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MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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[For Japanese Americans Imprisoned at Amache Internment Camp, Lifetimes of Silence and Undeserved Shame](#)

Denver Post

(May 20, 2021) -- [Marcia Yonemoto](#)'s uncle died fighting in France as his family was locked up in Amache. "I asked my mother, 'How did you feel about that? I mean, here you are, your family is jailed in the United States for being Japanese and your brother gets killed defending the U.S. in Europe. Did you think that was unfair?'" said Yonemoto, a CU Boulder history professor. "And she said, 'Oh, yeah.' She was maybe 13 at the time but she remembered feeling it was not right."



[Colorado Springs Police Data: Use of Force against Black People Disproportionate](#)

The Gazette

(May 22, 2021) -- “The No. 1 thing: there’s a disparity,” said [David Pyrooz](#), a criminology expert at CU Boulder. “I think there are very few cities across the United States where you don’t see racial or ethnic disparities in use of force. What it can’t tell us is whether that’s representative of discriminatory practices on the part of the Colorado Springs police department.”



[Severe Drought, Worsened by Climate Change, Ravages the American West](#)

New York Times

(May 19, 2021) -- Relative to the often-soggy conditions in the East, much of the West is normally relatively dry. But with warming, precipitation has become less reliable, said [Keith Musselman](#), a snow hydrologist at CU Boulder.

“These are regions that regularly go weeks without precipitation,” he said. “And now we’re talking in some cases about months.”



[Domestic Violence Often Linked to Mass Shootings](#)

9News

(May 10, 2021) -- While mass shootings in public places dominate news headlines, they are less likely to happen than shootings at home, according to [Beverly Kingston](#), executive director of the Center for Study and Prevention of Violence at CU Boulder.

“Sixty-one percent of the mass shootings have occurred entirely in the home and that is different than the perception that we all tend to believe,” Kingston said.



[Is a Hacker Targeting Your Drinking Water?](#)

The Gazette

(May 10, 2021) -- “What we know is that breaches in cybersecurity can knock on a bazillion doors electronically until one opens,” explained [John Thomas](#), professor of engineering practice at CU Boulder. To prevent cyber threats from escalating, Thomas said it’s important to consider as many challenging scenarios as possible and work backward to build a more adaptable system.



University of Colorado **Colorado Springs**



[**ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: Look for Progress in Cutting Unemployment to Accelerate**](#)

The Gazette

(May 16, 2021) -- Job openings in the U.S. have been increasing at a relatively rapid rate over the past several months with 8.1 million openings in March. That is up 40.8% from March of 2020 and up 8.0% from February of this year, writes [Tatiana Bailey](#), director of the UCCS Economic Forum.

Also: [As Economy Bounces Back, Colorado Springs Employers Struggle to Hire](#), The Gazette, May 8



[**Theatreworks in Colorado Springs Reboots Canceled Show 'Iliad' in Outdoor Setting**](#)

The Gazette

(May 6, 2021) - For Theatreworks artistic director [Caitlin Lowans](#), it was an easy decision to reboot the play, as it speaks to the moment we find ourselves in and was easier to produce as a two-person show. "It takes place at the tail end of the Trojan War, when people are away from their families longer than they could imagine," Lowans said. "The play talks about the city under siege and people talk about fear for the safety of their loved ones. The play talks about plague."



[GUEST COLUMN: A New Civics Education Law in Colorado](#)

The Gazette

(May 23, 2021) -- A recent national survey found that only 26% of Americans can name all three branches of government. [Joshua Dunn](#), professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at UCCS, stated in written testimony for SB21-067, "This lack of civic literacy is not costless. It contributes to both public cynicism and polarization."



[German Gymnasts Cover Their Legs in Stand against Sexualization](#)

NPR

(May 2, 2020) -- At the European Gymnastics Championships held in Switzerland, three female German gymnasts wore unitards. That's like a leotard but with legs. It was a protest of what they call the sexualization of female athletes. And although unitards are permitted for religious reasons, this break from tradition at such a major sporting event caused a stir. It has some wondering if this signals a change for women in sports, said [Elizabeth Daniels](#), psychology professor at UCCS.



[Commencement at UCCS Sets a Record](#)

The Gazette

(May 14, 2021) -- Graduation speaker and Chancellor [Venkat Reddy](#) had some words of wisdom and reflection for the largest graduating class in the university's history, about an "extraordinary year" and the students who'd held fast despite all the fear and uncertainty.

"The coronavirus impacted our campus, city, state, nation and world. Students – graduates – you rose above every single setback you faced," Reddy said. "You demonstrated courage and resilience, and you did not give up on your dreams."



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[Denver Whistleblower Loses Job Following Tip to Problem Solvers](#)

Fox 31

(April 29, 2021) -- "The whistleblower in this case was treated abysmally," said [Mary Dodge](#), a professor of criminology at CU Denver. Dodge is writing a journal article about Brittany Iriart's case.

"I think the City of Denver is sending a message to the public that 'we can do whatever we want and we can

keep it hidden and we don't care what you think," she said.



[Reimagine Police Task Force Recommends Eliminating Most Traffic Stops as Part of Policing Reform](#)

Denver 7

(May 24, 2021) -- "Traffic stops present dangers in multiple ways. Traffic stops are really an unknown for police officers so when they stop somebody, they don't know where they're stopping," said [Paul Taylor](#), an assistant professor at the CU Denver School of Public Affairs.



[Shorter Lines and TikTok Ads: California's Push to Beat Vaccine Hesitancy](#)

L.A. Times

(May 10, 2021) -- "It's easy to think that there's something unique about people who use vaccines and people who don't," said [Jennifer Reich](#), a sociologist at CU Denver and an expert on vaccine hesitancy. "But they really are the same people, just at different points in time or they're just weighing information differently."



[What's Driving the Surge in Denver Gas Prices?](#)

KDVR

(May 11, 2021) -- At this point, experts do not believe the attack on the Colonial Pipeline will affect Colorado's supply or pricing.

"I'm not anticipating that to impact us here in the state directly," said [Tom Brady](#), executive director for the JP Morgan Center for Commodities at the CU Denver Business School. "But if this disruption goes on well into next week, we could start seeing some more expensive workarounds happening."



[Beautiful On Its Own](#)

Boulder Weekly

(May 6, 2021) -- According to [Carrie Makarewicz](#), associate professor in the College of Architecture and Planning at CU Denver, there are three categories to focus on when discussing design of affordable housing: quality of location; how well it is designed for long-term accommodation of families of varying sizes; and whether it offers the kind of services residents need.



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[Centuries Ago, Gene Changes May Have Stopped Bubonic Plague](#)

U.S. News & World Report

(May 11, 2021) – “We found that innate immune markers increased in frequency in modern people from the town compared to plague victims,” said [Paul Norman](#), an associate professor of personalized medicine at the CU School of Medicine. “This suggests these markers might have evolved to resist the plague.”



[DKA Common among Children with Type 1 Diabetes Hospitalized for COVID-19](#)

Healio

(May 11, 2021) -- “Most children with type 1 diabetes who had COVID-19 were cared for at home without adverse outcomes, and only 2% of patients needed respiratory support,” said [G. Todd Alonso](#), associate professor at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes at CU Anschutz. “Nearly three-quarters of those who were admitted to the hospital experienced DKA on admission, and there were no deaths.”



[‘My Life Was Definitely On The Line’: Desta Asfaw Survives Serious Pregnancy Complication](#)

CBS4

(May 24, 2021) -- “It is an unacceptable thing to have happen in the United States for a woman to die as a result of her pregnancy,” said [Saketh Guntupalli](#), chief of gynecologic oncology and part of a team of specialists at UHealth dedicated to difficult cases.



[The Best Time to Weigh Yourself](#)

Consumer Reports

(May 24, 2021) -- The best time to weigh yourself? First thing in the morning. “You need to know that number on a consistent basis to help you manage your weight to make better decisions about your health,” said [Holly Wyatt](#), associate director of the CU Anschutz Health and Wellness Center.



[As More Young People are Hospitalized, Gov. Polis Urges Coloradans of All Ages to Get Vaccine](#)

Colorado Newsline

(May 21, 2021) -- “It’s important to remember that some children and adolescents can get very sick,” said

[Suchitra Rao](#), a pediatric infectious disease specialist and associate professor of pediatrics at CU Anschutz. “There have been several hundred deaths reported nationally from COVID-19 infection in children.”

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