

KRCC PROGRAMS & ISSUES 4TH Q 2023

Colorado Matters airs weekdays at 9am and 7pm on KRCC

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 2, 2023: How Colorado's delegation voted to avoid shutdown; Former sheriff faces charges

Most of Colorado's congressional delegation voted for a last-minute measure that avoided a government shutdown. Then, a former Adams County sheriff and two deputies face felony charges for allegedly falsifying training records. Also, "Vanished Denver Landmarks."

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 3, 2023: Challenging Colorado's new gun laws; New support for survivors of domestic violence

Colorado's legislature has been passing stricter gun laws at an unprecedented pace. But opponents have a new tool to try to roll them back, following a pivotal U.S Supreme Court decision -- the courts. Then, finding better ways to support survivors of domestic violence in Colorado. Also, some of Colorado's largest factories must reduce pollution under new state rules. So why are environmental groups upset? And he turned his garage into a tribute of '80's rock and roll!

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 4, 2023: Colorado's Indian boarding schools were places of hard labor and indoctrination

For the last year, Colorado's state archaeologist Holly Norton has investigated Indian boarding schools here. From roughly 1880 to 1920, these dehumanizing, sometimes deadly, institutions were part of a broader campaign to erase native identity.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 5, 2023: New exhibit showcases Colorado's Black history; Student loan questions and answers

Colorado's Black history is diverse and rich, but not widely known. A new exhibit, "Proclaiming Colorado's Black History," is working to change that by illuminating the stories of Black people across the state. It's at the Museum of Boulder. Then, student loans have come due after a pandemic reprieve. We'll talk about the changes and things to consider.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 6, 2023: Chef Dana Rodriguez's culinary challenge; Making musical connections!

It might be the ultimate challenge for a chef: revamp the menu for a beloved restaurant that, oddly, was known for its bad food. We talk with Casa Bonita's new executive chef Dana Rodriguez. Then, understanding RTD's budgets to keep buses and trains running. And "Music Blocks" third season celebrates how the instruments themselves can create connection and community.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 9, 2023: The town lost to uranium; Expanding compensation for atomic workers

During World War II, uranium workers across The West sacrificed their health so The Allies would win. In the small town of Uravan, Colorado, people sacrificed more than their health. We'll get insight into the community's history from a former resident as Congress considers broadening compensation for uranium workers. Later, people read from their teenage diaries on stage for "Mortified."

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 10, 2023: Is the consent decree resulting in police reform in Aurora?

The forceful tactics Aurora police used to stop and subdue Elijah McClain four years ago, and protests a year later, led to a state investigation. It concluded that the Aurora Police Department has a pattern of racist policing. As a result, Aurora became the first city in Colorado placed under state oversight. It's now required to overhaul its policies and practices. We ask how that consent decree is going.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 11, 2023: Gov. Jared Polis on Proposition HH, housing, and Indian boarding schools

In our regular interview, Gov. Jared Polis says he'll revive a landmark proposal to give the state more control over land use. The measure, designed to increase the stock of affordable housing, died in the 2023 legislative session. Then, documentarian Ken Burns on "The American Buffalo."

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 12, 2023: Denver Basic Income seeks homelessness solutions; Matthew Shepard's legacy

There's no "one size fits all" solution for homelessness, but one big idea being tested is literally giving unrestricted money to those struggling. We ask how the Denver Basic Income Project is working out and hear from a man who says it's transformed his life. Then, 25 years ago... a young college student named Matthew Shepard was brutally attacked and left for dead -- all because he was gay. His parents reflect on his legacy and their ongoing work toward acceptance.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 13, 2023: The McClain verdicts and police accountability; Coloradan in Gaza

One trial ends with split verdicts for two Aurora police officers and the next trial is beginning in the death of Elijah McClain. We'll take a closer look at police accountability and changes to Colorado law. Then, we speak with a Colorado doctor who is in Gaza, unable to leave. And the U.S. Forest Service is rethinking housing on Forest Service land.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 16, 2023: High turnover among county clerks; Aurora NAACP head wants independent monitor

County clerks across Colorado are leaving office – many because of pressure from election skeptics. Then, Mesa County voters will decide whether to extend term limits for jobs including county clerk. And, Aurora NAACP head Omar Montgomery calls for an independent police monitor. Plus, an authentic Indian restaurant in Colorado Springs.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 17, 2023: Proposition HH and property taxes; Why is leaded fuel still used at small airports?

One of the statewide issues voters will decide in this election is Proposition HH, designed to lower property taxes. We look at both sides with Purplish, CPR's podcast about politics and policy. Then, why do small airports still use fuel containing lead for planes? Also, a new LGBTQ+ community center opens soon in Colorado Springs. And we answer a Colorado Wonders question about the Blue Book.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 18, 2023: Economic reinvention in Yampa Valley; The 'Return of the Buffalo'

The Yampa Valley is doing some economic soul-searching, as Colorado weans itself from fossil fuels. We'll visit a historic granary that's been reimagined. There's also a push for a commuter train from Craig to Steamboat. Also, CPR's Caitlyn Kim talks with Rep. Ken Buck about his position on the House Speaker vote. And the new RMPBS documentary, "Return of the Buffalo."

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 19, 2023: Abortion access in Colorado after 50 years; Perseverance marks 'Lessons in Chemistry'

Thirty percent of abortions in Colorado last year were for people from out of state, and that number's increasing. We talk with Linda Weber who helped found the first clinic in Colorado with abortion access 50 years ago. Then, a closer look at what's on the November ballot. And, we remember playwright and arts mentor Ken Grimes. Also, a Fort Collins native helms "Lessons in Chemistry."

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 20, 2023: Winter outlook after a warm fall; Determination to 'Brave the Wild River'

Colorado had a wet spring but it's dry now. What does that portend going into the winter? Denver7 chief meteorologist Mike Nelson joins us for our regular weather and climate discussion. Then, the call goes out for teachers with unique skills. Plus, exploring Denver's old airport tower. Also, the story of the two women who braved a "wild river." And Colorado Wonders questions about license plates.

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Oct. 23, 2023: Answering your questions on Prop II; Elijah McClain's mother speaks

CPR's "Purplish" podcast explains Proposition II, regarding excess tobacco tax money. Then, Elijah McClain's mother, Sheneen, on the verdict in the first trial for officers charged in the death of her son. Plus, the first Native American on the Water Conservation Board. And, flying insects in a warmer climate. Then, a Colorado legend joins the National Rodeo Hall of Fame.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 24, 2023: State lawmakers with roots in Israel, Gaza; Meet 'the voice' of the Nuggets

As the war escalates between Israel and Hamas, we hear from state lawmakers with roots in the region. Then, as the defending NBA champion Denver Nuggets start their new season, a familiar voice will call the players to the court. Kyle Speller begins his 19th year as the team's stadium announcer. He's also the team chaplain. Plus, how did "No Name" get its name? And rethinking how we buy and discard clothing.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 25, 2023: How life experiences shaped Mayor Yemi Mobolade; Survivor stories from Club Q

We sit down with Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobolade to talk about how his childhood in Nigeria shaped who he is today. First, Thomas James survived the mass shooting at Club Q. He also helped take down the attacker. Today, he reflects on that decision and why he doesn't consider himself a hero.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 26, 2023: Report on domestic violence in Colorado; New Speaker of the House

For a second consecutive year, domestic violence deaths are at an all-time high in Colorado. A new report, just released by Colorado's Attorney General's office, provides details. And we hear from a woman who calls herself a victor -- not a victim. Then, the U.S. House is back to work after finally electing a new Speaker. CPR's Washington, D.C. reporter, Caitlyn Kim, has been following the weeks of drama closely.

COLORADO MATTERS

Oct. 27, 2023: Effort to keep Trump off Colorado's ballot moves forward; Bookstores rally back

The case to keep Donald Trump off the Colorado primary ballot gets its day in court Monday. Then, people experiencing homelessness form a union in Colorado Springs. Also, Colorado's attorney general talks about the state's lawsuit against Meta. Plus, independent booksellers are finding success. Then, the weird and wacky Manitou Springs coffin races, and embracing the history and artistry of colcha embroidery.

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Oct. 30, 2023: An evening of ghost stories from Colorado horror writers

From the weeping phantom La Llorona, who haunts Denver's Northside, to a suburban foothills ghost, Colorado Matters is possessed today.

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Oct. 31, 2023: Politicizing school board races; A culinary celebration of Día de los Muertos

Election Day is a week away and some local school board races have become a focal point in the political divide. CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin reports. Then, Día de los Muertos is a time of remembrance and a celebration of life. Food is a central part of it. Chef Yvette Marquez-Sharpnack joins us. Plus, a scary Halloween story from D.L. Cordero.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 1, 2023: Denver's new leader on climate action; A Club Q survival story

Denver has a new climate boss; it's not a role very many U.S. cities have. We asked Liz Babcock to meet us somewhere especially vulnerable to climate change. Then, we share another survival story a year after the attack at Club Q. Also, hear from the three candidates for Aurora mayor. And a new honor for the nation's first prima ballerina, Maria Tallchief.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Elections; Politics

DATE & TIME: 11/1/23 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Puebloans will choose a new mayor and three new city council members this month. KRCC sent out questionnaires to each candidate and asked about everything public safety to the perception of Pueblo. A look at some of those answers...

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics

DATE & TIME: 11/1/23 @ 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Republican congressman Ken Buck is shaking up Colorado's political landscape again... this time by announcing he will not seek re-election next year.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 2, 2023: Officer charged in McClain's death takes the stand; 'Deconstructing Karen' challenges white supremacy

Nathan Woodyard, the officer accused in the death of Elijah McClain, takes the stand in his own defense. We'll hear some of his testimony. Then, difficult, uncomfortable conversations about dismantling white supremacy with "Deconstructing Karen." Later, the first run of the ski season is an annual challenge for two friends. Plus, Colorado's lost ski resorts.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 3, 2023: The case for and against Trump on the ballot; 'Dear Alana' on faith and sexual identity

The hearing into whether Donald Trump should be off the Republican primary ballot in Colorado is wrapping up. We'll get an update on testimony and what happens next. Then, the podcast "Dear Alana" explores the sometimes fraught relationship between religion and sexual identity.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 6, 2023: Murals tell the history, stories of community; The fight for Colorado's 3rd Congressional District

Street art, history and neighborhoods feature in the new podcast "Off the Walls," from CPR and Denverite. Then, the fight to represent Colorado's Third Congressional District is intensifying. And, singer/songwriter Antonio Lopez draws inspiration from his Indigenous roots in the San Luis Valley.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 7, 2023: Reaction to second Elijah McClain verdict; Psychological film 'Soft Liquid Center'

After the latest verdict came down Monday afternoon, juries in Adams County has found two of the three officers who forcibly stopped Elijah McClain not guilty, with a third convicted of lesser charges. A discussion whether Elijah McClain has received justice, and what these verdicts mean for policing in Colorado. Then, the "reddest" part of Colorado. Plus, a psychological thriller, "Soft Liquid Center" is being shown at the Denver Film Festival.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 8, 2023: What's next now that voters rejected Prop HH?; A Club Q survival story of a life forever changed

A complicated measure designed, at least in part, to tamp down property taxes, failed at the ballot box. Now that voters rejected Prop HH, what comes next? Then, John Arcediano survived the attack on Club Q, but his life has forever been changed. And later, a chance to see a relic from the U.S.S. Arizona in memory of the Coloradans killed at Pearl Harbor.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 9, 2023: Growth challenges in Colorado; Doctor returns home from Gaza

Colorado is growing, but at what cost? As people move here the state demographer talks about the challenges, the trade-offs and the trends. Then, Dr. Barbara Zind was in Gaza on a humanitarian mission when * Hamas* launched its surprise attack on Israel. Now, a month later, the Grand Junction pediatrician has returned home. Also, environmental education and "Coal Country" in Boulder.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Elections; Politics, School boards

DATE & TIME: 11/10/23 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado races for school boards haven't always been so closely watched or politicized. But things have changed. A look at who won and lost and what it might mean for schools.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 10, 2023: 'Donut Dollies' helped troops escape realities of war; Changing lives through 'Hard Miles'

Their service went largely unnoticed through three wars, but national recognition may be coming. For Veterans Days, we share the story of the women known as "The Donut Dollies." Then, we revisit the harrowing mission of the Misty Experiment. And the new film "Hard Miles" shows how bicycling helped break the cycle for at-risk youth.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 13, 2023: DIA at the holidays – travel hacks for long security lines and confusing construction

Today, we'll answer some of your big questions about DIA -- aka DEN -- like, when can we expect to see shorter lines and less construction? You'll also meet some of the thousands of people who work at the airport and hear their travel hacks

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Housing; 3D technology

DATE & TIME: 11/14/23 @ 5:44pm; 11/15/23 @ 8:45am

SUMMARY: Some business in Colorado are hoping to make the state a global epicenter for what they hope will be the home building technology of the future. 3D printed houses. And some advocates say it could be the solution for the state's housing shortage. A look at two companies... a startup looking to et into the market in Colorado Springs. And a national name that's moving their headquarters to Greeley.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 14, 2023: Growing need to support an aging Colorado; Can the arts and AI share creative ground?

One in five Coloradans is older than 60. In Mesa County, that number is one in four. And it's putting a lot of pressure on senior services like Meals on Wheels. Then, can something that wasn't made by a person still be considered art? That question about artificial intelligence has sparked a contentious debate. And we celebrate a Colorado Centennial Farm.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 15: Holding funeral homes accountable; Testing the air above Central I-70

There's a push to regulate funeral homes in Colorado. We'll talk about ways to protect your family in a time of grief. Then, central I-70 was capped to control pollution, so is the air safe to breathe? CPR's climate reporter Sam Brasch tested it. And, what happens to closed schools in Colorado? Plus, how life has changed for a survivor of the Club Q attack.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 16, 2023: On eve of special session, how to ‘disagree better’; ‘Control Freaks’ features whiz kids who love to win

As state lawmakers get set for a special session on property tax relief, Colorado's Governor Jared Polis, a Democrat, and Utah's Governor Spencer Cox, a Republican, talk about a concept called "Disagree Better," aimed at reducing animosity in civic life. Then, Denver author J.E. Thomas shares her book, "Control Freaks" with Ryan and 5th grader Della Johnson.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 17, 2023: Mild weather hints to upcoming winter; Funding concerns for HIV/AIDS services

Winter's just a month away but in much of the state the weather's still mild. Denver's chief meteorologist Mike Nelson will help us understand the patterns. Then, why there's concern about funding for HIV/AIDS services in Colorado. And it's now up to a judge to decide if Donald Trump can be on Colorado's GOP primary ballot. We get perspective from Purplish.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 20, 2023: Exploring diversity and inclusion as the ‘Prime Factor’ puts CU in the national spotlight

The "Coach Prime effect" has catapulted CU Boulder into the national spotlight, but some students say it doesn't necessarily reflect the Black experience on campus. We'll talk about diversity, inclusion, and representation with a third-year grad student, a graduate who now works on the campus, and the vice chancellor of student affairs, D'Andra Mull.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 21, 2023: ‘Diversity doesn’t happen in a vacuum’ — CU officials on school’s DEI quest

Our exploration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the University of Colorado, the state's flagship university and its third largest employer, continues with CU president Todd Saliman and Wanda James, an alumna and the first Black Regent in 44 years.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 22, 2023: How special session will impact taxes; A rabbi reflects on feeling alone

Whether you own your home or rent we'll break down what this week's special legislative session means for you taxwise. Then, a Denver rabbi addresses her congregation after marching on Washington, D.C. in support of Israel. And "Off the Walls" on the restoration of "Huitzilopochtli," the Hummingbird Warrior.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 27, 2023: News anchor Anne Trujillo’s inner life; Tracking respiratory illnesses in dogs

Anne Trujillo reflects on life's lessons as she steps down as the longest-serving news anchor in Denver. Then, a new idea to help people experiencing homelessness in Grand Junction. Also, what veterinarians know about respiratory illnesses affecting dogs. And a co-owner of Townie Books in Crested Butte previews his new novel, which shatters Western tropes.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 28, 2023: State historian Dr. Claire Oberon Garcia on diversifying Colorado history

The new state historian has a vision to diversify our thinking about life in Colorado. Dr. Claire Oberon Garcia is also an English professor at Colorado College. Chandra Thomas Whitfield sat down with her in front of an audience at the Southern Colorado Public Media Center.

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 29, 2023: Finding resources for migrants; Understanding climate threats

They've fled dire conditions in Venezuela, and come to Colorado, but they aren't allowed to work; that could change. Plus, we'll meet two Venezuelan-Americans helping them with everything from applications to education to therapy for trauma. Then, understanding climate threats in Colorado. And later, Colorado wonders, "Where is the Western Slope?"

COLORADO MATTERS

Nov. 30, 2023: Hip Hop Turns 50! Colorado's place in this cultural phenomenon

Hip Hop marks a major milestone this year: its 50th anniversary! During that time, the musical genre has changed the world, influencing language, dance, education, politics, media, and so much more. But what is Colorado's place in all of this? Chandra Thomas Whitfield asked some of the biggest players in our state to join her in-studio. Radio personality Amerykah Jones (Nikki Swann) and rappers DJ Cavem (Itef Vita), Old Man Saxon (Saxon Kincy) and Black Pegasus (Robert Houston II).

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 1, 2023: How to avoid 'shame-free' parenting; The 'Photo Ark' marks a milestone

No matter what social media tells you, there's no such thing as "the perfect parent." So says Denver author and family therapist Craig Knippenberg whose new book is "Shame-Free Parenting." Then, printing new houses. Also, the 15,000th species boards the Photo Ark. Later, how to make your poinsettias outlast the holidays. And a world of holiday ice at Gaylord Rockies.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 4, 2023: Repatriating centuries-old human remains; A mural honors the 'Queen of Five Points'

They were moved from their resting place, centuries-old graves looted. Now there's a renewed effort to return the remains of Indigenous people to their rightful homes in Colorado. Later, "Off the Walls" with how a mural of Fathima Dickerson, the GM of Welton Street Café, has come to represent community and hope.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Indigenous People; Archeology;

DATE & TIME: 12/5/23 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: They were moved from their final resting place... centuries old graves looted. Now, there's a renewed effort to return these remains of Indigenous people to their rightful homes in Colorado. But it's a challenge. How a university in Southwestern Colorado is dealing with it.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 5, 2023: A new Navy sub connects past and present; A pilot's story of perseverance

Her grandfather served on the USS Arizona when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor. Nikki Stratton will christen its namesake, a new US Navy submarine. Then, a relic of the battleship Arizona is now in Colorado, and we hear what Donald Stratton endured to survive the attack.

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Dec. 6, 2023: Retired judge says Trump ballot case is about law, not politics; A metro-mountain passenger train

As the Colorado Supreme Court considers the case to keep Donald Trump off the Republican presidential primary ballot here, a former judge who proposed invoking the 14th Amendment early-on says it's not about politics. Then, why a train between the mountains and Metro Denver may finally be on track. And, if cocktails are a part of your holidays, we have a tingly recommendation.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 7, 2023: Hanukkah begins with Holiday Extravaganza memories

Tonight is the first night of Hanukkah. Light the shamash with us, that most prominent candle on the menorah that ignites all the others.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 8, 2023: Flying through the holidays, from crowds to construction

Holiday travel's taking off, and airports -- from Denver to Grand Junction -- built for a different time -- are trying to keep up. Today, we re-share a holiday travel special, with hacks from airport insiders and Ryan's favorite shortcut. Plus, how fuels made from forests or algae could take some of the guilt out of flying. And the question many are asking: is Denver's airport going to be under construction forever?

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 11, 2023: Can joining a club save democracy?

The new documentary, "Join or Die" suggests that joining a club isn't just essential to democracy, it's also good for our health. Then, a new nightclub in Denver that celebrates musical heritage.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 12, 2023: Wolf killings underscore reintroduction debate; Black quarterbacks tackle inclusivity

By state law, Colorado is required to release wolves into the wild by the end of the year. But a wolfpack that was already here is mostly gone, shot and killed across the border. What does that say about the reintroduction debate? And, Marlin Briscoe was the first Black quarterback in pro football with the Denver Broncos, but the challenges he faced were just the beginning.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 13, 2023: The intersection between transit and housing; How to save and grow your money

Where people live has a lot to do with how they get around, which is why the governor is changing tracks, to some extent, when it comes to transit. Then, our series continues on how to save and grow your money with short and long-term strategies, no matter how much or how little money you have. Plus, books with a Colorado connection to read or give this holiday season.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 14, 2023: Colorado working to ban ‘excited delirium’; In vogue with ballroom culture

As the third criminal trial related to the death of Elijah McClain continues, changes are happening statewide. A look at how law enforcement and lawmakers alike are working to ban so-called "Excited Delirium" here in Colorado. Then, did you know voguing was created by members of the Black and Latino queer community back in the 1960s? We hit the dance floor with Colorado's ballroom scene.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 15, 2023: From weather records to the winter outlook; Searching for a Santa who represents

Globally, 2023 was a year of extreme heat; locally, Denver7 chief meteorologist Mike Nelson calls it the year of hail. We talk about weather records, current snowpack, and the outlook for winter. Then, a question about Santa Claus that's close to the heart for Chandra Thomas Whitfield.

COLORADO MATTERS

[Yours to unwrap! The 8th annual Colorado Matters Holiday Extravaganza](#)

Music, memories and merriment return with the 8th annual Colorado Matters Holiday Extravaganza.

COLORADO MATTERS

Dec. 19, 2023: A Holiday Extravaganza of Colorado comedy

Today's Colorado Matters is a laughing matter. We've sewn together a comedy special that, we hope, will have you in stitches! It's a compendium of Colorado comics from our previous Holiday Extravaganzas.

COLORADO MATTERS

[Dec. 20, 2023: A holiday extravaganza of musical moments and memories](#)

Today, world-class musicians serenade and enchant us! We've drawn from the archives of our Colorado Matters Holiday Extravaganza to create a collection of some of our favorite vocal and instrumental performances from the past 8 years. Celebrate the season with jazz, blues, country, Broadway, and a cappella.

COLORADO MATTERS

[Dec. 22, 2023: Dancer makes Colorado Ballet history as Clara; the story of an 'American St. Nick'](#)

For Sheridan Guerin, playing Clara in the Nutcracker is a dream come true as the first Black ballerina to do so in Colorado Ballet history. Then, a Broomfield man shares the story of his dad, Richard Brookins, who became known as the "American St. Nick" in the tiny town of Wiltz, Luxembourg in World War II and years after. And Denver singer/songwriter René Moffatt's new song, "My First Christmas (without you)."

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Dec. 26, 2023: The life and legacy of photographer John Fielder

This year, Colorado lost a man who helped us see where we live more clearly. Not long before his death, landscape photographer John Fielder donated his archive to the people of his beloved Colorado. In January, roughly six months before his death, Fielder invited us into his home near Silverthorne.

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Dec. 27, 2023: CU Boulder hopes to build tribal relationships; Murals as a movement

For the first time, CU-Boulder has someone focused on its relationship with tribes to encourage Indigenous students and foster economic and cultural development. Then, how the verdict in the trial of paramedics in the death of Elijah McClain might impact first responders. Later, murals as a movement, a storytelling workshop, and the silver lining in a downed tree.
