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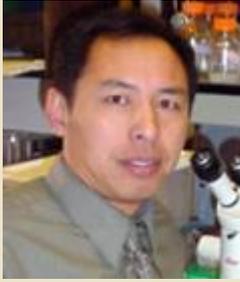
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### [Cyber-espionage is a whole new ballgame for spies and governments alike](#)

7 News

(Aug. 5, 2018) -- Facebook has removed 32 pages of suspected Russian-linked accounts that were being used to organize political events across the U.S. "They weren't overtly political or partisan," said [Brian Keegan](#), assistant professor of information science at CU Boulder. "In some ways they were all different kinds of stereotypes that people may have about some of the extremes of people on the left . . . it's trying to sell more fear, uncertainty and doubt."



## [CU Boulder researchers discover potential health benefit in E. coli](#)

**The Denver Post**

(Aug. 23, 2018) -- Researchers at CU Boulder have uncovered a potential health benefit of E. coli: The bacteria produces a compound that can potentially boost iron in cells, according to a new study. The study found that the molecule produced by E. coli has the potential to “move iron efficiently into the body,” said [Min Han](#), a professor in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology.



## [How do you make the classroom LGBTQ-inclusive? These teachers went to summer school to find out](#)

**Colorado Public Radio**

(Aug. 28, 2018) -- When it comes to LGBTQ students and those who don't identify as male or female, many teachers say they're lost. “When they realize, ‘I don't know what I'm doing,’ [do] you know how vulnerable it feels?” asked [Bethy Leonardi](#), a former classroom teacher and co-founder of a Queer Endeavor at the CU Boulder School of Education. “It's a big deal. They need support.”



## [When the ancient taboo of speaking ill of the dead goes online](#)

**The Washington Post**

(Aug. 28, 2018) -- “The internet has taken our expressions of grief and mourning and made them public in ways that didn’t exist 20 years ago. Yes, there are these norms that you don’t speak ill of the dead,” said [Jed R. Brubaker](#), a CU Boulder information scientist. Those norms are most vigorously enforced in what he called “pedestrian deaths, of people like you or me.”



## [CU business professor offers lessons from the master of comedy](#)

**Villager**

(Aug. 15, 2018) -- [Peter McGraw](#), a professor at CU Boulder’s Leeds School of Business, connected comedy to business by suggesting that participants transfer the habits of the world’s funniest people to actionable strategies to increase their business portfolio. He referenced a line from the movie *Talladega Nights*: “If you ain’t first, you’re last,” noting events such as being second choice for a job are no different than being 10th – you didn’t get it.



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## [Colorado Springs unemployment rate jumps to 3.6 percent](#)

**The Gazette**

(Aug. 29, 2018) -- The Colorado Springs area unemployment rate last month jumped to 3.6 percent, the highest level since October 2016, as job seekers flocked into the local job market, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. "The big increase in the labor force will take longer to absorb, but employers statewide are looking to hire people," said [Tatiana Bailey](#), director of the UCCS Economic Forum.

Also: [UCCS economist wins Accolades Business Leader award](#), The Gazette, Aug. 21



## [College students not limited by Down syndrome](#)

**Fox 21**

(Aug. 14, 2018) -- Both Mia and Nick go to school through an inclusive program offered at UCCS, which was implemented at the university three years ago. The program enables people with Down syndrome to attend college.



## [Back to School: UCCS welcomes more than 1,100 incoming freshmen](#)

**KKTV**

(Aug. 14, 2018) -- Students, parents and faculty members filled the UCCS campus as incoming freshmen started to move into the residence halls. Chancellor [Venkat Reddy](#) said it's nice to have the campus full of life again. "I call it the most exciting day, when the move in happens," he said. "We look forward to the students who are coming eagerly, excited."



## [UCCS' Tre Wentling takes a whole-world approach to gender studies](#)

**Colorado Springs Independent**

(Aug. 8, 2018) -- As the days gradually shorten and fall semesters begin, college students, and even faculty, may feel reluctant to get back to school. However, as the most recently hired professor in the UCCS' Women's and Ethnic Studies program (WEST), [Tre Wentling](#) is eager for the new semester to start. He will be introducing new transgender- and gender identity-focused courses, further diversifying the program.



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## [‘40 Years in the Making: The Magic Music Movie’](#)

**KDVR**

(Aug. 8, 2018) -- Lee Aronsohn, who is known for his writing and producing work on *The Big Bang Theory*, *Two and a Half Men* and *Murphy Brown*, is in town because he has directed a film called [40 Years in the Making: The Magic Music Movie](#) which has a local connection. He worked on the film with Magic Music band member [Chris Daniels](#), assistant professor at the College of Arts and Media at CU Denver.



## [The petro-yuan could usher in a new era for global energy](#)

**World Finance**

(July 2018) -- The recently launched petro-yuan is the youngest sibling of the petrodollar. Professor [Jian Yang](#), founding director at the Center for China Financial Research at CU Denver Business School said, “As high (oil) storage cost could prevent the necessary arbitrage between cash and futures markets, it will prevent a certain type of foreign investor from conducting cash-and-carry or reverse cash-and-carry arbitrage.”



## [This plate design gets children to eat more veggies, study finds](#)

**Fox 31**

(Aug. 6, 2018) -- “It’s a really important time period in children’s lives to experience fruits and vegetables,” said report author [Emily Melnick](#), a doctoral candidate in health and behavioral sciences at CU Denver. On days when children used the plates, they served themselves nearly 14 grams more vegetables per day on average and ate about 7.5 grams more than when using their usual white plates.



## [Women finding fresh paths to leadership in the outdoor industry](#)

**Colorado Biz**

(Aug. 22, 2018) -- There’s plenty of progress to be made, but females seem to be paving the way one leader at a time. “Women entrepreneurs on surveys voice greater satisfaction and more optimism about their work lives than do women employed in large companies,” said CU Denver sociology professor [Jennifer Reich](#), an expert in gender and public policy. “They are more hopeful they can support gender equity.”



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## [Pet owners are abusing their animals to get opioids, say vets](#)

**Newsweek**

(Aug. 9, 2018) -- Veterinarians are concerned that some pet owners are intentionally harming their animals in an attempt to get prescription opioids, a survey conducted by researchers at CU Anschutz found. “There’s a need to better track prescribing practices of veterinarians; a need to educate the veterinary community; and a need for research so we can gauge the scope of the problem,” said [Lee Newman](#), director of the Center for Health, Work & Environment at the Colorado School of Public Health.



## [Elias Provencio-Vasquez named dean of CU Anschutz’s College of Nursing](#)

**The Denver Post**

(Aug. 23, 2018) – The CU Anschutz Medical Campus announced a new dean to oversee the College of Nursing. [Elias Provencio-Vasquez](#), 63, became dean of the nursing school on Sept. 1. Provencio-Vasquez became the first Latino male to lead a nursing school when he was at the University of Texas El Paso.



## [Why teens should be heart healthy, too](#)

### **U.S. News and World Report**

(Aug. 28, 2018) – It's important to heed genetic factors that can increase risk. However, it's key not to overlook the broad impact of lifestyle for all kids and adults. "When you're talking about the development of these risk factors, which would include high blood pressure, abnormal cholesterol, obesity, diabetes and cigarette smoking, a lot of the emphasis really should be on lifestyle," said [Stephen Daniels](#), chair of the department of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine.



## [Study: Many veterans don't properly store guns](#)

### **U.S. News and World Report**

(Aug. 27, 2018) -- [Joseph Simonetti](#), assistant professor at the CU School of Medicine, said the way people store guns is correlated to a specific reason they possess the weapons. "We know that nearly half of all U.S. veterans have firearms and it is common for them to store at least one gun loaded and unlocked. Firearm safety practices are strongly related to whether individuals keep their firearms for protection," Simonetti said.



## [Money not matching needs](#)

### **Colorado Springs Gazette**

(Aug. 26, 2018) -- Public health funding across the nation has been “chronically” underfunded for decades, said [Jonathan Samet](#), dean of the Colorado School of Public Health. It accounts for only a fraction of health care spending in the U.S. — falling to 2.7 percent in 2014. “We spend only a few percent of what we spend on health care on public health,” Samet said. “And if you think about it, given the burden of preventable disease, there’s a lot to be gained.”

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