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COMMUNITY ISSUE: Homelessness

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

SUMMARY: There are fewer unhoused people in EL Paso County now than in previous years. That's according to this year's Point in Time homelessness survey. KRCC's Jess Hazel spoke with Evan Caster, manager of homeless initiatives for the Pike's Peak Continuum to talk about the results of that survey.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 5, 2023: Paying farmers to keep water in the Colorado River; Wildflower wonders!

Farmers and ranchers use about 80% of the water tapped from the Colorado River. So what if the government paid them to keep their water in the river instead? "Parched" explores that idea. Then, we answer a Colorado Wonders question about wildflowers. And a sport in southern Colorado that hearkens back to the Middle Ages.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 6, 2023: New state law helps keep your personal data private; Maternal mortality ‘unacceptably high’

A new state law that took effect on July 1 is supposed to help keep your personal data more private. Then, a new study shows a daunting trend about the number of people dying from pregnancy-related causes in the U.S. It's especially true for Black and Indigenous women. Plus, "My Story So Far" highlights perseverance in the restaurant industry. And, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival is back!

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Environment; BLM; Conservation; Ranching; Oil & natural gas; Public Lands

DATE & TIME: 7/7/23 @ 7:50am & 5:20pm

SUMMARY: A new rule could change how more than 8.3 million acres of public lands are managed in Colorado. The Bureau of Land Management is considering putting conservation on equal footing with other permitted uses like ranching and natural gas and oil. There's a lot of disagreement over whether this is the right approach.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 7, 2023: In Fort Collins, ‘The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden’

In “Soil: The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden,” author Camille T. Dungy tries to bloom where she’s planted as the pandemic shuts down the world. The Distinguished Professor at Colorado State University weaves a tale of plants, parenting and politics.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 10, 2023: Bleed kits in schools; New journeys ‘Back from Broken’

Kits meant to stop someone from bleeding are now available to schools. One former educator in Colorado is alarmed at what this represents for our kids and people who work in schools. Then, Vic Vela joins us to talk about season 4 of "Back from Broken," CPR's podcast about the journey of recovery.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 11, 2023: Lawmakers sue over open meetings; Michael Hancock on 12 years as Denver’s mayor

Secret meetings and encrypted conversations. Those claims are at the heart of a lawsuit filed by two Democratic state representatives against their own party. Then, Michael Hancock reflects on the accomplishments and challenges after three terms as Denver's mayor. And a new rule could change how more than 8 million acres of public land are managed in Colorado.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 12, 2023: A recent Supreme Court ruling could impact Colorado’s LGBTQ+ community

Colorado outlawed discrimination against gay, lesbian, trans and bisexual people 15 years ago but the Supreme Court’s recent decision in the 303 Creative case could dismantle some of those protections. Ryan Warner speaks with Kyle Velte, a past president of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association. Then, poet Suzi Q. Smith uses birds to reflect on life in Denver.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 13, 2023: A push to launch LGBTQ+ astronauts; Winter Park Jazz Festival celebrates 40 years

Space may be the final frontier, but some feel it hasn't been quite as accessible to LGBTQ+ people. Jason Reimuller, the Executive Director of the International Institute of Astronautical Sciences, is on a very personal mission to change that. Then, the Winter Park Jazz Festival, once a sleepy mountain get-together, celebrates its 40th anniversary in grand style with an all-star lineup.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 14, 2023: ‘Vision Zero’ stalls in the slow lane; Female botanists ‘Brave the Wild River’

CPR Transportation reporter Nathaniel Minor explains why Denver's campaign to eliminate traffic deaths remains in the slow lane. Then, "Brave the Wild River" tells the determined story of two female botanists.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 17, 2023: Prop HH may do more than impact property taxes; Ken Felts marries at 93

Voters statewide will decide Proposition HH this November. The idea is to ease property taxes, but it may do more than that. Then, Ken Felts marries at the age of 93, three years after his coming out story was shared around the world. Also, rethinking school lunches. Plus, preserving a heritage language.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 18, 2023: Key congressional races; Colorado’s new soccer superstar!

The 2024 election is still a year away, but races in two of Colorado's most competitive Congressional districts are already taking shape. Plus, Denver's new mayor, Mike Johnston, shares his vision for the city. Then, America's next World Cup star might be Colorado's Sophia Smith. Chandra speaks with her parents, Mollie and Kenny, at their home in Windsor.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 19, 2023: What can be done about Colorado’s record-high teacher turnover?

Three years after the pandemic, Colorado and other states face record teacher turnover. Chalkbeat’s national reporter, Matt Barnum, talks causes and solutions. Then, Xcel tests hydrogen to clean up its natural gas system. And, a Colorado family creates a liqueur that numbs your mouth, but enhances flavors. Finally, the Susan Lucci of the Colorado Book awards.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 20, 2023: Sunny days are nice, but for people of color and skin care, the outlook isn't always so kind

If you've spent any length of time in Colorado, you probably love the mountain views, the outdoor recreation, the low humidity and the daily sunshine. But the latter is often not so kind to the largest organ on the body, our skin. And people of color say they struggle even more with the effects of the arid air. Here's what a Denver woman did to address the problem.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 21, 2023: Whither Colorado's wacky weather; growing food with less water

If Colorado's weather this summer has left you bewildered, you're not alone. Denver's Chief Meteorologist Mike Nelson is back for our regular conversation about climate and weather, discussing two phenomena that occurred this week. Also, in the latest episode of CPR's "Parched," meet an Indigenous farm manager who's setting an example by growing food with much less water.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 24, 2023: Court blocks 'Kansas Two-Step'; Slavery as family history

A federal judge has ruled a law enforcement tactic called the "Kansas Two-Step" unconstitutional. The Kansas Highway Patrol allegedly targeted drivers from states where marijuana is legal without reasonable suspicion. Then, the history of slavery is family history. And, how the Rockies came to Colorado. Plus, swing music from the Flatirons Jazz Orchestra.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 25, 2023: Taking a stroll down Welton Street; A 'Mo' Betta' Green Marketplace

The historic Five Points neighborhood in Denver is known for its legacy of jazz music. But it's also a vibrant business and entertainment district with a longstanding spirit of entrepreneurship. Then, the future for a Gathering Place for some of the area's most vulnerable people. And, a Mo' Betta farmer's market.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 26, 2023: ‘Parched’ explores what’s in peril at the end of the Colorado River

Travel with our “Parched” podcast team to the end of the Colorado River, where the ecosystem and the cultures that have long depended on it are in jeopardy – and people are working on solutions. Then, what will happen to Colorado’s deer and elk herds when wolves come back to the state?

COLORADO MATTERS

July 28, 2023: Indigenous civil rights champion; Noodle Kugel, a ‘Great American Recipe’

John Echohawk, founder of the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, will receive a national civil rights award. Then, a "Great American Recipe" chef rethinks the Noodle Kugel. Also, should fixed anchors be allowed in national parks? And remembering music pioneer Max Morath.

COLORADO MATTERS

July 31, 2023: Colorado’s divided GOP considers ending its primary; Colorado ‘Postcards’

Colorado Republicans may do away with their primary election, meaning unaffiliated voters could no longer take part. Then, “Colorado Postcards” explore little-known stories of the state. And, almost 50 children from 17 countries recently became U.S. citizens.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 1, 2023: Celebrating Colorado Day with Colorado Wonders

It's Colorado Day, celebrating statehood in 1876. So we thought we'd revisit some of the many wonders in our state that you've asked about over the years.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 2, 2023: Why home insurance is exorbitant; Ethiopian tastes; Rockin' at Red Rocks

What power do homeowners have in the face of rising insurance rates and shrinking options amid severe weather and wildfires driven by climate change? Then, an eviction case raises questions about access to help. Also, the Taste of Ethiopia is back, highlighting community through food. And the rockin' legacy of Red Rocks.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 3, 2023: 'Project Play' aims to expand access, equity for kids in sports

The recent Project Play summit in Colorado Springs focused on how to get more kids, especially those from underserved communities, into organized sports. Among the participants, Special Olympics Colorado which serves 20,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 4, 2023: Five ways to help end homelessness; The benefits of brown noise

Today, understanding why homelessness has gotten worse across metro Denver, the core systemic causes, and tangible ways to find solutions. Then, answering a Colorado Wonders question about Lady Moon. Plus, revisiting the health benefits of brown noise. And Dazzle returns!

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 9, 2023: Working to ensure water equity; 'Denver Star' preserves Colorado history

When it comes to water, Lorelei Cloud says Indigenous tribes like the Southern Ute don't just use water; they protect it and treat it with reverence. As the first Indigenous member of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, she is hopeful about ensuring equity in water rights. Then, a pest is threatening one of Colorado's most beloved crops. And preserving history with "The Denver Star."

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 10, 2023: Ensuring transparency in the Capitol; Unity through poetry

Just how transparent are the workings inside the state capitol? Despite having one of the most stringent Open Meetings Law in the country, lawmakers still manage to do a lot out of the public eye and it's led to lawsuits. Then, achieving unity through poetry. Also, why knowing your breast density could save your life. And a troll is moving into the hills west of Pikes Peak.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 11, 2023: Sharing John Fielder's life's work; What the firefly says about ecosystems

Landscape photographer and conservationist John Fielder donated his life's work to the people of Colorado earlier this year, and now, thousands of those images are online through History Colorado which also just opened a new Fielder exhibit. Plus, what the elusive firefly in Colorado says about the health of ecosystems. And turn the page with Colorado Matters with author Shelley Read and "Go as a River."

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 14, 2023: A mother's journey to raise awareness about CMV; Music store hits final note

When a Wheat Ridge mother gave birth to her second child, it set off a series of events that would lead to years of research about congenital diseases. She's now written a book, "Remedies for Sorrow," to raise awareness about CMV. Then, how the Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action is affecting medical schools in Colorado. Also, teen boys learn to open up about life's challenges. And Kolacny Music is closing after nearly a century.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 15, 2023: Changes to 'Red Flag' law; Elevating achievements of blind Coloradans

Until recently, only police officers or close relations could ask a judge to take someone's guns away if they're a threat to themselves or others. A change to that state law expands who's allowed to do that, but is it making a difference? Then, the "Blind History Lady" elevates achievements of visually-impaired Coloradans. Plus the culture of bicycling and ways to stay safe while riding.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 16, 2023: From clothing to swag, textile trash is piling up; Preserving Chinatown history

Americans throw away 11 million tons of textile waste every year, and it's not just old clothing. We'll talk through what to consider the next time you look in your closet or go shopping. Plus, new markers ensure Denver's Chinatown is not forgotten. And the final chapter for Bendu, a beloved dog on the Western Slope.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 17, 2023: Cutting back on water cutbacks; Credit score inequities

A wet winter and rainy spring mean more water in the Colorado River, so how will that impact the short and long-term plan for water usage? Then, credit scores are supposed to be determined objectively, but new research shows that's not the case. Plus, answering a Colorado Wonders question about cellphones and driving. And two exhibits at MCA Denver explore cultural inclusivity.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 18, 2023: Modern day healing from Sand Creek, and how tribes could restore access to land

Today, we're talking about the modern day legacy of one of the most consequential and traumatic events in Colorado history. The Sand Creek Massacre. The Modern West, a podcast from Wyoming Public Media and PRX, explores what happened nearly 160 years ago and how it resonates today. CPR's Rachel Estabrook speaks with the podcast host, Melodie Edwards, and with Rick Williams, who leads People of the Sacred Land.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 21, 2023: Closing the pandemic learning gap; RVs from Colorado headed to Maui

Test scores are in; did Colorado students get a passing grade? We'll break down the results as educators work to close the pandemic learning gap. Then, a Colorado non-profit is sending RVs to Maui to help firefighters who've lost their homes. Also, the challenges facing the world's eight remaining species of bears. And the health benefits of gardening.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 22, 2023: Keeping oil off the tracks; Working to ensure safety in sports

A federal judge has put the brakes on a plan that would allow trains to transport oil along the Colorado River, at least for now. Then, the Denver-based U.S. Center for SafeSport is tasked with investigating allegations of sexual, physical, and emotional abuse in professional sports. And Boulder's Kara Goucher pulls back the curtain in the world of elite running.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 23, 2023: GOP voters on issues, identity; Why toddler vaccination rates are down

Leading up to the first Republican presidential primary debate, a new poll paints a nuanced picture of GOP voters. Then, a Colorado-based study sheds light on why fewer toddlers are getting fully vaccinated. Plus, the future of mass transit in metro Denver will be driven by buses. And, the Infamous Stringdusters' tributes classic bluegrass.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 24, 2023: Colorado ties to Georgia indictments; Diverse judges and judicial ethics

Former President Donald Trump is expected to surrender to Georgia law enforcement today on charges that he led illegal efforts* to subvert the 2020 election in that state. Two people with Colorado ties are among the 18 other people charged in the case. Then, appointing more women to the bench in Colorado and what the state is doing to make sure judges meet the high standards of ethics. Plus, Colorado Wonders about waterfalls.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 25, 2023: Historic year for severe weather; A daughter marches in her mother's footsteps

As the weather extremes continue this summer, what's causing them and what does that suggest about this coming fall and winter? Then, a daughter walks in her mother's footsteps at the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington. Plus, a poem designed to build bridges and unity. Then, a new state program pays for college to fill critical job shortages. And a unique cabin getaway.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 28, 2023: A piece of the USS Arizona comes to Colorado; A father and son are 'Back from Broken'

A relic from the the USS Arizona will arrive in the state Tuesday to honor the 32 Coloradans still entombed in the battleship that sank at Pearl Harbor. Then, a father and son reflect on addiction as a family disease in "Back from Broken."

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 29, 2023: She fought for an equal education; now she hopes to preserve history in schools

Carlotta Walls LaNier was a member of the Little Rock Nine, a group of Black students who integrated Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas in 1957. She reflects on civil rights as teaching Black history comes under attack in Arkansas and other states. Then, keeping Garden of the Gods a welcoming place to visit. And Colorado wonders about the sounds of insects.

COLORADO MATTERS

Aug. 30, 2023: Pearl Harbor relic now in Colorado; A Holocaust survivor's story

A relic from the attack on Pearl Harbor has arrived in Colorado, its new permanent home. The piece of metal comes from the USS Arizona, the final resting place for 32 Colorado sailors. Then, an encore presentation of our interview with Oscar "Osi" Sladek, who survived the Holocaust and found success as a folk musician.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 1, 2023: Big changes may come for cannabis; The scourge of early-onset colorectal cancer

The federal government puts cannabis in the same category as the world's most dangerous drugs. That could change under a new recommendation. What it might mean in Colorado. Then, a young Denver woman loses her battle with colon cancer. She and her husband were both diagnosed with the disease. Doctors say younger people are increasingly vulnerable. And later, one-time Denverite Ethel Merman... does disco?

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 4, 2023: ‘The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden’

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COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 5, 2023: Blair-Caldwell preserves Black history and rethinks libraries

The Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library is reopen after a \$2.8 million renovation project to make it more accessible and user-friendly. It's one of only five African American research libraries in the United States attached to a major public library system. Chandra Thomas Whitfield takes a tour with branch supervisor Jameka Lewis.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 6, 2023: Photo Ark’s mission to document animals; Making yards water-wise

Many species that are on the brink of extinction live in zoos and wildlife sanctuaries, which is why National Geographic has a project called “The Photo Ark.” And, now is a good time to make yards water-wise. Plus, the Consumer Product Safety Commission is working with Indigenous communities to prevent deaths and injuries. Later, expanding broadband in Colorado, and the state's new weather record.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 7, 2023: New effort to keep Trump off 2024 state ballot; Five generations of farmers

There's a new effort to try to keep former president Donald Trump off the ballot in Colorado next year. A lawsuit, filed in the federal district court for Colorado, argues that Trump can't hold office because he has committed insurrection against the United States. Then, what kind of sustainable choices are people willing to make? Also, "Centennial" farms, toads, and the first day of preschool.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 8, 2023: Laying the tracks for Front Range rail; Folsom at 100; A literary Colorado road trip

Voters may be asked to help fund a new passenger rail line along the Front Range next year. We answer listener questions about the proposal and what it entails. Then, Folsom Field marks 100 years as the CU Buffs' season kicks off Saturday. And your next road trip through Colorado could be a literary one!

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 11, 2023: Did 'junk science' convict a Grand Junction man? Breakfast at a hospice

Unreliable science like tool-mark analysis and bite marks still gets a lot of weight in court. A judge has ordered a new trial in a Grand Junction case that, some argue, relied on junk science. Then, Grand Junction's HopeWest Hospice also runs a restaurant. And, can apprenticeships solve labor shortages? Plus, a 17-mile foot race over a perilous mountain pass.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 12, 2023: Rebuilding after the flood; How economics could save the rainforest

Flash flooding decimated Jamestown ten years ago. One resident shares how the community pulled together to rebuild. Then, migrant arrivals are increasing again in Denver. Plus, Colorado Mesa University is competing to save the rainforest. Also, new guidelines to help with childhood obesity. And a new play set at a city council meeting is filled with both comedy and mystery.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 13, 2023: Gauging the 3rd Congressional district; A rec center decades in the making

Both Republican and Democratic challengers want to unseat incumbent Rep. Lauren Boebert in Colorado's 3rd Congressional district. Then, Grand Junction will finally get its first rec center. And, frustration as the city closes a park frequented by unhoused residents.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 14, 2023: Coloradan's relief efforts in Morocco; Friends and scholars discuss arts and culture

As the death toll nears 3,000 after the earthquake in Morocco, Wendy Rubin, a Colorado educator now living in Casablanca, has watched her students organize a major relief effort. Then, esteemed dancer, choreographer and community advocate Cleo Parker Robinson, and noted DEI scholar, author and educator Dr. Brenda J. Allen, discuss the evolution of Colorado's arts scene and culture wars.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 15, 2023: An underwater ghost town in Western Colorado inspires a new novel

"Go As A River," by Gunnison educator Shelley Read, is set in Iola, Colorado. The town was wiped off the map in the 1960s to make way for the state's largest reservoir, Blue Mesa.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 18, 2023: Lockheed's about to bring an asteroid sample down to Earth; The art of the wonton

A capsule full of asteroid dust is set to land in the Utah desert on Sunday. We speak with the mission ops manager in Littleton. Then, programs to save four Western fish species could end if Congress doesn't act soon. Plus, she pinches, she pleats, she folds, she turns. Denver chef Penelope Wong on her love of wontons and family. And, a garden serves as a classroom in Montbello.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 19, 2023: Black quarterbacks who changed the NFL; Putting the brakes on speed limits

Historically, there have been a lot of Black players in the NFL, but not as many Black quarterbacks. Marlin Briscoe was the first when he started for the Denver Broncos in 1968. We talk with John Eisenberg who wrote, "Rocket Men: The Black Quarterbacks who Revolutionized Pro Football." Then, CDOT is changing how it sets speed limits. And the story of the Peace Corps.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 20, 2023: A tribute to Leadville's Irish miners; Challenges facing Colorado's teachers

In a cemetery in Leadville, there's now a statue of an Irish miner-- a tribute to the many immigrants who died during the silver rush of the late 1800s. Plus, alumni from Colorado Mesa University help with fire recovery in Maui. Also, the head of the Colorado Education Association on what teachers face in the classroom. Then, looking for methane leaks from space. And honoring a Colorado beer pioneer.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 21, 2023: A special report on the life and death of Elijah McClain

Elijah McClain's death brought about reforms for law enforcement in Colorado. And the Aurora Police Department was put under state oversight, to stop a pattern of racist policing. As the trial of the officers charged in his death begins, a special Colorado In-Depth report looks at how we got here and explore what McClain's death has taught Colorado, and the country, about police oversight.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 22, 2023: Fall colors, fall weather and a bet on snow; Vic Vela's personal 'Back from Broken' journey

We talk about the fall colors and how weather and climate affect them, with Denver7 chief meteorologist Mike Nelson, plus the weather outlook for fall and winter. Then, Vic Vela shares his personal journey "Back from Broken" in the podcast's third season finale. And, two Colorado students report from Ukraine.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 25, 2023: Rep. Crow on Trump's eligibility for Colorado's 2024 ballot; A possible Kaiser strike

U.S. Rep. Jason Crow on a suit claiming Donald Trump is ineligible for Colorado's 2024 ballot. Then, some Kaiser health care workers may strike soon. And, testimony starts in the trial of Aurora police officers charged in the death of Elijah McClain. Also, Denver begins to house its homeless, but do the numbers add up? Plus, scientists bring part an asteroid down to Earth.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 26, 2023: One woman's journey back from the brink of suicide

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, focused on raising awareness about the alarming number of people who take their own lives each year. It's also an opportunity to have important conversations about the stigma that surrounds suicide. Jacquie Abram of Aurora is an author and DEI consultant. She shares her personal journey back from the brink.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 27, 2023: How to see the 'Ring of Fire' eclipse; Elevating 'The Middle' of the country

It's called a "ring of fire" eclipse, or an annular eclipse. It's coming soon, and astronomer Doug Duncan has all you need to know. Then, a new public radio call-in show, "The Middle," explores the middle of the country, the middle class, and the middle ground of politics.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 28, 2023: Record TABOR refunds for taxpayers; A park at the center of homelessness

Colorado is set to pay more than \$3.5 billion in TABOR refunds next spring, one of the largest paybacks the state has ever returned to taxpayers. Then, why Grand Junction's latest move to address homeless is drawing attention. Also, what do monthly employment numbers say about Colorado's economic health? Then, researching long COVID. And Colorado Wonders about tornadoes.

COLORADO MATTERS

Sept. 29, 2023: Colorado braces for shutdown; At CU, Coach Prime creates a 'movement'

We explore what a federal government shutdown would mean for Colorado, where the only thing more vast than the federal workforce are federal lands. CPR's Washington, D.C.-based reporter Caitlyn Kim joins us. Then, 'a movement.' That's how Osei Appiah, a leading scholar on race and communication, sees the energy Coach Prime, Deion Sanders, brings well beyond Folsom Field.
