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[Concussions strike college students far more often than thought](#)

U.S. News and World Report

(Dec. 18, 2019) -- On college campuses in the United States, students suffer concussions twice as often as believed, and most of those injuries occur off the playing field, new research from CU Boulder suggests.

“This study shows how common head injuries are among this population and that concussions are not restricted to the athletic field,” said co-author [John Breck](#), lead physician at CU Boulder Medical Services.



[A new online course reveals what scientists really know about marijuana's health benefits](#)

5280

(December) -- [Kent Hutchison](#), a CU Boulder psychology professor, has been studying marijuana since 2014; this past fall, he launched an online course called Medical Cannabis: Health Effects of THC and CBD.

The four-class CU Boulder series gives medical professionals, patients and budtenders — or anyone who wants to pay \$49 a month to subscribe to Coursera learning platform — evidence-based counsel for using marijuana medicinally.



[New executive order sparks debate about Judaism](#)

KOAA

(Dec. 27, 2019) – A new executive order gives protection to Jewish people under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans discrimination based on race, color and national origin in programs or activities that receive federal funding. The order sparked a debate about what exactly Judaism is.

“Who are Jews, and what are Jews? Are they a religion? Are they a race? Are they a nationality? And the answer is they’re all of those depending on who you ask,” said

[David Shneer](#), the Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History at CU Boulder.



[CU Boulder expert: Disasters going to become more frequent](#)

Daily Camera

Dec. 4, 2019) -- With the ink barely dry on the latest report stating that the effects of climate change are worsening, the director of the Natural Hazards Center at CU Boulder was joined by two of her peers for a web-based discussion of coping with and recovering from natural disasters.

“There is evidence from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that disasters are going to become more frequent and more intense,” said [Lori Peek](#), whose office earlier this year landed a \$3 million National Science Foundation grant for research tied to natural disasters and resiliency.



[As winter approaches, all eyes turn toward Rocky Mountain snowpack](#)

KUNC

(Dec. 12, 2019) -- While it's important to keep an eye on year-to-year snowpack to get a sense of what short-term impacts might be, CU Boulder and Western Water Assessment researcher [Jeff Lukas](#) says you also need to look at the watershed as a whole.

“Any one year does not set the whole system into either crisis or into recovery,” Lukas said.



University of Colorado **Colorado Springs**



[State of growth: El Paso County leads state for new arrivals](#)

KOAA

(Dec. 20, 2019) -- Colorado is growing and El Paso County is leading the state as the most popular destination for the people moving here.

“Most people don’t realize, but by 2021 El Paso County will surpass Denver County in terms of total population,” said economist [Tatiana Bailey](#), professor and director of the UCCS Economic Forum.

Also:

- [Survey: Colorado Springs job market expected to slow in first quarter](#), The Gazette, Dec. 9
- [Colorado Springs sales tax nearly flat for third consecutive month](#), The Gazette, Dec. 17



[UCCS names Alaska business dean to head College of Business](#)

The Gazette

(Dec. 18, 2019) -- [Karen Markel](#) has been named dean of the College of Business at UCCS, a post that has been open since Stephen Farris resigned June 30 after just a year on the job. Markel has been dean of the College of Business and Public Policy at the University of Alaska Anchorage since June 2018.



[Health experts: Study drugs are not worth the risk](#)

KOAA

(Dec. 10, 2019) -- [Stephanie Hanenberg](#), executive director of health and wellness at UCCS, said she has seen the impact of study drugs such as Adderall.

“When we see students it is usually because they took something and they are worried they’ve done damage to their heart. They come in and they think they are having a heart attack, or they have a racing heart and haven't slept in days and so they can no longer function,” Hanenberg said.



[UCCS graduates record number of students at summer, fall commencement](#)

The Gazette

(Dec. 20, 2019) -- A record 1,068 UCCS students earned degrees for studies completed in the summer and fall. Also setting a record was the number of students who walked across the stage to shake hands with dignitaries and accept their degrees during the 13th annual fall commencement at The Broadmoor World Arena. A total of 564 graduates took part in the tradition.



University of Colorado **Denver**



[Female entrepreneurs face different challenges to achieve success](#)

7 News

(Dec. 11, 2019) -- About 11.6 million businesses are owned by women, but [Madhavan Parthasarathy](#), director of entrepreneurship at CU Denver, said a majority of those businesses are small. "The biggest challenge is to be taken serious," Parthasarathy said. "It's not just a challenge starting a business but getting funding for a business."



[Denver panhandlers make about \\$10 per hour, CU Denver study finds](#)

Denver Business Journal

(Dec. 12, 2019) -- Denver panhandlers make about \$10 per hour, according to a recent study by CU Denver marketing instructor and researcher [Francisco Conejo](#). He said that he hopes the city of Denver uses his study to craft better policies to address panhandling, which he believes negatively impacts the local business community.

“It’s especially true along the 16th Street Mall, because that’s our presentation card,” Conejo said. “Every year, we have thousands of convention visitors coming in and they are kind of shocked by what goes on at the 16th Street Mall, so the city needs to address this.”



[Boulder Valley Schools hiring teachers of color from CU Denver Pathways2Teaching](#)

Daily Camera

(Dec. 1, 2019) -- The district wants to enhance its current grow-your-own teacher programs for high school students. In Boulder Valley, the concurrent enrollment Pathways2Teaching program, founded by education professor [Margarita Bianco](#), is offered in partnership with CU Denver at Centaurus and Boulder high schools. Those who successfully complete the program are admitted to CU Denver.



[Millennials and the next recession](#)

Colorado Biz

(Dec. 16, 2019) -- To help put the doom-and-gloom into perspective, we consulted [Hani Mansour](#), associate professor of economics at CU Denver.

“First of all, we don’t know if a recession is coming [soon]. I don’t like to speculate,” Mansour said. Whenever the next recession does arrive — and it’s certain to arrive because they are cyclical — are millennials really in trouble? Unfortunately, the answer is yes.



[Colorado ranchers are excited for the NAFTA replacement, but trade experts aren’t sure it will change much](#)

Colorado Public Radio

(Dec. 10, 2019) -- [Philip Luck](#), a trade expert at CU Denver, is not optimistic. The new deal would give the U.S. access to Canada’s dairy market, but Luck said that’s about all that would change for the agricultural industry.

“It’s basically NAFTA 2.0,” Luck said. “In most ways, it’s not a substantial change to NAFTA policy.”





[Ancient Egypt's mythical female doctor Merit Ptah helped 'open medicine and STEM to women'](#)

Newsweek

(Nov. 25, 2019) -- In addition to delivering a higher d(Dec. 17, 2019) -- [Jakub Kwiecinski](#), a medical historian at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, turned a detective eye on Merit Ptah to trace her backstory and find out where the myth came from. Kwiecinski concludes Merit Ptah is a case of mistaken identity, but while she might not be real in the historic sense, the myth helped open medicine and STEM to women.

“Merit Ptah was everywhere. In online posts about women in STEM, in computer games, in popular history books, there’s even a crater on Venus named after her,” Kwiecinski said. “And yet, with all these mentions, there was no proof that she really existed. It soon became clear that there had been no ancient Egyptian woman physician called Merit Ptah.”



[Congress is about to give \\$25 million to research gun violence. Not everyone is happy about it](#)

Colorado Public Radio

(Dec. 19, 2019) -- [Emily Betz](#), professor at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, recently worked with gun shop owners, firearms trainers and public health researchers to create a resource for safe gun storage.

She said the new money is significant because it's the first time in a long time funds have been dedicated to this kind of research.

"People are dying and people are being hurt and we need science to figure out how to stop it," Betz said. "And that's not about gun control. That's about saving people's lives."



[Epilepsy's next frontier](#)

Science

(Dec. 10, 2019) -- The dilemma for many patients with tough-to-treat epilepsy is that for the most part, "The new drugs do what the old drugs do," says [Amy Brooks-Kaval](#), a pediatric neurologist at Children's Hospital Colorado and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

"We play whack-a-mole — we've got a bunch of different epilepsies popping out of different holes caused by different things, and we try to whack all of them with the same hammer," she said.



[Despite obesity epidemic, doctors don't prescribe obesity drugs](#)

Medscape

(Dec. 6, 2019) -- Weight-loss medications are rarely prescribed to eligible patients, say the authors of a newly published study of prescribing patterns in more than 2

million Americans from 2009 to 2015. The study by [David R. Saxon](#), an endocrinologist at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, found that overall, only 1.3% of eligible patients filled a prescription for an antiobesity medication, and prescribing rates ranged from 0.6% to 2.9%.



[Women who stop smoking while pregnant benefit their babies and save Colorado millions](#)

Colorado Public Radio

(Dec. 6, 2019) -- A new study from the Colorado School of Public Health at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus found that low-income mothers enrolled in the Baby & Me Tobacco Free program in Colorado saw preterm births drop between 24% and 28%. For these mothers, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) admissions also fell, between 25% and 55%.

“Those are some pretty striking impacts of the program,” said [Tessa Crume](#), an epidemiologist and the lead researcher on the study.

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