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## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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### [See Fireflies Magically Light Up This National Park](#)

**National Geographic**

(April 22, 2021) -- "Seeing these fireflies for the first time is magical," says [Orit Peleg](#), a physicist at CU Boulder who studies synchronous fireflies. "The entire forest is flashing together in unison." Synchronous fireflies are one of 19 species of fireflies that live in the Smokies and have become a major draw.

Also: [Honeybees Use Scent Maps to Keep Track of Their Queen](#), Inside Science, April 8



## [Is It Time to Eliminate Recommendation Letters? \(Hint: Yes\)](#)

**Chronicle of Higher Education**

(April 21, 2021) -- In a blog post, [Michael Huemer](#), a professor of philosophy at CU Boulder, wrote that the process “unfairly rewards people who are unashamed about bothering their friends for favors, while systematically disadvantaging people who are considerate of their friends’ time, or who tend to make friends with low-status people, or who tend to have unusually honest friends.”



## [Record-breaking Flare Erupts from Neighboring Star](#)

**WRAL**

(April 21, 2021) -- A giant flare that is 100 times more powerful than any flare our sun has ever released has erupted from a nearby star, a new study says. “The star went from normal to 14,000 times brighter when seen in ultraviolet wavelengths over the span of a few seconds,” said [Meredith MacGregor](#), study author and assistant professor at CU Boulder.



## [Vaccinated? Great. You Should Still Wear a Mask When Gathering in Public](#)

**The Washington Post**

(April 26, 2021) -- “Certainly, I’m going to wear masks on long-distance flights,” said [Jose-Luis Jimenez](#), an aerosol chemist at CU Boulder who studies how the virus spreads in the air. “The U.S. can be a curious place, sociologically, but I think I won’t be the only one,” he said, suggesting masks on transit could become as ubiquitous as ball caps.



## [How One Restaurant’s Experiment may Help Diners Breathe Safely](#)

**The Washington Post**

(April 14, 2021) -- “If this is going to work right, the ventilation keeps up with the head count,” explained the expert, [Mark Hernandez](#), professor of engineering at CU Boulder. Every 15 minutes, he would walk to the front desk to check how many people were now seated indoors. Then he would compare that number to the air’s current levels of carbon dioxide and particulate matter, to see how much exhaled breath lingered in the air and what expelled aerosols it could contain.



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## [The U.K. Spy Agency MI5 Has Joined Instagram. It's not for the Likes.](#)

**The New York Times**

(April 23, 2021) -- [Michael Landon-Murray](#), a professor at UCCS who has researched social media use by American intelligence agencies, said that social media had become a part of image and brand management for intelligence agencies and “a box that needs to be checked.” “A lot of what intelligence agencies do is kind of inherently ugly business,” he said. Social media can be a way for the organizations to demystify the public about their operations and “look cool, look funny — in a sense, almost hoodwink the public.”



## [The \\$1 Dogecoin Threshold May Not Be so Elusive on the Crypto's 2021 Run](#)

**Investor Place**

(April 22, 2021) -- Recent research by **Ian Young** of UCCS, highlights, “Dogecoin has found a very unique, and somewhat niche, place in society as ‘The Internet Currency.’ The community of Dogecoin users have accomplished some rather strange feats, from sponsoring a National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing driver to sending the Jamaican bobsledding team to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia as an homage to the 1993 movie Cool Runnings.”



## [Local Reaction Following Guilty Verdict for Former Officer Derek Chauvin](#)

**KOAA**

(April 20, 2021) -- [Stephany Rose Spaulding](#), a professor at UCCS, discussed the verdict. “This will be a moment in American society where we really begin to talk about accountability versus justice because this is a moment of accountability, it is not a moment of justice,” Spaulding said.



## [Colorado Springs Sales Tax Collections Post Biggest Gain in 4 Years](#)

**The Gazette**

(April 14, 2021) -- “Almost every economist has been saying that between pent-up demand, stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment benefits and fewer pandemic restrictions, you have a perfect scenario for off-the-charts growth,” said [Tatiana Bailey](#), director of the UCCS Economic Forum. “It will get even better when more restrictions are lifted on Friday and continue to improve. The flip side is inflation. There are constraints on the supply side that could trigger a round of inflation.”



## [UCCS Accepts City's Tree-Planting Challenge; Plans to Plant 150 Trees](#)

**KRDO**

(April 15, 2021) -- The university's participation in the challenge was headed by a senior undergraduate who applied for a grant through the Colorado Tree Coalition. The coalition provided a \$1,500 grant, which was then matched by the UCCS office of sustainability. The trees planted on campus will be purchased from local nurseries to support the local economy.



University of Colorado **Denver**



## [Automatic Aid for the People? How Jobless Benefits Can Fit the Economy.](#)

**The New York Times**

(April 27, 2021) -- Benefits would adjust automatically to the level of need, thus helping people who are struggling and stabilizing the overall economy without Congress having to do much of anything.

“There are a lot of flaws and gaps in the unemployment insurance system that were revealed in COVID but have always been there,” said [Chloe East](#), an economist at CU Denver who has studied the system.



## [Matt Gaetz Thought He Could ‘Do What He Wanted’ with Women’s Nudes](#)

**Business Insider**

(April 11, 2021) -- [Amy Hasinoff](#), an associate professor at CU Denver who recently co-authored a study on image-based abuse, said: “Just because someone consented to send a photo doesn't mean the receiver has consent to distribute it. That’s a completely separate act.”



## [Musicians Tip Jar Podcast Digs into the Music Business](#)

**Westword**

(April 8, 2021) -- [Chris Webb](#), who teaches in the music department at CU Denver, says that while many career paths offer a financial component as part of the educational process, musicians, including many who earn degrees in music, are often tossed out into the market without a solid understanding of basic finance — and that can hinder their ambitions.



## [The ‘Laughable’ Comparison between Colorado and Georgia Voting Requirements](#)

**Business Insider**

(April 6, 2021) -- When Major League Baseball announced it was moving its All-Star Game from Georgia to protest new restrictions on voting, local Republicans and conservative media outlets bemoaned the rise of “woke capital” and created a false equivalence. Colorado, they said — the game’s new home — was really no better when it comes to voting rights.

“I think it’s a little bit laughable,” [Paul Teske](#), dean of the School of Public Affairs at CU Denver, said of the comparison. “Colorado is such an easy place to vote.”



## [Colorado to Get 8th Congressional District after Population Growth, but Location Remains Unknown](#)

**The Denver Channel**

(April 27, 2021) --“I think the allocation of a new seat to the state of Colorado is potentially very important and could produce some of those meaningful benefits to the state either economically or in terms of policy,” said [Michael Berry](#), an associate professor of political science at CU Denver.





## [COVID in Colorado: Antibody Treatment Now Available to Colorado Patients](#)

**CBS 4**

(April 27, 2021) -- "It's a similar concept to convalescent plasma, that you're giving antibodies from recovered patient to a sick patient. The difference is some of them may be good; some of them may be not so good in terms of antibodies," [Adit Ginde](#) with UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital Emergency Medicine said. "This is a particular approach where you identify those that are highly potent,"

Also: [A Year In, Here's What We Know About Vitamin D for Preventing COVID](#), NPR, April 14



## [How Do You Manage Autism and Type 1 Diabetes?](#)

**Healthline**

(April 28, 2021) -- The idea of a link is still being studied, said [Tamara Oser](#), associate professor and director of High Plains Research Network Department of Family Medicine at the CU School of Medicine. "The data so far is mixed," she said. "One study says 'yes' (there is a link), but another says 'no.' We're still learning, and it's a growing field."



## [Anxiety among Men Becoming Fathers Higher than Reported](#)

**India New England News**

(April 6, 2021) -- The findings indicated that the overall estimate of anxiety among men during the perinatal period was nearly 11%, with rates being lower during pregnancy (9.9%) than during the first year postpartum (11.7%). “The transition to parenthood is a major life event that’s often accompanied with new challenges related to financial, relationship and work-life balance concerns,” said researcher [Jenn Leiferman](#) from the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.



## [Five Things You Need to Consider Before Taking Any Supplement](#)

**SELF**

(April 23, 2021) -- Eat your vegetables and fruits, whole grains and nuts, and healthy protein sources, and you’re probably pretty much set, said [Lauren Grossman](#), assistant clinical professor with the CU School of Medicine.

“We know that nutrients are best utilized when they’re taken as a whole food and not from a bottle. Trained integrative medicine physicians won’t usually recommend a slew of vitamins and supplements without a targeted purpose,” she said. “Supplements are just that—usually extras.”



## [Sicknick death ruled 'natural' but experts say stress can set off strokes](#)

**CNN**

(April 20, 2021) – “Basilar artery occlusion is a specific type of stroke that happens in the posterior circulation. This is the blood flow that enters the brain and then in the backside of your head,” said [Robert Kowalski](#), a clinical instructor in neurology at the CU School of Medicine. This area of the brain is critical for cardiac function. It regulates heartbeat and breathing. “These are a terrible type of stroke because the mortality rate is close to 90% when it's not treated.”

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