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# **MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

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### Does Warfare Make Societies More Complex? Controversial Study Says Yes

### Science

(June 28, 2022) -- When European colonization introduced iron and horses to societies, they experienced a jump in the societal traits considered in this study to be complex.

"It's compelling that amidst the umpteen variables that they consider here, the impact of horses really rises to the top," says <u>William Taylor</u>, an anthropologist at CU Boulder, who studies humanity's history with the animals. "I think the paper underscores the importance of horses as an agent of social change."



### The Quest by Circadian Medicine to Make the Most of Our Body Clocks

#### The New York Times

(July 6, 2022) -- Shift work has been associated with a wide range of health disorders. To figure out why, Kenneth Wright, who directs the Sleep and Chronobiology Laboratory at CU Boulder, has had healthy volunteers sleep during the day and stay awake all night. It doesn't take long for that schedule to significantly alter the sorts of proteins their bodies create in ways that are known to increase the risk of chronic disease.

"Shift work goes against our fundamental biology," Wright says. "It's not going to go away. So what can we do? We have to come up with effective strategies to help them."



### <u>Concerns in Colorado that Supreme</u> <u>Court Decision Could Lead to</u> Rollback of Other Individual Rights

#### 9 News

(June 24, 2022) – CU Boulder constitutional law professor <u>Aya Gruber</u> said it would be impossible to overstate the significance of Friday's Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. Gruber said countless women – mostly poor, young women of color in states where abortion will now be banned – will no longer have access to safe and legal abortions. Gruber said the result will be that many women will die from unsafe and unregulated abortions.



### Why Does the Air Quality Get So Bad in Summer?

#### Fox 10

(June 22, 2022) -- In the summers — and especially during extreme heat waves — ozone often reaches dangerous levels in cities or nearby rural areas, CU Boulder found.

"Ozone is made in the atmosphere from chemical reactions and those reactions are more efficient when it's warm," said chemistry professor <u>Joost de Gouw</u>. "So temperature tends to be a really good predictor for ozone pollution."



### Business Confidence Plummets as Inflation, Fear of Recession Grow

#### Daily Camera

(June 29, 2022) -- Surveying Colorado business leaders in recent weeks has "opened our eyes" to just how pessimistic many are feeling, said <u>Rich Wobbekind</u>, senior economist and faculty director of CU's Business Research Division.

"This is the first significant inflation we've seen in 40 years," he said, and many younger business leaders

have never experienced this sort of economic phenomenon.



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### Federal Reserve Implements Highest Interest Rate Hike in Three Decades

### KKTV

(June 15, 2022) -- The Federal Reserve raised the key interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point on Wednesday, with officials saying this is the largest hike in nearly three decades. <u>Joe Craig</u>, Department of Economics chair at the UCCS, discusses what this means for consumers.



# Green Mountain Falls Officials Dedicate Keith Haring Fitness Court

### The Gazette (Pikes Peak Courier)

(June 28, 2022) -- "Keith Haring was the quintessential American artist whose potential was so vast and whose impact is still being felt," said <u>Daisy McGowan</u>, director and chief curator of the Galleries of Contemporary Art at UCCS. "Here we are in Green Mountain Falls and talking about Keith Haring. I love it."



# SCOTUS: Public Funds Can't be Excluded from Religious Instruction

### K-12 Dive

(June 21, 2022) -- The decision is expected to have widespread consequences for public tuition-based programs.

"It certainly energizes the choice movement," said Joshua Dunn, professor of political science at UCCS. "As school choice broadly becomes more popular, and states respond to that, it's going to be more difficult for them to limit the range of choice options, at least legally."



# Determining Impact of Possible Economic Recession in Southern Colorado

### KRDO

(June 22, 2022) -- <u>Tatiana Bailey</u>, economics professor at UCCS, and state Sen. Paul Lundeen, R-Monument, agree that a recession lasting longer and being worse than in 2008 appears inevitable.

"We have a confluence of so many different factors," Bailey explained. "We have increasing interest rates, we have corporate valuations that were really too high and are coming down kind of hard now, we have inflation that we haven't seen in 40 years."



### UCCS to Welcome Award-winning Australian Artist Jo Bertini

#### The Gazette

(June 30, 2022) -- The "Deep in Land" exhibition in the Marie Walsh Sharpe Gallery at the UCCS Ent Center for the Arts runs through July 14. The show presents paintings by award-winning Australian artist Jo Bertini with accompanying audio-visual imagery courtesy of musician-composer Thomas Studer.



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# The Nine Best Women's Hiking Boots and Shoes

### New York Magazine

(June 28, 2022) -- Talk to almost any serious hiker or outdoor-gear enthusiast these days, and you'll hear the same story: stiff and heavy hiking boots are out, flexible and lightweight trail runners are in.

"Elite hikers, long-distance hikers — no one is wearing boots above the ankle," said <u>Rachel Gross</u>, assistant professor at CU Denver studying the history of outdoor clothing and gear.



### Crypto Industry Layoffs May Have Unintended Consequences

#### Blockworks

(June 23, 2022) -- "It's important to keep in mind that there are not only direct costs such as severance and accrued benefits, but there's also indirect costs such as reputational damage," said <u>Wayne Cascio</u>, a professor at CU Denver Business School and senior editor of the Journal of World Business. Cascio said that voluntarily turnover the year following layoffs will often leave employers losing some of their best performers.



### The Fall of Kidd Creole: Inside a Rap Pioneer's Tragic Descent

#### **The New York Times**

(June 16, 2022) -- While he expressed deep remorse in his initial interviews with law enforcement, Nathaniel Glover became increasingly fixated on the surveillance video during his years in jail, telling family members, friends and reporters that it had been manipulated to make the victim seem less aggressive. The New York Times asked a video expert, <u>Catalin Grigoras</u>, the director of the National Center for Media Forensics at CU Denver, to analyze the video in question, and he said it bore no signs of manipulation.



# Beara Miners will be Honored in Leadville

#### The Southern Star

June 30, 2022 -- Many of the Beara miners are buried in unmarked graves in the Evergreen Cemetery in Leadville. The average daily rate of pay at the time for miners was \$4 a day, whilst a burial plot cost \$12. The initiative to memorialize the men was instigated by Irish American historian <u>Jim Walsh</u> from CU Denver. He estimated that in 1800s, two out of every five people living in Leadville, came from Beara.



### The War in Ukraine is No Longer Shocking the Wheat Market

#### Quartz

(June 28, 2022) – A pullback in consumer demand could also ease inflation. Oats are largely used for livestock feed. The recent drop in oat prices suggests there is less demand for meat, said <u>Tom Brady</u>, executive director of the JPMorgan Center for Commodities at the CU Denver Business School.



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Study: After Getting Hospitalized for COVID, Some Unvaccinated Latino Patients Went on to Advocate for Vaccinations

#### Colorado Public Radio

(June 26, 2022) -- A team of Colorado researchers interviewed 25 unvaccinated Latinos hospitalized with the coronavirus. <u>Lilia Cervantes</u>, one of the researchers, said before they got sick many felt COVID didn't exist or they didn't trust information about the virus.

"And after being hospitalized, felt like, 'Wow, yes, I had COVID. I was really sick. I saw other people that had COVID and were also really sick.' This thing is real," said Cervantes, an associate professor in the department of medicine at the CU School of Medicine.



### Artificial Intelligence May be Used to Identify Benign Thyroid Nodules

#### Healio

(June 22, 2022) -- "Artificial analysis of thyroid ultrasound images can identify nodules that are very unlikely to be malignant," said <u>Nikita Pozdeyev</u>, assistant professor at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. "These are mostly spongiform nodules that have a less than 3% probability of malignancy."



\$400 Million in Long-Awaited Opioid Settlement Money Will Begin to Go Out to Colorado Communities by Late Summer

#### The Denver Post

(June 27, 2022) – "This money will help save lives," said <u>Robert Valuck</u>, director of the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. "But don't be under the illusion we just solved this problem."



### Some Sheriffs who Condemned Red Flag Laws are Putting Them to Use

#### CNN

(June 27, 2022) -- An analysis by researchers with the Injury & Violence Prevention Center at the Colorado School of Public Health, found that in the first year of the Colorado red flag law, 85% of protection orders granted by judges had been filed by law enforcement.

"A lot of that is because the law enforcement petitions may have been more complete," said <u>Marian Betz</u>, an epidemiologist and deputy director of the center. "They had the information that judges needed to move forward with it."



# <u>Colorado Teens Reported more</u> <u>Depression Last Year, but No Increase</u> <u>in Suicidal Thoughts</u>

#### The Denver Post

(June 28, 2022) -- A study using the 2019 survey found 21 schools in 19 counties where students reported high rates of planning suicide and also who could easily access firearms. That's a particularly risky combination, because suicide is often an impulsive act, said <u>Ashley</u> <u>Brooks-Russell</u>, one of the study's co-authors and an associate professor at the Colorado School of Public Health.

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