Overall, 2.5% Of White Individuals Are Uninsured Across The Bay Area. 3% Of Asians, 4.9% Of Black Individuals, And 9.4% Of Hispanic/Latinos Are Uninsured Across All Of The Counties.

An Analysis Found 600,000 Californians Are Eligible For Medical But Not Enrolled - Plus Another 500,000 Californians Who Are Eligible For Coverage Through Their Employer But Haven't Taken Advantage Of It. The Barriers To Becoming Eligible And Jumping Over All The Administrative Hurdles Would Be Too Much. The San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Metro Area Has Similar Numbers To The San Francisco Area -- The Percentage Of Hispanic/Latinos Who Are Uninsured Is More Than Three Times That Of Their White Counterparts.

The Analysis Out Of UC Berkeley Also Projected About 3 Million Californians Under The Age Of 65 Would Be Uninsured By 2022 And The Largest Group Would Be People Who Are Undocumented.

10/4/21 ABC7 News 4pm
Minority Business Owners Most Negatively Impacted By Pandemic In California

A Recent Berkeley Institute Of Governmental Studies Poll Found Minority Small Business Owners Were Significantly More Negatively Impacted By The Pandemic Compared To Their Counterparts. The Pandemic Has Tested Business Owner Regina Harris Who Was Vending Patchwork Jackets Prior To Covid.
According to a recent Berkeley Institute of Government Studies or IGS poll of small business owners, Black and Latino small business owners were much more likely to state that Covid negatively impacted their ability to keep their businesses open, maintain their staff and stabilize their revenues. The racial disparities seen broadly in the state also translate into the small business owner sphere. The poll found minority business owners were also significantly less likely to state that they had applied for and received PPP loans. The poll indicates aid to minority business owners will be critical if California is going to fully recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

10/22/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Black Panther Party Co-Founder Huey P. Newton Honored

The Revolutionary Founder of the Black Panther Party Huey P. Newton will be honored with a bronze bust to be unveiled Sunday to commemorate the party's 55th anniversary. The statue, to be installed at the intersection where the late leader took his last breath, will be the first permanent art display to honor the Black Panther Party in Oakland. In her studio, blocks away from where the monument will be installed, sculptor Dana King said she created him to bring him home to West Oakland. King said "The reason he's looking up and out is because he was a visionary, he saw into the future ... and there's been so much misinformation, propaganda about the Panthers that's harmful. The story that exists about the Panthers is wrong."

Before the "Black Panther" was a comic book making Marvel hundreds of millions of dollars at the box office, the Black Panther Party was founded in Oakland in 1966 as a grassroots community movement in response to police brutality. Images of Panthers carrying guns for protection and shootouts with police, however, would be the lasting legacy perpetuated in the media. In 1969, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described the party as "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country" and would launch a deadly effort to infiltrate and dismantle the party. But the Panther's were more than armed resistance to police.

Shortly after its creation, the organization launched a free breakfast program that fed thousands of hungry youth and would eventually be the blueprint for the federal government's free and reduced meals plan at public schools. This would be one of the first of many social safety net programs created by the Panthers like a free ambulance program, free health clinics treating diseases disproportionately affecting the Black community such as sickle cell and HIV, and an escort and transportation service for seniors. King is hoping to reshape the narrative of the Panthers' legacy through her art.
10/26/21 ABC7 News 11pm
Parent, Students And Teachers Upset Over Kkk Costume

A Kkk Costume Worn By A Student At Pittsburg High School On Wednesday Has Been Confiscated According To A Note From The School Principal That Went Out To All Parents. Other Students Though, Very Upset Over What They Witnessed At School And Saw In The Photo. Students Say There Was A Costume Contest At Lunch On Wednesday And That Is When The Costume Was Worn. In A Note That Went Out To Parents Thursday, The Principal Says The Student In The Ku Klux Klan Costume Admitted To Wearing It On A Dare. According To The Principal's Note, The Student Wore The Costume Through 4 Periods Without Being Told To Take It Off, It's Believed He Only Wore The Costume During Certain Times And Not During Class. The Note To Parents Says The Student In The Costume Has Been Quote, "Assigned Consequences." He Will Participate In The School's Restorative Justice Process To Learn How His Actions Have Impacted And Harmed Others. And In That Process Will Help Repair Harm He Has Caused. Some Believe Stronger Disciplinary Measures Should Be Taken Here.

11/1/21 ABC7 News 4pm
La Catrina Can Teach Us

La Catrina Is Perhaps The Most Recognizable Symbol Of Day Of The Dead. She's An Elegantly Dressed Skeleton That Has Inspired Many Men And Women To Put On Skull Makeup And Imitate Her During The Mexican Holiday. But La Catrina Was Not Always Associated With Día De Muertos, A Celebration That Dates Back To Mesoamerican Times To Honor Ancestors Who Have Passed Away. The Original La Catrina Was Created In 1910 As A Social Critique Around The Start Of The Mexican Revolution By José Guadalupe Posada, A Mexican Printmaker Who Created Political Cartoons.


Posada Would Continue To Produce Art Depicting Skeletons To Critique Mexican Society, But It Was Not Until Decades Later That The Skeleton He Created Would Become Engrained In Mexican Culture. In 1947, Famed Mexican Painter Diego Rivera Created His Mural Dream Of A Sunday Afternoon In The Alameda Central. The Mural Includes Important Figures In Mexican History Dressed Elegantly While Out On A Stroll On A Sunday Afternoon. At The Center,
Rivera Placed The Skeleton Holding Hands With Rivera Himself On One Side And Posada On The Other.

Rodriguez Speculates La Catrina Went From Being A Purely Social Critique To Grand Dame Of Day Of The Dead When Mexican Immigrants In The United States Were Exposed To Halloween. They Began Dressing Up As Skeletons For Trick Or Treating And Eventually Carried That Forward Into Day Of The Dead Celebrations. Nowadays Many People Dress Up As La Catrina For Día De Los Muertos To Honor Their Ancestors And To Remind Themselves That They Are Not Immortal Either. But Rodriguez Said The Original Message Of Posada's Skeleton Can Provide An Important Lesson As We Post Images Of Ourselves On Social Media.

11/3/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Oakland Ballet's 'Luna Mexicana' Celebrates Latino Culture

The Oakland Ballet Company Took Its Show On The Road Wednesday, To A Hayward Elementary School With A Preview Performance Of "Luna Mexicana," A Dance Show Designed To Celebrate Latino Culture, While Also Recognizing The Deep Impact The Covid Pandemic Has Had On That Community. It's About A Girl, Luna, Who On Dia De Los Muertos, She Goes To A Graveyard And She Thinks About Her Family Members And Her Past.

With An Audience Of Young Students Reveling In Their Every Move, Dancers From The Oakland Ballet Company Brought Their Production Of Luna Mexicana To Hayward's Park School. The Dance Is Inspired By Dia De Los Muertos, But In The Age Of Covid, It's Also Meant To Raise Awareness About The Pandemic's Deep Impact On The Latino Community. The Mix Of Traditional Dance And Music With More Contemporary Elements Seemed Especially Resonant At Park School, Where 60% Of The Students Are Latino.

11/7/21 ABC7 News 11pm
San Jose's Thomas Fallon Statue To Be Removed

During Public Comment Residents Called Out Fallon - The Former City Mayor, Viewed By Some As A Colonizer And Oppressor. The Statue Depicted Fallon Raising The U-S Flag In San Jose In The Mid-1800's, On What Was Then-Mexican Land. It'll Cost An Estimated 450-Thousand Dollars To Take Down.

At City Hall Tuesday Night, Some Tense Moments As Former Mayor Tom Mcenery Took Questions From Council. Mcenery, Who Was Instrumental In Putting Up The Statue, Maintained "History Matters." But Many Say They Not Only Want To See It Go, They Want It Gone.

11/13/21 ABC7 News 6pm
*Healing Historical Trauma*: Native American Restaurant Serving Indigenous Cuisine

Wahpepah's Kitchen, A New Woman-Owned Native American Restaurant Serving A Modern Take On Indigenous Cuisine Opens In East Oakland On Saturday.

Chef Crystal Wahpepah, Who Has Owned One Of The Only Native American Catering Businesses In California For The Last 12 Years, Is Opening A New Restaurant Bringing Her Take On Indigenous Cuisine To The East Bay. The Restaurant Opens Saturday, November 13 In Oakland's Fruitvale Village, Adjacent To The Fruitvale Bart Station. The Trailblazing Chef Was The First Native American Person Featured On Food Network's Hit Show "Chopped," And Is Now Adding Another Accolade To Her List As One Of A Small Number Of Native American Owned Restaurants In The Bay Area.

A Variety Of Dishes Will Be On The Menue From A Wild Rice Cake, To An "Ancient Porridge" Using Quinoa, Amaranth, And Wild Rice Topped With Spicy Chili. Other Dishes Offer A Twist On The Familiar, Like A Blue Corn Waffle With A Fried Turkey Wing, Topped Off With A Fresh Berry Compote And House-Made Maple Butter. Each Menu Offering Features Authentic, Indigenous Foods Using Locally-Sourced And In-Season Ingredients. The Chef Said She Pulls Both Her Inspiration And Strength From Her Ancestors In The Kickapoo Tribe Native To Oklahoma. She Envisions The Restaurant As A Cultural Exchange, Where People Unfamiliar With Native Cuisine Can Get A Good Meal And A Good Lesson By Visiting Her "Native American Food Pantry."

The Decor Also Showcases Hand-Painted Murals By Native American Artists Paying Homage To The Food Restaurant Goers Will Find On The Menu. Many Staff Members At The Restaurant, From The Back Of The House Employees To Chefs, Are Also Native American And Say The Significance Of This Space Opening During Native American Heritage Month Is Not Lost On Them. Chef Wahpepah Recalls Stories From Her Grandfather Detailing How Her Ancestors Fought For Survival And Now She Finds Her Self Fighting For A Rightful Space In Our History And In Our Understanding Of What Native Food Is.
Fashion Exhibit Explores Images Of Race


Words Matter

Bay Area Police Departments Have Called What Happened At Various Retail Stores This Weekend "Looting." Similar Crimes Happened In The Wake Of The George Floyd Protests, But Are The Past Weekend's Crimes Truly Considered Looting? As The Bay Area Grapples With A Wave Of Seemingly Organized Smash And Grab Robberies This Weekend, Policing And Journalism Analysts Are Cautioning Against The Use Of The Term Looting. The Louis Vuitton Store Was Burglarized And Looted. The Burberry In Westfield Mall Was Burglarized And Looted According To San Francisco Police Chief Bill Scott.
Chief Scott Was Detailing His Department's Response To A Wave Of Potentially Organized Retail Thefts And Burglaries Netting A Million Dollars In Stolen Luxury Goods. A San Jose Police Department Spokesman Updated The Media On Incidents Of Theft Occurring In The South Bay Over The Weekend. "We Are Talking About Two Incidents, We're Not Going To Call This Looting. This Is Organized Robbery. That's What It Is," Said Sergeant Christian Camarillo, Public Information Officer For San Jose Police.

Camarillo Was Referring To The $40,000 In Merchandise Stolen From Lululemon In Santana Row Saturday. Similar Crimes Hit Hayward And Walnut Creek This Weekend With Waves Of Suspects Rushing Stores Leading To Major Losses. But According To The California Penal Code, What We Saw Was Not Looting. The Penal Code Defines Looting As "Theft Or Burglary...During A 'State Of Emergency', 'Local Emergency', Or 'Evacuation Order' Resulting From An Earthquake, Fire, Flood, Riot Or Other Natural Or Manmade Disaster." To Some, The Distinction May Be Small, But Lorenzo Boyd, Phd, Professor Of Criminal Justice & Community Policing At The University Of New Haven, And A Retired Veteran Police Officer, Emphasized That Words Matter. Experts Expressed The Importance Of Media Literacy For Viewers To Critically Think About The Language Used By Public Officials And The Media As We All Try To Make Sense Of These Complex Issues Our Society Is Facing. People Draw Their Own Conclusions, If The Terminologies That You Use Are Tethered To People's Understanding Of How They Have Been Used In The Past.

11/26/21 ABC7 News 6pm
Native Americans Feel Invisible

From The Forced Relocation Acts Of The 1950's To Today, Many Indigenous People Feel As Though They Were And Are Still Being Stripped Of Their Culture. Through The Spirit Of The Occupation Of Alcatraz, A Coalition Of Native Groups Are Creating A Cultural Hub Known As 'The Village,' Located In The Heart Of The American Indian Cultural District Of San Francisco, The First Of It's Kind In The Us, 'The Village' Will Provide Indigenous People A Way To Receive Essential Services And Regain A Connection To Their Community. Native People In San Francisco Are Using The Foundation Of Past Activism To Fight For The Future They Deserve.

12/7/21 ABC7 News 11pm
Peace And Justice Call To Action

Inside Palo Alto's First United Methodist Church, Thursday Night Dozens Answered A Call To Action, By Acknowledging Incidents Of Hate Within Their
Own Community. From Vandalism, Verbal Attacks And Violent Hate-Based Crime

The *Multifaith Voices For Peace And Justice* Coalition, Behind Thursday’s Service Says No Group Has Gone Unscathed. During The Pandemic, ABC7 News Reported On Racist Graffiti Discovered In A Public Bathroom More Discovered At A Downtown Parking Garage. In August, ABC7 News Highlighted A Customer’s Racist Tirade Which Was Directed At The Owner Of Fuki Sushi Restaurant We’ve Also Detailed The Arrest Of A Man Who Police Say Was Yelling Anti-Gay Slurs And Fighting With People Downtown. Without Getting Into Specifics, Rabbi Amy Eilberg Revealed The Church Itself, Where The Meeting Was Held, Has Been The Recent Target Of A Series Of Hurtful Incidents. On The Eve Of World Human Rights Day, Deciding More Must Be Done.

12/11/21 ABC7 News 11pm
Minorities Have Trouble Finding Therapists Who Look Like Them

Finding A Therapist Who Looks Like You Can Be Challenging For Asian, Latinx, And Black Communities, An ABC7 News Data Team Analysis Found. According To Data From The Census Bureau, In The San Francisco Metro Area -- Which Includes San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, Marin And Contra Costa Counties -- White People Are Twice As Likely To Find A Mental Health Professional Of The Same Race Than Asian People. White People Are Also One And A Half Times As Likely To Find A Mental Health Professional That Looks Like Them Than Their Latinx Counterparts. Findings Are Similar In The San Jose Metro Area, Which Includes Santa Clara And San Benito Counties. Mental Health Professionals Include Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers, And Other Therapists.

Therapists Say That Often Means Prospective Clients Are Looking For Mental Health Professionals Who Mirror Their Identity And Understand Their Lived Experience. But Mental Health Professionals Often See A Spike In Requests For Service Around The Winter Holidays, And That Means Bipoc People Can Often Find Themselves On A Long Waitlist For A Mental Health Clinician Who Looks Like Them. While There Is One White Mental Health Professional Per 84 White Individuals In The San Francisco Metro Area, There Is One Asian Mental Health Professional Per 187 Asians And One Latinx Mental Health Professional Per 133 Latinx Individuals.

In The San Jose Metro Area, There Is One White Mental Health Professional Per 100 White Individuals, But One Asian Mental Health Professional Per 264 Asians And One Latinx Mental Health Professional Per 127 Latinx Individuals. For The San Francisco Metro Area, There Are 540 Latinx Psychologists, 205 Black Psychologists, 405 Asian Psychologists, And 6,220 White Psychologists. There
Is Also A Lack Of Representation In The Field Among The LGBTQIA+ Community Too.

**12/11/21 ABC7 News 4pm**  
**No More Black Officers With Palo Alto PD**

Palo Alto Recently Celebrated The Retirement Of Police Sgt. Adrienne Moore. City Council Recognized Sgt. Moore’s Long Career In Law Enforcement With A Special Resolution At This Week’s Council Meeting. However, The Development Also Meant The Palo Alto Police Department (Papd) Would Be Without Any Black Officers. Following Monday's Special Resolution, Retired Public Defender And Palo Alto Resident Aram James Reflected On That Reality. Speaking Publicly, He Said, "Council Needs To Make Sure We Do Our Job To Recruit African Americans To This Department. I Believe This Is The First Time In Three Or Four Decades That We've Been Without An African American Officer."

ABC7 News Spoke With A Former Palo Alto Police Officer Who Confirmed That To Be The Case. The Former Officer, Who Wished To Remain Anonymous, Said That Throughout The Entire Department Currently, There Are Only Three Black Employees. The Former Officer Explained Two Work As Dispatchers And One As A Records Specialist. A City Councilman Has Plans To Ask About An Ethnic Breakdown To Better Understand How The City's Police Force Is Reflective Of The Community. However, Residents Shared, Although Palo Alto May Be A "Melting Pot," They Don't Feel That's The Case For Its Police Department.

Acting Capt. James Reifschneider With Papd Said Police Recruiting Has Become Much More Challenging In Recent Years, With A Shortage Of Applicants And Other Issues Industry-Wide. In An Email, He Explained, "The Department Has Redoubled Its Recruiting Efforts, In General, And With An Emphasis On Attracting A Diverse Applicant Pool That Is Representative Of The Community We Serve." According To Reifschneider, In Recent Months, Recruiters Have Attended "A Number Of Military And Collegiate Recruiting Events And Made Several Presentations To Local University And Community College Classes."

While Many Tell ABC7 News The City Must Do More To Diversify Its Police Department, Others Say Safety Is What Matters Most.

**12/14/21 ABC7 News 6pm**  
**California's Reparation Taskforce Tackles Racial Wealth Gap**

The California's First-In-The-Nation Reparations Task Force Convened For The Fourth Month Since The Group Started Meeting In June. The Group Is Charged
With Recommending How California Will Issue A Formal Apology, How To Eliminate Discrimination In Existing State Laws, And Determine How Any Potential Compensation Should Be Calculated For The Descendants Of Enslaved Persons In The U.S. And Who Would Be Eligible. Up For Discussion During This Month's Hearings Were Contemporary Harms To Black Americans Such As Housing And Education Segregation, Racism In Banking And The Racial Wealth Gap.

The Austin Family Sunk $400,000 Into Renovating Their Home, But Were Stunned When They Barely Gained Any Value During The Appraisal Process. When They Had A White Woman Pose As The Homeowner, That All Changed. A Key Piece Of Testimony During Wednesday's Hearing Came From An ABC7 News Story. ABC News First Introduced Viewers To Marin City Native Paul Austin And His Wife Tenisha In February. The Austin’s Had The Value Of Their Home Jump $493,000 After They Had A White Friend Stand In For Them During An Appraisal And Act As If The Home Was Hers.

The Austin’s Told ABC7 News They Believe Their Home Was Valued For Less Because They Are Black And They Are Now Hoping That Experience Will Inspire Change Across The State. The Nine-Member Task Force Created Through The Passage Of Ab 3121 Last Year Heard A Number Of Expert And Personal Testimonies Wednesday.

According To The Federal Reserve, Black Households Have An Average Net Worth Of $24,000 Compared To $188,000 For White Families—Nearly Eight Times As Much In 2019. Austin Is Convinced Now As He Was When He First Shared His Story With ABC7 News That Race Was A Factor, As Are Six Other Families Who Have Come Forward To Share Their Stories Of Alleged Appraisal Discrimination With ABC7 News Race And Culture Reporter Julian Glover.
January 1, 2022

To: Station Management

Re: ABC Television Network Fourth Quarter, 2021 Program Information

Attached is the Fourth Quarter review of the **ABC Television Network News & Public Affairs Programming**. The information, which we will continue to issue on a quarterly basis, may be useful to licensees in compiling their FCC quarterly issues/program list for your station's public inspection files. All related legal materials will be posted on the A-Net prior to the 10th day of the new quarter (Word version 7.0).

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact your Station Relations representative, or send an e-mail to abc.affiliate.relations@abc.com.

Regards,

Susi D'Ambra-Coplan  
Vice President  
Affiliate Relations

Attachment(s)
ABC NEWS PROGRAMS – Fourth Quarter, 2021

WORLD NEWS NOW

Monday thru Friday
2:00 - 4:30 AM ET
12:00 - 4:30 AM PT (Monday)
1:06:30 - 4:30 AM PT (Tuesday-Friday)

Comprised of thirty-minute segments, ABC's WORLD NEWS NOW, with co-anchors Andrew Dymburt and Mona Kosar Abdi offers up-to-date news coverage including a mixture of live and taped coverage of domestic and international news issues.

AMERICA THIS MORNING

Monday through Friday
4:00 - 7:00 AM ET
4:30 - 7:00 AM PT

Andrew Dymburt and Mona Kosar Abdi co-anchor this morning news program which provides viewers with late-breaking national and international news, sports, weather and financial reports. Featuring separate and distinct fifteen-minute segments, information about overnight events is constantly updated.

GOOD MORNING AMERICA

Monday through Friday
7:00 - 9:00 AM ET / PT

George Stephanopoulos, Robin Roberts and Michael Strahan provide viewers with timely news reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

Saturday
8:00-10:00AM ET / 7:00-9:00AM PT

Sunday
8:00 – 9:00 AM ET / 7:00 – 8:00AM PT

ABC News Correspondents Eva Pilgrim and Whit Johnson will co-anchor providing viewers with timely reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

GMA3: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Monday through Friday
1:00 – 2:00 PM ET / 12:00 – 1:00PM PT / CT

A one-hour program co-anchored by Amy Robach and TJ Holmes, also featuring other ABC News Correspondents including Dr. Jennifer Ashton, to address the widespread issues caused by the global pandemic and a mix of news, takeaways and inspiration.
THE VIEW

*Monday through Friday*
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET / 10:00 – 11:00 AM PT

A one-hour talk show hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Sunny Hostin, and Sara Haines features the hottest topics, headline-making conversations, politics, pop culture, celebrity guests and newsmakers, broadcast live from New York.

ABC NEWS BRIEF

*Monday through Friday*

aprx. 2:58 - 3:00PM ET / 1:58 - 2:00PM PT

This two-minute news capsule updates important news events of the day.

NOTE: As events warrant, ABC NEWS BRIEF may be expanded or re-scheduled, or an additional News Brief may be scheduled.

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR

*Monday through Friday*

6:30 - 7:00PM ET and 7:00 - 7:30PM ET
5:30 - 6:00PM PT and 6:00 - 6:30PM PT and 6:30 - 7:00PM PT

ABC News Anchor David Muir keeps viewers informed about world news events in this half-hour news review.

SUPERSTAR

*Wednesday*
10:00 – 11:00PM ET

The series features rare footage and intimate details about the mavericks who shaped American culture including Whitney Houston, Kobe Bryant, Robin Williams and more. The series travels deep inside the lives of these icons and features interviews with friends and family who reveal the meteoric highs and the devastating costs of fame.

20/20

*Friday*
9:01 - 11:00PM ET

Note: on occasion, 20/20 will air on another night

Informational News magazine combines hard-hitting investigative reports, newsmaker interviews, compelling human interest and feature stories, and
offers viewers a chance to learn more about the world around them. ABC News Correspondents David Muir and Amy Robach anchor 20/20.

**NIGHTLINE**  
*Monday through Friday*  
12:37 - 1:06:30 AM ET / PT

Ju Ju Chang and Byron Pitts co-anchor the program which provides in-depth discussion of current events.

**NOTE:** As news events warrant, ABC NEWS NIGHTLINE may be expanded. Please refer to the NIGHTLINE section for exact program times.

**WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SATURDAY**  
**ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Saturday)**  
**Whit Johnson,** Anchor  
*Saturday*  
6:00 - 6:30PM ET and 6:30 - 7:00PM ET  
5:30 - 6:00PM PT and 6:00 - 6:30PM PT

**WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SUNDAY**  
**ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Sunday)**  
**Linsey Davis,** Anchor  
*Sunday*  
6:00 - 6:30PM ET and 6:30 - 7:00PM ET  
5:30 - 6:00PM PT and 5:30 - 6:00PM PT

This half-hour news program reviews the day’s major events from around the country and around the world on the weekend.

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**THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS**  
*Sunday*  
9:00 – 10:00AM ET / 8:00 – 9:00AM PT  
10:30 – 11:30AM ET / 9:00 – 10:00AM PT

ABC News Correspondents George Stephanopoulos and Martha Raddatz co-anchor this news/interview program which focuses on the latest news
events. World leaders and policy makers participate in roundtable discussions.

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20/20
Friday, October 1, 2021
Fake Heiress
“20/20” reports on Anna Sorokin, known as the “Soho Grifter,” whose story fascinated the world as her cons deceiving New York’s elite unraveled. When Sorokin moved to New York City from Paris in 2013, she decided to be someone else entirely – Anna Delvey. The highest social circles accepted her, believing she was a German heiress worth millions until the facade came crashing down. “20/20” dives into Sorokin’s schemes, including how she pulled them off, her arrest and ultimate conviction of grand larceny and other charges. “20/20” contains ABC News senior national affairs correspondent Deborah Roberts’ interview with Sorokin following her release from prison.

Friday, October 8, 2021 – Season Premiere
Chippendales Murder
“20/20” dives deep into the dark history of greed, paranoia and murder behind the rise of male exotic dance troupe Chippendales, which became an international cultural phenomenon in the 80s and 90s. Steve Banerjee found the success and fortune he always craved when he created Chippendales — but his ambition was insatiable. “20/20” documents the stories of how Banerjee conspired to eliminate those who he believed got in his way, reporting on his own demise.

Friday, October 15, 2021
Two Murders
Following the murder of fourth-grade teacher Mickey Bryan 36 years ago – on Oct. 15, 1985 – fear and shock washed over Clifton, Texas, and local authorities soon arrested her husband, Joe Bryan. Four months earlier another crime rocked the small town: the murder of 17-year-old Judy Whitley, later linked to former Clifton police officer Dennis Dunlap. After Bryan spent more than three decades in prison for Mickey’s murder, key expert testimony about forensic evidence used against him proved faulty. Those close to the case wondered – could the two homicides be linked and could Dunlap be Mickey’s killer, too? In a new two-hour program, “20/20” co-anchor Amy Robach, who’s been following this case for years, sits down with Bryan for his first broadcast TV interview.

Friday, October 22, 2021
Jekyll and Hyde
Robert Bierenbaum seemed to have it all, but just like “Jekyll and Hyde,” he had a much darker side lurking underneath. He was violent and controlling abuser, and his wife, Gail Katz-Bierenbaum, confided in friends she was afraid of him. Although authorities suspected him in Katz-Bierenbaum’s 1985 disappearance from their Upper East Side apartment, insufficient
physical evidence allowed him to evade charges for fourteen years until prosecutors discovered a doctored flight log from the day Katz-Bierenbaum vanished, and his lies finally caught up with him. A new two-hour “20/20,” with reporting by ABC News anchor John Quiñones.

Friday, October 29, 2021

**Gabby Petito Case**

Gabby Petito and Brian Laundrie captured national attention when the two left for a cross-country adventure, but only Laundrie returned. The couple let others into their seemingly happy world via social media, but behind the cameras, a much darker story played out. Laundrie returned to his family’s Florida residence, without his fiancé, and Petito’s family demanded answers about her whereabouts. When Laundrie vanished, the attention intensified as internet sleuths who helped crack the case wide open investigated and theorized. A two-hour “20/20” reports on the horror that unfolded in the beauty of Wyoming’s Grand Teton National Park and the details leading to the discovery of Laundrie’s remains last week, and poses lingering questions about what’s next.
Friday, November 5, 2021
False Confession
How did a bizarre confession derail the investigation into the first murder committed by Keith Hunter Jesperson, the notorious “Happy Face Killer,” and allow him to remain on the loose, killing at least seven more women? A new two-hour “20/20” reports on how after authorities discovered the body of Taunja Bennett in the Columbia Gorge in 1990, 57-year-old Laverne Pavlinac confessed to the police that she took part in the crime. She provided convincing evidence that implicated her and her boyfriend, 39-year-old John Sosnovske, in the murder, and they were convicted and sentenced to life in prison. In a shocking twist, Pavlinac’s confession turned out to be false in an attempt to escape what she described as an abusive relationship with Sosnovske. Juju Chang reports.

Friday, November 12, 2021
Wrongful Conviction
When a scream woke Julie Rea in the middle of the night, she realized her 10-year-old son Joel was missing from his bed. She encountered an intruder and struggled with him as he ran out of the house. When authorities arrived, she faced the unthinkable – Joel was dead and authorities began to focus on her, poking holes in her story about the home invasion. Rea ended up behind bars, convicted of Joel’s murder. When crime author Diane Fanning watched a 2002 “20/20” report on Rea, she soon uncovered information that cracked the case wide open and linked notorious serial killer Tommy Lynn Sells to Joel’s murder. A two-hour “20/20” reports on the case, the events of the tragic night, Rea’s wrongful conviction, and Sells’ startling confession about the crime.

Friday, November 19, 2021
Escape from a House of Horror – A Diane Sawyer Special Event
ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer has exclusive interviews with children from the Turpin family, who authorities found captive inside their California home under harrowing conditions – starvation, in chains, brutal violence – after one escaped and called 911. In the two-hour primetime event, viewers will hear from the daughter who made the emergency call that led to their rescue and her sister who previously attempted an escape — the first interviews from any of the 13 Turpin children.

Friday, November 26, 2021
Pursuit of Justice: Ahmaud Arbery
Over the past few weeks, the world watched the trial of Gregory McMichael, Travis McMichael and William “Roddie” Bryan for the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. The jury ultimately found the three defendants guilty in Arbery’s murder today. In a new two-hour “20/20,” Arbery’s family reflects on his life with his mother,
Wanda Cooper Jones, discussing her dogged quest to find truth and justice after the tragedy that changed their lives forever. ABC News senior national affairs correspondent Deborah Roberts reports.

Friday, December 10, 2021
Deadly Shooting: Rust
In a two-hour special, 20/20 delves into the events ahead of the deadly shooting on the set of “RUST” and the pending investigations into what went wrong; and features the Baldwin interview with George Stephanopoulos and new interviews.

Friday, December 17, 2021
Deadly BOEING 737
ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff and team traveled the world to investigate the deadly Boeing 737 MAX-8 airplane, grounded in 2019 following two tragic crashes that killed 346 passengers from around the world and cleared to fly again in 2020. “20/20” reports on the aircraft’s original controversial flight control software and how it mistakenly sent planes into deadly nosedives, as well as the status of the criminal investigation into Boeing and the criminal charges filed against one former employee. “20/20” investigates.
(OAD: 11/20/2020)
SUPER STAR
The new one-hour series features rare footage and intimate details about the mavericks who shaped American culture including Whitney Houston, Kobe Bryant, Robin Williams and more. The series travels deep inside the lives of these icons and features interviews with friends and family who reveal the meteoric highs and the devastating costs of fame.

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Super Star: Robin Williams
This episode will profile Robin Williams, one of the world’s most beloved and inventive comedians. The new episode recounts his life through Williams’ own voice, describing “the spark of madness” which defined his life. From his early days in the San Francisco Bay Area comedy scene to his meteoric rise on “Mork & Mindy,” the one-hour special explores the experiences that made Williams into a one-of-a-kind talent and reveals what gave voice to the characters in his mind.

Wednesday, November 30, 2021
Super Star: George Michael
This episode will chronicle the life and career of legendary pop star George Michael and paint a portrait of one of the most successful artists of all time, who sold over 100 million records worldwide. We see how he reinvented himself from a teenage heartthrob in Wham!, to a global superstar with his solo album “Faith,” and later to groundbreaking artist boldly paving a path for future stars. is influential lawsuit against his record company.

ABC NEWS SPECIALS – Fourth Quarter, 2021
Monday, October 18, 2021
The Real Queens of Hip-Hop: The Women Who Changed the Game – An ABC News Special
This special takes an intimate look at the evolution and impact of women emcees and rappers, told by the trailblazing artists who helped create a musical and cultural empire. Featuring an all-female interview lineup, Salt of Salt-N-Pepa narrates the special, along with original spoken word performances by the legendary MC Lyte and an original score by WondaGurl. This one-hour program features new interviews from today’s chart-toppers like City Girls, along with pioneers of the '70s like “mother of the mic” MC Sha-Rock and others.

Thursday, December 2, 2021
ABC News Special: Alec Baldwin Unscripted
George Stephanopoulos has the first exclusive interview with actor Alec Baldwin, following the deadly shooting on the set of the film “Rust.”
Sunday, December 5, 2021
& Sunday, December 19, 2021 (Encore)

Something’s Coming: West Side Story – A Special Edition of 20/20
ABC News presents an event that steps inside the upcoming film “West Side Story,” from director Steven Spielberg. The special features interviews with Spielberg, Rita Moreno and other members of the cast and crew; discussions with Puerto Rican actors, artists and journalists on the role this story has had on their lives and the importance of authenticity and representation in film. The special edition of “20/20” takes viewers into the world of “West Side Story” past and present as the iconic musical is adapted for the next generation.

Monday, December 27, 2021

The Year 2021
As 2021 comes to a close, this ABC News annual two-hour primetime special will highlight the biggest moments of a historic year. With the country still fighting COVID-19, a groundbreaking inauguration, the Capitol insurrection, and continued protests for racial justice, 2021 proved to be a year unlike any other in modern-day history. “Good Morning America” co-anchor Robin Roberts anchors.

ABC NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS - Fourth Quarter, 2021

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THIS WEEK – Fourth Quarter, 2021

Sunday, October 3, 2021
Guests:
- Sen. Bernie Sanders
  (I) Vermont
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Rachael Bade
  Politico Playbook Co-Author

Topics:
- US Budget Plan
- Covid 19
- Biden's Agenda

Sunday, October 10, 2021
Guests:
- Janet Yellen
  Secretary of the Treasury
  *Exclusive*
- Nick Clegg
  Facebook Vice President of Global Affairs
- Julie Pace
  Executive Editor of The Associated Press
- Maggie Haberman
  The New York Times Washington Correspondent

Topics:
- Economy at Stake
- Action’s Against Social Media:  Facebook

Sunday, October 17, 2021
Guests:
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Diane Swonk
  Chief Economist and Managing Director, Grant Thornton LLP

Topics:
- Covid 19: Boosters
- Supply Chain Gridlock

Sunday, October 24, 2021
Guests:
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director

- Bonnie Glaser
  Director, Asia Program, German Marshall Fund

Topics:
- Covid 19: Pediatric Vaccines
- US Economic Agenda
- China

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Guests:
- Secretary Pete Buttigieg
  Transportation Secretary
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger
  (R) Illinois
- Donna Shalala
  (D) Former Florida Congresswoman
  Former HHS Secretary
- Laura Barrón-López
  POLITICO White House Correspondent

Topics:
- Build Back Better Plan
- Politically Homeless
- G20 Summit

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Guests:
- Dr. Vivek Murthy
  U.S. Surgeon General
- Robert Costa
  Co-Author, "Peril"
  The Washington Post National Political Reporter

Topics:
- Covid 19
- Infrastructure Bill

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Guests:
- Brian Deese
  White House National Economic Council Director
- Sen. John Barrasso
  (R) Wyoming
  Exclusive

Topics:
- Inflation
- Build Back Better Bill
Sunday, November 21, 2021

Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Diane Swonk
  Chief Economist and Managing Director, Grant Thornton LLP
- Laura Barrón-López
  POLITICO White House Correspondent
- Jonathan Swan
  Axios National Political Reporter

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Middle America & Inflation
Sunday, November 28, 2021
Guests:
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Sen. Bill Cassidy, M.D.
  (R) Louisiana
  Exclusive
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar
  (D) Minnesota
  Exclusive
- Reihan Salam
  Manhattan Institute President
Topics:
- Covid 19: Omicron
- Economy & Inflation

Sunday, December 5, 2021
Guests:
- Dr. Rochelle Walensky
  Centers for Disease Control Director
  Exclusive
- Gov. Jared Polis
  (D) Colorado
  Exclusive
- Vivian Salama
  Wall Street Journal National Security Reporter
Topics:
- Covid 19: Omicron

Sunday, December 12, 2021
Guests:
- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- William Taylor
  Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine
  VP, Strategic Stability & Security, U.S. Institute of Peace
- Justin Amash
  Former Michigan Congressman
- Deanne Criswell
  FEMA Administrator
- Margaret Hoover
  PBS' “Firing Line” Host
CNN Contributor

Topics:

- Covid 19
- Crisis Efforts: Tornadoes
- Ukraine’s Border
Sunday, December 19, 2021
Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger
  (R) Illinois
- Robert Costa
  Co-Author, "Peril"
  The Washington Post National Political Reporter
- Rachael Bade
  Politico Playbook Co-Author

Topics:

- Covid 19
- January 6th: Capitol Riots

Sunday, December 26, 2021
Guests:

- Dr. Anthony Fauci
  White House Chief Medical Adviser
  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director
- Dr. Ashish Jha
  Dean, Brown University School of Public Health

Topics:

- Covid 19
NIGHTLINE (M-F) – Fourth Quarter, 2021

Friday, October 1, 2021
- Anger in the Skies
- Asylum: Trek to Freedom
- Lil Nas X Covers Dolly Parton

Monday, October 4, 2021
- Stephanie Grisham: Trump Insider Tells All
- The Daughter of Roe v Wade
- Bubba Wallace’s Historic Win

Tuesday, October 5, 2021
- Facebook Whistleblower
- Shannen Doherty
- Biggest Bear

Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- Vaccine Mandate: Workers Quitting
- Thailand Eco-Rebound
- Soccer Support

Thursday, October 7, 2021
- Inside the Search
- “Jacinta” – Breaking the Cycle
- Hometown Hero

Friday, October 8, 2021
- Chippendales Murder

Monday, October 11, 2021
- Selma Blair: Living with MS
- Squid Games: Riding the Korean Wave
- Trans Homecoming Queen

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
- Gabby Petito – Cause of Death
- “Thoughts of a Colored Man”
- Canines in Costumes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021
- A Nightline Special Edition – The Appointment

Thursday, October 14, 2021
- Workers of America – Fighting Back
- Workers of America – Andrew Johnson
- Matt Damon & Ben Affleck
- Adele Returns

**Friday, October 15, 2021**
- 20/20 Special; The Principal’s Wife
- Real Queens of Hip-Hop

**Monday, October 18, 2021**
- Remembering Colon Powell
- Colin Powell – Leah Wright Rigueur & Anita McBride
- Supply Chain in Crisis
- Colin Powell – Rules for Life

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**
- Haiti – Brazen Kidnapping
- “Queens”
- Oldie Snub

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**
- Manhunt – Brian Laundrie
- Paris Hilton – Youth Treatment Centers
- Def Leppard – Rick Allen

**Thursday, October 21, 2021**
- Breaking News – Alec Baldwin
- “Race Norming”
- “Dune”

**Friday, October 22, 2021**
- Do No Harm

**Monday, October 25, 2021**
- Fatal Shot: New Developments in the Film Set Tragedy
- Tik Tok Burnout: Influences on the Edge
- The Giving Boy

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**
- Common Ground
- Dave Chappelle
- Big Tech Underfire

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**
- Loaded Gun – Movie Set Shooting
- Drew Binsky – World Traveler
- Yosemite Falls – Roaring Back

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**
- A Nightline Special Edition - Oil & Water
  - Battle for Line 3

**Friday, October 29, 2021**
- Gabby Petito

**Monday, November 1, 2021**
- A Special Edition of Nightline: Children of Climate Change

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**
- Youngkin Wins
- Virginia Decides
- Day of the Decade
- World Series Champs

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**
- Explosive Allegations
- Climate Crisis
- Historic Firsts

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**
- The Informant
- “Passing”
- Diwali

**Friday, November 5, 2021**
- Ahmaud Arbery – A Mother’s Pain
- Amazon – Point of No Return
- Cokie “A Life Well Lived”

**Monday, November 8, 2021**
- Concert Catastrophe
- Scottie Pippen “Unguarded”
- Stand Up for Heroes

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**
- Climate Desperation – Guatemala
- Astroworld - Inside the Horror
- Malala

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**
- Taking the Stand
- ABC’s Climate Crisis – Great Barrier Reef
• CMA Awards

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**
• A Nightline Special Edition: Keepers of the Land

**Friday, November 12, 2021**
• Britney Freed: Conservatorship Ends
• Summer of Soul: The Loved Ones
• Niger: 3312 Un-redacted

**Monday, November 15, 2021**
• Tale of Two Trials
• Julia Child
• Newest Member of Sesame Street

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**
• Clock Ticking: Death Row Controversy
• Lady Gaga and the House of Gucci
• Penguin Encounter

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**
• Ahmaud Arbery Trial: The Shooter testifies
• Underwater Farms: Combating Climate Changes
• Frida Kahlo Record Price

**Thursday, November 18, 2021**
• Julius Jones Execution Reprieve
• Mississippi Water Woes: Crumbling Infrastructure
• Malcom X Murder Exoneration

**Friday, November 19, 2021**
• Not Guilty – Kyle Rittenhouse
• House of Horror
• Found Money

**Monday, November 22, 2021**
• Holiday Horror
• Fighting Extremism
• Quiet Champions

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**
• Seeking Truth – Nikole Hannah-Jones
• Unite the Right – Civil Trial Update
- House of Gucci
- Soaring to Space

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**
- A Nightline Special Edition – Justice for Ahmaud
  - A Mother’s Pain

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**
- Breaking Barriers: Disabled Influencers
- Summer of Soul: The Loved Ones
- Real American Cuisine

**Friday, November 26, 2021**
- Escape from a House of Horrors

**Monday, November 29, 2021**
- New Variant
- Dr. JHA
- Virgil Abloh
- White House Christmas

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**
- Breaking News: MI School Shooting
- Cuomo Tapes
- Mel Brooks
- Josephine Baker

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**
- SCOTUS Abortion
- Dr. Oz
- Alex Baldwin teaser

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**
- Alec Baldwin Exclusive
- The First Wave
- Possum Porch Pirate

**Friday, December 3, 2021 (1:07- aprx. 1:36:30 AM ET/12:07- aprx. 12:36:30AM CT)**
- Breaking News: MI Parents Charged
- Elizabeth Holmes
- Westside Story

**Monday, December 6, 2021**
- WI Shooting Folo
The Watts Rams
Lions Honor Oxford Victims

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
• A Nightline Special Edition: The Enemy Inside

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
• Ukraine on the Brink
• Immersive Art
• Michael Strahan

Thursday, December 9, 2021
• Crime Wave
• Will Smith
• Bob Dole

Friday, December 10, 2021
• Rust Investigation

Monday, December 13, 2021 (aprx. 12:52 - 1:21:30 AM ET / aprx. 11:52 PM-12:21:30 AM CT)
• A Nightline Special Edition: Deadly Tornadoes
  o The Helpers
  o The Photos

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
• A Nightline Special Edition: Heartbreak & Hope
  o Tornado Aftermath
  o Sisters Give Back

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
• Kentucky – Biden Tour
• Police Shooting – Kim Potter
• Creative Daredevils
• Bell Hooks

Thursday, December 16, 2021
• Exclusive Interview: Lindsey Jackson - Vincent Jackson: CTE diagnosis
• Kentucky Tornadoes
• Kim Potter Trial

Friday, December 17, 2021
• Nikki Addimando: Fighting for Clemency
• Ben Affleck: The Good Father
• Tiger Comeback
Monday, December 20, 2021
- Money to Move
- The Matrix
- Presidential Puppy

Tuesday, December 21, 2021
- A Nightline Special Edition: Delivering Hope: Cierra’s Story
- Final Thought

Wednesday, December 22, 2021
- Biden Exclusive
- Santa Shortage
- Tornado Families

Thursday, December 23, 2021
- Breaking News – Potter Guilty Verdict
- Curse of the Chippendales
- Def Leppard – Rick Allen
- Joan Didion Orbit

Friday, December 24, 2021
- Watts Rams
- Julia Child
- Whoopi’s ‘twas the night before Christmas reading

Monday, December 27, 2021
- Trucker Driver Case
- Nat Geo’s The Rescue
- Desmond Tutu

Tuesday, December 28, 2021
- Angry Skies
- Bubba Wallace
- John Madden

Wednesday, December 29, 2021
- A Nightline Special Edition: Afghanistan After the Fall

Thursday, December 30, 2021
- Maxwell Guilty: Annie Farmer Speaks Out
- Money to Move
- Final Thought