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[Fifty-one Prisoners Will Have Their Cases Reviewed for Potential Wrongful Convictions](#)

CPR

(Nov. 29, 2021) -- Fifty-one people currently serving sentences in Colorado prisons will have their cases probed by state law enforcement and CU Boulder law school professors for potentially faulty hair analysis that could have led to wrongful convictions decades ago.

“This type of review is in the best interest of everybody,” said [Anne-Marie Moyes](#), director of the Innocence Project at the CU law school. “If the wrong person is sitting in prison, we want to correct that error.”



[Strides Made in Community Efforts to Re-envision Denver's Historic Chinatown](#)

9 News

(Nov. 20, 2021) – The Colorado Asian Pacific United (CAPU) organization has been working to re-envision Denver’s Historic Chinatown. Currently, all that’s left of the historic area in LoDo is a plaque that community members believe does not tell the full story of a once thriving Chinese community. CAPU unveiled a mockup of an historical marker with an inscription written by [William Wei](#), a CAPU member, CU Boulder history professor and former state historian.



[More People are Staying Single — and Workplaces Need to Adjust](#)

Quartz

(Nov. 9, 2021) -- [Peter McGraw](#) is a behavioral economist at CU Boulder who hosts the podcast “Solo” and recently launched A Single Insight, a project aimed at organizations looking to better support singles. He says that one concrete step workplaces can take to recognize the broad array of relationships people have is to create leave policies that allow people to care for any loved one.



[Wildfires are Erasing Western Forests. Climate Change is Making It Permanent.](#)

Grist

(Nov. 29, 2021) -- The trees were not coming back. In the years following the 2000 Walker Ranch Fire, [Tom Veblen](#), a forest ecologist at the nearby CU Boulder, saw that grass and shrubs were regrowing in the charred foothills, but he had to search to find the rare baby version of the tall ponderosa pines that had dominated the area before the fire.



[As Earth Warms, Human History is Melting Away](#)

The New York Times

(Nov. 2, 2021) -- “In the Yukon, ice patch discoveries have given us new insights into the pre-European tradition of copper-working by Indigenous peoples,” said [William Taylor](#), an archaeologist at the CU Boulder Museum of Natural History. “In the Rockies, researchers have recovered everything from frozen trees that document important changes in climate and vegetation to the hunting implements of some of the first peoples of the continent.”



University of Colorado **Colorado Springs**



[Should Agricultural Workers be Eligible for Overtime Pay?](#)

The Gazette

(Nov. 28, 2021) -- In short — yes, and immediately. In other industries, overtime pay is a norm. Typically, workers are eligible for time-and-a-half of their hourly pay after 40 hours of work per week. In an era of competing and nested crises — record levels of inflation being one of several — many workers depend on overtime pay to cover their bills, writes [Dylan M. Harris](#), assistant professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at UCCS..



[Preservation Work at the Ludlow Massacre Site Revealed Hidden Symbols](#)

KRCC

(Nov. 18, 2021) -- “Between the cellar and the monument, we actually found a tent stake that was still in situ – in place. We could see the burnt ground surface,” said archeologist [Karin Larkin](#). “That tent stake would have been holding down the tent that covered the cellar, the death pit, where the women and children were killed.” Larkin curates the Ludlow Archeological Collection at UCCS.



[The Loopholes of the Rich and Famous](#)

Fox 21

(Nov. 11, 2021) -- “Those individuals who have made it, which is great, are figuring out how to use the system to reap all the benefits of capitalism while kind of implicitly disincentivizing the small business owner or even the sort of every day worker,” said [Tatiana Bailey](#), economist and director of the Economic Forum at UCCS.

Also:

- [Colorado Springs cost of living hits another record; any end in sight?](#) The Gazette, Nov. 29
- [Bolstered by benefits during the pandemic, what will happen to your income without them?](#) Fox 21, Nov. 29



[SEC Issues New Guidance on Measuring Cost of ‘Spring-Loaded’ Stock Awards](#)

The Wall Street Journal

(Nov. 29, 2021) -- The SEC guidance around spring loading doesn’t go far enough, said **Paul B.W. Miller**, emeritus professor of accounting at UCCS. Like other U.S. accounting standards on share-based compensation, it doesn’t convey the true value transferred to companies’ employees, he said. “Any

answer that fails to present the full value of the options as compensation expense when granted is unsuitable,” Miller said.



[Bridging the Divide: Generations in the Workforce](#)

KOAA

(Nov. 8, 2021) -- “It started out as just griping about millennials, and like OK, you guys got that out of your system, you know you need them, here's why you need them,” said [Scott Van Ness](#), an instructor at UCCS. Van Ness has studied the generational differences in work places, and how managers can effectively work among the various age differences.



University of Colorado **Denver**



[From Redlining to Greening: Coalition Wants to Restore Nature to RiNo, Five Points](#)

The Denver Post

(Nov. 2, 2021) -- In RiNo, only about 9% of the area has tree canopy compared to an average of 24% for the city overall, said [Mallory Luebke](#), a research assistant at CU Denver’s College of Architecture and Planning. The

university worked with Taylor and other coalition members on the grant application to the Salazar Center. Luebke said the school became aware of the work in RiNo during a project that considered what could grow out of shutting down some of the city streets during the coronavirus outbreak.



[How the Covid-19 Pandemic Changed Employee Training](#)

Wall Street Journal

(Nov. 27, 2021) -- “You need to have regular reinforcement of what you’ve been learning,” said [Wayne Cascio](#), a professor of management at CU Denver’s Business School. “You use it or lose it. And simply doing it one-off or learning a skill one time, and then not being able to practice and use it on the job, is a recipe for skill decay.”



[When is a Horror Movie Not a Horror Movie?](#)

The New York Times

(Nov. 28, 2021) -- What is scary about “The Humans” and “Spencer?” They’re both set during winter holidays. [Andrew Scahill](#), an assistant professor of film at CU Denver, said that wasn’t a coincidence: for many people, family reunions and shame-filled year-end assessments are terrifying. It’s no wonder that in his class on Christmas cinema he includes both the feel-good movie

musical “White Christmas” (1954) and the harrowing proto-slasher “Black Christmas” (1974).



[Grand Ronde Members Made Willamette Valley the ‘Hop Capital of the World’](#)

Salem Statesman Journal

(Nov. 29, 2021) -- In this era, the Willamette Valley hop industry was on the rise, and growers struggled to find seasonal workers to harvest the hops, said [Peter Kopp](#), a history professor at CU Denver and author of “Hoptopia: A World of Agriculture and Beer in Oregon’s Willamette Valley.”

“The important context for the Indian history is when most tribes had been put on reservations,” Kopp said. “It led more to wage labor rather than traditional economies.”



[Fear of Missing Out is Driving the Stock Market](#)

Market Watch

(Nov. 10, 2021) -- So what’s driving investment behavior that has sent the S&P 500 up 25% this year? Is it fear of missing out? [Yosef Bonaparte](#), associate professor of finance at CU Denver Business School, decided to quantify the term that is used widely enough that it has

spawned academic research and even an exchange-traded fund with FOMO as a ticker. In his own research paper, Bonaparte devises a FOMO index, based on market momentum, Google keyword searches and investor use of margin accounts.



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[Colorado Professor Advising World Health Organization in Addressing the Omicron Variant](#)

Fox 31

(Nov. 30, 2021) -- It's a busy time for [May Chu](#), a clinical professor at the Colorado School of Public Health at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Chu is an expert advisor for the World Health Organization, and she is helping to tackle the Omicron variant with her colleagues around the world.

"There has been a flurry of meetings and we have joined on a number of those meetings to talk about sort of hot-off-the-press observations by South African scientists who are working really, really hard on this," Chu said.



[A Heart-Healthy Way to Eat](#)

The New York Times

(Nov. 29, 2021) -- There are no “good” foods and “bad” foods. Rather, it’s your overall dietary pattern that matters most when it comes to healthful eating.

[Robert H. Eckel](#), a former president of the American Heart Association, and an endocrinologist and lipid specialist at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, said he “occasionally” indulges in foods outside a wholesome dietary pattern. The operative word here, though, is “occasionally.”



[Aurora Doctor Fights to Change Cornea Donation Restriction for Gay Men](#)

The Denver Post

(Nov. 29, 2021) -- A corneal transplant could cure some forms of blindness, but thousands of people each year are passed up as donors because they’re gay.

Ophthalmologist [Michael Puente](#) learned about the 27-year-old policy about two years ago and hasn’t stopped thinking about it.

“This is just nonsense that this is still the law,” said the assistant ophthalmology professor at the CU School of Medicine. “I’ve been working the last couple of years to research this policy and raise awareness about it and

how to convince the [Food and Drug Administration] that it's time to change it.”



[Coloradans Looking to KO Parkinson's Find Refuge in the Boxing Ring](#)

The Colorado Sun

(Nov. 18, 2021) -- Parkinson's patients who show continuous improvement or stabilized motor scores also tend to show improvement in their exercise program, notes [Jeanne Feuerstein](#), movement disorders specialist and assistant professor of neurology at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. A stagnant exercise program can lead to worsening motor scores. That underscores the importance of continually challenging oneself, she adds.



[Vaping Is Risky. Why Is the F.D.A. Authorizing E-Cigarettes?](#)

The New York Times

(Nov. 23, 2021) -- Adult smokers want to quit: In 2018, about 55% of those surveyed said they tried to quit in the past year; only 7.5% succeeded, according to the Centers for Disease Control. If anything, the JAMA study illustrates how difficult it is to remain smoke-free.

“What we haven't seen, in terms of cessation, is something that's game-changing,” said [Jonathan M.](#)

[Samet](#), dean and professor at the Colorado School of Public Health.

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