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## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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### [CU Professor Who Consulted on West Side Story Discusses Changes That Better Portray Puerto Ricans](#)

CPR

(March 26, 2022) – Steven Spielberg recruited an advisory board to offer guidance on racial and cultural issues. The panel included [Ernesto Acevedo-Muñoz](#), chair of cinema studies at CU Boulder.

“As a Puerto Rican, West Side Story has always been part of my life. Some scholar once wrote, ‘West Side Story’ was a Puerto Rican ‘Birth of a Nation,’” he said.



## [Recent Studies Show Facebook Data Can Help Forecast COVID-19 Surges](#)

### Daily Camera

(March 27, 2022) -- CU researchers used a new method — artificial intelligence — to track the data. This method gave them the ability to forecast the spread before it happened.

“The reason that matters is we can better plan,” said [Morteza Karimzadeh](#), a geospatial data scientist and assistant professor of geography at CU Boulder. “We can be able to project spikes, or maybe we can tighten the masking rules and try to prevent this from happening, or we can be prepared.”



## [Here's the Exact Minute Spring Arrives](#)

### The Denver Post

(March 19, 2022) – “Because the sun is a half a degree in diameter, this adds extra minutes of ‘daylight,’ even though it is not full-sun daylight,” explained [John Keller](#), director of the Fiske Planetarium at CU Boulder.

“Additionally, sunlight refracts (bends) through the atmosphere, so the sun is actually still below the horizon when its light refracts above the horizon and can be seen. Both of these factors contribute to slightly more than 12 hours of sunlight on the equinoxes.”



## [Why are Gas Prices Soaring? Reasons Varied but Impact is Tangible](#)

### **7 News**

(March 9, 2022) -- The average price of regular gasoline across the Denver area is \$3.91 per gallon as of Wednesday, which is a 9 cents increase from the day before and more than a 14% increase from a few weeks ago.

“Fortunately, we have plenty of energy resources in this country, we just have to access it,” said [Sanjai Bhagat](#), a professor of finance at CU Boulder. “The international oil price being high does give the incentive to some of the oil producers both in Colorado and nationally.”



## [Taking Biblical Law Out of Its Historical Context Doesn't Work](#)

### **The Conversation**

(March 10, 2022) – Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, preached a sermon on March 6, 2022, in which he suggested the violation of “God’s law” provided divine license for the war against Ukraine. But that could be out of context.

“In my research on the Bible and its legal material, I have come to the conclusion that much of the modern debate about the Bible in political discourse could be ascribed to mistaken literary genres,” writes [Samuel L.](#)

[Boyd](#), assistant professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies at CU Boulder.



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## [Economists: China's Lockdowns Could Further Disrupt Global Supply Chain](#)

KOAA

(March 29, 2022) -- UCCS Economist [Joe Craig](#) said the ripple effect could be at your neighborhood grocery store.

"Prices will go up slightly. How much we notice it depends on how long it lasts and how quick they jump back because there is always a surplus in the supply chain," Craig said.



## [Students and Their Families Preparing for Major College Enrollment Decisions](#)

KOAA

(March 29, 2022) – It has always been a big decision, but making the leap from high school to college looks a little different right now. Future students are having to

navigate record inflation costs, gas prices and whether to take on student loans to pay for it all.

“You know, I went through this college search process with my oldest son last year,” said Associate Director of Admissions at UCCS [Vanessa Ea](#). She says her family learned location matters when it comes to cost.



## [Experts say Denver City Council Redistricting is All About Representation](#)

**The Denver Gazette**

(March 28, 2022) – The city started community engagement last summer knowing it had a compressed timeline. The process started with identifying communities of interest and getting community feedback on maps while also allowing residents to submit their own ideas.

[Rebecca Theobald](#), a professor at UCCS who has long worked on redistricting issues, said she thinks Denver did “an extraordinary job” gathering public feedback.



## [Business as Usual at EVRAZ in Pueblo, Despite Its Russian Ties](#)

CPR

(March 23, 2022) -- [Tatiana Bailey](#), an economist with UCCS, said while nobody can predict how long the crisis will last, the turmoil may affect the company's ability to do business.

"EVRAZ is a big enough player that it's causing a little bit of uncertainty across the entire steel industry," she said. Bailey added however, if the Pueblo mill can keep producing steel products, it's likely there's a market for them.



## [UCCS Working With State Wildfire Academy to Train Crews](#)

KRDO

(March 28, 2022) -- UCCS hosted several hundred firefighters last week, working with the Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy; it provides training and emergency management courses.



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## [Opinion: Higher Education Will Offer Colorado Prisoners a Second Chance](#)

**The Denver Post**

March 2, 2022 – Dr. Ben Boyce’s story offers a blueprint for how we can break the cycle of recidivism and position prisoners for success after they serve their time. And it is why CU Denver has partnered with the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) to offer college classes in prison, explained [Stephen Hartnett](#), CU Denver Communications Department professor and director of undergraduate studies.



## [Multi-year Waitlists, Tuition as Expensive as a Second Mortgage: Denver is in a Childcare Crisis](#)

**Denverite**

(March 25, 2022) -- For years, the industry has depended on paying teachers less than they are worth — close to minimum wage, said [Liliana Flores Amaro](#), who teaches early childhood education at CU Denver and has worked in the field since 2002. She blames the struggles childcare centers face on inadequate pay for teachers.



## [What Do Hypothetical Broncos Stadium Plans Do to the Real Neighborhood of Sun Valley?](#)

### **Denverite**

(March 11, 2022) – According to [Jeremy Németh](#), a professor of urban and regional planning CU Denver, “large scale investments,” such as entertainment venues and stadiums, require tons of land, something Denver does not have. Németh said developers could work with the city to acquire land via eminent domain, but Denverites have seen how that type of forceful land acquisition can harm a neighborhood.



## [What is Emotional Cheating \(and Does It Count\)?](#)

### **Glamour**

(March 13, 2022) -- If there hasn't been any physical contact, is it cheating? What separates emotional cheating from really close friendships? And, more importantly, is it possible for couples to come back from emotional indiscretions? [Robert Allan](#), assistant professor of couple and family therapy at CU Denver, shares what emotional cheating is, why it tends to happen, how you might recognize signs in your behavior, and how to move forward.





## [Police Officer Fired After Deadly Pursuit in Brighton](#)

**Fox 31**

(March 30, 2022) -- [Paul Taylor](#) is a former police officer and assistant professor at CU Denver whose studies focus on police decision-making. “Unless that person is actively trying to harm people, and I think that there is an imminent and continued threat that this person’s going to be harming people actively if I don’t stop them now, pursuing someone in a residential neighborhood, in the middle of the day, is not a good idea,” Taylor said.



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## [Lack of Evidence Supporting DHEA for Improved Overall Health for Women](#)

**Healio**

(March 25, 2022) -- [Margaret E. Wierman](#), at left, and [Katja Kiseljak-Vassiliades](#), both professors of medicine in the division of endocrinology, metabolism and diabetes at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, said few data have been published on DHEA administration since 2014 and most available data show no association between DHEA and improvements in sexual health, menopausal symptoms and overall well-being.



## [CU Anschutz Global Education Director Remembers Madeleine Albright as Personal Hero](#)

**CBS 4**

(March 24, 2022) -- The late Madeleine Albright, an American leader and inspiration for women to pursue leadership, called Denver her home. Another leader, Ambassador [Catherine Ebert-Gray](#), also calls Denver home. She remembered Albright after the recent death of the first female U.S. secretary of state. Ebert-Gray is the director of global education for CU Anschutz. She spent three decades in the foreign service and says Albright was her personal hero, lifting up women in diplomacy and national security fields and elevating the rights of women around the world.



## [Colorado Fentanyl Bill Allows Schools to Distribute Testing Strips](#)

**9News**

(March 24, 2022) – “There’s the ‘can’ or ‘may’ versus what ‘they must do.’ And this is one of the ‘can’ or ‘may be doing,’” said [Robert Valuck](#) from the CU Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. Valuck said he had not seen any data that suggests the access of fentanyl testing strips leads to increased drug use, similar to a decades-old argument that access to condoms in school leads to sex.



## [Colorado Has the Second-Lowest Hispanic Vaccination Rate in the Country. Meet The Woman Trying to Change That.](#)

**The Colorado Sun**

(March 23, 2022) -- Part of the disparity may be a data illusion, the state has argued. It's possible that Latino residents may be less likely to report their race and ethnicity than other populations. "The signal is we have a disparity," said [Lisa DeCamp](#), an associate professor of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine who is also a faculty member at the Colorado School of Public Health's Latino Research and Policy Center. "Maybe it's a little narrower than we're seeing. But the disparity still exists."



## [People Over 50 Can Now Get a Second COVID Booster, but Do They Need To?](#)

**KDVR**

(March 29, 2022) -- [Michelle Barron](#), senior medical director of infection prevention at UCHHealth, said people who are over age 65 or immunocompromised should get an extra booster.

"Everybody else, I think there's still some level of debate. I think the FDA approved it to be able to allow broad access," Barron said.

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